

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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This is what is all about! Jackee found one of the good special tokens at the last club hunt.

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# OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## O.T.T.S. President's Message

As I reflect back on 2022, a few key things stick in my head. Making the decision to volunteer to be the Vice President of the club and then becoming President a short time later was a wow what did I just do moment. My first action would be to encourage my wife Diane H. to join me on the board as our new Secretary (my security blanket). Again we were graced the following month with the addition of Tim S. to our team as acting Vice President. Our first order of business was finding a new location for our club meetings. I think we did well here. The American Legion Hall is a fine establishment, centrally located and they are very happy with the addition of OTTS to their program.

While looking for a new location, we were also deeply involved in coordination of the 2023 club picnic. As a new president with limited knowledge, this is by far the biggest undertaking facing the board and myself. This could not have been done without the senior members of our club offering support, knowledge and dedication that such an undertaking requires. Individually each one of us held a task, but as a team we held the key to success. The 2022 Picnic was a great success. All those who contributed should be proud of your results. And that food was fantastic. Again, thank you all.

Then there was the planning for the Christmas Party, and several events that take place prior including the bake sale and the basket raffle. I believe the board and I were delightfully surprised at the contributions made from our members. Setting a new standard of Pot Luck dinner at the Christmas party certainly benefited us all. The food we contribute was far better than what we could have possibly catered, and the savings we made allowed us to make the decision about funding for 2023.

The changes we made to the committees silver allocations is a direct result of all events we hold and the money we save from providing our own food for our major events. We were able to put an additional \$1500 to our committee's silver awards which go directly to you. My hope is that we can increase our membership with the steps we have taken and continue to support our goals for the year.

Thanks to you all for making my decision at the beginning of the year to join your board, a rewarding opportunity and an exciting experience. Let's try it again this year.

Sincerely

Scott H.

### **Announcements**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Saturday, February 28th, 2023

Setup starts at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting starts at: 7:00 p.m.

#### **Meeting location:**

American Legion Post 1

1830 S.E. 122nd Ave.

Portland, OR 97233

## Meeting Minutes

### Minutes for meeting January 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Scott H. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 28 members and 2 guests. Scott reported that now is the time to complete your membership application as they are due by the end of January. Scott reported that the By-Law vote forms are at the back table to be completed and turned in to Don at the front table by meetings end. It was announced we have a new Special Raffle that will conclude at the March meeting, this new raffle is for a 1884 CC Morgan Dollar, graded MS62. And finally we will be having a program tonight by Keph Sherm of N.W. Detector Sales “the Manticore”. Scott reported the minutes of the last meeting were published on the website, at this time a motion was made, seconded, and the meeting minutes were accepted by the membership. The Treasurers report was read, motions made and accepted by the membership. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins given. Harold V. won the member draw and received a 1941 Walking Liberty half. The Progressive draw was won by Scott J. and he was awarded a Silver Dollar. Ryan gave a club hunt recap that was held at Creston Park, noting there were still a few tokens left that have not been found. Ryan also reported that the next Club hunt will be Saturday the 28th of January with a special token placed for a 1834 Draped Bust half dollar, which was kindly donated to our club for this month. Snacks tonight were brought by Ed V. Thank you Ed for your efforts. Next month Ron and Kathy Boehm will be providing snacks for our February meeting. There are still a few open spots to volunteer to bring snacks. See one of the board members to get signed up. Club token redemption was announced and finally Keph gave a presentation on the Minelab Manticore and his experience with use in the field and on his test garden. Keph is a representative of NW Detector Sales and Bob Mote 503-936-1443, located in Tigard Oregon. Keph answered many questions as he is knowledgeable in the Manticore’s, menu system and ergonomics and gave a real detectorists view of the machine. If you are interested in Minelab’s new Manticore, give Keph a call. Thank you Keph for visiting and demonstrating the Manticore.

#### Old business:

Final count on ballots submitted for the By-Law change. This change was passed by a total of 13 yes, 4 no. a 2/3 majority is needed to pass. Reservations for the 2023 Club Picnic have been made. The Date for the Picnic is Sunday, July 9, 2023

#### New business:

Ryan P was appointed to the position of In Kind board member. Thank you Ryan, (applause ensued) Lee H has accepted the position of Picnic Coordinator/Hunt Master. Thank you Lee (applause ensued) We also had Dan Rouse from “Prospector’s Treasure Trove” attend tonight’s meeting. He has a brick and mortar business that specializes in prospecting equipment, metal detectors and rock hounds. Dan has those Manticore machines as well and can supply you with whatever you need in your detecting, prospecting hobby. Call Dan at 971-708-8699 [www.prospectorstreasure.com](http://www.prospectorstreasure.com), located off Allen Blvd in Beaverton. Thank you Dan for attending

Plinko and Quarter drop winners were announced, Thanks Sue and Maggie. The Find of the Month results were read, Thank you Harold and Willy for standing in for Jerry and Laura. Our meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. Thanks to all that attended.

