

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Harold V: Drove by some tot lots during the cold snap. They were covered in ice. I just kept driving. They will have to wait until it warms up.

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

The sun keeps peaking out of the clouds giving us hope for an early spring and good hunting weather. Let's not let it go to waste.

Planning is already in process for this year's picnic. Ryan, our ever so diligent hunt master, has agreed to put together the team for this year's event. He is going to need your help. So please, when asked, be ready willing and able to contribute your efforts this year. For new members who really want to get involved the Picnic is an ideal way to immerse your self in OTTS. Many hands make light work.

Remember our Oregon 6oz silver drawing and bring a few extra dollars to the meeting. The drawing is at the March meeting.

Participation in Find of the month (FOTM) is open to all Members. If you have any finds from this month please share with the rest of us at the meeting. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE THE MOST RARE OR EXOTIC FINDS TO ENTER.** Remember even if you think your finds are all worthless junk, one of our members may spot something special. Entry forms can be downloaded from the website: ottsclub.org

Let's have a Great Year,

President Rick Page

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 27th, 2024

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 23, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Rick Page

Pledge of allegiance

Club officers and board members introduced

Meeting attended by 2 guests and 37 members

Kathy B was awarded a silver half for the member draw

Maggie F and Rebecca H were awarded silver half dollars for their birthday month

Sue M won the progressive draw

Ryan reported on the club hunt

Club tokens were turned in by 2 members and each was presented a silver dime

Richard S gave a talk about trash collected by members during club hunts in 2023. The entire printed report was available to members in attendance. Richard also recognized the members who are most active in attending. Scott, Tim, and Harold each attended 11 hunts. Jackie attended 12 hunts and Ryan attended all 13 hunts.

Ryan talked some more about the club silver coin tester.

Mike introduced the new silver raffle.

Harold volunteered to preside over the new "Challenge Token"

Ed gave a wireless remote and then talked about the go terrain app for your cell.

JULY 14 was announced as the date for the 2024 OTTS picnic.

Next Meeting s Snack Volunteer(s): Sherrie B and Kathy B

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

Sue M 1982 1/10 oz S. African gold piece

Silver

Ashley W 1974 World Trade 1 oz silver round

Scott H 1974 World Trade 1 oz silver round

Ashley W 1921 Morgan

Ed V 1921 Morgan

Jeff S 2015 Standing Liberty

Laura S 2003 Standing Liberty

Don S 2 Barber half dollars

Danielle S 4 Barber quarters

Bill B 1870 nickel 3 cent coin

Ashley W 1819 Large Cent



Find of the Month Results—January 2024

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1928 Chevy Badge
2	Kirk E	Horse with hat
3	Laura S	Pocket knife



US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1905 S Barber half dollar
2	Ryan P	1912 D Dime
3	Bill B	1995 P Kennedy half dollar
3	Tim S	1961 D Dime



Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Tim S	1963 Canada Dime
2	Kirk E	1975 Hong Kong 20 cent
3	Willy A	1999 Papua New Guinea coin



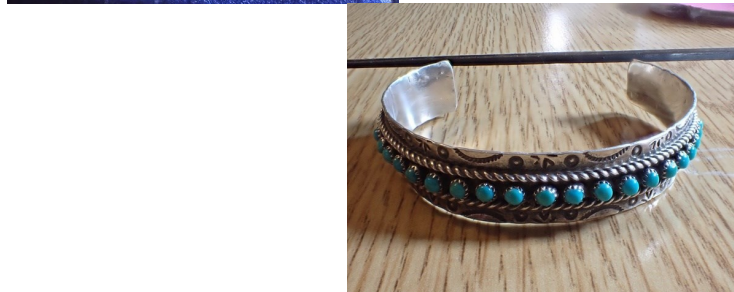
Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Trade token
2	Harold V	8 Reale
3	Willy A	24k plate fantasy coin



Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	14k gold with diamond ring
2	Kirk E	10k gold ring



Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	zuni sterling bracelet
2	Kirk E	Ring with Heart Stones
3	Jackee A	Sterling bell
3	Tim S	925 ring



Find of the Month Results

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	Leaf Broach
2	Scott H	Ring in box
3	Jackee A	Fish charm

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	WWII General Conduct medel
2	Bill B	Good house keeping jar lid
3	Tim S	Key Fob

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1893 S dime
2	Jackee A	1902 S dime
3	Scott H	1918 penny

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1944 D Walking Liberty 1/2 dollar
2	Jackee A	1944 D 1/2 dollar
3	Scott H	1941 S dime

