



Support The Hobby

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](#)

- MDHTALK News Pages
- U.S. & W.W. News
- U.K. News
- U.S. Archaeology
- U.S. Legislation
- W.W. Meteoritic
- Other Media

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 August 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.

- MDHTALK Article Links
- Return Stories

The Website's featured article for this month is: Club Metal Detecting Training Guide

Read The Complete Article

A metal detecting club's mission is to have elected officers and volunteer staff, grow it membership, hold a monthly meeting, establish an annual event, and create a fun and positive atmosphere for its members.'

- MDHTALK Find a Club
- Read Newsletters
- FaceBook Clubs

An additional important responsibility that is often overlooked is the training and education of its membership. This education and training should be directed toward how to practice the hobby legally, in a non-destructive manner and on proper use of metal detectors. This article will high light a few of the training programs that a club should consider and offer to its membership.

A metal detecting training program that is offered by a club in the "Dos and Don'ts" of the hobby displays a strong commitment to the local community. A trained membership knowing the where, how and why attributes of the hobby will keep the hobby in the good graces of the local recreation department and private land owners.

Resources for membership training can usually come from the membership itself. Some club members have been practicing the hobby for sometime and have an extensive knowledge base of information. These members are a good source for the clubs training program and leadership. Every effort should be made to document any training program for future use. One easy way to document any training program is to create a video of the training event and / or document the training event in a power point presentation.

A club that is involved in any structured training programs should keep and an active record of who has completed the training and what type of training was completed. This could be done by simply creating an Excel spread sheet with each members name and a column for each type of training. A check in the column under a specific training program logged to the members name would provide for a great tracking tool. This tool could be of great benefit if a club needed to address an issue with a local recreation department, city authorities or even a private land owner. The tool would provide evidence that the club is proactive in community stewardship by training its members in how the hobby should be practiced.

- MDHTALK Event Calendar
- September

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other News

- Metal Detecting and Ice Cream: Arrow Rock hosts two cool events Sept. 1. [Article Link](#)
- Shocking finds in Manchester waterways include guns and knives. [Article Link](#)
- Area group digs for treasures, fun. [Article Link](#)
- Time capsule: Flags, Confederate cash, US medal. [Article Link](#)
- Mother searching Happy Valley-Goose Bay for lost ring. [Article Link](#)
- American Mining Rights Assn** is not a gold club but rather an advocacy group for miners and public land users to preserve and maintain their rights as they pertain to access to their public lands. [August News](#)
- Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [August News](#)
- JW Fisher Detectors** Gives Back to the Community [August Press Release](#)
- Lost Treasure E-Magazine** [August Issue](#)
- Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [August News](#)
- Western Mining Alliance** [Newsletter](#)
- 1715 Fleet Society** [September Newsletter](#)

- Metal detector finds little treasure, but plenty of drug paraphernalia in Kelowna park. [Article Link](#)
- Riverview man's metal detective work yields lost treasures. [Article Link](#)

• White's Two New Metal Detectors

TDI BeachHunter @ \$1,299.95

[See Webpage for Details](#)

Goldmaster@24k Intro Pricing \$649.95 - \$749.95

[See Webpage for Details](#)

U.K. News

- Discovering Hidden Treasures at St. Norbert Abbey. [Article Link](#)
- Calgary treasure hunter's curiosity draws him to partially drained Glenmore Reservoir. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters find trove of Roman coins in England. [Article Link](#)
- What is a "mourning ring" and why has one been found in North-Essex? [Article Link](#)
- How a missing treasure vault key is causing a commotion in India. [Article Link](#)
- Hoard of 2,000-year-old silver Roman coins unearthed by group of friends and a metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Amateur treasure hunter, 45, unearths a 1,800-year-old Roman signet ring engraved with the goddess of Victory in a field in Somerset. [Article Link](#), [Article Two](#)
- Eden treasures go on show. [Article Link](#)
- 'Treasure' decision on ancient ring. [Article Link](#)
- Looters suspected of raiding Castle Hill in 'nighthawking' attack. [Article Link](#)

Jewelry Returns

- MLA loses ring on beach only for it to be found and returned 18 months later. [Article Link](#)
- Englewood man finds \$20,000 ring on Siesta Key. [Article Link](#)
- Couple's wedding ring returned after detectorist's find on Bridlington beach. [Article Link](#)
- Mystery Solved – Metal Detectorist Unearths High School Ring Buried For 53 Years . [Article Link](#)
- Wedding ring found. [Article Link](#)
- A perfect match: How one wedding ring found its way from the bottom of the James River back to its owner. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure Hunter Finds Olympian's Missing Ring. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Why Military Veterans Are Turning to Archaeology. [Article Link](#)
- How Archaeologists Play A Role In The Forest Service's Response To Wildfires. [Article Link](#)
- SC County Evaluating Archaeological Site Under Construction. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeological Dig at Gray-Cloud Home Attracts Neighbors, History Buffs. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Spectacular green meteor streaks over southern NSW. [Article Link](#)
- Mineral never seen on Earth found inside Russian meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- Greenland Air Base Unharmed by Apparent Meteor Explosion. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient Meteorite Crystals Uncover The Mysteries Of The Sun's Explosive Youth. [Article Link](#)
- Watch Two Meteorites Hit the Moon!. [Article Link](#)

Public Lands for the People - A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

PLP News Release

Public Lands for the People delivered information to the Federal EPA in Washington DC in March that legally explained that suction dredgers do not "add" a pollutant within the meaning of the Federal Clean Water Act requiring a 402 or 404 pollution discharge permit. The EPA has assured us of a decision in the near future, as it was passed to their specialists on the matter.

