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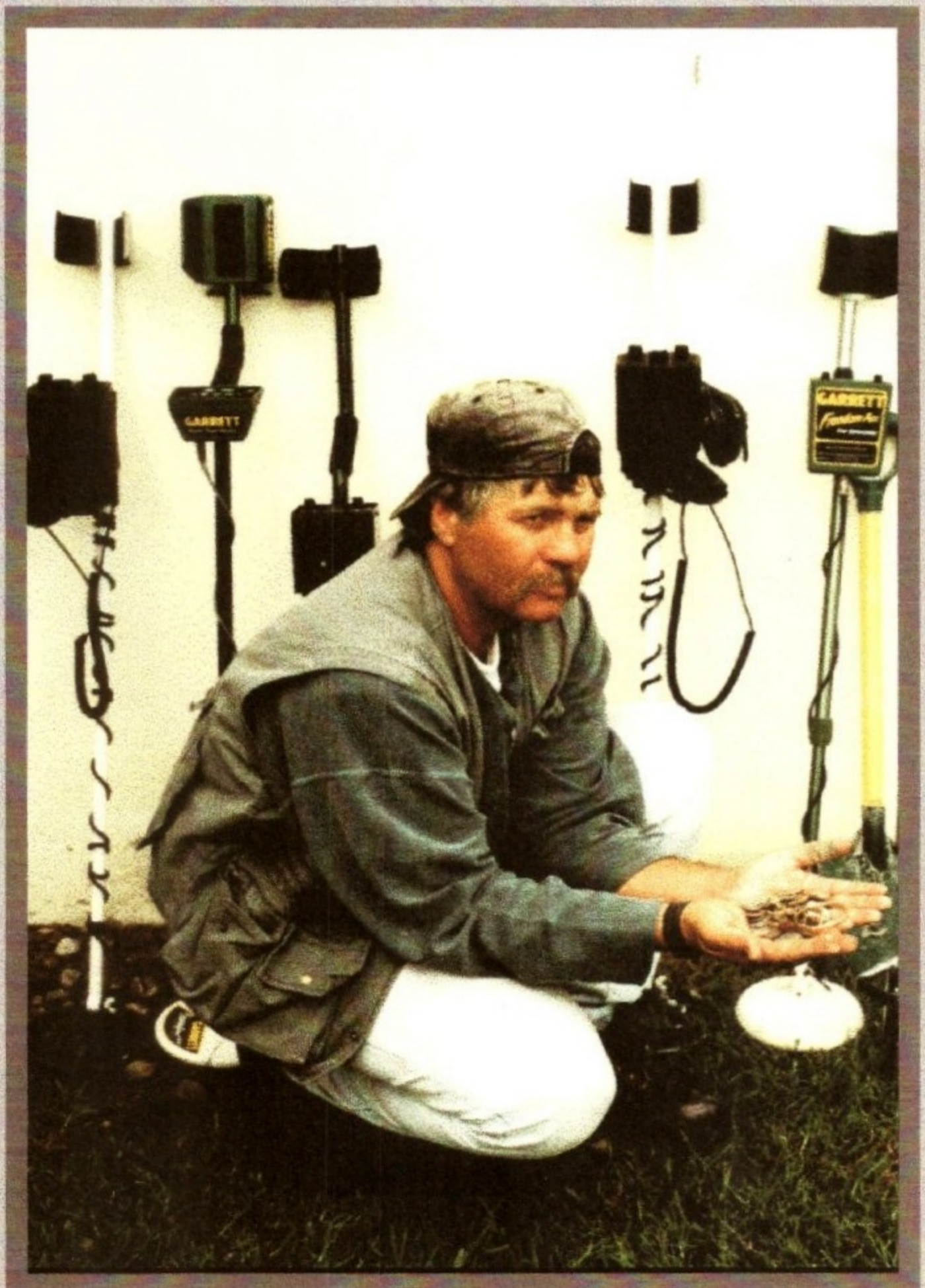
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to get the best out of the
BEACHES