Display

Place	Name
1	Jackee A
2	Harold V
3	Willy A

Best of the Best

Name	Item
Jackee A	14k gold with diamond ring



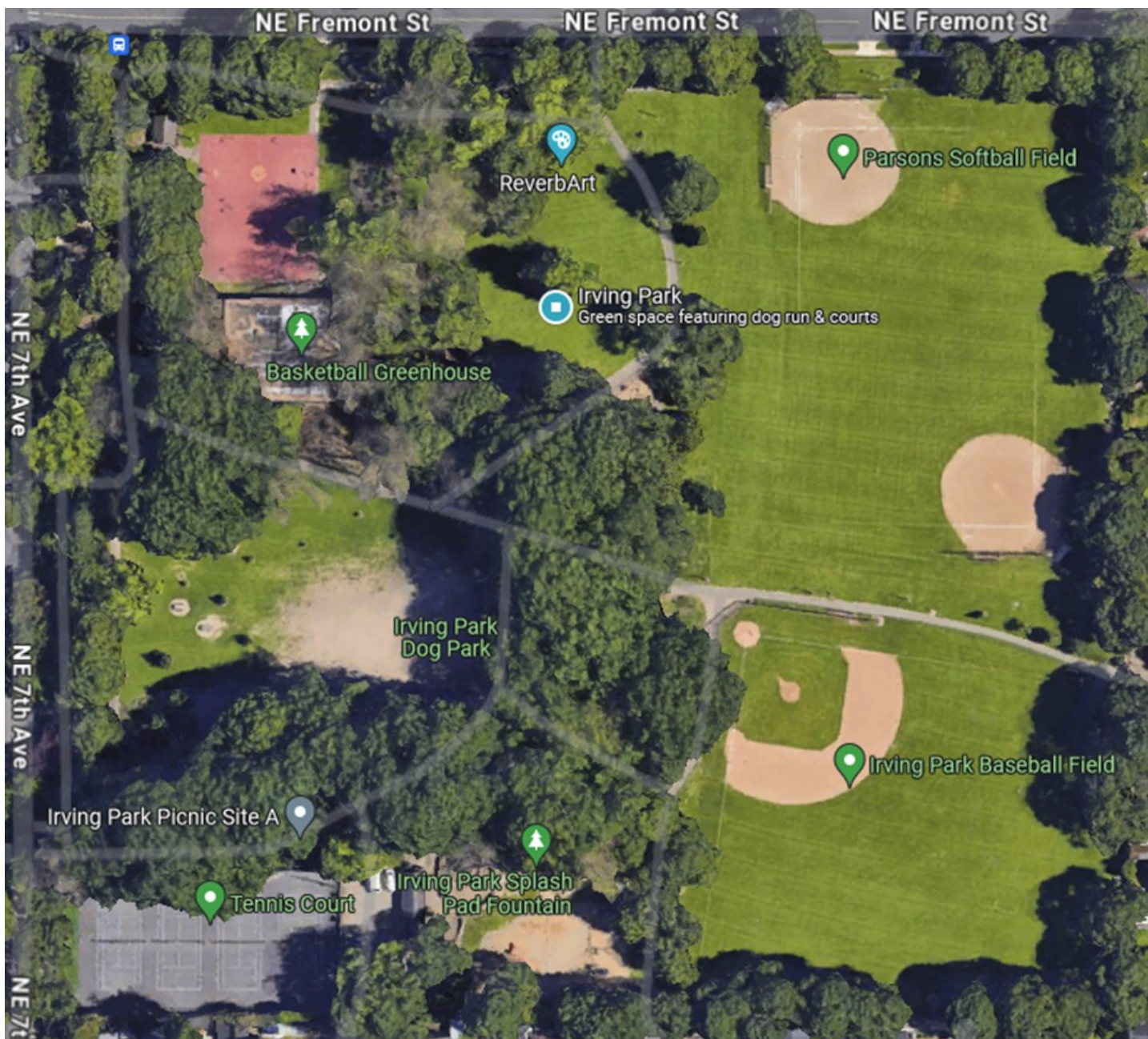
2024 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Place	Name	Points
1	Jackee A	31
2	Kirk E	19
3	Ryan P	17
4	Harold V	16
5	Tim S	14
6	Willy A	12
7	Scott H	10
8	Bill B	8
8	Laura S	8
10	Sean T	3



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

January 27, 2024 Location: Irving Park, Portland, OR



General Information: None

Historical Information: None.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results:

18 members turned out for a very wet and rainy January club hunt. Ryan and Ed hit 10 regular club tokens in the park and three special tokens. Ryan announced there would be a raffle at count out and every pull tab and plastic drink lid found would increase your raffle odds. The prizes for the extra raffle were a silver half dollar, quarter, and dime leftover from the Christmas hunt.

The club found some nice items in the park. Harold found one stamped silver pendant and two other probably silver items, Ryan found a silver ring and 1945 S Mercury dime. Bill found a Good For token, and Willy found the oldest coin on the day, a 1923 wheat penny. The club also found some foreign coins, tokens and costume jewelry.

