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# FROM THE EDITOR VAN DIE REDAKTEUR



**T**here was a great response on the first Treasure Talk SA edition after about 11 years. The article's from the Hunters at first came in slow, but after the competition was announced, the response was good. Thanks also to the fast response of the sponsors, there are a lot of prizes and any one can contest

There were also some nice finds in the field and a lot of new places were explored and also old areas produced some exotic finds

So lets get those coils swinging and see who's got the best find for 2015. All over the country you can see Treasure Hunters find those nice relics and beach finds lost long time ago, and also new stuff given back to people

There are also a lot of Hero's finding treasure belonging to someone and giving it back, not just keeping it for themselves. Proud to be part of such a great Hobby

The "General"

Lukas van der Merwe

**N**ou net klaar gemaak met al die Ou Treasure Talks vanaf

1986—so oor die 1500 bladsye en alles geskandeer om oor te sit in PDF leers om aan almal te deel

### Proverbs 20:29

**The glory of young men is their strength:  
and the beauty of old men is the grey head.**

Dit was weer aangenaam om te sien al die byme-kaarkoms en al die vriende wat ons gemaak het, en ook oor die jare verloor het.

Tye het baie verander en soos ek gesien het in die laaste 35 jaar is dit maar die beste om al die die herineringe op skrif te sit, op die web was daar " finds international " wat ook verdwyn het en waar facebook oorgevat.

Die beste vonds kompetisie vir 2015 is ook nou vol aan die gang en die inskrywings rol in

So kry daai spoel naby die grond en aan die rol—sterkte met die kompetisie

Netjies om te sien al die fondse wat weer terug gegee is aan al die skadelyers

Trots om deel te wees van die groep skattejagters

Die "Generaal"

Lukas van der Merwe

## Metal Detector Museum News

**Thanks for the contributions**

**Andy Naude - Mauritius Finds**

**Donald Ensor - About a ton of Beach find coins**

**David and Lana Pienaar - Boer War Finds**



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Vertel my meer !**



# Dawie Berg

## 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 Mrs 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 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 will be at the coast this 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 rids the beach of dangerous metal objects such as rusted nails and fish hooks. He can be contacted at 03931-77293.

### Neighbourhood news

#### Ring owner thanks Dawie

Remember Oom Dawie Berg and the valuable lost diamond ring which he miraculously found with his metal detector? Well Mrs Pam Law of Gauteng came down to Shelly Beach to collect the ring and just couldn't thank him enough. Call Oom Dawie, if ever you lose anything valuable, on 77293.sss



**SHELLY BEACH**

JANUARIE

## Oom Dawie's metal detector strikes gold at Uvongo Beach

OUR Oom Dawie Berg with his metal detector had once again come to the rescue.

Marna and Cornelius Cronje were down on holiday from Pretoria when Marna lost her wedding ring on the Uvongo Beach. As usual Oom Dawie's assistance was asked for and he spent hours searching only to find hundreds of can pull-tabs.

The following morning he again continued the search and within a very short time he struck gold.

The Cronje couple were thrilled as they did not think they would ever see the ring again. Once again, thank-you and well

done. Oom Dawie.



**SHELLY BEACH 3**

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Corrie Berg who had a bad fall at her home recently and broke both her ankles, the one very badly in three places. Corrie has been through an awful and very helpless couple of weeks. Hope you are on your feet again soon.

## Oom Dawie strikes gold at golf course

DON'T despair if you have lost any gold treasures. Dawie Berg is the man who'll find it for you, no matter how long it takes.

Last weekend Pretoria residents Andre Myburgh and his wife were golfing at the Margate Country Club. Mrs Myburgh removed her seven rings and placed them on the back of the golfcart. She forgot them when

hole. They immediately stopped when she remembered but the rings had fallen into the fairway grass.

The search was joined by club officials, caddies and other players and five of the rings were found. Oom Dawie was located at Margate Beach and he immediately went out with his metal detector. After a two-hour search, he found one which was

They were thrilled.

Well done, Oom Dawie for this wonderful service. Please jot down his number: 77293. You never know when you may need him.

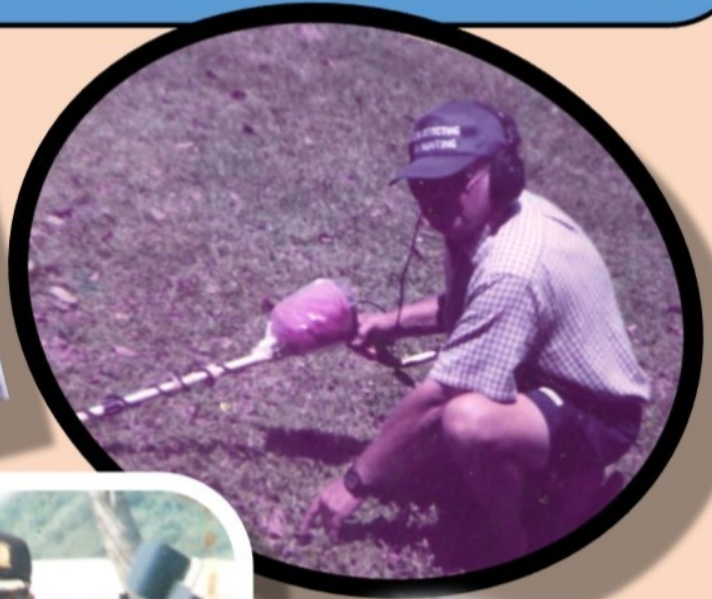
Corrie Berg's wife, who recently broke her ankles in a fall, is now walking without her crutches, but has to take it easy and is still in pain.



I met Oom Dawie in the early 90's when I was the agent for Garrett and Fisher Metal Detectors .He bought his first Metal Detector from me and said he wants to go on pension and just do what he wanted to do . He went on early pension and stayed at Margate—Meca Beach area for the best Treasure Hunting spot in South Africa—A Honeymoon , miner's holidays , just a break .Best weather trough out the year with his palm trees and tropical atmosphere .

I got my written letter every month and the pages of all the finds for the month—from 1c to R5 in lines with dates

Like a Father to me—he moved to Jeffreys bay where we tried to go out once a month



"alles n'avontuur"







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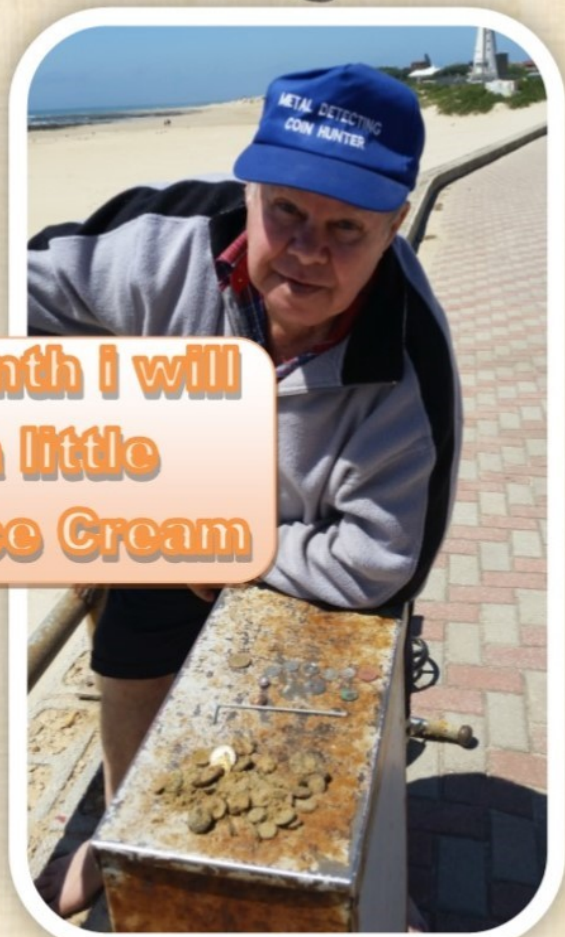
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**Dawie retired a year ago  
from Treasure Hunting  
Because of his legs**



**...but once a month I will  
take him for a little  
Hunt ... and an Ice Cream**





# 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 koeldrank 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.



**I WILL ALWAYS CHECK LOCAL LAWS BEFORE SEARCHING. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO “KNOW THE LAW “**

**I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER’S PERMISSION. WHERE POSSIBLE, SUCH PERMISSION WILL BE IN WRITING.**

**I WILL TAKE CARE TO REFILL ALL HOLES AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE ANY DAMAGE.**

**I WILL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL TRASH AND LITTER THAT I FIND.**

**I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR INHERITANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

**I WILL AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOBBY, USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.**

**I WILL WORK TO HELP BRING UNITY TO OUR HOBBY BY WORKING WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT MAY HAVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY PURSUE THE HOBBY.**

**I WILL LEAVE GATES AS FOUND.**

**I WILL BUILD FIRES IN DESIGNATED OR SAFE PLACES ONLY.**

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# The Stranger and the ring

By Tim Butcher Cape Town  
28 September 2015  
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**When my father died he left me a ring that had once belonged to his father. But before long I was thrown into a panic - I had lost it. Racked with guilt, I turned to a stranger for help.**

Gold drew many to South Africa and it was gold that has just reaffirmed my faith in this muddled, mosaic nation.