### Other Meeting Information:

Ongoing club fundraisers and charitable contributions include a monthly can food/money drive for the needy. Cans with deposits and washed pennies are collected each month. The money is used for club activities. Clean pull tabs are collected and donated for scrap metal.

## Meeting Raffle Results

### Winners:

#### Gold Coin

1911 ½ Sovereign Steve E.

#### Silver

1995 Silver Eagle Maggie F.

1921 Morgan Dollar Laura S.

1922 Peace Dollar Steve E.

2014 Australian Koala Allison W.

2021 S. African Krugerrand Scott J.

2016 Panda Kirk E.

2012 US Comm. Dollar Laura S.

1964 Kennedy Half Scott H.

1958 Franklin Half Scott J.

1942 Walking Liberty Half Jim E.

1923 Peace Dollar Steve E.



### Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

To Be Determined



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## Find of the Month Results—January 2023

### Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	50-70 Cartridge Case
1	Lee H	Ankh
2	Scott H	Blue Fox Mug
2	Tim S	Still Full Pot Pipe
2	Jackee A	Deputy Sheriff Badge
2	Laura S	Bronze Grasshopper

### US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	1936 Buffalo Nickel
1	Ryan P	1944 Washington Quarter
2	Tim S	1942 S Dime
2	Jackee A	1964 D Quarter

### Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	1921 Canadian Penny
2	Jackee A	1952 Japan 50 Yen Necklace
3	Bill B	1986 Russian 5 Kopeks

### Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	Good for 5cents Merch
2	Scott J	WA Tax Token
3	Kirk E	ABC Baseball Token

### Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	14kt Chain and Pendant
2	Scott J	22kt Ring

### Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	.925 Opal Ring
1	Jackee A	Sterling Sharpshooter Badge
2	Harold V	Silver and Pearl ring
2	Bill B	.925 Lapis ring
2	Scott H	Ring w Stone

### Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Lee H	Copper Bracelet
1	Jackee A	Roadrunner Pin
2	Harold V	Cross
2	Bill B	Ring w 3 Faux Diamonds
2	Tim S	Religious Medallion

### Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Civil War R Button
2	Scott H	Civil War J Hook
3	Tim S	Pewter Chess Piece Knight
3	Laura S	Rouge Compact

### Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	1899 V Nickel
2	Lee H	1902 Indian Head Penny
3	Ryan P	1907 Indian Head Penny

### Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1910 S Wheat Penny
2	Jackee A	1952 D Dime
3	Scott H	Dollar Coin
3	Kirk E	Dollar Coin
4	Harold V	Dollar Coin

### Display

Place	Name
1	Jackee A
2	Lee H
3	Scott H

### Best of the Best

Name	Item
Harold V	14kt Chain and Pendant

## Find of the Month Entry Form:

Located on the O.T.T.S. website: <https://ottsclub.org/files>. The form contains category classification information, rules, and an entry form to compete in the Find of the Month competition, held during most monthly meetings.

## 2022 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Place	Name	Points
1	JackeeA	24
1	Harold	24
2	ScottH	20
3	RyanP	19
4	BillB	16
5	LeeH	13
5	ScottJ	13
7	JKirkE	12
8	TimS	11
9	LauraS	7
10	RonB	4
11	EdV	2



## O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

January 1st 2023

Location: Creston Park, 4454 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, OR 97206



**General Information:** None

**Historical Information:** One of the new wave of multi-use neighborhood parks during the City Beautiful movement, this property became a park due to a bond issue for parks and playground expansion approved by voters in 1919. The natatorium (swim facility) was constructed in 1925 along with two brick comfort stations. By 1926, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, and a ball field were added.



## Club Hunt Details

**Hunt Results:** 22 members turned out for a beautiful morning at Creston. The air was crisp and foggy giving away to some blue sky by count out. Hidden on the day were 15 regular club tokens, one special token, two grab bag tokens, 7 holiday gift tokens, and 40 white zinc penny tokens. The hunt master offered a clue that some of the tokens were hidden in plain sight, which ended up being in the bark of trees.

