



Photo by Brian E

### President's Message

Most of us have a favorite find. Maybe it is a silver coin, a military button, an old token, a gold ring, or the bucket list item we spent years hoping to recover. But if you think back on it, chances are the object itself is only part of why it matters. The best finds usually have a story attached to them.

Maybe it was the permission that took months to secure. The field you almost skipped because it looked hunted out. The long hike into a forgotten site. The signal you almost walked away from because it sounded weak, scratchy, or uncertain. Sometimes the story is not even about the recovery itself. It is who was there. The friend who shared the permission. The club member who pointed you in the right direction. The person who gave advice that changed how you approached a site. The memory of a hunt that was more fun than productive but still became one you remember years later.

I have noticed something interesting in this hobby. When detectorists talk about their favorite finds, the conversation rarely stays on the item very long. Before long we are talking about the day, the place, the weather, who was there, what machine we were swinging, and how close we came to missing it entirely.

The object starts the story, but it is rarely the whole story. That is one of the things I appreciate most about this hobby and this club. We are not only recovering history from the ground. We are creating our own history alongside it.

Our July picnic is right around the corner and we are still accepting donations of equipment, prizes, coins, jewelry, and other items to help support the event. Every contribution helps make it a success.

Always dig responsibly and leave no trace.

Ryan Paradis

President

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## MEETING MINUTES

### APRIL 28 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Board and board members at large introduced
- New members 0 / Guest 1
- Birthdays 3 coins given
- Club tokens turned in, 3
- Member draw won by Pat D.
- Progressive draw no winner.
- Minutes from last meeting accepted
- Treasurers report accepted
- Club hunt report given
- Social hunt report
- Picnic update, scheduled: Sunday July 12th
- New business ; Challenge token found by Scott H
- Open floor discussion, Nick talked about his family farmland, Ryan returned a passport
- Break
- Ron gave an update on Dons recovery
- Dan spoke about coils for the manticore
- Announcements Cascade treasure club spring hunt May 9th
- Raffle drawings
- FOTM announced
- Concluding comments
- Meeting adjourned

Special thanks to those who have brought snacks who aren't on the list. Snacks are always welcome!

### Announcements

#### Next Meeting

- Tuesday, May 26th 2026
- Social hour 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

#### Next members to bring meeting snacks!

Sean T & Lorilee & Jeff

(on deck for June Kirk, Scott & Diane)



#### Next Club Hunt

May 30th, Saturday  
8:00 AM -12:00 PM

Location TBA on website calendar.  
<https://ottsclub.org/calendar>

# Raffle Results

## Winners

Tuesday, April 28th, 2026

### Top Prize 1 gram panda gold bar - R.W.S.

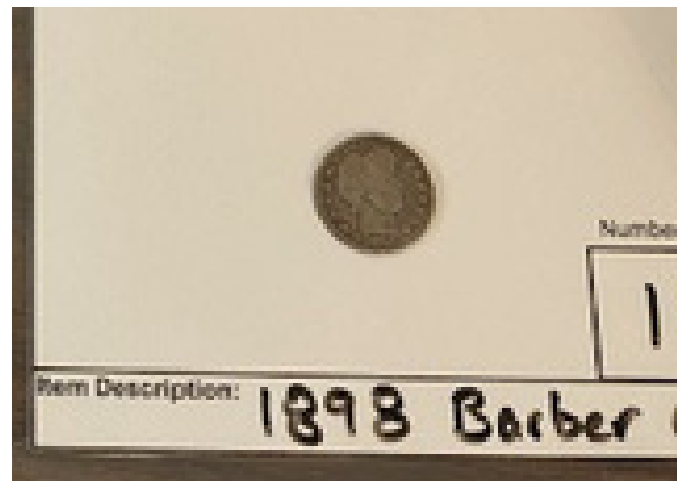
1. **2026 Silver Eagle** - Brian E.
2. **.999 Silver Trade Unit**- Randy E.
3. **1oz Silver Bar** - Brian E.
4. **'64 Kennedy Half Dollar** - Scott H.
5. **'64 Kennedy ½ Dollar** - Brian E.
6. **'61 Benjamin ½ Dollar** - Brian E.
7. **'62 Benjamin ½ Dollar** - Ed V.
8. **'62 Benjamin ½ Dollar** - Bill B.
9. **'62 Benjamin ½ Dollar**- Sean T.
10. **2 Silver Quarters** - Rebecca H.
11. **2 Silver Quarters** - Mike J.
12. **2 Silver Quarters** - Ron & Cathy
13. **2 Silver Quarters** - Randy E.