As a Briton living in Cape Town, I recently received the call nobody wants. My father had passed away. After the funeral in England, my mother showed me Dad's will. It mostly went to her with one named item for me - a gold ring, worn for decades by Dad and before him, by his own father.

I've never really been into jewelry, yet when I slipped the ring on my left pinky it felt somehow right. Consoled in my grief by Dad's beloved bling, I flew home to South Africa.

All was well until a wintry Saturday when I walked on our local beach. As so often in the Cape, it was fierce windy, a blur of sand and spindrift. When I got home and lit the fire, I looked at my left hand. The ring wasn't there.



Image copyright Tim Butcher Image caption My grandfather, Philip Butcher, wearing the ring in the 1940s

An emotional tsunami washed over me - shock, horror, remorse, anger, powerlessness. And when it pulled back, all that was really left was guilt - a potential life sentence of guilt. Hoping against hope it had not been dropped on the beach, I looked everywhere else. Maybe the car? I stripped it to no avail. Maybe the veranda where I dried off the dog? No luck. Maybe the house? Nothing.

It must have been the beach, an area stretching 200m from the car park - the ring, a very small needle in a very large and tidally wet haystack.

I was out at first light the next day but with no luck, spirits dimming. My only hope was this - the wind had been so strong the ring could have been buried. It might just still be there, somewhere.

I contacted local metal detector users. Two came to help, one even lending me his gear. "Take as long as you need," he said. Days of searching passed forlornly. I found an old mobile phone, circa 2001, a 50 cent coin and a lot of bottle tops.

I rang Mum that long week but was not brave enough to confess. If I had to tell her I had lost Dad's ring, I had to be able to say I had done everything humanly possible to find it.

With my hopes failing, a third detectorist - for that is how they like to be known - offered to drive from an hour away to help. "I have only one condition," he said. "I don't want payment even if I find something."



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So late on Sunday, eight days after the ring was lost, Alan arrived. Fluid dynamics of wet sand being what they are, by now the ring could have burrowed anything up to 50cm down. Was this the last throw of the dice?

Alan surveyed the search area. He talked about the wind, the tide, the currents and then he got to work. Up and down he ploughed, earphones on, crisscrossing dry sand, wet sand and even the approaching surf.

His gear was so good, he was picking up something every three or four paces, ring pulls and other metallic junk, so I rather gave up watching closely every time he started to dig.

And then, a miracle. From a hole 40cm down, Alan had heaped wet sand and his eye, tempered by years of peering into briny swill, had seen something. Calling out for me to come over, calmly he said the best of words: "There's your ring, Tim."



Image copyright Tim Butcher Image caption Alan, who found the ring, with the children



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This could not be happening. My eyes, prickly with tears and blurry with expectation, couldn't see straight to begin with. And then there it was, Dad's ring, his dad's ring, 90 years of accompanying the Butcher boys on life's journey and lost by me on a beach in Africa after a few weeks' custody.



Image copyright Tim Butcher Image caption Reunited with the family ring

Alan grinned, the kids capered, the dog joined in and for a moment all was madness. I hugged this big, bearded stranger.

And private though this miracle was, there was a greater miracle at work. My saviour refused all reward. He was firm, he was insistent. No, he would not accept a fee; no, he did not want petrol money; no, he did not want a celebratory drink nor fish and chips to drive home with. He wanted nothing more than to give something back.

I went down to that beach that day to find a ring. What I actually found was more valuable still - that there remain some decent souls out there. Now, at last, I can call Mum.

# is this what keep us Hunting ?

## MUNTSTUKKE WAT U RYK SAL MAAK

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optimaal	1937 tot 1938	R10
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## MUNTSTUKKE WAT U RYK SAL MAAK

TWEE SIELINGS	25	Silwer
27 ... 1925	1927 tot 1928	R 3
optimaal	1927 tot 1928	R 3
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## HET U ENIGE OU S.A. NOTE?

Om te sien of u 'n ou S.A. Banknote is baie waardevol, afhankende van hul uitdatingsdatum en die nommer daarvan.

Ons het 'n R1000 note wat voor 1960 uitgegee is. Die nommer wat op die nota gedruk is, behoort te begin met 'n 0 (nul) en te eindig met 'n 7 (sewe).

Ons sal u R4000 vir u R1000 note gee indien dit uitgereik is in 'n sekere reeks, soos voor 1960 geteek is.

Die S.A. SAKKAS en WAANDEVILLE Banknote Kataloge lys alle S.A. banknote wat vóór 1960 uitgegee is, met hul nommers en hoeveel hulle werd is. Daar eenvoudig die nommer gebruik op u banknote na om te sien of die waarde in u katalogus. Sommige note is vandag meer as R10000 werd.

Ek wil u help met die waarde van my banknote te. Stuur asseblief aan my die S.A. SAKKAS en WAANDEVILLE Banknote Kataloge vir R200.00 (S.T.W. en posgeld inbegreep).

Inskeel Kotant/Posreël/Typ vir R100.00

My Naam: \_\_\_\_\_ Adres: \_\_\_\_\_ Poskode: \_\_\_\_\_

## S.A. COINS SE SUPER PRYS EN GOUE KRUGER RAND KOMPETISIE

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# What Happen on a Annual Hunt



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Experienced by Pierre Nortje

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The second day was a bit of a difficult hunt as we did not know where exactly the old (British) Kloof Camp was situated.

Jono did his homework well with his research and had a good idea of the old battle lines and gun emplacements but we did not have an exact location of the camp itself.

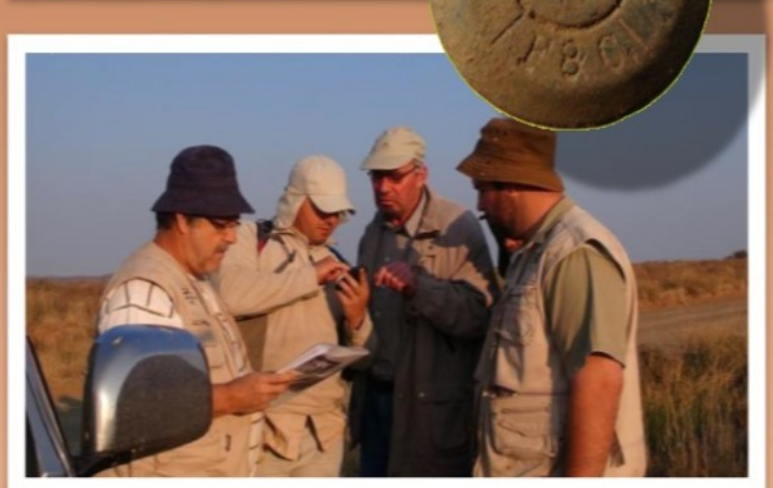
When we arrived at the farm (it actually belongs to the municipality from whom we received full permission to search), the gate was locked and we had to climb over the gate with a 2+ kilometre walk awaiting us.

We split up into smaller groups and our group followed a small creek until we reached a small abandoned settlement with red-brick ruins, rock hedges and lots of old glass & pottery pieces scattered around.

Here we did find evidence of British military presence but also more modern items (I picked up a 1961 Half Cent for example!) but the actual camp evaded us. We still don't know where it is!

From there we moved on to a small hill just outside Colesberg where a smaller British camp was situated. This was a wonderful site and good items were coming up thick and fast.

We had lunch at an Inn in town and then went back to the site again where more nice items were found.





Treasure Hunters seen from the top



Tired group walking back from the British Camp



Displaying their finds



Taking a break



Mike receives a silver Paul Kruger ZAR shilling from Tonic

(who sponsored one for each day of the trip for the heaviest haul/hoard of the day)



Found by Gerry



Army Service Corps Badge



Luigi



9th lancers shoulder badge



Tinus



1899 - Victoria Tickey



Jono



Gerry



Lee Metfort - Gun Oil Pot

# Day 3



Springfontein is a small (almost ghost) town on the Free State side of the Orange River.

During the Anglo-Boer War, there was a British concentration camp in the district. Five hundred and sixty eight people of all ages are recorded in the Springfontein Grave Register as having died there between April the fourth and the end of 1901. Their graves can be seen in the concentration camp cemetery.

During the war the camp was visited by Emily Hobhouse during her investigations of conditions in the camps.

We obviously did not search the graveyard area. The old Concentration campsite was also out of bounce because most of this area is today situated in the town/residential area with lots of modern junk strewn everywhere.