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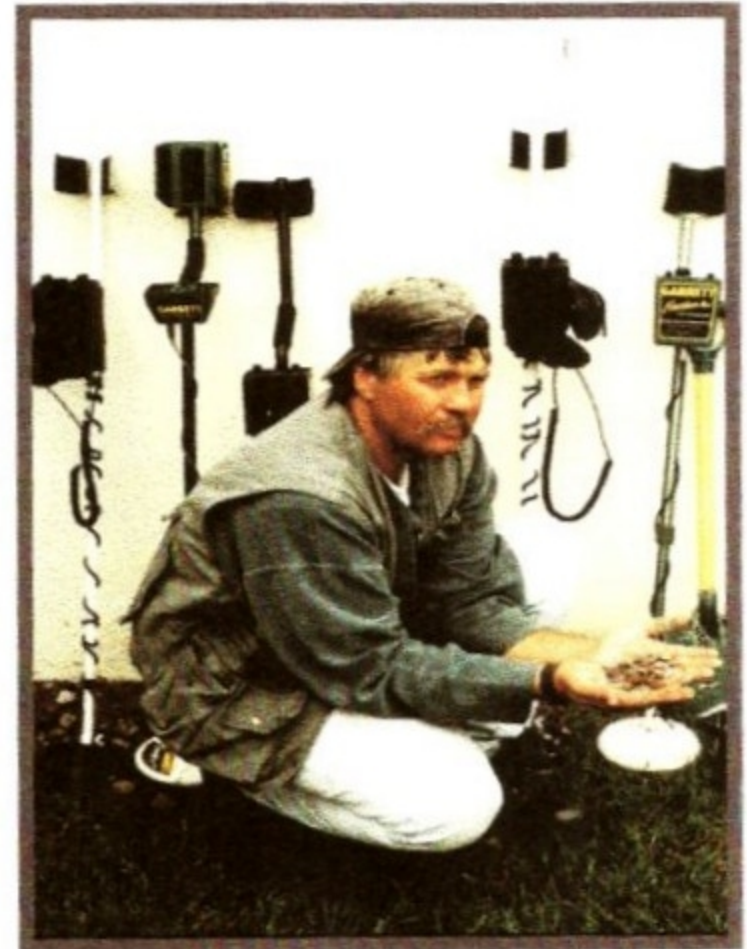
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VOORBLAD : Antony Venish van Kaapstad se skattejagters klub

EDITORS NOTE

The first copy of Treasure talk's response was very positive, and some kickback was received from all over. I would also like to thank Anthony and Shaun from Cape Town Treasure Hunters club by giving our front page a face lift. Not much payment was received from Treasure Hunters. Due to my long hours at a big project not all my attention was at the news letter. It looks like if I will have more time to spend on next news letters. I was ask by most T'Hunters to do the newsletter in a way that they can file it. I hope everybody are happy with it.

Desember was weer n goeie maand vir al die Skattejagters op die strande. In hierdie kwartaal se "Treasure Talk" wys hulle vir ons dat dit tog maar die moeite werd is, en dat ons stokperdjie nie net alleen ontspannend is nie, maar ook betalend kan wees.

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THUNTERS IN THE NEWS



MIRACLE RING FIND DELIGHTS OWNER

The chances of finding a lost ring on Ramsgate Beach were a million to one, according to Oom Dawie Berg of Marine Drive.

Oom Dawie, who owns a metal detector, was called to assist Gauteng holidaymaker, a Miss Law in finding the valuable ring she had lost there. A large scale search was conducted on December 26 and 27 but the ring could not be found.

At first light on January the 13, Oom Dawie searched along the water's edge, running up and down as the tide ebbed and flowed. He had almost given up when his detector went off. He dug down into the sand where, to his amazement, he found the lost ring.

A thrilled Mr and Mrs Law went down to the coast that weekend to fetch the ring and thank him personally.

Recently retired, Oom Dawie spends his days on the beaches with his metal detector. He not only finds valuable items, but also gets rid of all dangerous metals on the beach.