## Find of the month April

Category	Place	Name	Item
<b>Item of the Month</b>			
	1	Nick R	Late 1700s-Early 1800s Baldric Buckle
	2	Brian E	Bunker Hill Item
Tie	3	Ryan P	Solid Brass Pig
Tie	3	Sean T	Depoe Bay Tag
<b>US Coin</b>			
	1	Nick R	1902 Barber Half Dollar
	2	Pat D	1900 Indian Head Penny
<b>Foreign Coin</b>			
	1	Scott H	1959 Swiss 5 Rappin
	2	Jackee A	1941 Japan 5 Sen
	3	Bill B	China Cash Coin
<b>Token</b>			
	1	Jackee A	1924 Meridian Highway Bridge Token
	2	Ryan P	1918 Grant Smith Shipyard Tool Check Token
	3	Bill	Oregon Zoo Black Rhino Token
<b>Gold Item</b>			
	1	Kirk	14K Diamond Ring
	2	Brian	14K Wedding Band
<b>Silver Item</b>			
	1	Tony G	925 Turquoise Ring
	2	Ed V	Silver Mushroom Ring
Tie	3	Brian E	Silver Snake Diamond Pendant
Tie	3	Jeff S	Homemade Earring
Tie	3	Jackee A	925 Earring
Tie	3	Ted M	925 Earring
<b>Jewelry/Non-Precious</b>			
	1	Brian E	Knot Necklace
	2	Nick R	Antique Egyptian Queen Broach
	3	Jackee A	Fake Gold Ring
<b>Artifact</b>			
	1	Pat D	Vintage Credit Card w/ Amazing Story
	2	Nick R	Colonial Etched Dandy Button
Tie	3	Bill B	Kyser Guitar Capo
Tie	3	Sean T	1930s Elizabeth Post Make Up Case
<b>Oldest US Coin</b>			
	1	Ryan P	1898 Barber Quarter
	2	Jackee A	1917 Philadelphia Wheat Penny
	3	Ted M	1919 Wheat Penny
<b>Display</b>			
	1	Jackee A	
	2	Ryan P	
	3	Nick R	

Rank	Name	April	Total
1	Jackee	21	98
2	Ryan P	16	78
3	Brian E	14	70
4	Kirk E	12	56
5	Bill B	11	47
6	Scott H	9	29
7	Jeff S	8	27
8	Jeff C		22
9	Sean T	7	20
10	Chuck F		19
10	Ed V	7	19
11	Ted M	9	17
11	Pat D	9	17
11	Nick	17	17
12	Dan R	2	10
13	Tony G	5	9
14	Don S		7
15	Tim S		6
15	Richard S		6
15	Gregg		6
16	Lorilee		5
17	Ron B		4
17	Chris S.		4
17	Chuck P		4



## OTTS Challenge Token

Congratulations to Scott H for finding the club token!!! It was located in Pier Park in the scrub brush near the clue tree marked with an X!

Scott will be hiding the token for the next round! Stay tuned for the announcement.



What was contained in the token package



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Club Member's Experiences

Sean found his first war nickel at a club hunt in Alberta Park. A 1943 s.  
First's are always a great thing.



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## Club Member's Experiences

Brian had a fantastic find!.

So many fun experiences this last month but the best was finding my first bona fide gold ring at the club's social hunt. Just bee-bopping along and an odd 21-22 VDI signal. All signs read dig this up. I knew it was something interesting but I wasn't expecting a 5 gram gold ring! Fantastic find!