We did search part of the old municipal dump area that dates from the Boer War era. Lukas had to drive all the way to Trompsburg to get permission from the proper authorities for us to dig on a municipal waste site – go figure!

Later in the afternoon we moved to an area close to an informal settlement where an old British camp was situated but the ground was so rock hard that even the most hardened hunters in our group declared it a lost cause. I barrowed a massive self made digging tool weighing 30 kilograms from Danie, but the thing just bounced off the ground. How some guys managed to dig holes and find some stuff are beyond me?!

Later in the afternoon, we had a nice barbeque on a local farmer's farm. He had a small museum (mostly old farming implements and the such) and a so called "man cave" with a small bar with lots of old books, historical stuff and vintage sporting equipment that were enjoyed by all.

We were all dead tired when we arrived back at the Hotel at Norvalspond.

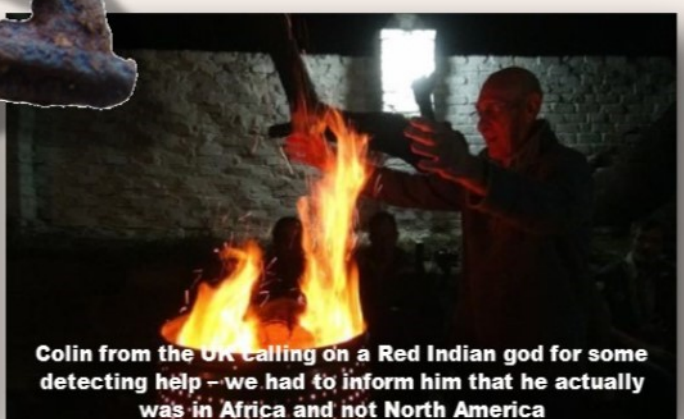
Finds-wise it was not our best day of the trip but as the old adage goes – a bad day in the field is always better than a nice day at the office!



Group picture taken the morning at the small block house. The flag of Cork is shown. It is the town where Des from Minelab stays.



Group picture taken the afternoon at the graveyard in Springfontein. It is the only military graveyard of the Anglo-Boer War where Boer and Brit were buried together.





**First Prize of the day went to Robert for his South African Constabulary button**



**Second prize of the day went to Gerry (Dino from the UK)**



**Third prize of the day went to Pierre (If I remember correctly it was for a Royal Irish Regimental button that I**



**Fourth prize of the day went to Dave van Rensburg. At 74, he was the oldest member of our group.**



# The Treasure Book Review

## Beach Treasure Hunting Book Review

### Introduction:

I will be reviewing twelve beach hunting books over the next six issues of Treasure Talk. Each issue will have two reviews of different books by two of the world's successful beach hunters.

The authors of choice will be Gray Drayton and Clive James Clynick. I have been lucky enough to be coached by both hunters over the years through personal contact as well as printed literature.

I am an avid believer of research and learning from other successful hunters. If you want to be successful at anything you need to have the correct tools and knowledge. Each beach hunter has his / her own reasons for choosing this amazing hobby. Anybody can buy a metal detector and hit the beach, its great fun. Some hunters are completely happy with a few coins, a sinker and some bottle tops. Others are driven by the challenge of finding jewellery and gold. Each one to his own I say. If you, as a beach hunter want more out of this hobby you will need to educate yourself, period. You cannot count on blind luck. Beaches are the most amazing playing fields as they change every day, sometimes very subtle and sometimes drastically.

The books reviewed will give insight, secrets and tips to all levels of beach hunters. After all, knowledge is power!

### The Authors:

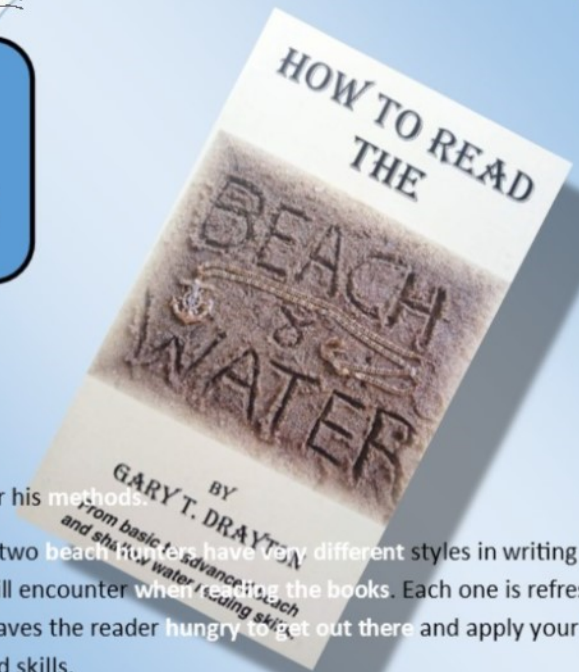
**Gary Drayton**, who has not had that name come up in conversation or on Facebook ?? Gary is a driven hunter. He strives for results and gets them almost all the time. Gary is a South Florida treasure hunter and only really hunts on the weekends. As we all know, Florida has a huge international tourist following therefore finds would be plentiful right? Wrong, Florida probably has the biggest concentration of hunters on the planet! Yet Gary gets his quarry almost every time.....There are very good reasons for Gary's success and he shares his secrets in his books.

**Clive James Clynick**. Now there is a name not many of us hear about. There is good reason for this. Clive is a full time beach hunter from Canada. Clive has chosen to stay off social media for very good reason. Treasure hunting is Clive's bread and butter. He has more than 16 titles under his belt and has appeared on national TV on numerous occasions. Clive is a SUPER HERO in treasure hunting circles with over 30 years of experience. His books will reveal a whole new side to beach / treasure hunting that very few are aware of. I often had to read some chapters twice to get a better

feel for his methods.

These two beach hunters have very different styles in writing as you will encounter when reading the books. Each one is refreshing and leaves the reader hungry to get out there and apply your newly learned skills.

In these reviews I will start with the more common books and work my way deeper into more technical issues.



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### HOW TO READ THE BEACH –

#### Gary Drayton.

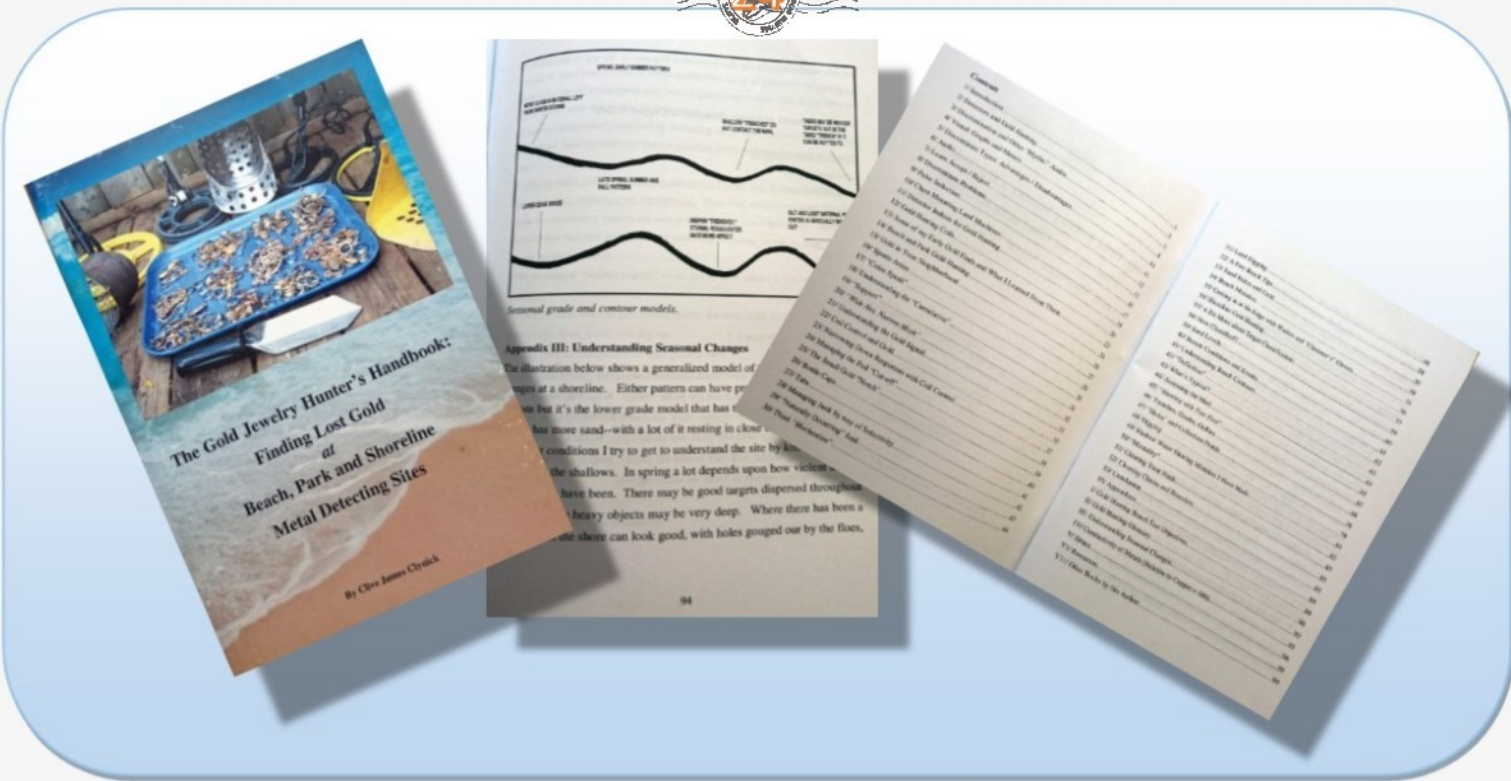
Soft cover, 90 pages, 31 Chapters.