A THRILLED MR AND MRS LAW WILL BE AT THE COAST THIS WEEKEND TO FETCH THE RING AND THANK HIM PERSONALLY

- SOUTH COAST HERALD -

OPGRAWINGS LE DALK OU BROUERY BLOOT

BARBERTON - Binne die volgende paar maande behoort die dorp nog n toeriste aantreklikheid by sy talle nasionale monumente en gedenkwaardighede te voeg. So se Koen van Vuuren van Witrivier en Cor Voster van Les Marais.

Na aanleiding van sorgvuldige navorsing wat hulle gedoen het is Cor sedert verlede jaar besig om met n permit van die Raad op Nasionale Gedenkwaardighede, argeologiese opgrawings in die berg aan die bopunt van Presidentstraat te doen.

Dit is bekend dat daar in die laaste dekade van die vorige eeu n bierbrouery op die perseel was wat vandag as Presidentstraat 18 bekendstaan. Die brouery se

perdestalle oorkant nommer 18 is vandag 'n woonhuis.

Volgens ou minisipale verslae wat deur Cor nagegaan is, was daar in November 1906 'n geweldige vloed in Barberton wat slied van vier meter diep teen die berg afgespoel het.

Die grot is vermoedelik toegeslik. Op die perseel is duidelike tekens van mensgemaakte terrasse wat ook toegeslik was. Op 'n diepte van 3m is 'n betonvloer en mure gevind van wat blykbaar die brouery se stoor was.

Die vermoede is dat die destydse inhoud van die grot nog tot 'n groot mate behoue sal wees.

Die presiese ligging van die grot is deur geofisiese ingenieurs vasgestel wat baie sensitiewe toeristing uit Amerika gebruik het. Volgens bepalings is die grot 1m wyd en 18m lank.

- LOWVELD POST-



PERMISSION !

Before entering any gate, think very carefully if you've got permission at all . The main aspect of our hobby is to respect private property and do not hunt without the owners permission. To fill all excavations. Use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.

We will also protect and appreciate our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property. After hunting on any private property, don't forget to close all gates. Make sure that all fire's are at a safe place and filled with ground before leaving. Take a bag with, and fill it with all trash found .

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PELGRIMS' REST



The origin of the old cemetery is closely connected to the legend of the Robber's Grave. It is of an unknown man who was caught and convicted of tent robbing on the diggings and subsequently banished. A few days later the thief was spotted on a hill, now known as Cemetery Hill . He was shot and killed where he stood and buried where he fell. His grave lies north - south to brand him forever a thief .



Many people were thinking that it was the unnamed grave where some money caches or gold caches were buried by the diggers.

The different nationalities of the people who lied buried in this cemetery reflects the cosmopolitan character typical of the Pelgrim's Rest goldfields. Life on the diggings were rough, and accident and disease was only some of the pitfalls with which the diggers had to cope. The unlucky Paul Sampson died of starvation and a number of out of luck diggers committed suicide. Health services on the Gold fields was practically non-existent. There was a Dr. John Aston who advertised his skills as: " Surgeon, Barber and Tentmaker ".

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Skattejagter van die Kwartaal



OOM DAWIE BERG SAL MENS ALTYD GROET, EN 'N BIETJIE GESELS AS HY BESIG IS OP DIE STRAND OM SKATTE TE JAG. HY HET MET SY AFTREDE VERHUIS NA UVONGO TOE AAN DIE KWAZULU NATAL SE SUIDKUS. OOM DAWIE SE HY WENS HY HET VROEER MET DIE STOKPERDJIE BEGIN. DIT HOU HOM AAN DIE GANG, EN IS GOEIE OEFENING VIR HOM. HY HET AL HEELWAT RINGE VIR MENSE OPGESPOOR. SY VERKLIKKER IS 'N FISHER CX 7.

BEROEP:

Pensionaris

BEGIN MET DIE STOKPERDJIE :

Ek het met erns begin in 1996

BESTE FONDS:

'n Goue diamant ring wat ek in Desember 1996 vir n dame terug gevind het wat R12000 werd is.

SNAAKSTE ITEM GEVIND:

n Nuwe bra op Uvongo strand . Die staal in die materiaal het gereageer op die verklikker. (As Oom Dawie langer gesoek het, het jy seker die meisie ook gevind . Red)

WAT SOU U DIE GRAAGSTE WOU VIND:

n Diamantring wat nog groter is as die een wat ek in Desember gevind het .

WAAR SAL U DIE GRAAGSTE WOU GRAWE:

Op 'n strand waar nog geen persoon gegrawe het nie .

HOEKOM:

Dit sal wonderlik wees om soveel ou muntstukke te kan vind, asook juweliers ware

IS JY NOG GELUKKIG MET JOU VERKLIKKER :

Ja, want ons verstaan mekaar baie goed. Hy kry die muntstukke, en ek gee hom gereeld vars batterye !

WAT IS DIE BESTE FONDS WAT JY GESIEN HET IEMAND AL GEKRY HET EN JY SELF SOU WOU VIND.

n Goue sak horlosie by Potchefstroom deur Lukas. Die horlosie is +- 100 jaar oud. Ek gun ook ander die plesier om iets moois te kan vind.

WAT MAAK U KWAAD VAN ANDER METAALVERKLIKKER ENTOESIASTE:

Die dat hulle nie die gemors optel wat hulle vind nie, soos koel-drink ringetjies en proppies. Dit is vir hulle en die stokperdjie se eie beswil.



MET WAT GRAWE U:

Met 'n 4" PVC scoop.

WAT GENIET JY NOU DIE MEESTE VAN DIE STOKPERDJIE:

Om so op die strande te kan loop, en die vars see lug te kan inasem, en nie die vuil vrot lug van die Rand nie. Om ook iets te kan vind en te wonder aan wie dit behoort het. As die luidspreker af gaan en jy wonder wat is nou onder die spoel.

Metal Detecting in Cape Town

By Wolfgang Roux

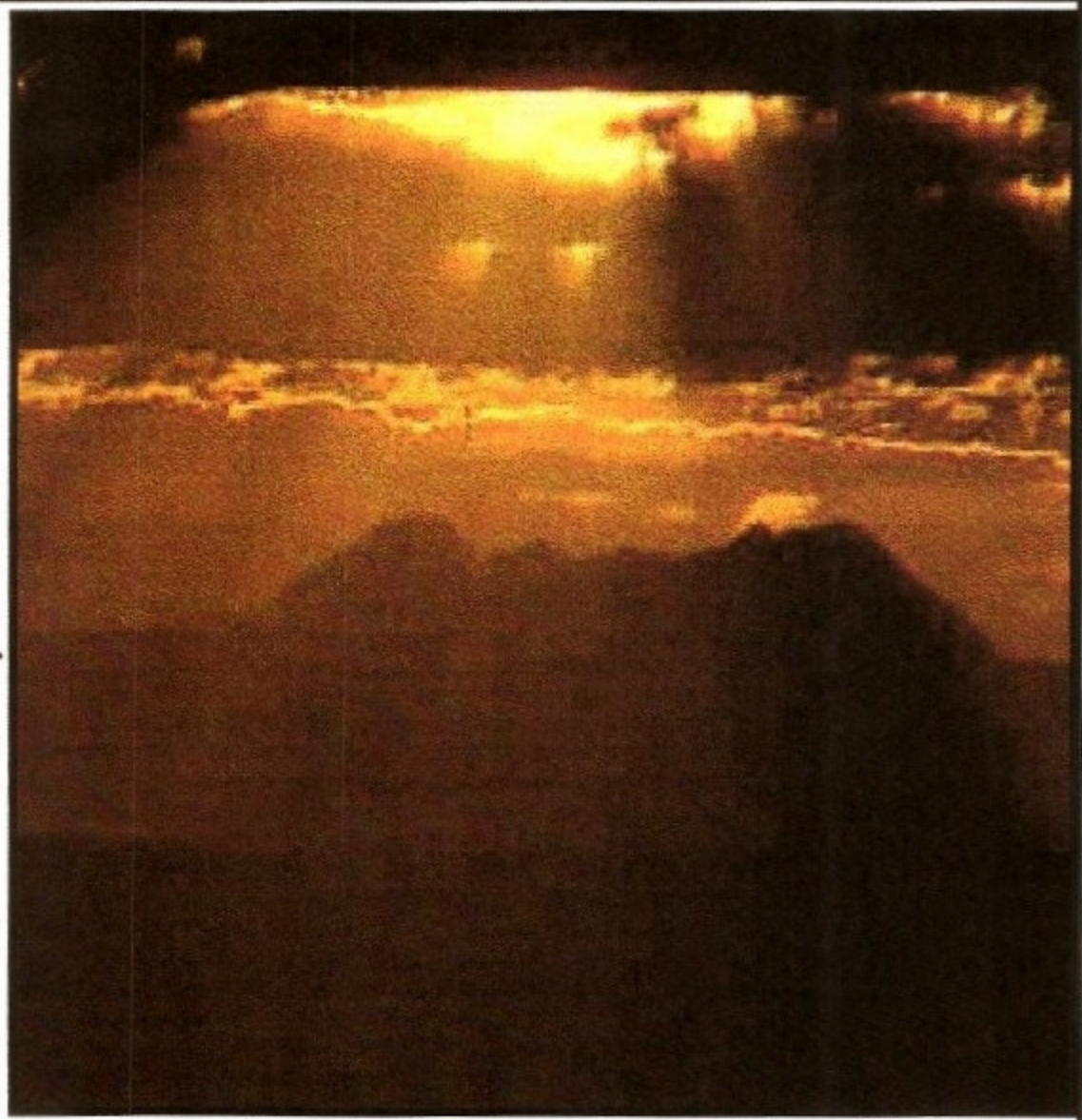
It is often said that we here in Cape Town have it all - sun, sand, sea and Table Mountain with a history dating back to 1652. From a metal detecting point of view it could also be said that we have the best of both worlds as we have many historical venues to search and then of course there is the beach.

Having been involved in detecting for about six years I have met and talked to many of the enthusiasts pursuing this wonderful hobby and a clear pattern has emerged. There are those who have a keen interest in old things, be it a horseshoe, belt buckle or coin and those who enjoy looking for recently lost articles like coins and jewellery which are mainly found on the beach.

The Cape is kind to the historical detecting group and an abundance of old parks, homesteads and abandoned ground is available to them. Permission has to be obtained to search here but in most cases this has not been a problem. Old farm homesteads are also very popular and many good finds have been made in places like Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschoek. Spoons, knives, forks, buttons and old tools used in and around the house and workshop have been found. A point is always made to try to find the old dumping site as it was practise to dig a deep hole and use this to discard of all the bottles, tins and other household rubbish. I have seen beautiful bottle collections found in this way. The beach detecting crowd is by far the majority and you will find them rushing around on a beach most weekends. This type of detecting is more hit and run and does not need as much research as inland detecting. It is also very seasonal and summer is a busy time. The beach is crowded every day and many people drop change in the sand when buying eats and cooldrinks. They also loose jewelry when playing games on the soft sand or in the shallow water. Clifton, Camps Bay and Muizenberg are the most popular spots and you will find us there early in the morning scooping up all the coins. The bonus is the odd piece of jewelry that also ends up in the scoop and if you are lucky a gold ring or watch.

Winter is however another story and during this time the specialist beach detectorist comes into his own. This is the time when the Cape of Storms lives up to its reputation and wild winds and high surf erode of the top layer of sand exposing lost treasure from days gone by. Finding these spots is an art and with experience and hard work it can be very rewarding. Going out on cold and windy days to find an exposed beach yealds gold and silver that has been buried for fifty years or more. At the end of such an outing, over a cup of coffee we gather around the table sharing finds of the day and go home very satisfied.

Cape Town has this all and from the photographs you can see that detecting here is alive and well.



Wolfgang Roux

So how did I get interested in

METAL DETECTORS

Well I was walking on Muizenberg Beach one evening , when I came across two young guys with a Metal Detector. I asked them if they had found anything, this they did and it stuck in my head for a very long time to come.

But it was not until about two years later when my wife and I got divorced that I went out and bought a Metal Detector, from that day on my life changed. I made new friends , I was always on the beach day and night, it was fun. I have never looked back.

I am now on the beach most weekends, work permitting and of course weather permitting. I am a **ZONE ONE** (soft sand) worker which is where most people sit and lose there money and rings. The best time off the year is of course December. Thats when I really get into the swing of things. Its up very early on the beaches, then back home for breakfast, clean up my finds, batteries on charge then back on the beach 7:30 until 22h00 or sometimes until 1h00 and most times it pays off.

Most people think we are crazy, some even laugh at us, but they will be the first to come to us when they have lost there gold ring, bangles, keys etc.

Most people think that we are poor whites, some dont even know what we are doing, that is until we show them what we have found. A few people have even asked me to find their lost rings. In one evening it took me 2 minutes to find 3 gold rings that a young lady lost, she was glad that I was on the beach that night with my **METAL DETECTOR**.

METAL DETECTING will be around for a long time to come, dont give it a bad name. Be friendly and helpful - stick to the rules.

P.S. I have now got a **SEA-SEARCHER** recovery magnet that can lift 64 kilos in water that I plan to use in the next couple of weeks.

written by
SHAUN ENGLER.



Coins and silver found over the Christmas period

TREASURE ON THE BEACHES.

by Anthony Venish

It was time to hit the beaches, the Christmas season was in full swing. The beaches were not as productive as the last season, but it was nevertheless enjoyable with interesting finds and unusual incidents. The weather at most times was hot during the day and cool at night, just right for the beach enthusiast.

One of the strange things that happened to us this season that still amazes me, was when we were asked to search for this diamond ring for somebody. He could explain to us exactly where and how he lost the ring. He had laid it on his towel when he went to swim, and on returning he promptly shook his towel and the ring went flying. He then did the worst thing possible by digging frantically with anything he could find, as most hopefuls do.

We chose to go at sunset when the beaches were fairly clear of people, and we began digging the sand quite passively, layer for layer! We ended up quite vigorously by literally excavating that area, (no not quite!!!!) but we did manage to remove a bag of junk, and LO AND BEHOLD we found the diamond ring!!!! What a lovely feeling, after all that BACK BREAKING EXCAVATING, it was worth it. I couldn't wait to phone him and tell him. I could imagine my wife taking a photo of myself handing the ring over to him and thinking what a nice story it

would make. BUT, it was not to be!

When contacting him and describing the ring to him, it turned out not to be his. It was a bit of a deflation for us and especially for him. Nevertheless our efforts were not in vain but it still surprises me that there were two diamond rings in that area. Who knows it might still be there, but it is probably very deep. Maybe the winter months will do the trick.

There was a time when a couple came to the Cape for their holiday. That were here for just three days when she lost her engagement ring. They had marked the area out and started looking all over but had no success. They even reported it to the authorities, but they were unhelpful. There was however a regular beachgoer who told them that they should wait for the detectorists who frequent the beaches. They spent practically the whole of the late noon waiting for us to arrive as they were afraid that someone would come along and find the ring if they left. When we arrived on the beach, they asked me to look for the ring. It took me a half an hour of very tedious searching on no discrimination, picking up all the tin foil and pull rings you could think of. I did find one coin and one silver band and then I found the diamond ring. What a ring - it was something to look at. It was the biggest diamond ring I had found and I am only sorry I did not have my camera with, for a few photographs. My reward for finding the ring was a kiss on the cheek. Although they did offer to give me some money I felt that she had suffered enough.

To me, each find has its own story, which cannot be compared. So, good hunting!!!



Gold and Diamond rings found over Christmas