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I would like to point out to the News Brief readers that there are a number of organizations taking on the challenge against various types of legislation dealing with metal detecting and gold prospecting. MDHTALK's recommendation is to visit their website and give strong consideration to joining the fight. In some cases your support may be to send emails and / or write a letter to specific legislators or to provide funds to help with the fight. Here are the organizations and a link to their website.

[Go to the Join The Fight MDHTALK Webpage to read more about each of these organizations](#)

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What is a News Brief? The news brief provides a brief look into any news event. The intent of the news brief is to provide you, the reader, with news clips on what was taking place in the hobby last month. To read the whole story select the Article Link or go to MDHTALK.org. There are more news stories placed on the MDHTALK website for December- the news stories listed in the MDHTALK News Brief are just a portion of all the hobby related news reported the past month. ***The news Brief is now available in Adobe PDF format, there is a link at the top of this webpage.*** The news brief is no longer emailed; it is only available on the MDHTALK website and can be downloaded.

Website This months featured article is: **Metal Detecting Competition Hunt Etiquette and Integrity.** Metal detecting competition events (hunts) are usually sponsored by a metal detecting club or hosted by hobby related manufacturers and retail businesses. These events can be comprised of one or two hunts or in some cases the event may last from three to seven days and have many different types of metal detecting hunts. Metal detecting competition hunts can be either an open or closed hunt event depending on how the sponsor or host defines the event.

Open Hunts. You need not be a club member to participate in the hunt. An open hunt is for any one who is willing to pay the entrance fee and follow the hunt rules.

Closed Hunts. You must be a club member to participate in the hunt and be able to show a current club membership card at registration. A closed hunt is for club members only and will usually require an admission fee.

The requirement of any interested detectorist to participate in a competition hunt is to complete the pre-register form and submit an admission fee for each of the scheduled hunts. Thus, the participant can select just certain hunts that are of interest to them or all of the scheduled hunts.

Metal detectorist in competition hunts can be very aggressive, therefore, rules and standards of etiquette are very important so that the hunt is held in a fair and balanced manner. Lets remember that all of the detecting participants have paid the same required admission fee for participation and expect an equal chance at the prizes.

Metal Detecting Etiquette and Integrity for a competition hunt is controlled by the event's

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Minelab, announced the opening of its first public showroom in the United States. Located in a Chicago suburb at 1938 University Lane, Ste. A Lisle, Ill. [Article Link](#)
- Thousands of stolen archeological artifacts from Lake Oroville State Recreation Area were recovered this week. [Article Link](#)
- Could there be undiscovered treasure off Florida's coast? They say that treasure worth millions, is still waiting in the ocean just offshore of Fort Myers, Florida. [Article Link](#)
- 219 years ago, founding fathers Sam Adams and Paul Revere looked on as a bit of history was tucked into a corner stone of the Massachusetts State House. [Article Link](#), [2nd Article](#)
- Dead Sea scroll cave raid was foiled by Israeli antiquities authority, [Article Link](#)
- WWII Mortar Shell Found in Stanley Park. [Article Link](#)
- When he got a metal detector, it brought him a lot more than lost pocket change. It opened a door to history and that door recently led him to work alongside archaeologists in Virginia at the estate of our fourth president and "Father of the Constitution" James Madison. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Exotic hoard of artefacts found in field, hint at long-distance Bronze Age sea travel, say archaeologists. [Article Link](#)
- A metal detecting enthusiast stumbled across buried treasure when he found a 300-year-old ring in a Gower field. [Article Link](#)
- Four items unearthed by metal detectorist have been officially declared as treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist have uncovered a Roman treasure hoard dating back to the early fourth century near Runcorn. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist who found a rare piece of Bronze Age gold jewellery thought he'd initially unearthed a worthless piece of brass. [Article Link](#)
- A metal detectorist has discovered a possible Bronze Age burial site while browsing on the Google aerial mapping website. [Article Link](#)
- Is this your wedding ring? Metal detectorist digs it up on Caswell Beach and launches search for owner. [Article Link](#)

Other News

- PLP Press release. **Tribute to Jerry Hobbs**
It is with extreme sadness and regret that Public Lands for the People announced the passing of one of its founders, Jerry Hobbs. Jerry passed away peacefully in his sleep Dec. 28th, 2014, after six weeks of struggling with heart issues. [December Press Release Link](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors.** Making a Difference in the Lives of Others

Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Public Lands for the People (PLP) were in court Friday December 12 for a hearing to enjoin the State Water Resources Control Board into the consolidated lawsuits.

1. Judge Ochoa's tentative ruling was he denied our petition to enjoin with the State Water Resources Control Board "disappointing"? yes.

2. However the judge lifted the stay on one of the legal proceedings and will rule on the federal preemption issues the first week of January 2015. This is good! We were pursuing this ruling way back before May 2014!

3. The State argued for the judge not to rule until after the State Supreme court has had a chance to look at the Reinhart case. The judge dismissed that pleading and said that he was not sure that the Supreme Court would hear the case and that the Reinhart decision was published and gives him direction. This is also good!
[Complete PLP Press Release](#)

Jewelry Returns

- After searching through dumpsters and patrolling Broadway Street with a metal detector, he has been reunited with a family heirloom. [Article Link](#)
- About a year ago, he took up the hobby of metal detecting and one of his favorite places to search is at the Fall River County Fairgrounds. and he found something. [Article Link](#)
- Vermont man finds Lanesborough

[December News Release](#)

- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [December News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [December News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [December Newsletter](#)
- **Mel Fisher Museum** [December Newsletter](#)

woman's long lost ring. [Article Link](#)

- New Mexico man finds Idaho man's missing high school class ring 46 years later. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

W.W. Meteorite News

- Contamination of Impacted meteorites. A team of scientists has published the results of an investigative into the 2012 Sutter's Mill meteorite that landed in California. [Article Link](#)
- As the market grows in China, a dedicated band of professionals are risking life and limb searching for extraterrestrial material. [Article Link](#)
- 60 years ago a meteorite hit Ann Hodges. [Article Link](#)

- 1901 San Francisco Bay shipwreck was found that sink near the site of what is now the Golden Gate Bridge. [Article Link](#)
- Miami dredge project finds a ship cannon dating to the early 18th century. [Article Link](#)
- Sunken WWII Ship, famed for a December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor rescue mission, has been discovered off the Hawaii coast. [Article Link](#)
- A team of archaeologists has been working since 1994 uncovering the buried secrets of Jamestown. [Article Link](#)

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2015 hunt information on the web. The sooner it is out and available to the metal detecting community the greater the chance for people to see it and give your event some consideration. [Add Your Event Information Here](#)

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- **February 07, 2015** (Two Days)
Pomona, California
2015 Pomona CA Gold Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **February 13, 2015** (Three Days)
Quartzsite, Arizona
Quartzite Gold & Treasure & Craft Show
Quartzsite Improvement Assn, Quartzite Metal Detecting Club
- **February 21, 2015** (Two Days)
Monroe, Washington
2015 Gold, Gem & Mineral Show
Washington Prospectors Mining Assn

- **February 22, 2015** (One Day)
Galveston, Texas
33th Annual Open Beach Hunt
Houston Archeology Recovery Clubs
- **February 28, 2015** (Two Days)
Mesa, Arizona
2015 Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **February 28, 2015** (One Day)
Puyallup, Washington
First Winter Festival
Bedrock Prospectors