This book was one of my first books I read by Gary. I found the information flowing and interesting.

Gary has written this book to get one started with the basics on beach and shallow water hunting. A newbie to the beach scene will find this book super interesting as Gary makes a point of listing almost every possible feature one should look for when venturing to the beach. Even seasoned hunters will find the information useful, brushing up on basic skills.

Each chapter deals with a clue or a feature one would need to investigate on a beach in order to make finds. Gary talks us through each chapter in detail. You will learn how to increase your chances of finding treasure and make the best decisions based on your current beach conditions. The book is nicely presented with some super photos of his finds to illustrate his techniques.

Gary also briefly touches on equipment and accessories as well as some sound advice from this professional. A good read all in all.



**THE GOLD HUNTERS HANDBOK: Finding Lost Gold at Beach, Park and Shoreline Metal Detecting Sites – Clive James Clynick.**

Soft Cover, 100 pages, 55 Chapters.

Wow, I thought I knew some stuff until I started reading Clive's books. Clive is very methodical and technical.

He covers all aspects of treasure hunting from understanding what your machine is telling you to how and where to look. This book is a super guide, crammed with information. I really had to slow down and take in what I was reading.

The author has many diagrams and photos to assist and clarify his techniques. Clive covers equipment, techniques, sites, metal conductivity, cleaning finds and so many more useful topics that this book will be difficult to put down. Clive has gone to great lengths to bring all this information into one publication. I was quite exhausted after reading this book. It really gives one a whole new perspective on our favourite hobby.

In conclusion, both books were absolutely pleasant to read and one never gets bogged down with boring information. Some hunters may find certain chapters irrelevant due to personal experience but I would recommend both books as extremely good reads and a welcome addition to your treasure hunting literature collection.

The above titles and others are available for purchase at Treasure Quest Treasures.

**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!!**

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## THREE SHIPS

I don't think our fascination with shipwrecks will ever end. Shipwreck tales with promise of riches and fame have been passed down from generation to generation. These tales sometimes come true for the Treasure Hunter that has enough passion, time and funds to pursue such myths.

We often forget about the incredible hardships these survivors had to endure once they survived the shipwreck. Can you imagine being tossed from your bunk in the middle of the night by a thundering crash followed by gushing water and chaos? I don't think we give enough thought to these poor souls. Having survived the initial impact of your ship hitting a hidden reef in the black of night you still needed to find your way above deck and make a swim for it with only the clothes on your back in angry seas.

I was very fortunate to be the son of a Lighthouse keeper. Growing up and moving from station to station, never in one location for more than 5 years. We lived all along our beautiful coast from Walvis Bay to Cape St Lucia. Shipwrecks were in our blood. Every post along our coastline had new tales of shipwrecks. Being a youngster this never really takes preference in ones interests. With ought shipwrecks my dad would never have had a job, ironic.

If you a shipwreck survivor made it to shore the reality of the situation would have set in. Black of night, screaming passengers and unfamiliar territory would have been the order of the day. Being in this situation on foreign soil must have been a nightmare to say the least. As dawn broke you would have been confronted with an unreal reality of a your broken ship on a reef not far off shore, bodies and debris on the beach and crushed dreams of safe passage. Everything is lost. It always amazes me how these survivors actually made it back to civilisation, sometimes walking for many months and coping with the dangers of being marooned with very little to survive on. Many of survivors fell prey to wild animals, hostile locals, disease and starvation. But a select few often made it to tell the story and a shipwreck tale is born.

## Doddington



**Doddington - Alfred**



**Gun & Copper Ingots**

*To HENRY KLARTON IN APPRECIATION  
OF THE MANY KINDNESSES I RECEIVED  
FROM HIS FATHER*



*G. J. Allen  
11/24/1993.*

**Message and Coin from G Allen**



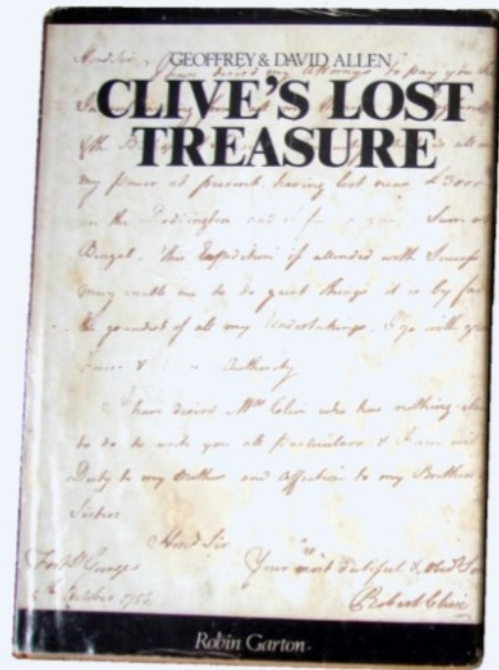
There are three wrecks in the Port Elizabeth area that I have been fascinated with for many years. As it turns out, my dad, Senior Light keeper Henry Clapton (ret) became friends with salvor and shipwreck hunter David Allen. Dave and his partner Gerry van Niekerk discovered the world famous Doddington and Sacramento wrecks in the early 80's. He also helped in saving a large chunk of the Amsterdam for preservation.

The Doddington and Sacramento had been researched intensely by the salvors over a period of many years. Each wreck held its location secret for good reason. The treasure was vast. The Doddington was discovered off Bird Island yielding tons of copper, massive bronze guns and much silver in the form of Pillar Dollars. Dave took my dad to the site many times and they dived the wreck together. I remember my dad telling me how the mother lode was scattered all over the sea floor. I can imagine how the ship was ripped open that fateful night and her cargo was just dropped right there not to be touched for hundreds of years.

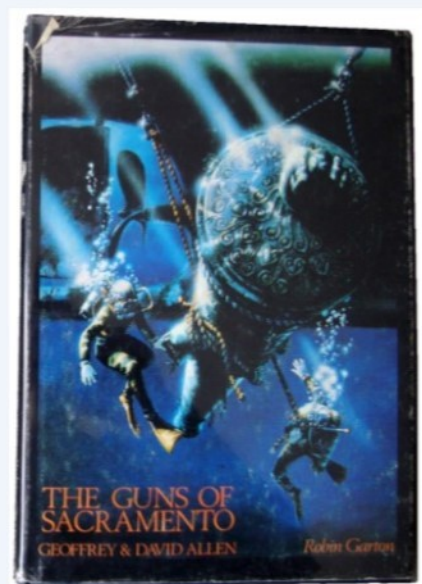
While working on the Doddington the divers were often visited by a large Great White shark (Alfred) who eventually became over friendly and had to be "thumped". I remember we were all invited to Dave's house in Seaview for a celebratory fish braai after the wreck had been salvaged. We watched a video they made of the historic salvage and there was Alfred. It was only after everyone had eaten did Dave announce that the tasty fish on the braai that day was actually Alfred steak!

Dave's house always fascinated me. It was like a real museum with Bronze cannon scattered all over the front lawn. Inside was just as amazing with 300 year old olive oil bottles (full still) on his mantle, silver coins and priceless artefacts everywhere. A treasure hunters dream come true. The whole story of the Doddington and its salvage can be read in a book called "Clive's Lost Treasure"

In 1993 I asked my dad if he ever got any coins or artefacts from the Doddington. His answer was no. By that time I was bitten by the Treasure Hunting bug and I desperately wanted something as a memento from this wreck. Dave had passed away by that time and his farther Commander Geoffrey Allen was still residing in Port Elizabeth.



