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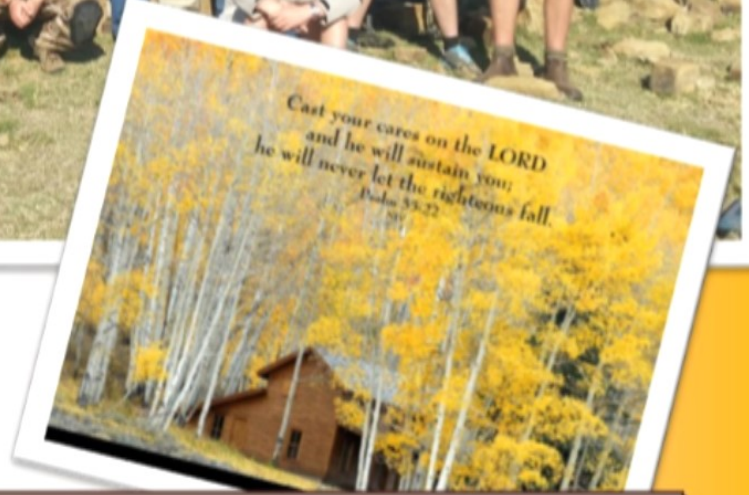
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*By Rebecca Doolittle on November 16, 2011 in Post-Medieval Archaeology, Rubicon Heritage*

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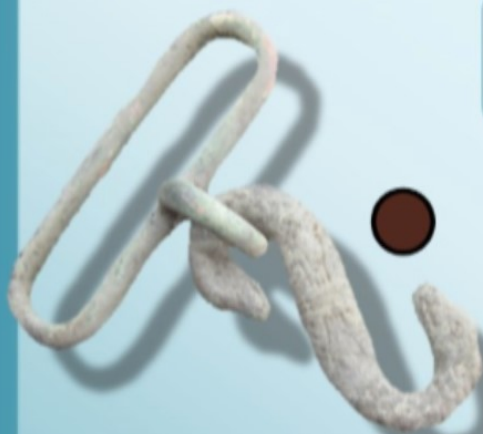
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# BITING THE BULLET

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One of the most important aspects of lead bullet analysis is knowing where the ball has come from. If the exact findspot of each bullet is not carefully recorded archaeologically, a valuable piece of information is destroyed. The location of bullets on a battlefield provides us with a unique plan of how a fight progressed; it can reveal who fought where, what type of soldiers they were, and where the fighting was hardest. Often this information can completely re-write previous interpretations which were based solely on historical accounts. If the lead bullets are removed from their context without proper recording all this information is lost.



Lead shot recovered from the Battlefield of Aughrim, Co. Galway, and representing an attack on fleeing Jacobite soldiers

Above are some lead bullets we analysed for the National Roads Authority on behalf of Galway County Council. They were fired during the Battle of Aughrim, Co. Galway, in 1691, the bloodiest battle in Irish history. The size and weight of the bullets suggest that a mix of infantry and dragoons/cavalry fought here. Because we knew the exact findspot of each bullet we could see a pattern emerge, suggesting that this was evidence for a rout that we knew took place. When the Jacobite army broke, they attempted to flee to a nearby bog to escape rampaging Williamite cavalry. This small assemblage is surviving evidence of this desperate attempt to escape the slaughter.





The Siege and Battle of Kinsale, 1601. The Lord Deputy's Camp is in the centre left of the image (Pacata Hibernia, 1633)

We are also now getting better at recognising when lead bullets have been fired, and sometimes what they have hit. As well as this bullets can provide us with information about how and when they were made. The Kinsale Battlefield Project carried out a series of surveys on the site of the English camps in Kinsale, Co. Cork, where the siege and battle of Kinsale was fought in 1601 between the English and the Spanish/Gaelic Irish. The photo below is of lead shot we found at the Lord Deputy's main Siege Camp. The terrible conditions during the siege that winter made the camps a sea of mud, an environment in which soldiers succumbed to cold and disease at a frightening rate 'dying by dozens on a heap' as one contemporary chronicler related. Analysis indicated that these bullets were made on site by these men. The bullets had not been fired, and some of them showed defects in the manufacturing process, possibly a result of the weather. This suggested to us that the soldiers were making bullets themselves around their campfires, and that these bullets were dropped in the mud and never recovered. Their presence indicates that a significant archaeological siege landscape survives in this part of Kinsale.