Tim S. found a 1942 Mercury dime, Rick P. found a 1957 Rosie, Lee H. found 1942 and 1944 Mercury dimes buried with other various effects. Tom S. found a 1943 war nickel and silver ring. Scott J. and Ashley W. found silver rings, Kirk E. found a probable silver ring but there was no stamp. Ryan P. found the oldest coin on the day, a 1929 S wheat penny with a heavy green patina.

At count out, Mike M. flipped a wheat penny to determine which of the white zinc penny tokens would be worth a silver dime or be worth a buffalo nickel. The coin toss was tails, and so the tokens with the tails side painted white won a silver dime. 14 silver dimes were won and 16 buffalo nickels. All of the gift tokens were found, giving the finder a choice - a silver dime, a choice of a ring from a bag of donated merchandise, or a shot at the grab bag. Jerry H. immediately said give me a dime, Lee H. opted for a ring, and Laura A. and Jackee A. both tried Santa's grab bag reaching into a stocking and pulling out replica Morgan dollars. Willy A. also tried the grab bag as she found the only grab bag token recovered and won a 1921 foreign copper coin. Club members turned in 8 of the 15 club tokens good for a silver dime each, the remaining 7 are still in the park and good for a silver dime at any club meeting.

Kirk E. won the membership drawing, winning a 1906 Barber half dollar.

Nobody found the special token worth a silver quarter, so Ryan P. recovered it. Two special tokens worth a silver quarter will be hidden in the next hunt.

As for the special item this month, Ryan P. asked everyone to write something they wanted to find at a club hunt this year. The responses included the usual gold coin, 18k item, silver dollar, platinum ring, diamond ring, to other more unique finds like a love token, a tent stake, Starbucks gift card, a dog tag, flattened penny and a ball. The hunt masters will be looking for ways to make these possible in 2023!

### The top 6 winners:

- 1) Harold V. 75 points
- 2) Scott J 72 points
- 3) Willy A 63.5 points
- 4) Lee H 63 points
- 5) Tim S 51 points
- 5) Ryan P 51 points
- 6) Byron D 48 points

**Total clad found: \$30.05**

**Trash collected: 30 lbs.**

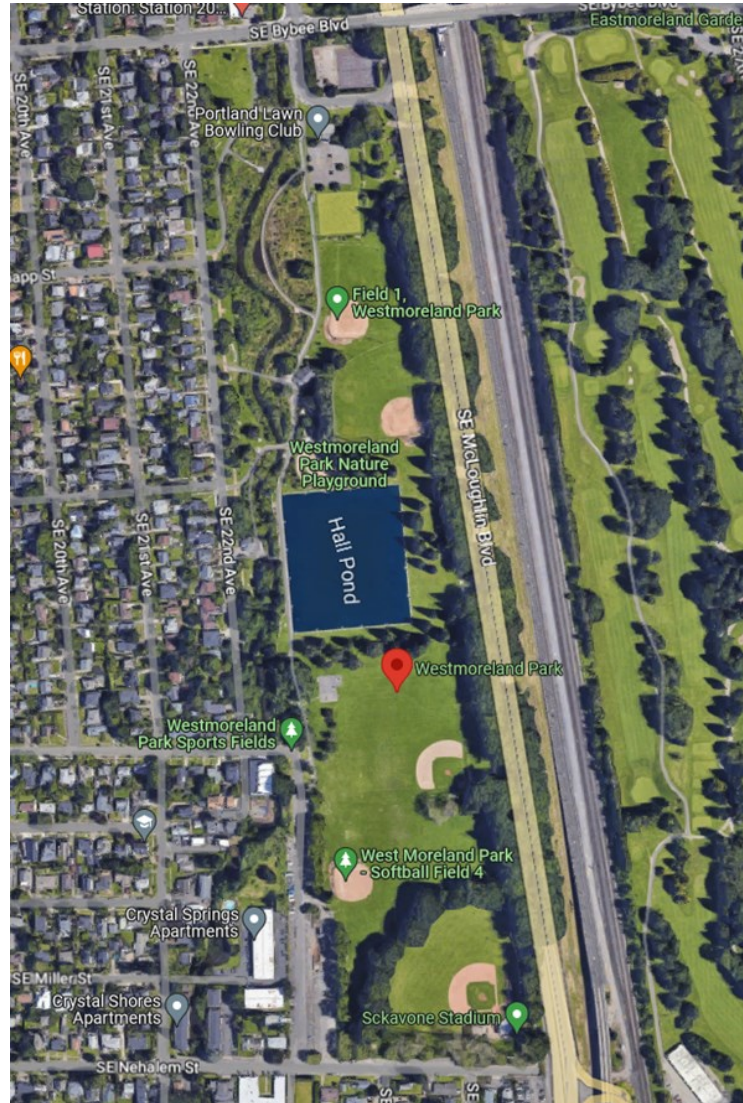
**Next Club Hunt:** Ryan P. will be hosting the next club hunt on January 28th (Saturday). The meeting location is TBD, check the club calendar for updates. We will be using winter hours (9am - 1pm), so the club will leave for the hunt location promptly at 9am.