I spoke with old man Allen about my intentions and offer to purchase anything he could spare me from the wreck. He invited me to his house in Walmer for tea to discuss this. On arrival and being overwhelmed with shipwreck items everywhere he disappeared into his room only to exit with a copy of the book mentioned above. He wrote in it and gave it to me. He then reached into his pocket and gave me two silver Pillar Dollars. I was overwhelmed with joy and he wanted nothing in return. The house and Mr Allen are long gone and I always have fond memories when I drive past the property today which is now a commercial development





The Sacramento was famous for its massive Bronze cannon. Dave knew the location of the wreck but could not find the cannon. These were missing. After much time spent diving the site the cannon were finally located and once again my dad and Dave dived the site. On one occasion, while getting their gear ready, Dave told my dad to look overboard at



the sea floor. The water was clear and my dad said he could not believe what he was looking at. The canons were lying like match ticks all over the sea bed. It was a memorable dive I was told. One of the cannons was dubbed the "Miracle Canon" due to its perfect condition. This cannon was spared from the ever moving sand and its abrasive action as it was lying on top of other cannons.

The Sacramento was unknowingly discovered many years before Dave actually salvaged the wreck by a local farmer in the area who found the ships anchors (1951) on the rocks near to the site.



These anchors were a clear indication of a wreck and the rust marks can still be seen on the rocks to this day. Pieces of these anchors are still wedged into the rocks near the site. I have been to the site on a few occasions and looked over the water trying to imagine this tragedy.

The iron cannon of Sacramento still lies beneath the waves today and can be dived on. They were never removed due to the oxidisation process that would destroy them the minute they leave the sea. The whole account of this amazing salvage is documented in the book "The Guns of Sacramento".

Being an avid beach Treasure Hunter I often comes across shipwreck items in the sand. The HMNS Amsterdam is one such wreck. I still find pieces of this wreck when I hunt the Bluewater Bay beaches. Large and small chunks of hull brass litter the beaches in that area. I have a bag full of this hull brass as well as a beautiful ships nail still enclosed by a piece of wood from the wreck. The Amsterdam Hoek area gets its namesake from this shipwreck.

In 1817 this Man O' War was beached intentionally on our shore, only to break up in a few days and never to be seen again. The ship was already in a bad state when it entered South African waters. She was battered and broken from storms. When she started taking on water it was the beginning of the end for her. The pumps failed to cope with the water as one of her cargos; coffee was clogging them at an alarming rate. Her 80 bronze cannons and all her cargo were jettisoned between Cape St Francis and PE to lighten the ship. Only three of the sailors lost their lives by drowning while swimming ashore. They were buried in the dunes at Amsterdam Hoek and their remains are still there to this day.

In 1985 after a violent storm exposed a chunk of the ship's hull complete with ribs and other Teak. Dave Allen and many helpers tried to build a trench around the piece to stop it from being swallowed up by the next rising tide. The



piece was successfully salvaged. That was the last time she was seen. In 2014 another discovery was made by locals in the area. Her 5m long rudder popped out of the sand one day, complete with all its brass and bronze fittings. It was quickly moved to higher ground and buried deep in the sand for a future recovery team to extract. The location is secret and only known by a select few for obvious reasons.

All of the above shipwrecks have dedicated displays in the PE museum includ-



ing the 'Miracle Cannon' from Sacramento, silver Pillar Dollars from Doddington and the huge teak chunk from Amsterdam.

Our coastline is littered with such wrecks and we drive past these sites every day not even knowing what took place there hundreds of years ago. Shipwrecks are a crucial part of our history and will always light a spark with treasure in mind.

By Henry Clapton





# Sacramento Cannons



# Sacramento Miracle Cannon



# Sacramento Wreck Site



## Certificate of Authenticity



**1668 Portuguese Sacramento Shipwreck Coin**  
 Denomination: 250 Reis      Date: 1640 - 1656  
 Mint: Lisbon, Portugal      Monarch: John IV  
 Metal: Silver Coin      Framings: 14K Gold

The Sacramento was the lead ship in the annual convoy of 50 vessels that sailed between Lisbon, Portugal, and Bahia, Brazil. During a large storm on the night of May 5, 1668, the Sacramento ran aground on a sandbar and sunk, sending some 400 people to a watery grave. The Brazilian government officially began recovering artifacts from the wreck in 1976 with the assistance of one of the pioneers of shipwreck salvaging, Robert Marx. The Sacramento was a military vessel therefore the cargo consisted of few consumer goods (like tobacco) and also not a large quantity of coins. The vast majority of coins recovered from the wreck are vases Portuguese with a much smaller amount of Spanish colonial coins. The real (meaning "royal" and the plural reis) was the unit of currency of Portugal from around 1430 until 1911. This 250 reis recovered from the shipwreck of the Sacramento was minted in Lisbon Portugal under King John IV (1640-1656) but was later re-weighted and countermarked in Brazil in 1663 to increase its value. The history of Colonial Brazil begins in 1500 with the arrival of the Portuguese. They soon began to harvest Brazil wood and establish great sugar, tobacco and cotton plantations. Later the Portuguese established large gold and diamond mining operations in the colony.

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# Sacramento Cannon Schoenmakerskloof

# ISABELLE PIENAAR - LITTLE MISS TREASURE HUNTER

By—Lana Pienaar

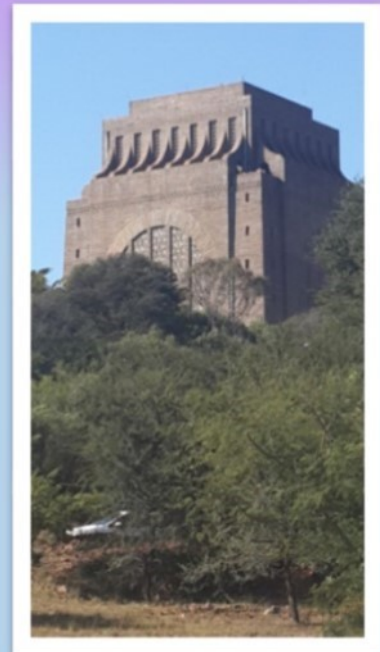
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The pretty, blue eyed blonde girl running around fields from The Battle of Bakenlaagte to British camping sites and Concentration camps! We could have decided to send her to modelling schools and being a star and spending every weekend next to modelling ramps, but instead we chose to learn our 'laatlammetjie' about our History and get her out in fresh air rather than sitting in front of cartoons the entire day.

*Isabelle Pienaar:*



**Bella told him before anyone can say anything that it is a 'bek fluit plaatjie'**



She is a clever girl and a fast learner, since we started metal detecting she joined as she is not left with baby sitters, she had to go to the field with us. She learned fast and always very curious when David and I dug out something – looking for a 'treasure chest' - as little girls have a great imagination. So she learned about horse shoes, bullets, badges, coins and harmonica reeds from the start. She also learned about British camps and Concentration camps where woman and children had to stay while the men were out fighting for 'Volk en Vaderland'

Lukas van der Merwe came to visit local fields with some friends and to his great astonishment when someone got a harmonica reed, Bella told him before anyone can say anything that it is a 'bek fluit plaatjie' (something very regular for us all to find) but pretty good for a 5 year old. Oom Lukas said to Bella that he will give her her own Metal Detector soon! She couldn't wait!!



She has walked long distances with us and getting very tired on different sites, up hills, down hills, through long grass and burnt grass.....she loves the hobby although she cannot dig her own holes yet as the ground are very hard, she has however found her own horse shoe and also used a small garden spade to dig it out (with a little bit of help) Bella also like to collect small broken pieces of porcelain and if she spots a small bottle she collects them all (not always so old) she also like to collect items which are sometime left in the field by other Metal detector enthusiasts like iron tent rings, and other rusted pieces of iron left behind by others.

Bella also joined us on the yearly Minelab day at the Voortrekker Monument and she just loves the Monument and believes that it was her 'Annual Hunt' and just loves the big 'church'. Even if she does not do her own detecting every time we go to the field she learns something new and where we all came from, seeing places and meeting new people. Learning a bit of history every time.

Bella received her own Fisher Metal Detector when we went on the Annual Hunt 2015 and Lukas van der Merwe handed it over to us! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Lukas vd Merwe for this very generous gift.

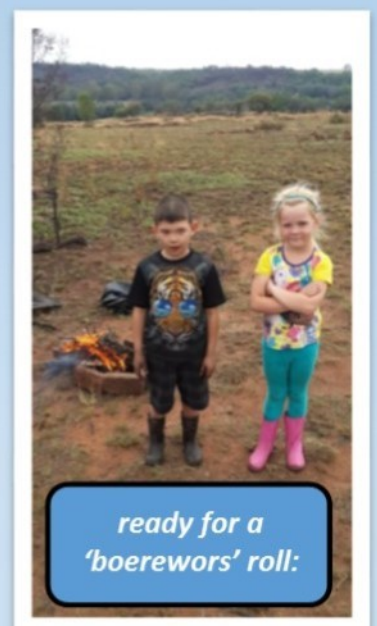


*Bella practising in the garden with her new Fisher Metal Detector with a British button:*

Bella can't wait to go metal detecting with Lukas van der Merwe, and also had a great hour with Tonie Cilliers, Lukas van der Merwe and Oom Nico Moolman when they stopped over in Middelburg on their way back from their Eastern Transvaal Kruger Millions shoot!

