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# "THE DIRTY DIGGER"



## Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club --- Everett, Washington

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### Upcoming PTHC Events and News

- ✓ **January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018** (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) - 8:00AM: **Second Saturday Hunt**. Meet at Denny's on 128<sup>th</sup> ST SW, west of Interstate 5, in South Everett and join the group for this days hunt. [Hunt Chairman, Randy Routsala](#)
- ✓ **January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018** (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) 7:00PM: **Monthly club meeting**. Everett Fire Station on Hewitt, doors open at 7PM, meeting starts at 7:30. All members, guests and anyone interested in checking out our club are very welcome. This is where we conduct club business (pretty lightly), share stories and detecting tips and of course enter our special treasures that we have found since the last meeting in the "Finds Of The Month" entry competition for prizes. There's always lots of interesting, unique and rare items that our club members discover while detecting, so it's a great time to see the possibilities first hand and to get motivated to sharpen your metal detecting skills! We look forward to seeing you there!
- ✓ **IMPORTANT "MAYFEST" ANNOUNCEMENT:** It appears that there will be a 2018 Mayfest after all...hooray! The call for someone to assume the Mayfest Chairman position and to play a vital role in guiding our clubs signature annual event has been graciously answered by Tracy Trower. Further information will be announced at upcoming meetings and newsletters, so stay tuned. There will be lots to do so please pitch in and help us carry on this great tradition. THANK YOU Tracy for your leadership!
- ✓ **Your 2018 club dues are due!** Your yearly Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club membership dues are due January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. You may pay them at the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting if you will attend. If you won't be able to make it to the meeting please contact Lora Hetzel at [lorahetzel@yahoo.com](mailto:lorahetzel@yahoo.com) for information on where to mail them. Information on dues amounts are posted on the club website at: <http://www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org/>. PTHC dues remain one of the best entertainment and hobby values around and we look forward to having so many great folks who share our interests in metal detecting for treasures.

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*We're on the Web! Visit us at:*

[www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org](http://www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org)

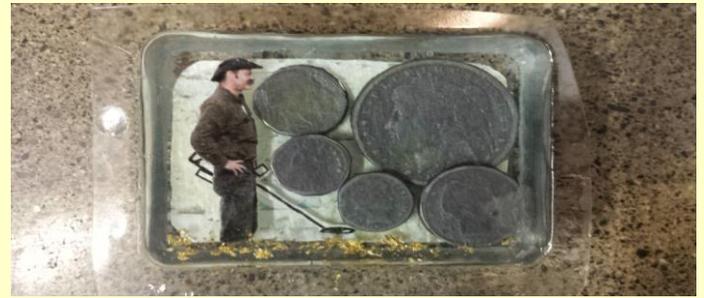


### Upcoming Events and News - other organizations and clubs

- **May 11<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** **Southeast Washington Association Treasure Hunters (SWATH)** is hosting their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure hunt at Richland Washington. The theme is "The British Invasion" and here is a link to their flyer for more information and contact info. <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B6i9xdoX0ExybUk3NE5lYkxHaTUyN0RkrjM5UU1CMm9lejJV>
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- MDAW/ Metal Detecting Association of Washington, **advocating for our rights!** <https://sites.google.com/site/metaldetectwa/>

Note: There are many "hyper-links" contained in the above event listings. For further information, club websites or flyers try clicking on one of the underlined objects.

The photos below are the top three winning entries of the "Top Five Finds of the Year"



**"Steve's Stash is still "STASHED"!!**  
**"Steve's Stash"** in honor of our long time fellow club member Steve Stretch. It is a block of solid plastic with embedded lead tokens and a photo of Steve swinging a detector (pretty cool!). This second stash was hidden and clues to its location are poetically presented proudly by PTHC member, Walt Edson. Here they are so far:

Clue #1 (10/18/17):

"I lie in chips or sand,  
 For turf detecting is banned."

Clue #2 (11/15/17):

"In the park where I will be found,  
 Cents of steel are all around,  
 Also nickels with a buffalo on a mound.  
 Should you find any of these,  
 Take just one please,  
 So others may enjoy this tease."

Clue #3 (12/20/17):

"I tell you that nearby,  
 Through a net I spy,  
 People jog away,  
 Many a dog at play,  
 And that's not all,  
 I hear the crack of bat and ball."

Walt says these clues are dead give-aways and he expects it will be found soon so you better get your puzzle solving hat on and get out there and find it! If not found, the next clue will be announced at the January meeting and then published in the following "Dirty Digger" newsletter! Good luck!!



