



THE ASSAY

SOUTHWESTERN PROSPECTORS & MINERS ASSOCIATION

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 6:30 PM
North Clairemont Community Center, Building #2, Room #2
44211 Bannock Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117

Website: www.spma-gold.org

President's November Message



Welcome prospectors and miners. I'm your SPMA President
Brian Turner

Hello Members,

November's Thanksgiving Weekend mining expedition will be to our Potholes Claims. If you haven't been there before, we will meet at the Imperial Date Garden on 1517 York Road at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 24, 2021. From there we will tour the five claims.

December's mining outing will be to the Araz 1 and Araz 2 claims. If you haven't been there before, we will meet at the Chevron gas station on Sidewinder Road and Interstate 8 at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021, or at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 18, 2021.

Once we arrive, you will be directed to the best spots for mining gold. At last year's October outing a two gram nugget was found with a metal detector.

January's outing will be to our Cargo claim. If you haven't been there before, we will meet on Ogilby Road on the intersection of Ogilby Rd and American Girl Mine Road, at 9:00am on Friday, January 14, 2022 or 9:00am Saturday January 15, 2022. From there you will be guided to the claim. For best results on this claim bring a drywasher.

Last month's Quartzite outing had 16 members attend. Some of us found gold; the rest of us explored the claims. One person found two nuggets with a metal detector. The weather was warm in the daytime cool at night.

Future Events: There is a GPAA gold show at the Pomona Fairplex on February 5th and 6th 2022. Check the the Fairplex website for more details.

Quartzite Gold & Treasure Show on February 11-13 open at 9:00am each day of the show. Located at 235 N. Ironwood in Quartzite, AZ.

Brian Turner,
SPMA President

November 2021

Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting, November 8th at 6:30pm, At the Gem and Mineral Building in Balboa Park

Potholes Outing
November 24th-28th

General Meeting
November 16th at the North Clairemont Community Center

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**GOLD
PRICE**

\$1773 /oz
Nov. 3, 2021

Make a Reservation for the Christmas Party!

You are invited to attend the SPMA Christmas Party. It's a potluck party so please plan to bring a side dish or a dessert. The SPMA will supply turkey, ham, punch, and coffee.

Date : Tuesday, 12/21/21 * Time : 6:45PM - 8:00PM

Location: Same place as our Monthly General Meetings

If you plan to attend, please email Greg Terrones at gregnterrones@cox.net before December 14th. He needs a head count to order supplies for the event. Please include:

Your Name Number in your group Your Potluck Dish

If you would like to volunteer to help decorate the hall that would be much appreciated. Please email Greg about that as well.

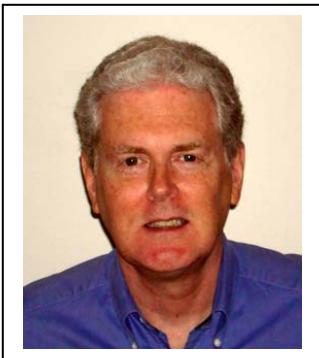
The Christmas Party is always great fun. We hope to see you there.



October's Nugget Winners!



Our October nugget winners were Ron Smith, Erving Ortiz, and Neil Alexander. Even though the crowd was small we still raffled off three nuggets. Good odds.



Please send me pictures for the Assay!

Hi, I'm Tom Heffernan, the Assay Editor. If you're at an event or outing please use your cell phone to take a group picture and text it to me at 619-756-9103. In the text message, please include some basic information, like what you're doing and the names of the people in the picture (if practical). Share pictures of gold sparkling in your pan or detecting finds. Remember to include your name so I can credit you for the photos. Thanks. Happy prospecting!

Mining Equipment for Sale

A long time SPMA member, Ray Roark, moved to Kansas and wants to sell:

Used Keene 151 Drywasher with Honda engine
Minelab Eureka Detector

Call Brian Winter (619) 787-8458 for prices.

Searching the Beaches...

By Frank M. Trutta

Now is the time of the year when dry sand hunting is not too much fun with very few people going to the beaches and leaving stuff for us to recover.

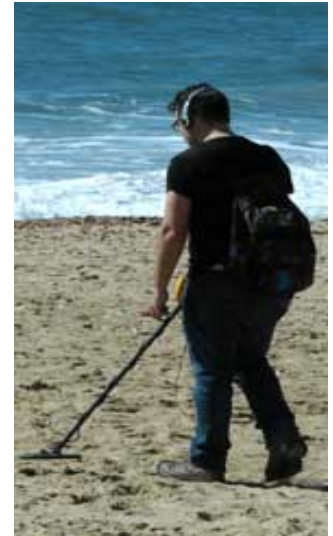
This is a good time to watch the surf report on the news as they'll usually announce high surf warnings. The high waves and high tides could erode the beaches but not always. It depends on what angle the waves come in. After a report you have to go to the beach and see for yourself if any erosion occurred. Even if there is a cut, it could be gone by the next day.