*On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October we spend the entire day in the field Metal detecting with friends and here is Bella and her friend Shauni waiting for the fire (they have collected the fire wood in the field)to get ready for a 'boerewors' roll:*

**David and I would like to thank everyone who has met Bella and take the time to listen to her conversations in the field and who has the patience and love in teaching our children - the future generations - about our history!**



*ready for a 'boerewors' roll:*



# War Relics



By - **Jasen Matthee**

It was Sunday the 18th of October 2015. Just an ordinary day out Treasure Hunting when I decided to join a few friends out in the field.



**Jasen Wade**  
**Middelburg 5 April 2015**

A few of the guys started to get digging on what appeared to be an ash pit, so I wandered off not too far from them. All I seemed to be getting was iron signals (bridals, old filling tools) etc... I then decided to get closer to the shade as the time was passing quickly and the heat was exhausting. I then started finding the usual items, fired casings, tunic buttons and brass saddle buckles. Because the ground was very tough, I dug with extreme caution not to damage what lay beneath. I then hit a very unusual spot where porcupines had burrowed deep holes. The first few signals were iron, 2x chest handles of some sort so I was curious to

see what was next. A signal jumping between brass and gold on my machine got me overwhelmed. I gently removed a plug around the signal and tipped it over... I grabbed my Euro Tek Pro and ran it over the plug, no signal. So I just gently swept my hand through the hole to remove the loose sand and there it was! A brass British artillery helmet plate as big as my hand. I couldn't believe what great condition it was in. That find made my day and I can't wait to get back out there. It's so amazing to pull such a beautiful piece of history out of the ground thinking of how it got there in the first place.



**Wow .... Sun Light after 100 years !**



There is so much out there and all the best to everyone who enjoys this super awesome hobby.

## Dump Digging



In the 90's, I had my own diamond mines. Diamonds are formed at high temperature and pressure at depths of 140 to 190 kilometers (87 to 118 mi) in the Earth's mantle. Carbon-containing minerals provide the carbon source, and the growth occurs over periods from 1 billion to 3.3 billion years (25% to 75% of the age of the Earth). Diamonds are brought close to the Earth's surface through deep volcanic eruptions by a magma, which cools into igneous rocks known as kimberlites and lamproites.

Most of the mining was alluvial mining. Alluvial diamond mining involves digging and sifting through mud, sand and gravel using shovels, sieves, or even bare hands. Typically, diamonds come from geologic rock formations called kimberlites. Kimberlite rock formations that contain diamonds are eroded over time by rivers and streams and can deposit diamonds in the sediments carried by those streams farther downstream from the original source rocks. These deposits are called alluvial diamond deposits. The locations of these alluvial diamond deposits are controlled by the surrounding topography, drainage



# Diamonds and Treasure in the Dump

patterns, and the location of the Kimberlites themselves. Alluvial deposits are often mined and exploited by small-scale miners using artisanal mining techniques.

Mining at Taung and Schweizer Reneke we had the opportunity to mine an area near Kimberley. The area around Kimberley has considerable historical sig-

nificance due to its diamond mining past and the siege during the Second Boer War. Notable personalities such as Cecil Rhodes and Barney Barnato made their fortunes here.

I also tried to make my fortunes here, but mining diamonds are only for the big guys, you have to move a lot of tons to get a couple of diamonds. While mining near Kimberley, we went through an old ash heap.

Sitting next to the Grease Tables and see all the Treasure and

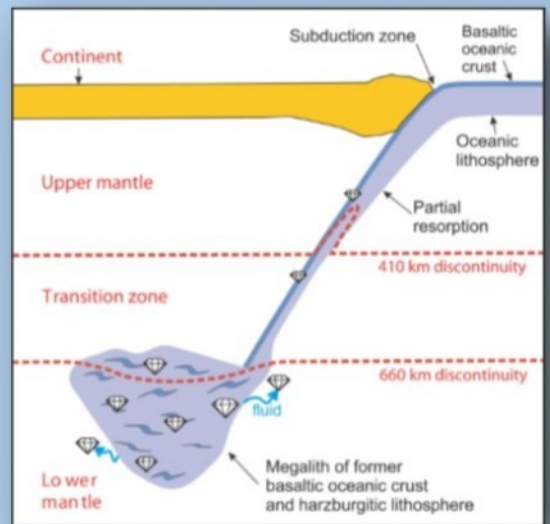
"Treasure" sitting on the grease was great. Also seeing the history of Kimberley passes me. With all the mining and ground being shifted you can't believe how many treasure get lost

Luckily I was there and collected most of the relics and got them in the museum.

One of the 3 medals that I founded were on the table



By - Lukas van der Merwe





# Diamonds and Treasure in the Dump



Coins and Relics



Coronation Medals



Diamond Fields Horse 1877



All sorts of not nice relics



Dog Licences



1844



Jayden - my Grandson plays with all the Rounds



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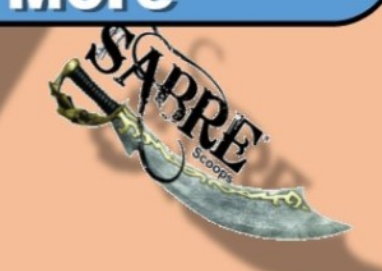
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# Best Find 2015

**No 1**

**War Relics**

My entry for best find of the year  
- Bed plate/Duty plate

Bed plate of F McGann - He is on the Queen's South Africa medal roll as 4173 Pte. J McGann and is entitled to the QSA with clasps for Paardeberg and Relief of Kimberley. Regiment is given as 1st Battalion The Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment.

I have found this bed plate/duty plate on 23 May 2015 on a old British camp site in Middelburg, Transvaal. Most definitely my best find so far!

**Lana Pienaar**



**No 2**

**Beach Finds**

**Hennie Van Niekerk**





# No 3

Wow, how do you choose a best find when digging up history? Everything I have ever dug up, I wonder who was the person who held this item. How did their loss impact them and what happened that they had the misfortune of losing the item? From coins to bottle caps, each and every item gives us a clue as to what our history holds.

My choice, after much deliberation had to be the 7th Dragoon Guards Button. Probably the most sentimental find as there is an amazing story behind it. And here is the history behind my find...

In 1843, the regiment, comprising 23 officers, 309 NCOs and men and their families, sailed to South Africa where they took part in the Seventh Frontier War from 1846 to 1847.

These brave men travelled all over South Africa, from Cape Town (Western Province) to Philippolis (Orange Free State) to Block Drift (Eastern Cape) and many more places across SA.

On 17 April 1846, the regimental silver of the 7th Dragoon Guards was stolen by the Xhosa while crossing the Keiskamma River (so I guess I will be hunting in the hopes of finding it). In the war 2 officers and 29 other ranks were killed and 30 wounded. Of the 309 men that came to the Cape, 138 chose to leave the regiment. 82 became military settlers, 19 transferred to the Cape Mounted Rifles and 37 took their discharge in Grahamstown. The remainder took ship for England in April 1848. 170 members of the regiment were awarded the South Africa Medal (1834-1853) at the original presentation according to royal mint records. In 1882 the regiment was awarded the battle honour South Africa 1846-47.

In 1921 the regiment was renamed the 7th Dragoon Guards (Princess Royal's) and in 1922 the 7th Dragoon Guards were amalgamated with the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards to



Mr J Gray (John)  
Troop Sergeant Major:  
Mr G Gillam

(George), Mr W Sutherland (William)

### Sergeants:

Mr J Coleman (John), Mr RJ Crow (Robert), Mr D Dunbar (David), Mr J Gillam (John), Mr JG Hamilton (John), Mr J James (John), Mr PH Morrell (Philip), Mr G Nicholson (George), Mr G North (George), Mr J Nowlan (John)

### Saddler Sergeant:

Mr W Prytherch (William)

### Corporals:

Mr W Banks (William), Mr H Barnes (Henry), Mr J Clement (Joseph), Mr R Davidson (Robert), Mr H Glover (Henry), Mr W Green (William), Mr JT Knox (John), Mr J McBryan (John)

### Quartermaster:

Mr H Magill (Henry)

### Privates:

Mr W Adams (William), Mr D Adcock (David), Mr J Albert (John), Mr J Anderson (James), Mr D Beck (David), Mr J Bennett (Joseph), Mr R Benneworth (Robert), Mr E Billis (Edward), Mr ER Binckes (Edward), Mr J Blake (James), Mr W Bolton (William), Mr J Brown (Josiah), Mr E Bull (Edward), Mr R Campbell (Richard), Mr J Chambers (John), Mr E Clarke (Edward), Mr T Clegg (Thomas), Mr H Cobbett

form the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards.

