

**TIDEWATER COIN AND RELIC CLUB**  
**FINDS OF THE MONTH COMPETITION RULES (revised 8/11/2022)**

The Finds of the Month competition and judging shall be organized and overseen by the Vice President in a non-voting capacity. In the event of any judging confusion or interpretation of rules etc., only the Vice President may be consulted for advice. In the case of indecision, the Vice President's decision governs. All items entered must have been found while metal detecting. Ethics and honesty shall be displayed by all members entering this competition.

**CATEGORIES: Coin, Jewelry, Relic, Modern, Wildcard and Table.** Points are awarded to the three or up to three best entries in each category. In the case of less than three entries in a category, those entries would be awarded placement points from first place down. Points are awarded as follows...five (5) points to 1st place, three (3) points to 2nd and one (1) point to 3rd. Each member is allowed to enter only one item per category. The only prize awarded at the meeting is for 1st place and a silver quarter is awarded. Additionally, **Table** entries are given a raffle ticket with ½ of the participants winning a silver dime in a drawing. This promotes bringing in your current month finds, last meeting-to-current meeting.

In December, awards will be handed out to the overall "Hunter of the Year" most total points awarded overall. The prizes are as follows...Official printed certificates signed by the current president along with; 1st place receiving \$100.00; 2nd place \$75.00; and 3rd place \$50.00 for a total of \$225.00. A "Hunter of the Year" for the most total points in the individual category will be implemented and will receive a certificate and prize (to be determined), in December.

Three (3) judges are selected with a 4th (last) person selected as an alternate judge. Any judge that has an entry in a category must recuse themselves from judging of that category only and request that an alternate judge step in. The four (4) total judges are selected by a random number drawing and the corresponding number on the sign-in sheet will be that judge. If drawing efforts are exhausted for whatever reason, volunteers may then be solicited. The method used to determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place is up to the judges. Decision of the judges is final and shall not be challenged. Items entered in the wrong category will not be judged. If there are not three entries in each category, those places are left empty and the remaining items score from 1st place down. If the **Wildcard** category has no entries, another item will be drawn until a category is selected where there is at least one entry. You **MUST** put your name on the **BACK** of the paper tag that accompanies your item for it to qualify. If you do not put your name on the back of the paper, your item will be disqualified.

**COIN** – Includes items used as money, both US and foreign and only tokens used for the same purpose.

**JEWELRY** – Includes rings, necklaces, watches, brooches, bracelets, earrings and other items used for the same purpose.

**RELIC** – Can be a variety of items from buttons, bottles, etc. The key to this category is items should be approximately fifty (50) years old or older.

**MODERN** – Includes items not included in the Coin, Relic or Jewelry categories and that are less than approximately ten (10) years old. Items should be anything strange, odd, outlandish, weird, or unique that would **NOT** be expected to be found while metal detecting.

**WILDCARD** – An item is determined by random drawing at the beginning of the monthly meeting. **Most:** quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies, fishing weights, bottle caps, eye glasses, sun glasses, bobbie pins, paper clips, washers, bolts, nuts, bullets, shot gun shells, rivets, pull tabs, batteries, zippers, nails, safety pins, keys, lighters; **a/an:** indian head penny, wheat penny, toy car, plastic toy, cell phone, pocket knife, gun part, token, watch part, buckle, thimble, utensil, musical, car part, religious medal, dog tag (canine), dog tag (human), lock, foreign coin, junk ring, junk earring.

**TABLE** – All items, previous meeting to current meeting, are displayed for table. There is no distinction of the types of items.