



### 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](#)

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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.

### The Website's featured article for this month is: *Why Should I Join or Start a Metal Detecting Club?*

You may be recently retired and looking for a new hobby or you may be a long time detectorist. In either case you may want to consider joining a metal detecting club. Metal detecting is a hobby that can be enjoyed without being involved with other detectorist, however, much can be gained by being an active part of the detecting community. The new hobbyist may want to learn about the hobby while the long time detectorist can bring his detecting skill and knowledge to a club.

What are the reasons for joining or starting a club?

1) *Meet Other Detectorist.* Getting involved with a club provides the opportunity to meet others in the hobby. A club represents a place where one can develop new relationships and enjoy fellowship. people that have a common interest which is metal detecting.

2) *Learn the Necessary Skills.* If you are a newbie, joining a club can provide many opportunities to develop your metal detecting skill. Most clubs have training programs on how to pin point, recover targets and the proper methods and equipment to use for detecting different terrains. You may also be able to learn the skills needed to detect different types of targets such as: relics, gold, coins, jewelry, and how to detect fresh and salt water beaches. [Read the Complete Article](#)

### Hobby Related News

#### General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

#### Other News Sources

- Carter County Treasure: Looking for Mr. Sprinkle's silver. [Article Link](#)
- Lead cross found on The Curse of Oak Island 'could be most historic find in North America'. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters sought alleged 'copper ship' worth millions. [Article Link](#)
- Detecting History Gateway Metal Detecting Club treasures giving back to the community. [Article Link](#)
- La Salle County metal detector group finds buried, lost items. [Article Link](#)
- Simcoe County treasure hunter unearths 'priceless' piece of history. [Article Link](#)
- Rio History: Research and Treasure Hunting. [Article Link](#)
- Orillia YouTuber finds historical brass railway spike at Front Street station. [Article Link](#)
- 10 Most Valuable Treasures Ever Found (Part III). [Article Link](#)
- The Curse of Oak Island Season 6 Episode 4: Recap. [Article Link](#)
- Rare gold coins found in Israeli city of Caesarea. [Article Link](#)
- NYPD to return British couple's engagement ring lost after

- **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. [December News , Newsletter](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [November News](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [December News](#)
- **PLP -Public Lands for the People** [December Newsletter](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [January Newsletter](#)

#### Jewelry Returns

- Tyler police officer helps find missing Aggie ring, owner grateful for assistance. [Article Link](#)
- Forster's Nick Richards uses metal detector to find diamond ring at Merewether. [Article Link](#)
- Lost class ring found in Janesville, returned to owner after 26 years. [Article Link](#)
- A ruby in the rough: Parkview graduate reunited with class ring 26

proposal. [Article Link](#)

- Treasure hunting at Rocky Neck. [Article Link](#)

## U.K. News

- Statuette Kept in a Margarine Tub for Years Turns out to be Ancient Roman Artifact. [Article Link](#)
- Well-Preserved 3,000-Year-Old Pre-Viking Sword Unearthed in Denmark is Still Sharp. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detecting Brothers Unearth Ancient Roman Coins in Belgium. [Article Link](#)
- Roman Minerva statue in margarine tub among discovered treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Winfarthing treasure on national award short list. [Article Link](#)
- Metal-detecting trend boosts 'treasure' discoveries as numbers hit a record for second year running. [Article Link](#)
- Ashley Revell who inspired Simon Cowell's Red or Black? ITV show finds Bronze Age hoard in Elham. [Article Link](#)
- Norfolk treasure named Britain's favourite new museum artefact. [Article Link](#)
- Bronze Age gold, silver medieval charms and Tudor finery - the historical treasures unearthed in Cornwall this year. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient ring found by TV-inspired metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Dorset metal detecting club raises money for local hospice. [Article Link](#)
- Five treasures 'buried' around Grimsby from Crown jewels to Nazi weapons. [Article Link](#)
- Is Norfolk treasure the best in Britain? [Article Link](#)
- Man discovers Roman silver ring after 15 years of looking for treasure. [Article Link](#)
- THE latest hoard of ancient 'treasure' found in the county has been unveiled including Roman and Medieval jewellery. [Article Link](#)

years after losing it. [Article Link](#)