Below, some names of the 7th Dragoon Guards Regiment. Did this button belong to some-one on this list? Could it have been ripped off during battle, or did this man just lose it whilst taking a leisurely stroll, whilst enjoying the scenery of a country so far from his home. That is the thing about history – so many facts, but in the end, it is all up to our imagination as to what they were experiencing at the point of losing our treasures.

### Lieutenant Colonel:

Mr R Richardson-Robe (Robert)

### Trumpet Major:

Mr R Banks (Robert)

### Major:

Mr JC Gibsone (John)

### Sergeant Major:

Mr R Howard (Robert)

### Captains:

Mr AC Bentinck (Arthur), Mr J Campbell (John), Mr CE Petre (Charles), Mr T Smales (Thomas)

### Lieutenants:

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### Cornets:

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### Veterinary Surgeon:

Mr BCR Gardiner (Benjamin)

### Cornet and Adjutant:



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Mr A Richards (Absalom), Mr T Richards (Thomas), Mr J Scrivens (John), Mr S Sharpe (Samuel), Mr P Sheerin (Peter), Mr J Simpson (James), Mr J Simpson (James), Mr D Slater (Dawson), Mr T Smith (Thomas), Mr D Tait (David), Mr T Taylor (Thomas), Mr J Thompson (John), Mr W Thornill (William), Mr T Toohey (Timothy), Mr HT Turney (Henry), Mr J Usher (John), Mr AR Vize (Alfred), Mr J Wall (James), Mr H Waller (Henry), Mr J Wells (James), Mr JC Whitehurst (Joseph), Mr J Whittingham (John), Mr JR Wickenden (John), Mr H Wieman (Henry), Mr J Winton (John), Mr G Wise (George), Mr W Woolen (William), Mr D Yewdell (David)

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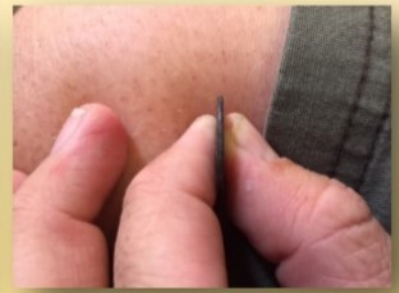
**Competition entry sent in by Mrs Tracy Mace (Eastern Cape treasure hunter).**

# FRONTIER WARS



No 4

Gert Swart



5 Silver coins in one hole.

No 5

David Pienaar



The 5 coins still dirty as the came out of the hole, consisting of 1 x 1888 shilling, 1 x 1897 shilling, 1 x 1900 shilling, 1 x 1892 three pence and 1 x 1900 three pence



1888 one shilling.

**Date found:** 15 October 2015

**Location:** Park/field, rocky area situated in Middelburg Mpumalanga.

**Founder:** David Pienaar.

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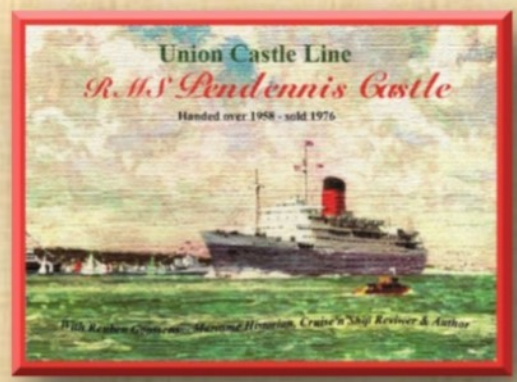
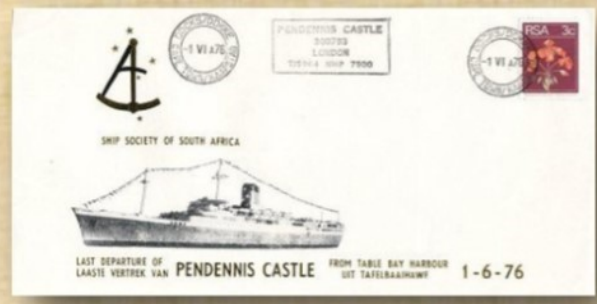
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No 6

Hennie Van Niekerk



RMS *Pendennis Castle* was a Royal Mail Ship, passenger and cargo liner operated by the Union-Castle Line. The vessel served 1959-1976 on a regular route between the UK and South Africa for the Southampton to Las Palmas, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London and Durban "Cape Mail" service. After the vessel's disposal by Union-Castle, she was re-named consecutively *Ocean Queen*, *Sinbad*, then *Sinbad I*, however the ship did not return to commercial service.







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10. The Competition started at 00.00 on Monday, 1 January, 2015 and ends at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 31, 2015. ("Competition Period"). Winners will be announced on Saturday 30 January 2016
11. All finds must be found in the borders of South Africa and only South Africans can compete

12. One item per entry and as many entries can be entered under the following, Relics, Beach, Coin and Dump Dug
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# More about my Find ?



## When I found this at Mooirivier in Natal .....?



Finding Old Parts of a Fishing reel took me to something "reel" interesting

**W**hen I found this at Mooiriver in Natal and in the Magalies Moun-

thing more interested on the net .

build it clearly required a well established tradition of mechanical device construction.



**Antikythera Mechanism**

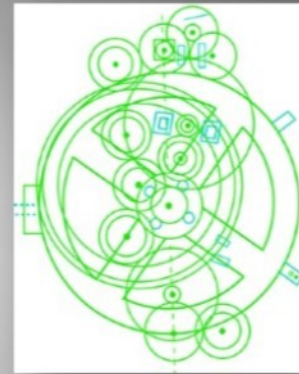
tains at the Moot , I thought that I have found something unique . If you don't know about some relic that you found.....what you do—.....or Google it . I Googled the following and got this nformation.....!!!!So I got an answer about the origin of the reel! It is from a company called Abbey & Imbrie. The reel is from the 1880s or 1890s! And then I got some-

The [Antikythera Mechanism](#) was discovered on May 17th 1902, by archaeologist Valerios Stais when he was diving on the [Antikythera wreck](#) off Point Glyphadia on the Greek island of Antikythera. The wreck is believed to have sunk in the 1st century BCE and has yielded many spectacular artifacts. The most mysterious of these is the Antikythera mechanism, a solid lump of corroded bronze gears. It has taken over a century, the latest imaging technology, and decades of research from a few dedicated scholars of mechanical engineering to piece together what the mechanism did.

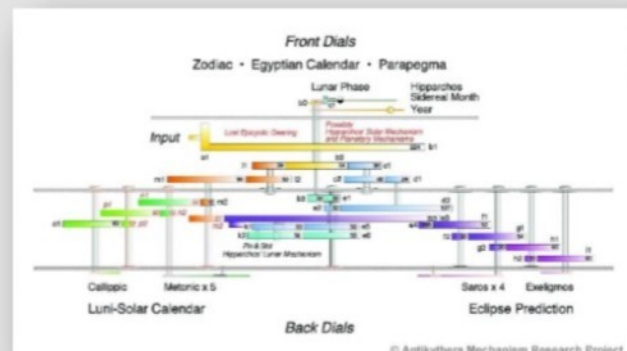
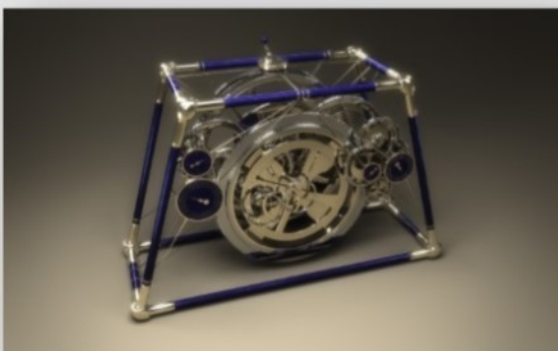
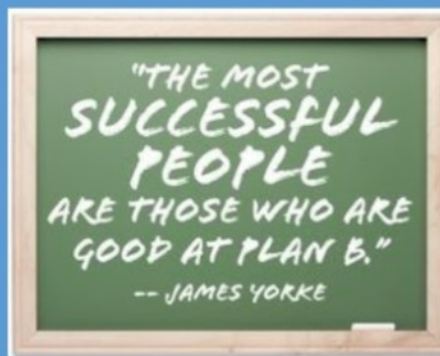
It appears that the mechanism is at last beginning to yield it's secrets. The most staggering being that there was nothing else remotely like it for over 1400 years! It's like a steam engine being found in Roman Britian, or a flying machine in Baghdad before the Monguls arrived. While we are beginning to understand how the mechanism worked, there is still little information on how it was used or what it means in terms of ancient Greek technical capabilities. Nothing else like the mechanism has been found but, it cannot have been unique in the ancient world. There are several references to machines with similar capabilities in contemporaneous Greek documents. Furthermore, the capabilities of the mechanism and the techniques required to

The recent discovery of the inscriptions on the mechanism's dials has led to a new theory. The spelling of the month names suggest that it was constructed at Syracuse on Sicily between 150 and 100 BCE. This leads to the tantalizing possibility that it was designed, or even built, by [Archimedes](#) who died in 212 BCE when Syracuse was taken by Roman forces. Cicero (106-43 BCE) mentions that, after the capture of Syracuse, two mechanisms which showed the motion of the Sun, Moon and five planets were taken back to Rome.

