



S. C. METAL DETECTOR & RELIC ASSOCIATION **CONTEST BOARD RULES**

General Rules:

- 1) Enforcement of the following rules is based upon the honor system. We will rely upon the honor of each member to be fair and honest.
- 2) Each member may make only *one entity of a single item* per category. Multiple items may be placed only if they were found in the same hole together (as in the case of two pieces of a Belt Buckle). Each member may enter any or all categories as they see fit. Only members whose membership dues are up to date may participate. In the event that a member cannot be present at a meeting to participate on the board, that member may arrange for another member to place their items on the board for them.
- 3) All items placed on the board must have been found during the period since the last meeting. In the event that you miss a meeting (and did not participate per rule 2), you may place items on the board at the next meeting which you have found since *two* meetings prior (generally about two months). If you miss multiple meetings, you may still only place items found on the board since *two* meetings prior.
- 4) Items are entered into the monthly contest by placing them *under the appropriate category* on one of the boxes located under the category heading. An Entry Card will be provided, on which you must write your name, a brief description and the date in the spaces provided - and check the appropriate Category Box. The Card is to be clipped in place with the "Name-side" down. If an item is too big to fit on the board, you may place it off to the side of the board, making a note on the Entry Card as to the item's location.
- 5) Items found during club hunts or outings may be placed on the board, but "planted" items such as silver coins found at an organized "silver hunt" may not be placed on the board.
- 6) With the exception of the "Eye Spy" category, all items must be found with a metal detector.
- 7) Winners (1st, 2nd & 3rd) for each category will be determined by vote. Each member in attendance gets one vote per category. A vote is made by placing one's initials on the Entry Card of the item being voted for. A member may vote for his or her own entry.
- 8) Winners (1st, 2nd & 3rd) are decided by tallying votes. In the event of a tie, a coin toss by the Program Director decides the winner. 1st and 2nd place losers are bumped down one place (2nd & 3rd, respectively). A 3rd place tie coin toss loser does not place. They are out'

- 9) Prizes - Winners (1st, 2nd & 3rd) of each category will come up and receive a prize for their winning entry. (example: 1st place may receive a silver dime, 2nd a buffalo nickel, and third a wheat penny). The Executive Committee reserves the right to choose and/or upgrade the prizes to be given away as it sees fit.
- 10) Points for Participation will be awarded regardless of whether or not the entry placed (won) in the category or not. Points for placing 1st - 3rd are shown on the Category Point Chart. Even if you do not win a category, you still will receive one point for participation, for *each* category entered.
- 11) Treasure Hunter of the Year - The points tallied for each member during the year shall determine who the Treasure Hunter of the Year is. The member with the most points accumulated for the year shall win the award. Generally, this person receives a plaque, trophy, or coin prize. 2nd and 3rd place runners up shall also receive a plaque and/or coin prize. In case of a tie for 1st - 3rd, the President breaks the tie as he/she sees fit (coin toss, name in the hat, etc.) In the case of a tie for 3rd place, the loser receives an honorable mention.
- 12) Points will be tallied up following the November meeting. Awards will be presented at the Club Banquet in December. The Membership by a vote directed by the Executive Committee, shall decide sometime prior to the banquet what the prizes will be.
- 13) Funds for prizes and awards may come from the general account, raffles, or fundraisers. Any donated items (coins, books, etc.) may also be used for prizes. The Executive Committee shall determine the sources for all prizes.
- 14) The Program Director is responsible for running the Contest Board. This Officer is to make sure that the board and any associated items or prizes are taken care of and arrive at every meeting on time and without failure, whether he or she is able to attend or not. In the event that the Program Director is unable to attend, arrangements are to be made to have the President or Vice President attend to the Contest Board for that meeting. The Program director has the ultimate and final say in all cases concerning the contest board. Please respect his/her final judgment. The Program Director, like any other member, may place items on the Contest Board. The Program Director may change or modify the board and/or rules as he/she feels necessary, but all changes must be approved by the President and/or the Club Membership to make sure that the Contest Board still meets the Club's needs, and that any changes are fair to participating members. The Program Director is responsible for tallying all votes, recording point standings and reporting results to the Secretary as required for the upcoming Newsletter. The Program Director is a member of the Executive Committee and is subject to the same rules of conduct as the other officers as described by the By-Laws of this association.

CATEGORIES AND POINT VALUES

#	CATEGORY NAME	1st	2nd	3rd	Entering
1	Corn - Silver/Gold	4	3	2	1
2	Coin-Other	4	3	2	1
3	Jewelry	4	3	2	1
4	Relic - Pre 1865 Military	4	3	2	1
5	Relic-Other	4	3	2	1
6	Best Find	4	3	2	1
7	Eye Spy	4	3	2	1

Category EXPLANATIONS

Coin - Silver Gold: Items placed on this category will consist of silver and gold coins only. One coin per square. The coin may be from any country (past or present), and must contain a minimum of 15% silver or gold. EXAMPLE: Barber Dime, 1856 \$5 Gold Piece, Silver War Nickel

Coin - Other: Items placed on this category will consist of non-silver and non-gold, common metal (copper, bronze, nickel, etc.) coins and tokens. One coin per square. The coin may be from any country (past or present). EXAMPLE: Indian Head Penny. V-nickel, Game Token

Jewelry: Items placed on this category will consist of jewelry; silver, gold or other metals, marked or not. Watches are included. EXAMPLE: Gold Wedding Band, Silver Chain, Timex Watch

Relic Pre-1865 Military: Items placed on this category must be military related relics dating up to the end of the Civil War. Relics from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, etc. are all acceptable entries to this category. Non-military relics are not acceptable. EXAMPLE: U.S. Belt Buckle, Confederate ID Badge, British Regimental Button

Relic - Other~ Items placed on this category can be relics of any kind, dating from any period in History. Exception: Military relics from the Civil War or earlier can not be placed on this category (they belong on the previous category). Military relics from after the Civil War are permissible. EXAMPLE: WWI Army Button, Toy Cap Gun, and Slave Tag

Best Find items placed on this category may be anything meeting the requirements of any of the other Contest Board Categories, which is deemed by the entrant to be his/her best find for the month. EXAMPLES: Gold Coin, Diamond Ring, Nice Arrow Head

I Spy~ This category is the only category that items found *without* the aid of a metal detector may be placed. No item found with a metal detector may be entered into this category. If you found an arrow point or spotted a gold ring with your eyes, they may be placed on this category. EXAMPLE: Fossilized Sharks Tooth, \$20 Bill, Old Bottle

Special Category: This category shall be a special event for a single month, as deemed appropriate by the Program Director. Additional Points and/or Special Prize(s) shall be awarded as deemed commensurate by the Program Director with approval from the President. Advance notice shall be given to the Membership regarding the requirements for entry into this category, points to be awarded and the date. EXAMPLE: Display Month, Find-of-the-Year

2-1-95 released clw

1-27-98 revised to include absentee participation (voted on in 1996) clw

5-26-99 changed font and layout to consolidate into 2 pages. clw

2-3-00 clarified and expounded on "single entry" clause of Section 2. revised to include instructions for Entry Cards, "What is It?" category replaced with "Best Find", additional examples for all categories added. Added requirements for Special Categories. Made misc. corrections and clarifications. clw

1-9-03 Section 12- November was December (in error). Contest runs from December to November. clw