At count out six club tokens were turned in, and one of the special ones. Willy won a 1894 San Francisco exposition token. The other four club tokens and two special tokens are still in the park, they are good for a silver dime at any club meeting. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion.

For the membership drawings, Tim and Jackee won Franklin half dollars, I don't remember who won the Standing Liberty quarter. For the bonus raffle, Ryan used a iPhone app to input the total number of pull tabs + plastic caps found for each person. Then a drawing was held automatically and Laura S. won a silver half, Bill won a quarter, and Willy won a dime.



Top 6 winners:	
1) Harold	86.6 points
2) Ryan	72 points
3) Tim	55 points
4) Willy	54.2 points
5) Bill	41 points
6) Scott H.	37 points

Total clad found: \$16.59
Trash collected: 16 lbs

Next Club Hunt: The next monthly club hunt is scheduled for Sunday, March 3rd. The meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

We will start at 9am and count out at 1pm. Be there by 8:30am!

Non-members are always welcome, and if you are not a member we have a special prize for coming to check out the event.

Year to Date Trash collected: 16 lbs
All Hunts Trash collected: 1,283 lbs.
Total School Trash: 331 lbs.
Total Park Trash: 952 lbs.

Challenge Token Hunt

RULES:

Please follow the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics. (See last page of the Newsletter) We want to be able to continue this event in the future, so be respectful.

Remember, this is for fun.

Each month, a new clue will be published in the newsletter.

When found, turn in the Challenge Token at the next OTTS club meeting for the prize.

Have fun figuring out the clues and Happy Hunting!

The first clue will be given in the March Newsletter.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Ryan P

Some silver coins found in a cold January!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

Finally found my first half dollar!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V



Silver chipped out of some ice.



Speaking of cold. This is what is left of a can of water I had in my car. It did not survive the 17 degree temperature.



Another silver ring I wrestled out of the frozen ground.



One of my best silver finds ever. Fresh out of the mud,

Silver all cleaned up.



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

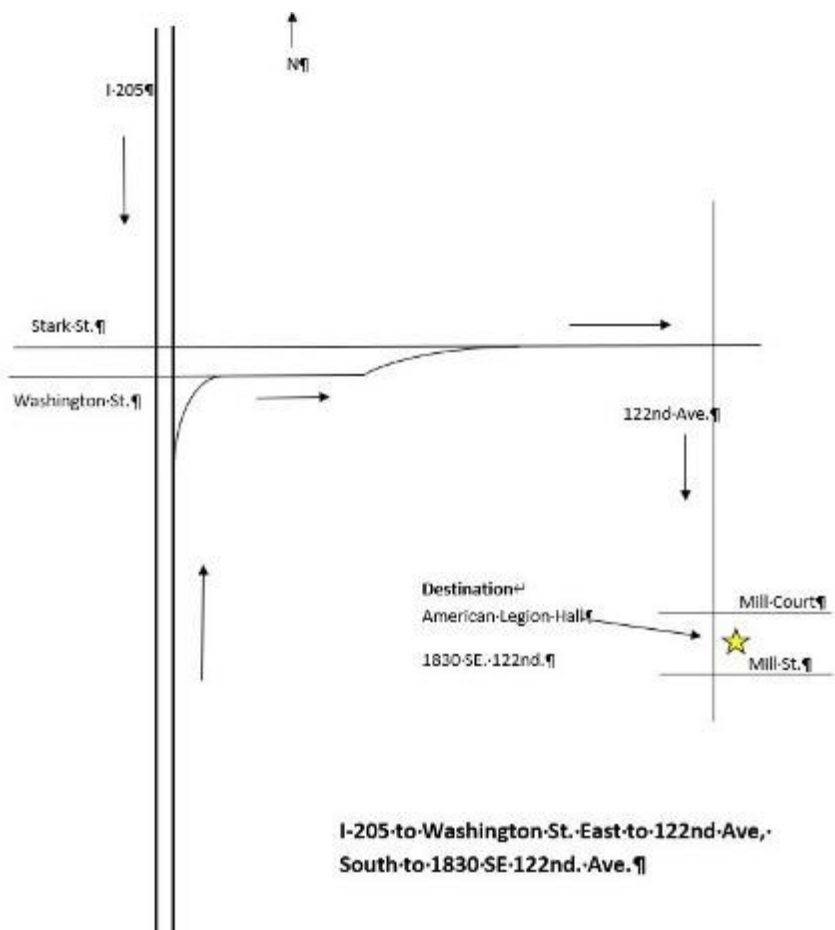
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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: Richard L Page e-mail: rickpage2@comcast.net

Vice President: Ed Verboort

Secretary: Ron Boehm

Treasurer: Don Spillman

At Large Board Members: Scott Hadley

In Kind board member: Ryan Paradis

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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: Harold V