But this only raises new questions. If the greeks could manufacture astronomical devices of such spectacular precision and complexity what else could they do? Unfortunately we are left with only a few references by ancient historians who probably barely understood and only partially believed what they were documenting. These references include; burning mirrors that could set ships ablaze, and "claws" that could sink ships, automations, and even vending machines. Unfortunately these brief references are all we have until someone pulls up another machine from the depths of the Mediterranean. But now at least we know that each of these descriptions may in fact refer to a real technology.



Then Philus said: I am not about to bring you anything new, or anything which has been thought over or discovered by me myself. But I recollect that Caius Sulpicius Gallus, who was a man of profound learning, as you are aware, when this same thing was reported to have taken place in his time, while he was staying in the house of Marcus Marcellus, who had been his colleague in the consulship, asked to see a celestial globe which Marcellus's grandfather had saved after the capture of Syracuse from that magnificent and opulent city, without bringing to his own home any other memorial out of so great a booty; which I had often heard mentioned on account of the great fame of Archimedes; but its appearance, however, did not seem to me particularly striking. For that other is more elegant in form, and was made by the same Archimedes, and deposited by the virtue at Rome. But as soon as Gallus assured us that that other solid and compact invention, and that the first made by Thales of Miletus. That a disciple of Plato, had traced on more generally known, which des, and deposited by the Virtue at Rome. But as soon as a most scientific manner, the that the Sicilian geometrician superior to anything we us-ture. For Gallus assured us globe was a very ancient in-371model had been originally afterward Eudoxus of Cnidus, its surface the stars that appear in the sky, and that many years subsequently, borrowing from Eudoxus this beautiful design and representation, Aratus had illustrated it in his verses, not by any science of astronomy, but by the ornament of poetic description. He added that the figure of the globe, which displayed the motions of the sun and moon, and the five planets, or wandering stars, could not be represented by the primitive solid globe; and that in this the invention of Archimedes was admirable, because he had calculated how a single revolution should maintain unequal and diversified progressions in dissimilar motions. In fact, when Gallus moved this globe, we observed that the moon succeeded the sun by as many turns of the wheel in the machine as days in the heavens. From whence it resulted that the progress of the sun was marked as in the heavens, and that the moon touched the point where she is obscured by the earth's shadow at the instant the sun appears opposite.



# Movie News



**Krugger Millions**  
By Lukas van der Merwe

It had always been a dream of mine to make movies, though, I have not had any experience on movie making except for all the Treasure Hunting movies that I have done over the years—there is a lot on YouTube. Recently, I have been fortunate enough to produce two feature films and one series for television. It has always been a dream of mine to be involved in an international series.

About 3 months ago my dream was made a reality. Shannon Green, the Production Manager of *Travel Channel: Expedition Unknown* emailed me and asked me if I would like to be involved in an episode about the Krugger Millions. My reply was an immediate YES!

Filming was to take place on the 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015. I had to get everything ready and organized for our location to be filmed at the Kruger National Park. Having to round up my friends together for the shooting was an easy task. A call to Tonie Cilliers and Nico Moolman, writ-

er of a lot of books of the Anglo Boer War, were as excited to join on this adventure as I was. On route to Hazyview, we enjoyed discussions of the places we already Treasure Hunted in the Eastern Transvaal; Balmoral, Middelburg, Belfast, Berg en Dal, Machadodorp etc.

After arriving at our nice hotel, we unwinded with a dip in the pool and a few beers. We all got a good night's rest as we had an early start to travel to Hoedspruit.

At noon we met up with the filming crew and famous explorer, Josh Gates. Most of the filming was done at an Anti-Poaching Training Camp, 10 kilometers outside of Hoedspruit. Thankfully Nico was there to assist me with my English, although he did battle a bit with the metal detector.

A highlight was using a drone that had an infra-red camera attached to it, that sense the heat when out in the field to find

big targets to Treasure Hunt. It was a fantastic experience to work the crew and especially Josh Gates who took the time to guide and assist me through the whole process.

Once filming was complete for the day, we returned back to Hazyview and had a well-deserved swim to escape the heat.

Fortunate for us, filming for the following day was in the vicinity of Hazyview and we were able to get a few extra moments of rest. For our trip home, we planned on leaving early to meet up with David and Lana Pienaar at their hotspot in Middelburg for a full day of detecting. Unfortunately we only left at 13h00 and arrived late in Middelburg, but we were able to sneak in some detecting before sunset.

It was an incredible experience to be part of "Expedition Unknown" and another very big tick off my bucket-list.

The series will be released in America mid-January 2016.

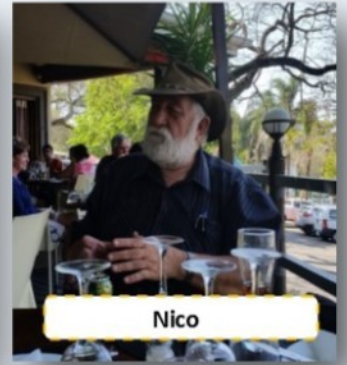




Lukas Nico Tonie



Tonie Nico



Nico



"Explorer's sundial." Basically it tells time



Tonie Lukas

## More about Josh Gates

Joshua Gates (born August 10, 1977) is an American adventurer, explorer, television presenter, television producer, and author. He was the host and co-executive producer of *Destination Truth* on Syfy, (formerly the Sci Fi Channel), a weekly one-hour show filmed in remote locations around the world that explores some of the world's mysteries and unexplained phenomena. Gates was born in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, where he was the president of his high school class, and currently resides in Los Angeles, California. He has degrees in archaeology and drama from Tufts University, where he graduated with honors in 1999. Gates is currently the host of his treasure hunting television series *Expedition Unknown* on the Travel Channel.



Lukas Josh



Tonie Nico Josh Lukas

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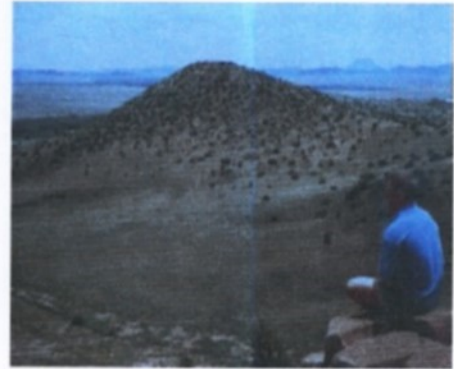
Those of you that received my Treasure Talk SA Metal Detecting Newsletter way back when, will remember this edition (see picture below) where a British Soldier is shown sitting on a rock. The second picture was taken a 100 years later of the farmer sitting on the same rock.

The pictures were taken at the British Camp at Slingersfontein that we searched on the 4th day of the hunt.

Many units from Australia and New Zealand (fighting on the side of the Brits) were involved in military engagements in this area and a small hill nearby is still known today as New Zealand Hill - see here for more info

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&d=MS19000223.2.15.1&l=mi&e=-----10-1-0->

The first few pictures were taken at the home of our farmer friend Anthony who invited us for a midday barbeque ("braai") on his farm - throughout the years he's been a wonderful friend of our group.

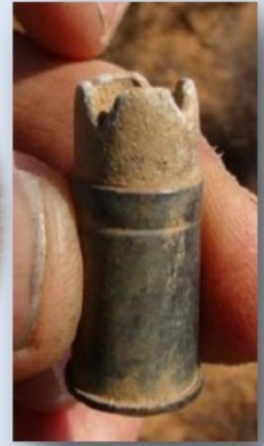


Two photos taken approximately 100 years apart from exactly the same spot near Colesburg of a British campsite at Slingersfontein - see article inside "On the spoor of the Brits and the Boers"

The original picture below ...



Looking into the Orange Free State—over 11th Brigade Camp and Signal Hill, Slingerfontein, S. Africa. Copyright 1900 by Underwood & Underwood.



Oldest Coin 1880  
Robert



Heaviest Bag - Kruger Shilling  
Simon



1st Price - Collin  
Royal Artillery Gold Plated  
Button



2nd Price - Gerry  
The " Firm " Badge



3rd Price - Danie  
Spike—" Lance "



4th Price - mIKE  
Worchester Shoulder Badge

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