

2006 FINAL STANDINGS

Norm Franz First in Coin, Jewelry, Other, Wild Card and Table. Total 148

Bob Combes Total 71

Gary Gray First in Relic Total 71

FINDS OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

The Finds-of-the-Month competition is a twelve-month event running from January through December. It is open only to club members. Only items may be entered in the competition if found in the previous month or since the previous meeting.

There are six categories as follows: coin, jewelry, relic, other, wildcard, and table. Points are awarded to the top three items in each category. Five (5) points goes to the first place item, three (3) points to the second place item, and one (1) point to the third place item. Each member is allowed to enter only one item per category. At the end of the competition, a "Hunter of the Year" for each category and an overall "Hunter of the Year" for all categories will be named. Each month the first place winner of each category will receive a small prize. Prizes change each month at the discretion of the Find-of-the-Month chairman. There are no prizes currently set for the end of the year titles. Certain guidelines should be followed when entering an item for competition:

Coin - Includes items used as money both U.S. and foreign. It also includes tokens or other items used for the same purpose.

Jewelry - Items include rings, necklaces, watches, brooches, bracelets, earrings, and other items used for the same purpose.

Relic - Can be a variety of items from buttons to bottles to clay marbles. The key to this category is the items should be old.

Other - Includes items not fitting in the above categories, such as beach toys, tools, toy cars, etc.

Wildcard - A category is picked at the beginning of the monthly meeting. There are many different possibilities. The current variations of items are:

fishing gear, oldest coin, junk jewelry (non gold or silver), foreign coins, eating utensils, stone/pottery, toy cars, most nickels, most pull tabs, knives, auto parts, bottles/glass, lead things, largest find, farm/agricultural, locks/keys, and military things.

Table - All items found may be displayed for table. There is no distinction of the types of items.

Three (3) judges are selected from the club members attending the meeting. The method used to determine first, second, and third place winners is up to the judges. Items entered in a wrong category will not be judged. All of the winning places do not need to be decided if less than three items are entered.

January First Place Winners:

Coin - Norm Franz

Jewelry - Norm Franz

Relic - Mike Preziotti

Other - Bob Combes

Wildcard - Bottle and Glass - Louis Biro

Table - Louis Biro

CLUB COIN CLUES

1. Look around this Newtown in VA Beach. On the way, you will pass the

wolf, fox and goose to find this neighborhood park. When you are tired of hunting, sit down and take a rest.

2. Newtown Road to Lynnbrook Landing is the place to be. The park is at the end.

GUEST SPEAKER

Barry Merrill

Merrillart.com Print and Web Design

Barry is the President of the Hampton Roads Recovery Society which meets the first Thursday at the Hampton Public Library. He the webmaster for www.hrrsmetaldetecting.com. He gave an informative presentation on how to take our club into the world-wide-web. Further discussion at February's meeting. An email I got from the Wilson's :

Hello Ina

I haven't been to the meetings in a while due to shift work at my job. It will be several more months before I will go back on day shift and be able to start attending meetings again. I just wanted to know, if you have found someone to upkeep the website once it has been setup. I have access to several photo editing software as well as FrontPage used to modify web pages. My son is the family computer guru who has dabbled in java script, html and c+. If we can help please let us know.

Happy Hunting

Eric Wilson and Michael Wilson

MEETING PLACES

It seems that most club members want to keep the second Tuesday. Subsequent meetings starting in March will be back at Bayside Library, though some members are concerned regarding the size of the room and the size of the group. We could move the meetings to the last Tuesday of the month back to the Central Library. Further discussion and voting will take place at February's meeting. Also, new business cards will be printed with the correct info once it has been decided.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Spring Hunt will be May 19, 2007. Further discussion at upcoming meetings. Please remember to volunteer where needed for a successful hunt!!

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments for February's meeting will be provided by Eric, Dan Kistler's grandson. Thanks for volunteering!!

NAME TAGS

We should all wear our name tags to the meetings especially for new members. I will provide write in ones temporarily.

Sherry Ferguson will be taking the minutes at the Feb. meeting. I will be in the Caribbean METAL DETECTING!!!! You all have fun now!