**Year to Date Trash collected: 30 lbs**  
**All Hunts Trash collected: 1,104 lbs.**

## O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

January 28, 2023

Location: Westmoreland Park, 7530 SE 22nd Ave, Portland, OR 97202



**General Information:** None

**Historical Information:** Westmoreland Park began as a part of a residential subdivision that was subtracted from the Ladd Estate's Crystal Spring Stock Farm in 1909. In 1924, the property was used as golf links, likely in conjunction with what is today known as Eastmoreland Golf Course. Prior to the 1920s, dating back as far as 1852, the property was used as farmland. By the 1930s, the site east of the subdivision had been converted from a wetland to serve time as a dairy, brickyard, and airstrip known as Broomfield Field (named after a Reed College Graduate by the name of Hugh Broomfield who lost his life over German Lines in WWI while on a recon mission.) However, as development increased, residents requested that these empty fields be turned into a city park.

## Club Hunt Details

**Hunt Results:** 19 members turned out for the club hunt at Westmoreland. Previous OTTS member Tylor H. re-joined the club for 2023. Hidden on the day were 12 regular club tokens, three special tokens, two grab bag tokens, and 3 white zinc penny tokens. The hunt master offered a clue that all of the tokens on the day were hidden in the south half of the park. Included in the special tokens was one good for a 1834 Capped Bust half dollar which was donated by a member.

For natural finds in the park, the club had a decent day. Tom found another war nickel which was the only silver coin on the day. Ron, Scott, Harold, and Tim found silver rings, or halves of silver rings. Ashley found a Mexican nickel from the 1950s. Amy also found a foreign coin. A few wheat pennies were found by members. Ryan found a “One Henny Penny” token from the 1930s. Laura found the oldest coin on the day, a 1930 wheat penny.

At count out, the 1834 Capped Bust half was awarded to Jackee who found the special token. Then Jackee and Ed both tried the grab bag, getting five seconds to reach in and pull out a prize. Jackee got a replica Morgan dollar and Ed got a sweet snake ring. Club members turned in 7 of the 12 club tokens good for a silver dime each, the remaining 5 are still in the park and good for a silver dime at any club meeting. Ashley found a club token from a previous event, which when discussed with other members at count out, must have been held 4-5 years ago. Chuck and Kirk found white zinc pennies good for a buffalo nickel.

This was the first month of extra member drawing prizes!

Laura won the first membership drawing, winning a Franklin half dollar. Scott won the second drawing, also getting a Franklin half dollar. Tim won the third drawing for a Washington quarter.

Nobody found the special token good for a Standing Liberty quarter, so Ryan recovered it. Ryan also forgot to hide the normal special token, so no prize was given out. That means the next club hunt will feature THREE special tokens all worth a silver quarter!

At count out, Ryan asked the club what they thought of the three hour hunt. A majority preferred the four hours. We will be moving back to four hour events starting next month.



Token found by Ryan P

### The top 6 winners:

- 1) Tim S. 65 points
- 2) Ryan P. 51 points
- 3) Ed V. 50 points
- 4) Ashley W. 46 points
- 5) Ron B. 43 points
- 6) Harold V. 42 points



Silver Ring found by Ron B

**Total clad found: \$24.58**

**Trash collected: 20 lbs.**

**Next Club Hunt:** Ryan will be hosting the next club hunt on March 5th (Sunday). The meeting location is TBD, check the club calendar for updates. We will be using winter hours (9am - 1pm), so the club will leave for the hunt location promptly at 9am.

**Year to Date Trash collected: 50 lbs**  
**All Hunts Trash collected: 1,124 lbs.**

## Metal Detectors for Sale:

Willy A has a XP Deus, first generation for sale. Price \$1000. Package includes: Complete Detector with standard coil, a High Frequency Elliptical coil, the big coil, wireless headphones, wired headphones, charging cable assembly, extra skid plate, how to use book, and extra parts. This is a great buy for someone who wants a light fast detector. The coils alone cost a few hundred dollars a piece. Willy has found a lot of great items with it. If you are interested contact Willy at [willyinges@gmail.com](mailto:willyinges@gmail.com)



## Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Ron B

Some Pictures from the latest Club Hunt



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

Thanks to whomever donated this awesome 1834 capped bust half!! I'm so happy to add it to my collection :)



## Oregon Treasure Trail Society History

The Oregon Treasure Trail Society (O.T.T.S.) was formed in 1982. It was started by five avid hobbyists who each put \$5 into the kitty and declared themselves an official club. They set out to provide an organization that would unite people together with the same interest in metal detecting, whether it be coin and token hunting, relics hunting, or simply a passion for finding interesting treasures of the past.