That day held more than just our usual metal detecting adventure. A children's birthday party was taking place in the park, and it wasn't long before our small group of detectorists encountered the kids. While I was busy digging up a smelly penny, I looked up to find around eight children, aged five to six, lined up and watching me intently. When I offered them a glimpse of my discoveries, they were captivated and quickly gravitated towards different detectorists for the rest of our hunt. The cuteness was overwhelming as they proudly showcased their treasures, like a shiny screw-top bottle cap or a worn penny given to them from one of our members. The parents were thrilled to see us entertaining the kids and even brought over cupcakes for us to share. This is a memory I will cherish, and I hope we were able to inspire those little ones.



Tony gave an impromptu detecting lesson.



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## OTTS Club Report

**Date:** May 3rd, 2026 8am-12pm

**Location:** Alberta Park - 1905 NE Killingsworth St,  
Portland, OR 97211



**General Information:** Located in NE Portland, Vernon neighborhood.

**Historical Information:** When researching Alberta Park I was amazed at how rich the history of these grounds were. I was also surprised to see there were no OTTS records that indicated a club hunt had been held here, not that many haven't searched before. Our story begins in 1866 when Mexican-American War veteran Harry McEntire used his Military Bounty land exchange certificate to acquire the property. As developers began to lay out streets and neighborhoods for the area beginning in the early 1880s, the property changed hands. Chinese business leader, landowner and entrepreneur Moy Back Hin, referred to by The Oregonian at the time as "Portland's first millionaire" acquired the property, along with other real estate he owned downtown and on the eastside.

In November 1912, locals petitioned the city, saying the new residents of the area deserved a safe place to recreate and noting that nearly all the available lots for playground space had already been built over. By 1917, the last remaining unplatted stretch of land in the area was the 17 acre Alberta Park lot. Hin then agreed to lease the property to the city starting in 1917 to serve as a park. Almost immediately, baseball diamonds, a clubhouse, walking paths and restrooms were built on the leased property.

In 1920, with the parcel in popular public use, Hin offered to sell it to the city for \$65,000, the city responded with an offer to buy it for \$39,333, which Hin refused. City Council responded on March 23, 1921 with an ordinance condemning the property and ordering it taken over by the city. Hin was paid \$32,000 and the property was taken over as a "public necessity." In 1924, the city passed an ordinance naming the parcel Alberta Park, though it was frequently referred to as Vernon Park as well. Hundreds of newspaper references to the park—and to the robust City League baseball schedule that occupied the new baseball diamond and sometimes drew more than 1,000 spectators—randomly used both names. Use of the Vernon Park name faded by the 1940s.

**Hunt Results:** The OTTS April Club Hunt was held on Sunday May, 3rd 2026. We met at Walgreens located at 5420 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97211. 24 members and 2 guests met between 7:15-8:00am and left for the Park at 8:00am. We were treated to a beautiful sunny spring day, a stark contrast to the conditions participants endured last month at Brentwood City Park.

Temperatures were mild and comfortable in the morning with not a cloud in the sky, however by count out it was close to 80 degrees. Traffic within the park picked up quickly with many people out for walks, sports, and general gatherings. Fortunately there was plenty of tree coverage to keep people cool. It was also noted that the “Nature Patch” within Alberta Park was off limits to metal detecting per PRK-1.25 which all participants respected. Nick hid 10 regular tokens and 2 special tokens for members to search for. The club had a great day hunting with several awesome finds, however I did want to make a quick note of soil conditions. As we head into the sunny season the ground is becoming noticeably tougher - a friendly reminder to be a bit more cautious when digging plugs and possibly give your tools a sharpening to better penetrate! As for finds, there was a big hit in the beginning and end! Within the first 30 minutes Nick ran into a small coin spill with a 1940s game token and 1900 Barber dime which ended up winning the oldest coin. The find was chalked up to kindness being paid forward as just before he had loaned his spare 9v battery out to a pinpointer that had died. About 30 minutes prior to count out, within the same general vicinity as Nick’s Barber dime, Richard S managed to find a stunning 14K gold ring with several gemstones on it! Other notable finds include Sean T and Scott H both finding war nickels, Jeff S’s 1911 wheat cent, and Nick’s 1920 wheat cent that had a pretty green toning. There were also 2 foreign coins, 10 costume jewelry/rings, and 4 non OTTS tokens found.