As we know, whether it is California's SB 637, or the CA Water Board, or Idaho's IDWR, they all defer to the Federal EPA regarding exemptions when the Feds choose to specifically state such. The fact is, the States get funds from the Federal government to carry out these directives. PLP is continuing to follow this matter up and resolve it under the Trump administration so that suction dredgers will not be labeled polluters requiring discharge permits in CA or any other State. PLP strongly believes that by submitting to a 402 permit, as some have advocated (see the article below this newsletter: "Surrendering to the Pollution Permit"), miners will run the risk of undermining and subverting our negotiations with the Federal EPA to resolve this issue at a national level.

PLP also believes that when the true costs of the \$6,000 permit plus the cost of hiring a water monitoring engineer per dredger (or group of dredgers), at \$50,000 comes to light (which is now being hidden), dredgers will be rightfully outraged as this will not be affordable, nor reasonable. We can say this with relative certainty based upon our experts with real experience in past permitting, going back to the year 2000! [Read More](#)

PLP 2018 Grand Raffle Winners [Press Release](#)

We are excited to announce the winners of this year's Grand Raffle drawing. We are humbled by the positive notes and calls of support from so many of you as you ordered tickets, bought memberships and just donated because you want to stand with us in the fight to keep our public land rights. THANK YOU!

+ ½ ounce GOLD NUGGET Donated by minerskeepers.com – Richard Kelsey

+ 4 stack GOLD CUBE Donated by Goldcube – John Cross

+ Dry concentrator Donated by Mad Mining – Jim Henesh

+ Macro Gold racer Detector Donated by The Miners Cache – Brian Winter

+ Mining claim location service Donated by Josh Reinke – Thomas Sager

+ Stake claim Workshop Donated by Josh Reinke – Dick Tieben

+ California Mining Claim Donated by Ron Kliewer/ www.goldrushu.com – Roger Bowman

+ Kwik Kiln Donated by GPK Company – Robert Davies

+ Recirculating sluicebox Donated by Mad Mining – Laren Crawford

+ Goldstrike mini washplant package Donated by Goldstrike Adventures – Jeff Lawlis

+ Fast Furnace Kiln Donated by fastfurnacecompany – Roger wingo

+ Tike Strike concentrator Donated by Spikestrike sluices – Gearge Cowie

+ Stowaway concentrator Donated by Spikestrike sluices – Jeffrey Courter

+ Gold ram panning sluice Donated by Spikestrike sluices – Ron Renter

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Event News

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2018/19 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.

- **September 01, 2018** (Two Days)
Chaffee, New York
FMDAC Northern Chapter Open Hunt
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- **September 01, 2018** (Two Days)
Foresthill, California
California State & US National Gold Panning Championships
Motherlode Goldhounds
- **September 07, 2018** (Two Days)
Penticton, British Columbia, Canada
10th Annual Treasures in the Sand Open Hunt
- **September 08, 2018** (One Day)
Berne, New York
48th Annual Club Hunt and Picnic
Empire State Metal Detector Association

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- **September 15, 2018** (Two Days)
Burford, Oxfordshire, England
Detectival UK Rally 2018
- **September 15, 2018** (One day)
Taunton, Massachusetts
New England Treasure Show
Silver City Treasure Seekers
- **September 15, 2018** (One Day)
Bremerton, Washington
2018 MDAW Membership Picnic Hunt
MDAW-Metal Detecting Assn of
Washington
- **September 15, 2018** (One Day)
Lovelock, Nevada
2018 Rye Patch Nugget Shoot
Reno Prospecting & Detecting Club,
GPAA of Northern NV
- **September 16, 2018** (One Day)
Lathrop, Missouri
42th Annual Treasure Hunt
Mo-Kan Search and Recovery Club
- **September 22, 2018** (Two Days)
ava Center, New York
20th Annual International Hunt
Genesee Valley Treasure Seekers
- **September 26, 2018** (Five Days)
Burnt River, Oregon
2018 September Burnt River Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **September 29, 2018** (One Day)
Jones Beach Field 6, New York
Super Fall Hunt
Atlantic Treasure Club
- **September 29, 2018** (Two Days)
Knoxville, Tennessee
3rd Annual Fall Open Hunt
East Tennessee Relic & Coin Hunter
Club
- **September 29, 2018** (One Day)
Bremerton, Washington
Light of the Silvery Moon Hunt
Olympic Peninsula Treasure Hunters
- **September 29, 2018** (One Day)
Annapolis, Maryland
Silver Frenzy V Open Hunt
Maryland Artifact Recovery Society
(MARS)
- **September 30, 2018** (One Day)
Annapolis, Maryland
Open Treasure Hunt
Maryland Free-State Treasure Club