I will start resuming club hunts after the first of the year when there are low tides in the morning hours.

Should you have any questions on metal detectors, call me at my shop, **Columbia Metal Detectors**, 760 743-8516 or on my cell 760 291-7900.

Hunt smart!

METAL DETECTING



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A collection of gold jewelry including bracelets, rings, and necklaces, displayed in a circular arrangement.

Editor's note:

I've added a tide chart for the month at the end of the Assay.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to fill vacant seats on the SPMA Board and committees. Please consider serving in one of the following positions:

Board Secretary: Takes board meetings notes and maintains documents.

Treasurer: Attends board meetings, votes, and keeps financials records.

Membership Chair: Maintains membership lists and mails membership packets.

Jr. Director of the Board: Participates in board meeting and assists the board.

Photographer(s): Attends general meeting to take pictures of raffle winners and speakers for the Assay newsletter and website. Provides brief captions to identify the people in each picture. Also, takes pictures of members having fun at other functions like outings and picnics, etc.

Food Concession Manager: Operates the food and drink table at our meetings.

Assay Editor: Lays out the monthly newsletter in Word or a similar program. Gathers pictures and articles from other SPMA members. Must meet deadlines.

SPMA BOARD of DIRECTORS

President	Brian Turner	brian@brianturner.com	858-864-0465
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Membership	Open –	Volunteer needed	
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MEETING PRESENTATION or GUEST SPEAKER

Surprise Speaker... Come to the meeting to find out.

FIELD TRIP & EVENT SCHEDULE

November 24th – 28th Thanksgiving at the Potholes Claims

December 17th – 18th Outing to our Araz Claims

December 21st – Christmas Party Potluck

WAYS & MEANS OCTOBER RAFFLE REPORT

Brian Burns won the Door Prize (\$10 of tickets) and then won a silver bar

Nuggets won in the Raffle

8 grain Nugget

Ron Smith

9.1 grain Nugget

Erving Ortiz

11.72 grain Nugget

Neil Alexander

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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28 O	29	30				

December 2021

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19 O	20	21 G	22	23	24	25
28	29	30				

San Diego, CA - Nov 2021

Date		High				Low				☀️		🌙
		AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	Rise	Set	Moon
1	Mon	7:36	5.6	7:31	5.4	1:09	0.3	1:38	1.2	7:05	5:58	🌑
2	Tue	8:02	6.1	8:18	5.5	1:41	0.3	2:18	0.4	7:06	5:58	🌑
3	Wed	8:31	6.6	9:05	5.4	2:13	0.4	3:00	-0.3	7:07	5:57	🌑
4	Thu	9:02	7.1	9:54	5.1	2:46	0.7	3:44	-0.9	7:08	5:56	🌑
5	Fri	9:36	7.3	10:47	4.8	3:20	1.1	4:30	-1.1	7:09	5:55	🌑
6	Sat	10:14	7.3	11:45	4.3	3:55	1.6	5:21	-1.2	7:09	5:54	🌑
7	Sun	9:56	7.1	11:54	4.0	3:34	2.1	5:18	-1.0	6:10	4:54	🌑
8	Mon	10:44	6.6			4:17	2.6	6:22	-0.6	6:11	4:53	🌑
9	Tue	1:21	3.8	11:44A	6.0	5:17	3.1	7:36	-0.3	6:12	4:52	🌑
10	Wed	3:06	3.9	1:05	5.4	6:59	3.4	8:54	-0.1	6:13	4:51	🌑
11	Thu	4:24	4.3	2:41	5.0	9:04	3.2	10:02	0.1	6:14	4:51	🌑
12	Fri	5:11	4.8	4:08	4.9	10:38	2.6	10:57	0.2	6:15	4:50	🌑
13	Sat	5:46	5.2	5:18	4.8	11:41	1.9	11:40	0.4	6:16	4:49	🌑
14	Sun	6:15	5.6	6:14	4.8			12:28	1.3	6:17	4:49	🌑
15	Mon	6:42	5.9	7:01	4.7	12:16	0.6	1:07	0.7	6:17	4:48	🌑
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29	Mon	5:22	5.3	5:13	4.4	11:35	1.6	11:16	0.8	6:30	4:44	🌑
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