At count out, Richard S. won the member draw and received a 1964-D Washington quarter. Tim S, Scott H, Lee H, Dan R, and Larry W found club tokens which were redeemed for a silver Roosevelt dime. Scott H found the 197 cattle tag special token which was redeemed for a 1/10th oz .999 buffalo round. Brian E found the restroom special token which was redeemed for a 1853-P half dime. Nick R received a 1964-D Roosevelt dime for oldest coin. Two additional member draws for silver Roosevelt dimes were done at the end to reward the natural silver coin finds as well!

Top places in the competition	
1. Lee H. 60 points Prize: 1956 Washington Quarter 2. Richard S. 55 points Prize: 1941-D Mercury Dime 3. Jeff S. 52 points Prize: 1944-S Mercury Dime 4. Nick R. 47 points Prize: 1946-D Roosevelt Dime 5. Scott H. 45 points Prize: OTTS Sticker	Average score: 29.8 points Club tokens found: 5 out of 10 Special token found: 2 out of 2 Total clad found: \$22.73 Trash collected: 10 lbs.

Club Hunt Report (cont.)

2026 running totals, OTTS club hunt participants have found

\$1 coin	\$1/2 coin	Quarter	Dimes	Nickels	Wheat Cent	Silver Item	Gold Item	Clad Coin	Trash
1	0	0	2	5	14	9	9	\$122.5	48lbs

Next Club Hunt: Nick will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Saturday, May 30th. A meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

We will start at 8am and count out at 12pm. Be at the meeting spot by 7:30am!

Non-members are always welcome.



Photo and find by Hunt Master Nick



Photos by Brian

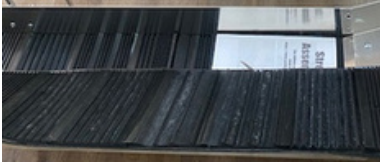


## An Exciting Visit to the Prospector's Treasure Trove

Determined to explore the Prospector's Treasure Trove, I made my way to Tigard. Upon arrival, I was warmly welcomed by Charlie, the friendly shop dog. My first impression left me utterly amazed. The store is overflowing with a diverse array of gear. I truly believe there is no other resource in the Portland Metro area that boasts such a comprehensive inventory as Dan's.

You'll find everything from sluices, gold pans, and separators to classifiers, scoops, detectors, shovels, dredges, suckers, whirly gigs, and all sorts of gadgets.

The shop is part museum, part rock display, and part library. PTT is like a candy store for treasure hunters, miners, and prospectors alike. Just take a look at the photos to see what an incredible resources this place has to offer!



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# Oregon Treasure Trail Society 2026 Picnic and Memorial Hunt



**Sunday, July 12th • 9am - 5pm at Rooster Rock State Park**

Come enjoy our picnic and go crazy in the 60 minute seeded hunt for your chance at a gold prize, silver coins, great prizes, old coins, treasure boxes, jewelry and other fun stuff! Lots of items get added at the last minute!

**Seeded Hunt: Members \$50, Non-Members \$90 [includes OTTS Membership]**

## Schedule of Events

- 7:00-9:00 • Setup and coffee provided
- 9:00 • Registration opens
- 9:00-10:00 • Raffle sales
- 10:30-11:30 • Seeded hunt
- 11:30 • Games open
- 12:00 • BBQ and potluck
- 1:00 • Free kids hunt [12 and under]
- 3:00 • Game prize drawings and main raffle
- 5:00 • Field reopens to all detectorists

*Seeded items will not be buried, they will be on surface or lightly covered in sand. No pinpointers or digging tools.*

**Try your luck at the Dart Board, Wheel of Fortune, Plinko, Quarter Drop, Raffles and 50/50 Drawing! Great prizes for each game!**

*If you don't play, you can't win, so bring some extra cash!*

OTTS will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, soda, water, plates, cups, and utensils. Member potluck: last names A-H bring a dessert, last names I-N bring side dishes, last names O-Z bring appetizers or chips. **PARKING FEE \$10 PER VEHICLE** • Dogs must be leashed • No alcohol or smoking



# 2026 OTTS Memorial Hunt Registration

**Rooster Rock State Park, Sunday July 12, 2026 - Corbett, OR**  
**Seeded hunt takes place from 10:30 to 11:30 pm**

The 2026 OTTS Memorial Hunt will be seeded with silver coins; clad coins, prize tokens, silver jewelry, old coins, treasure chests and who knows what else. **Items will be on the surface or lightly covered insand.**

**Hunt Rules:** No digging tools, only standard coils or smaller only, headphones must be worn (exception: those with hearing issues or non-compatible hearing aids). No one allowed on the hunt field before the hunt. No one is allowed on hunt field during the hunt unless you are a registered and paid hunter. Gloves are highly recommended as coins get hot sitting in the sun and you may want to brush sand away to find targets.