## THE DIRTY DIGGER

1. Hot Wheels Toy
2. Aluminum Key
3. Bullet Shell
4. 1800's US Coin
5. AAA Battery
6. Pre 1960 Canadian Coin
7. Wrist Watch
8. Bicycle Reflector
9. 1984 Lincoln Cent
10. Square Nail
11. Tootsie Toy
12. Padlock
13. Pet Tag (rabies, license, etc.)
14. Rosie Dime
15. US Barber Coin
16. Door Knob
17. Scout Item
18. Safety Pin
19. Cap Gun
20. Military Pin
21. 7-up Can
22. 1946-S Wheat Cent
23. US Dollar Coin
24. Eating Utensil
25. Tool
26. Modern Pull Tab
27. Any State Quarter
28. Indian Head Cent
29. "D" Cell Battery
30. 1968 Jefferson Nickel
31. Makeup Compact
32. 10 Consecutive Dated Lincoln Cents
33. Any Brand of Lighter
34. Rusty Bottle Cap
35. Pocket Knife
36. 925 or Sterling Ring
37. WA. State Tax Token
38. State of Oregon Quarter
39. 5 Consecutive Dated Clad Coins
40. Mercury Dime
41. 1959 Lincoln Cent
42. US Silver Half Dollar
43. Lip Stick Tube
44. Silver Washington Quarter
45. Any Jefferson Nickel
46. Military Button
47. Ring Style Pull Tab
48. Any Clad Dime
49. 3 Consecutive Dated Silver Coins
50. 14K Gold Item
51. Silver War Nickel
52. Rainier Beer Cap
53. Buffalo Nickel
54. Good For Token
55. Standing Liberty Quarter
56. Hose Nozzle

Rules. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Tie Breaker will be by number order. For questions call or email Mark Kulseth at 206-730-2694 or [mkulseth@gmail.com](mailto:mkulseth@gmail.com)

We had a great turn-out for our December 2017 Christmas meeting/potluck. We had lots of great food and conversations, plus the always fun dice game gift exchange! There were 16 entries for the "Top 5 Finds of the Year" and attendees cast their votes for their favorites. Winners were Mark Jenkins, Randy Routsala and Ron Aldridge (see photos on page 2). Thanks to all of those who participated and shared their years favorite finds with us! There were lots of interesting entries and they are always fun to see!



Metal Detecting “Digging Etiquette” (Courtesy of KellyCo Detectors and Hood Canal Detectorists Club)  
<https://www.kellycodetectors.com/blog/digging-etiquette-tips-metal-detecting>

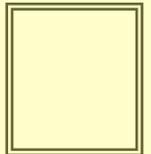
Metal detecting is like camping – you have to leave the areas you spend time in the same way that you found them. That means that when you dig for items that your detector finds, you need to do so carefully so that when you are done, you can fill in holes, replace sod, and otherwise make it look like you were never there. Leaving the area in which you have searched looking like it has an overwhelming gopher infestation is a good way to make landowners or caretakers angry, and even to get metal detecting banned in some areas.

There are some simple rules of etiquette that you can apply to digging while you’re out swinging your detector that will help you leave your search area without a trace.

- Use the right tools.** Don’t take all of your yard-working tools with you. Big or full-size digging tools are not only cumbersome, but they will draw unwanted attention to you. You’re not going to be digging trenches, so stick with small, easy-to-carry hand digging tools that will cause the least amount of damage to whatever type of ground surface you will be searching. Also, it is a good idea to use a pinpointter, as that will allow you to dig smaller holes and still find your target.
- Cover all holes.** Even when you are hunting on beaches, you still need to cover any holes you dig. Whether it’s sand, dirt, or grass, you have to return the area to how it looked before you began digging. This lessens the chances of you being asked to not come back.
- Go straight down.** If you are digging in through sod, or other plant life, be sure to dig straight down, not angled like cutting the top off of a pumpkin. This causes the least amount damage to roots under the surface.
- Make a “U” cut in sod.** Cutting into grass in a “U” shape allows you to simply fold the flap over, leaving the cut part still attached. Once you have found what you are digging for, it’s easy to fill in the dirt and fold the flap back over in its original spot.
- Neatness is key.** One of the things that you can do to be neat and thorough in replacing dirt and sand is taking a piece of cardboard or cloth with you to put dug-out dirt on. Once you have removed your target, the dirt or sand can simply be dumped back into the hole from the cardboard or cloth. That way there are no dirt leftovers on the ground that look messy.
- Be quick if you can.** This is especially important when you are digging in areas with grass or plants. The faster you work, the quicker the sod or plants go back to their places in the ground, returning exposed roots to where they belong.
- Rehydrate the grass.** Take some water with you to give the grass a quick drink when you’re finished digging. This helps, especially if you’re digging during the hot summer months.

You’re going to want to dig everything, especially when you are just starting out with your metal detecting hobby. So using these rules from the get-go is a good way to make sure that you are in the habit of being a conscientious hunter.

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