## O.T.T.S. Club Meeting Location

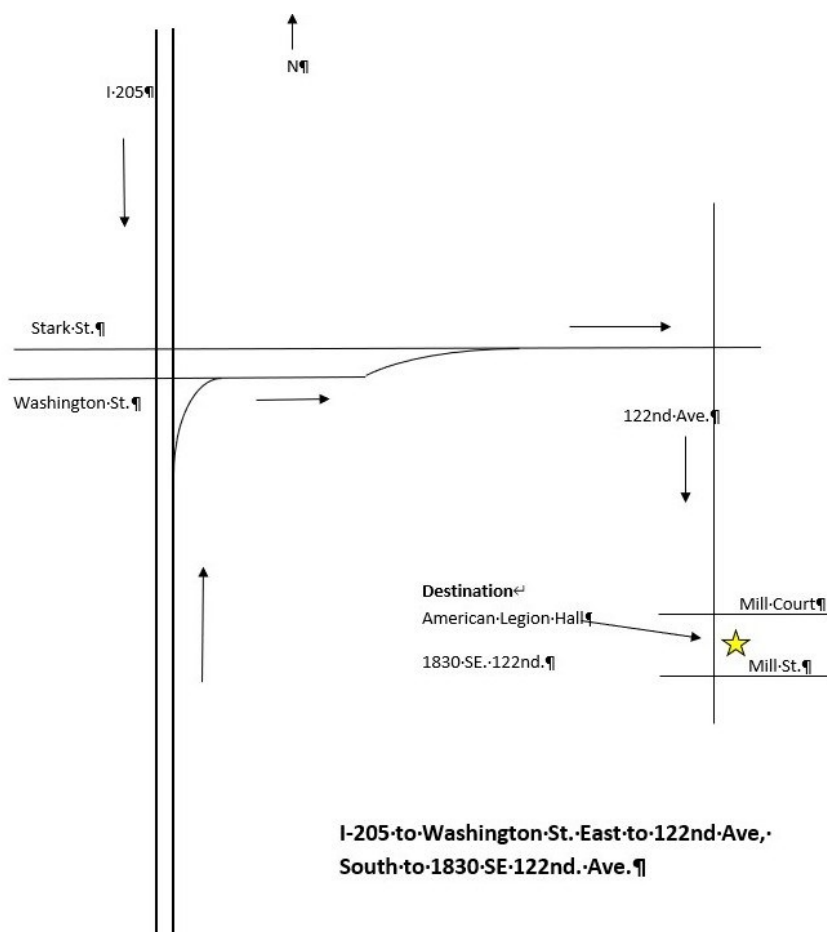
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**American Legion Lodge** located at:

1830 S.E. 122nd Ave. Portland, OR 97233

**Web Link to O.T.T.S. Location:**

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/1830+SE+122nd+Ave,+Portland,+OR+97233/@45.5103612,-122.539511,787m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x5495a194bdcdf261:0xff6c9ba5d829687d!8m2!3d45.5103575!4d-122.5373223?hl=en>



## **Club Code of Ethics**

- I will respect Private property and will not trespass without the land owner's permission.
- I will not destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I will not litter, always pack out what I take in and remove all trash dug in my search.
- I will leave all gates and other accesses to land as found.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of national resources, wildlife, and private property.
- I will use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.
- I will abide by all laws ordinances or regulations that may govern my search, or the area I will be in.
- I will fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage, be damaging to, or kill any vegetation.
- I will report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.
- I will be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby. I will be polite and informative to those who inquire about my hobby. I will be an ambassador of my pastime.
- I will not misrepresent as to how and when an article was acquired.

## **Club Officers**

President: Scott H                      e-mail: gpawscott@icloud.com

Vice President: Tim S

Secretary: Diane H

Treasurer: Don S

At Large Board Members: Rick P, Ron B

In Kind board member: Ryan P

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## **Extracurricular Positions**

Website Editors: Jerry H, Harold V

Newsletter Editor: Harold V

Find of the Month Team: Jerry H, Laura A.

Club Hunts: Matthew N, Ryan P

Forms Support: Sue F

Raffles: Kathy B

Challenge Token: