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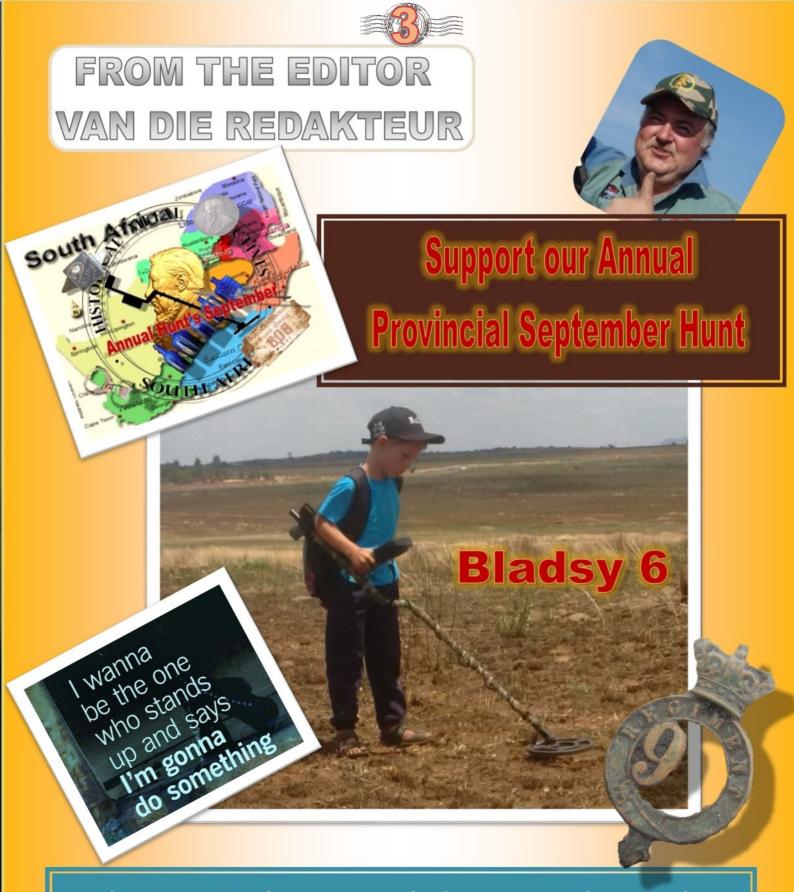
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Nathan is nou 7 en hy gaan grou altyd saam my. Hy het Saterdag n Nuwe bynaam gekry (Kwagga).

Ons was n klomp ouens toe tel Nathan skrapnel en lood balletjies op. Hy het daar weggespring en op en af gehardloop. Dis waarvan kwagga nou afkom.

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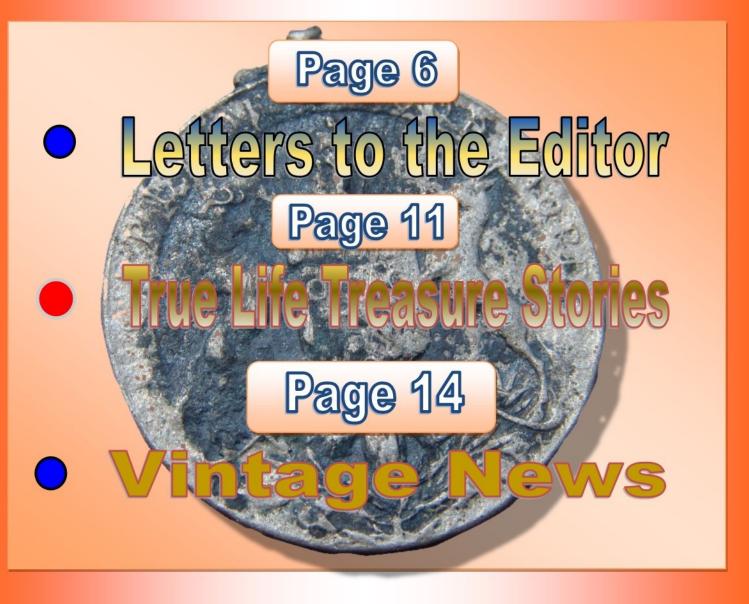


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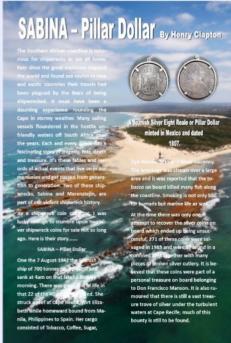
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he Viola which hasn't been sighted in 40 years, was made in Canada Source



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More Oom Lukas.

Ek kry nie die Treasure Talk nie en weet nie hoe ek moet maak om dit te ontvang nie. Kan oon my miskien inligting gee asb? As daar n fooi is kan oom my Bank details stuur asb.







Ek attach so drie fotos van my finds waarop ek trots is. Al twee op een dag gekry. My email is <a href="mailto:heinnortje@yahoo.com">heinnortje@yahoo.com</a>. Daar is fotos van ek en Maraai op ons favourite grouplek. Fort Howard. En dan sal oom ook sien ek leer my laaitie van kleins af die regte sports. Lekker dag vir Oom.

Groete

Hein Nortje'



Hi Hein—Email net jou besonderhede na hmdrsa@gmail.com—Red







This tobacco tin was used by someone who indulged in cigarette smoking and was presumed to be used by in the Defence Force during the Second World War.

WHEN MADE **Early 20th Century** MADE BY

W.D. & H.O. Wills (Tobacco and Tobacco Tin Makers)

Did a bit of research on this and wow. Quite a history behind it.







## You Can send your Story under these Headings





It is not generally known that Australian gold coins, minted in Sydney, were declared legal tender at the Cape in the 'Sixties of last century. But it was not until 1874 that the first truly South African coins found their way to the Cape, and then they were "Burgers ponde" of the Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek which President Burgers had ordered from England. They are extremely rare, for only 837 golden pounds were struck and many were converted into watch-pendants and brooches. All the Kruger series followed, and some remained in circulation until the Union abandoned the gold standard. Proof sets, coins with the double shaft error, and the celebrated "Marks tickey" in gold are the great prizes among Kruger coins. The wagon error was committed by a German diesinker who had never seen a wagon with one shaft and refused to believe that such a vehicle existed.









Leon Melis Vd Westhuizen near Mhluzi

John Hawkins they must had lost a lot of those bit bosses, or was it removed?

Gerhard Van Schalkwyk Baie skaars

**Lana Marais Pienaar** Awesome find!

Riaan C. Conradie Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense: Shame on him who looks at this and have bad thoughts. Dit kom op baie kannonne se embleme ook voor. Awesome finds.

John Hawkins I do not think so rare, I've dug one, about everyone who digs has one, but I bet they were removed after Victoria dies and replaced with with the new ones.





Hi Guys and Gals

My first article is on a day I spent out with my family. It was a Sunday and we decided to go do a bit of light digging in the Old Krugersdorp Concentration Camp.

I have detected the site for years now and still it always produces finds.

The thing that I loved mostly about going was to have my

beautiful wife (Kim) and step Daughter (Shyla) with me to experience what it's like to be out digging. My step Daughter Shyla is now five years old and had never been digging before. I love taking children with me as they also learn about their forefathers

and get to physically experience what it's like to pick up something from the

Earth that hasn't been touched for about 117 years. She also found me some pretty stones. Bless her soul. True Treasure hunter at heart.

It's is a beautiful site and after digging we admired the sun set from a burnt down tree. It was a fantastic way to end the weekend and get ready for the week ahead.

This Hobby is amazing.







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# Treasures in the Headlines



#### 'Monumental' hoard of Civil War coins

#### unearthed in Lincolnshire

The remarkable discovery was made by Steven Ingram, who was searching a ploughed field near the village. The coins were scattered throughout the soil, but fragments of the pot they were originally contained in were found nearby.

Dr Adam Daubney, finds officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme at Lincolnshire County Council, said:

"This is a monumental find from the turbulent years of the English Civil War. The latest coin in the hoard shows that it was buried early in 1643 – just months after the war broke out.

"The total value of the hoard – in terms of when it was buried – comes to just over £34. To put that in perspective, an infantry man in the Civil War earned about a shilling a day, while a gentleman could easily live off £20 a year. So this is a significant sum of money.

"This is the largest of the hoards

that has been found from that time in the county, and it contains coins from the reigns of Edward VI, Elizabeth, Mary, James I, and Charles I.

"The area between Grantham and Boston was a zone of intense conflict between the Parliamentarians and the Royalists in the early years of the war, so we can think of the Ewerby hoard as being from the 'front-line'.

"The hoard tells us about the uncertainty and fear that must have been felt at the time, but quite why it was buried – and by whom – is impossible to say. It might have been buried by someone who went off to fight and never returned. Interestingly, several of the estates that lay close to the site of the hoard were fined after the war for supporting the King."

The land is owned by local farmer Chris Sardeson, who said: "I've worked this field for more than 50 years, so no-one is more surprised than me!"

The hoard is being processed under the Treasure Act, and a report on the coins is currently being prepared for the Coroner.



#### Tasmania storms revealed 1800s shipwrecks on the coast



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Researchers and historians are still not quite familiar with Viola's history. However, experts do say there were previous reports that the ship had been run aground after carrying coal from Newcastle, Australia to Tasmania.

The Viola, which hasn't been sighted in 40 years, was made in Canada. Source





One Parks and Wildlife Marine Historian, Mike Nash, told ABC that he had found a newspaper clipping that was written back in 1976, or so he believes. That is the only remaining newspaper article that reports the sighting of Viola.

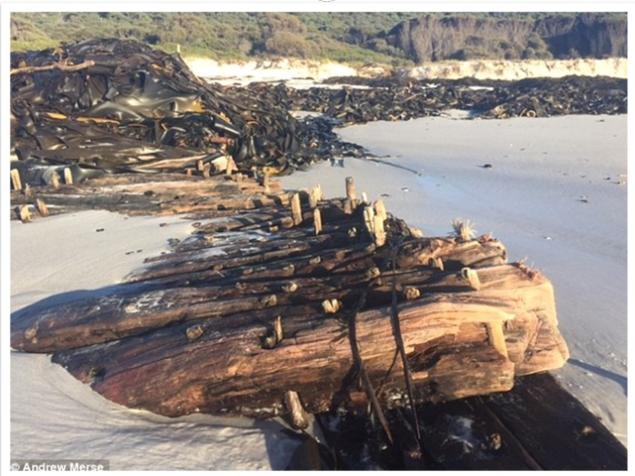
The way to know for sure whether or not that ship is actually *Viola* would be to get some wood samples from the wreckage. Although it seems like an easy task, it is much easier said than done and recovery has been proven to be rather difficult.

Nash added that getting a sample is what many experts have difficulty with since ships like the *Viola* disappear rather quickly after being revealed for a short amount of time.

Some other information Nash knows is that the ship is believed to have been built in Canada. If they were able to take some samples, it could determine the ship's actual origin and support whether it was built in Canada or not.







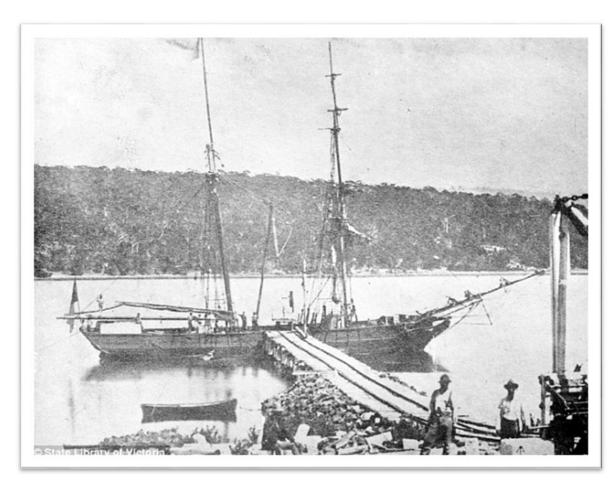
Nash explained that the storm had washed up an immense amount of weed and sand, resulting in the ship's being covered with all of the storm's debris and muck. He had said that he most likely won't be able to get as detailed a record for newspapers and reporters as the 1976 article. Any bit of information about the ship during its sporadic uncovering is needed for experts and historians to learn about it.

Although he will not get a detailed article written, he will at least be able to record how it was revealed again in 2016. Nash also explained that with it being shipwrecked close to shore, sand comes in rather quickly to cover it right back up. This would mean that once there was a confirmed sighting, then a person would have to be there the first or second day to capture a full glimpse at the wreckage, or take photos if one decides to.

Another ship that took a turn for the worse near Tasmania's South East had resulted in six people drowning. The ship was known as the *Zephyr*; it sank during the year of 1852. Only one woman passenger survived out of the rest of the crew.

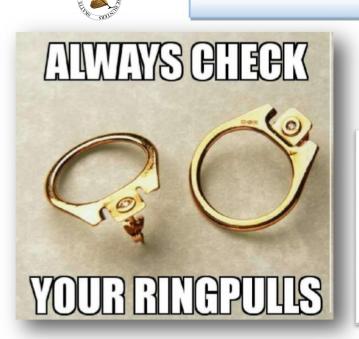
Like the *Viola*, it takes a major storm to blow away the sand and muck from the *Zephyr* in order to be seen by locals. This only happens once in a great while, and the *Zephyr* is more sporadically seen than the *Viola*. The *Zephyr* sunk near Break Creek and was last sighted back in 2005. It only shows up every few years if a major storm allows it.





The Zephyr was a large Australian-built ship that weights 63 tons and was 62 feet high. This information was found in a Flinders University report. There were 14 passengers on board when it went down; there were eight lives lost and one female survivor.

It is thought that there are more than 1,000 shipwrecks in Tasmania. Only 70 to 80 of those have been found. Nash said that there are maybe about 20 that appear at certain times after storms. In fact, he said, there was one off the west coast in which only half of the ship was revealed about ten years ago from a storm. Nash gets detailed reports and is starting to sense a pattern; he can tell which ships will turn up according to certain weather conditions.











Went down to the rocks with the Ace 250 to collect some lead yesterday and eyeballed this cool shark's tooth.

Looks like Mako?.

#### Henk Nel

It certainly is. I found 2 this past weekend. Awesome find..







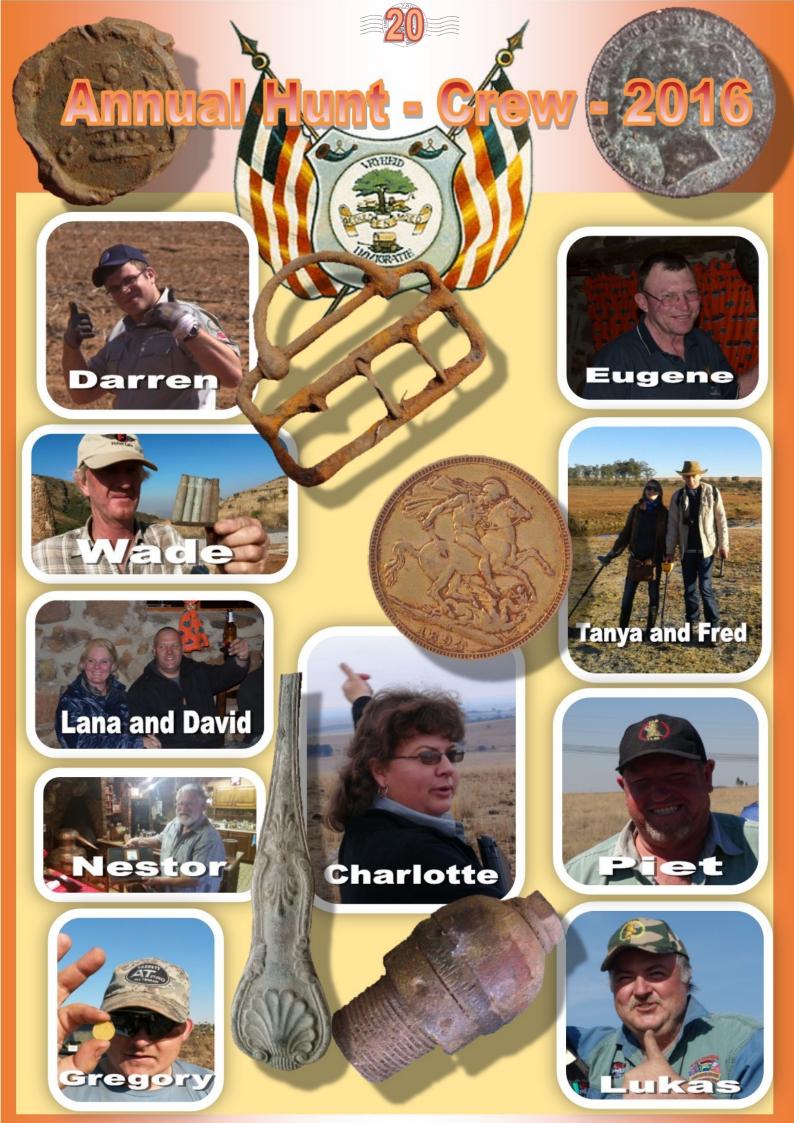


#### Roy Marlow

Yes, I saw your great finds. I have found a number of Great White teeth among the rocks at Muizenberg.



**Continued from previous Magazine** 







#### Saturday 3 September 2016

**Last Session** 





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David

Working a British Blockhouse ridge protecting the railway line near Koppies in the Freestate 1899—1902











## Saturday 3 September 2016 Prize Giving











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#### Day 1 - 2 nd Best Finds Winner - Darren





The crew had a nice interesting day and a lot of relics where found. New friends were made. Farmers....received us with open hands.

Thanks also to Piet for organizing this day.

On the table is numbers and the Crew put their best find at a number. Voting start and after counting winners are announced.

Three best finds and prizes are then given out.....and thern party....but remember up at 05h00 tommorrow

Day 1 - 3 rd Best Finds Winner - David













#### **Anzel Olivier**

Kan iemand Vir my die datum op die gee?

#### **David Pienaar**

Dit is redelik oud, die britse soldate was ook almal uitgereik met kondome omdat hulle vrot van die sifillis was

#### **Gerard Rudolph**

Poached this information from some online auction site. Not so old, I'm sorry to say. Aluminium is a give away of younger age. Probably from the 1960s and 1970s! A Crepe de Chine tin Manufactured in Johannesburg by the Vulco Chemical Company Ltd.

#### **Arno Kitching**

Looks familiar.....









effie hi hi







# Sunday 4 September 2016 First Session







Historical farm out of Koppies , On 22 October the leaders of the rebellion decided at Koppies that de Wet and Beyers would lead the rebels in the OFS and Transvaal. The rebel forces now numbered 7,000 in the Free State, 3,000 in the Transvaal and 2,000 in the Cap







Pharmacists who care







# Sunday 4 September 2016 Second Session









This is where a lot of black artifacts were found

It was only in the late 1800s
that the subjugation of these
settled African societies became feasible. For some
time, their relatively sophisticated social structure and
economic systems fended
off decisive disruption by incoming colonists, who
lacked the necessary military
superiority









# Sunday 4 September 2016 Second Session





It was with great pleasure to donate a Minelab Go Find to Charlotte sponsored by Minelab Africa. Charlotte does a lot for the History in the Koppies, Vredefortweg Concentration Camp Area. She also got us a lot of permission from the farmers for us to explore



The Crew in the Vredefortweg Museum that were implemented by Charlotte—Well-done





# Sunday 4 September 2016 Prize Giving















Some great finds today—Gregory with his 1880 One Penny and Lana with the First Time find—A Tennis Buckle .Found at the Heilbron Concentration Camp Ash heap. Tanya 3 rd with also some nice goodies .





To be continued in next issue...

## SABINA - Pilar Dollar By Henry Clapton

rious for shipwrecks as we all know. Ever since the great explorers mapped the world and found sea routes to new and exotic countries their travels had been plagued by the fears of being shipwrecked. It must have been a daunting experience rounding the Cape in stormy weather. Many sailing vessels floundered in the hostile unfriendly waters off South Africa over the years. Each and every wreck has a fascinating story of tragedy, fear, death and treasure. It's these fables and rec ords of actual events that live on in our memories and get passed from generation to generation. Two of these shipwrecks, Sabina and Merenstejin, are part of our violent shipwreck history.

As a shipwreck coin collector. I was lucky enough to stumble upon two silver shipwreck coins for sale not so long ago. Here is their story......

SABINA – Pillar Dollar

One the 7 August 1842 the Spanish ship of 700 tonnes ran aground and sank at 4am on that fateful Sunday morning. There was great loss of life in that 22 of the 40 paster, are died. She struck a reef at Cape Recife, Port Elizabeth while homeward bound from Manila, Philippines to Spain. Her cargo consisted of Tobacco, Coffee, Sugar,



A Spanish Silver Eight Reale or Pillar Dollar minted in Mexico and dated 1807.

Dye Woods, Silks and Silver currency.
The wreckage was strewn over a large area and it was reported that the to-bacco on board killed many fish along the coastline. Smoking is not only bad for humans but marine life as well.

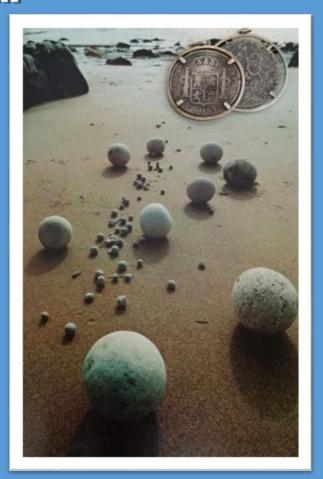
At the time there was only one attempt to recover the silver coins on board which ended up being unsuccessful. 271 of these coins were salvaged in 1985 and were all found in a confined area together with many pieces of broken silver cutlery. It is believed that these coins were part of a personal treasure on board belonging to Don Francisco Manson. It is also rumoured that there is still a vast treasure trove of silver under the turbulent waters at Cape Recife; much of this bounty is still to be found.



## SABINA – Pillar Dollar







## MERENSTEJIN – Ryder









# MERENSTEJIN - Ryder





<u>Pictured:</u> A Rider coin, hand-beaten silver with embossed stamp. Minted 1600's.

Another tragic page in our history of shipwrecks is the Merenstejin, (or Merenstein as it is now spelled). She was a Dutch merchant ship that was built in Amsterdam, Holland in 1693 with a passenger capacity of 315. Of the 315 passengers on board 101 lost their lives the day she smashed on the rocks.

The Merenstelin was wrecked off Jutten Island on the West Cape coast in 1702. Jutten Island is one of seven islands that fall within the Langerban area. The island and wreck site is a popular dive location for thrill seek-

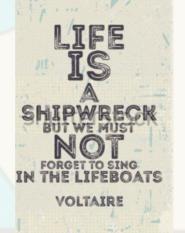
ers now. The Merenstelin sunk with a cargo of gold and silver and this made the wreck very attractive to salvage divers. Her cargo was salvaged in 1971 and as expected there are very few details on the salvage operation and what actually happened to the cargo at the time.

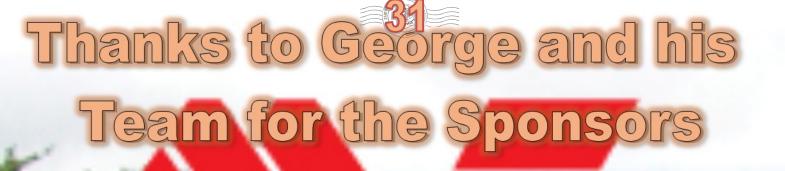
Coins like these are not just silver collector's items; they are pieces of history that tell incredible stories of hardship and death by pioneers and brave explores. It's up to our generation to keep these memories alive and pass these valuable bits of history onto the next generation.

#### Henry Clapton









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## Annual Hunt 2016

#### Day 1 - Best Finds Winner - Gregory

















Donated a GO-FIND 60 to Charlotte Smalberger. She is mostly evolve in the History of the Vredefort Weg Concentration Camp and the History in the Koppies District. Over the last 3 years she also helped us getting new Hunting fields. The Historical Metal Detectives donated a show case and also a lot of relics to the Museum. She also received a shirt every year with MINELAB as sponsors. She also established a museum with the display of finds from the HMDR-SA. We would like to thank MINELAB for their continuous support

2016 Crew
with the Donated case
in the
background



### Annual Crew Together with the farmers

Day 5 - 2 nd Best Finds Winner - Fred



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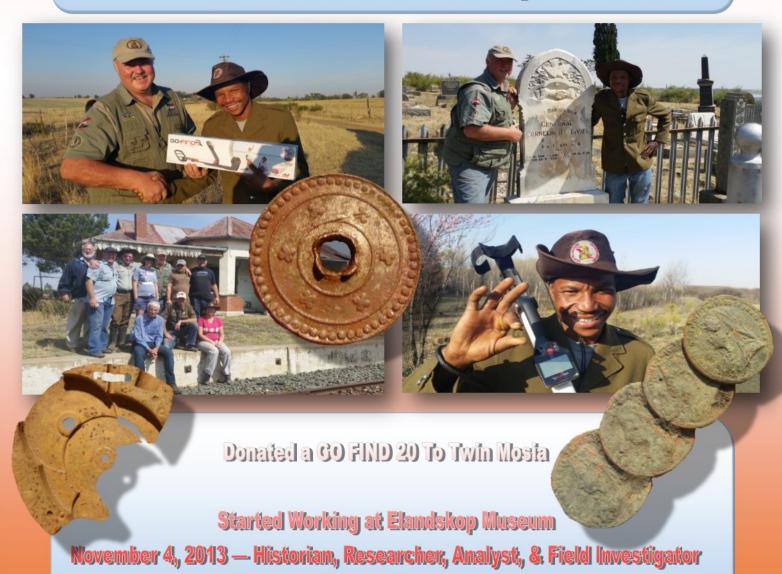
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**Lucky Draw Winner - Tanya** 





Boer War Relics Donated to the Riemland Museum and Golf Coarse Where a British Camp where



**Petrus Steyn** 





Annual Hunt 2016 - Best Finds Winner Greg Amual Hunt 2016 - 3 rd Best Finds Winner

Lana



from 2016 Annual Hunt Crew



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