- Missing wedding ring found at festival site after four years. [Article Link](#)
- Lost \$23,000 rings recovered. [Article Link](#)
- Engagement ring lost at Belmont 5K, found at Christmas Parade. [Article Link](#)
- Missing wedding ring found four years later. [Article Link](#)
- Couple's wedding rings made of 4.5 billion-year-old meteorite found in Hamburg Township. [Article Link](#)

## North America Archaeology News

- Archaeology Group: Work on Property Endangering Artifacts. [Article Link](#)
- Underwater archaeologists research boats that sank in Lake Minnetonka. [Article Link](#)
- The Most Amazing Historical Discoveries of 2018. [Article Link](#)
- Trash Dump Yields Clues About Colorado Springs Founder. [Article Link](#)
- The Archaeology Of Outer Space. [Article Link](#)

## W.W. Meteorite News

- Massive landslide that blocked a riverbed and formed a mound 500ft high in Russia 'was caused by a METEORITE or massive BOMB' locals claim. [Article Link](#)
- Boom! goes the meteor, across Minnesota. [Article Link](#)
- Meteor seen across the state on Wednesday night. [Article Link](#)
- Meteor lights up the sky over Mexico City. [Article Link](#)
- Curiosity to study possible meteorite on Mars surface. [Article Link](#)
- MARTIAN MYSTERY Nasa's Mars curiosity rover finds shiny 'golden' rock on red planet. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite warning: ASTONISHING moment blue FIREBALL rips through sky. [Article Link](#)

## December 2018 PLP Newsletter

PLP's Trump Card [Article Link](#)

Shhhhhhh... Don't tell anyone but do you know what happens when dredge protests fail, fines are paid on unreasonable regulations and when the courts are not in your favor? Legislation- not ordinary legislation but must-pass legislation for budget and national security reasons. Fortunately, PLP along with the National Mining Association placed mining for the very first time in history (signed into law by President Trump August 13, 2018) so that the needs of the miners are a matter of national security under the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Previously on December 20, 2017 PLP and the USGS were instrumental in having President Trump sign executive order #13817 requiring the federal government to develop and implement a strategy to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign sources for critical and strategic minerals and metals.

PLP's work in D.C. is starting to pay off - at the Presidential level, and the agency level through direct communication on the sound premise that domestic mining regulatory relief needs are a matter of national security. President Trump in signing executive orders such as #13771, #13777 and #13817 all move the federal agencies to provide the mining community the needed regulatory relief utilizing PLP's supplied legal research, ICMJ supplied miners complaint letters, and the experience supplied at the right time and place to the top decision makers and their writers.

We are making incremental steps implementing PLP's Small Miner Amendments through our influence at the Executive order level, the agency rulemaking level and the Congressional level through the NDAA. Rest assured, the foundations PLP are laying along with our property rights allies, are being laid regardless of the fighting between President Trump, the Democrats or the Republicans.

Fellow Miners and Patriots, if you are going to be part of the continuing effort to repeal duplicative regulations, join or renew your PLP Membership now to keep our gains moving forward and receive the...drum roll please...

The first annual "Drain the Swamp" PLP Calendar  
This nifty calendar has many important dates highlighted such as the dates President Trump signed key Executive Orders that help miners. You will also receive a PLP T-Shirt AND a book of 12 raffle tickets to our 2019 Grand Raffle!

Please join or renew now while quantities last at [www.PublicLandsForThePeople.org/join/](http://www.PublicLandsForThePeople.org/join/)

You can also order extra 2019 Grand Raffle tickets by calling 844.PLP.1990 (844.757.1990). We are offering many expensive prizes this year!

We are happy to report that the SCOTUS made a great ruling regarding private property rights and critical habitat designations where the USFWS had designated critical habitat for a frog that no longer existing in that area. We are happy with this ruling and are looking forward to many more common sense rulings from the SCOTUS in the future. For the SCOTUS ruling, click here.

PLP is heading to D.C. again in early January, so please help us win the next round in getting regulatory relief for small scale miners, Join PLP or Renew today! With your support we can.....  
"Take It Back And KEEP IT!"

Thank you!  
Your Board of Directors  
Public Lands for the People

## 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.

- **January 06, 2019** (One Day)  
Belmar, New Jersey  
2019 Cabin Fever Hunt  
East Coast Research and Discovery Assn

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