## Hunt registration is as follows:



Cost: Current OTTS member **\$50** • Non-member **\$90\***  
*\*Non-member registrations include 2026 OTTS membership*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will be entering a child in the kids hunt. Name \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the rules set forth above and will respect the rules and integrity of the park at all times.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit form with payment to the Treasurer or mail to:

**Oregon TreasureTrailSociety**  
**PO Box 16203**  
**Portland OR 97292**

54<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Hunt - Northwest Treasure Hunters Club

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Detectors  
Silver  
Gold  
Caches



Dinner  
PLINKO  
Hunt Rounds  
Raffles/Silent Auctions

BIG FOOT =BIG LOOT!!

Before April 30 <sup>h</sup>	After April 30 <sup>h</sup>		Friday Events	Time
			Registration Check In	3PM to 6PM
Free	Free		Big Foot BINGO Social	7:00PM
			<u>Saturday Hunt Events</u>	
			Opening Ceremonies	
			US/Canada Folklore & Treasure	8:15AM
\$70.00	\$75.00		Bigfoot's Cache	9:00AM
\$50.00	\$55.00			11:00AM
Ages 0-7 \$5.00	Ages 0-7 \$5.00		Little Feet Fun Hunt	1:30PM
Ages 8-13 \$12.00	Ages 8-13 \$12.00		Big Foot Junior	1:30PM
\$70.00	\$75.00		Squatcher's Silver Surprise	3:30PM
Free	Free		Dinner	6:00PM
\$45.00	\$50.00		Midnight Whistler	After sunset
			<u>Sunday Hunt Events</u>	
\$70.00	\$75.00		The Abominable Snowman's Sweep	8:30AM
Free	Free		Kids Free Hunt	9:30AM
\$75.00	\$80.00		YETI & BETI's Extravaganza	10:30AM
			Closing Ceremonies	12:30PM

<a href="#">Chairman</a>	<a href="#">Chairman</a>	<a href="#">Chairman</a>	<a href="#">Registration</a>
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→ Entries received by 1/31/2026 will be entered in a drawing for one registrant to receive \$100 off their entry fee! Entries received by 2/28/26, 3/31/26 and 5/31/26 will have a chance to win 1 of 3 Silver Dollars (There could be multiple wins by one entrant, as early entries will be entered in consecutive months).

Check us out on Facebook at – [Northwest Treasure Hunters Club Spokane](#)

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## Club Code of Ethics

- I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT TRESPASS WITHOUT THE LANDOWNER'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 NOT MISREPRESENT AS TO HOW AND WHEN AN ARTICLE WAS ACQUIRED.

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## 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.

### Club Officers

**President:** Ryan Paradis

**Vice President:** Ashley W

**Secretary:** Jeff Sikorski

**Treasurer:** Jaqueline Atelevich "Jackee"

**At Large Board Members:** Kirk Ebensteiner, Brian Echerer

**Immediate Past President:** Scott Hadley

**Club e-mail address:** oregontreasuretrailsociety@gmail.com

### Extracurricular Positions

**Website Editors:** Ryan P, Brian E

**Newsletter Editor:** Brian E

**Find of the Month Team:** Clark & David O & Jackee A.

**Club Hunts:** Nick R

**OTTS Club Picnic:** Ryan P

**Raffles:** Kathy & Ron B

**Challenge Token:** Jackee A

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www.OTTSClub.org oregontreasuretrailsociety@gmail.com	Meetings 4th Tuesday of the month. 6:00 PM American Legion Post 1: 1830 se 122nd Ave. Portland OR 97233