Another site Rubicon excavated was at Castledonovan Castle, in West Cork. This work was carried out on behalf of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. In 1650 this castle was attacked by Parliamentarian troops. The historical details of the assault are sketchy, but an assemblage of 28 lead shot from a destruction layer excavated within the castle provides us with some clues as to events. It

is clear that a small number of the bullets were fired, indicating that there may have been some minor skirmishing. Many of the unfired bullets were from the same type of gun, in this case a musket. It is probable that some of the bullets were made in the same mould. The location of these bullets in a burnt layer together with the sparse evidence for fired shot suggests the castle capitulated quickly before it's destruction. The defenders ammunition was left in place after the garrison had either fled or surrendered.



Lead shot from the 1601 English Lord Deputy's Siege Camp at Kinsale, Co. Cork. The bullets have not formed properly in the mould, possibly a result of adverse weather

Sites such as these illustrate the value of lead bullet analysis. These little objects reveal information about moments in time that were extremely violent and traumatic for those involved. They were often deposited over just a few minutes or hours, in many cases as part of a famous historic event that we remain aware of today. There remains something distinctly personal about these objects. Each was designed to kill or maim, and many that we recover did just that. Many were last held by an individual who was in all probability experiencing extreme stress as they participated in deadly conflict. These bullets are objects that deserve our respect; their analysis can unlock details of our

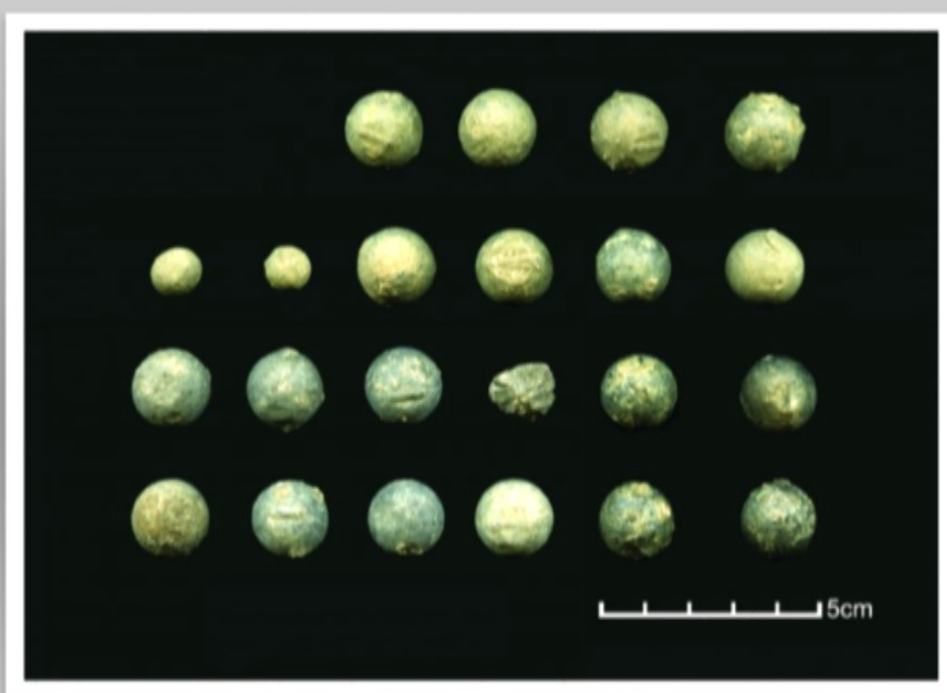


Castledonovan Castle, Co. Cork, attacked by Parliamentarian forces in 1650

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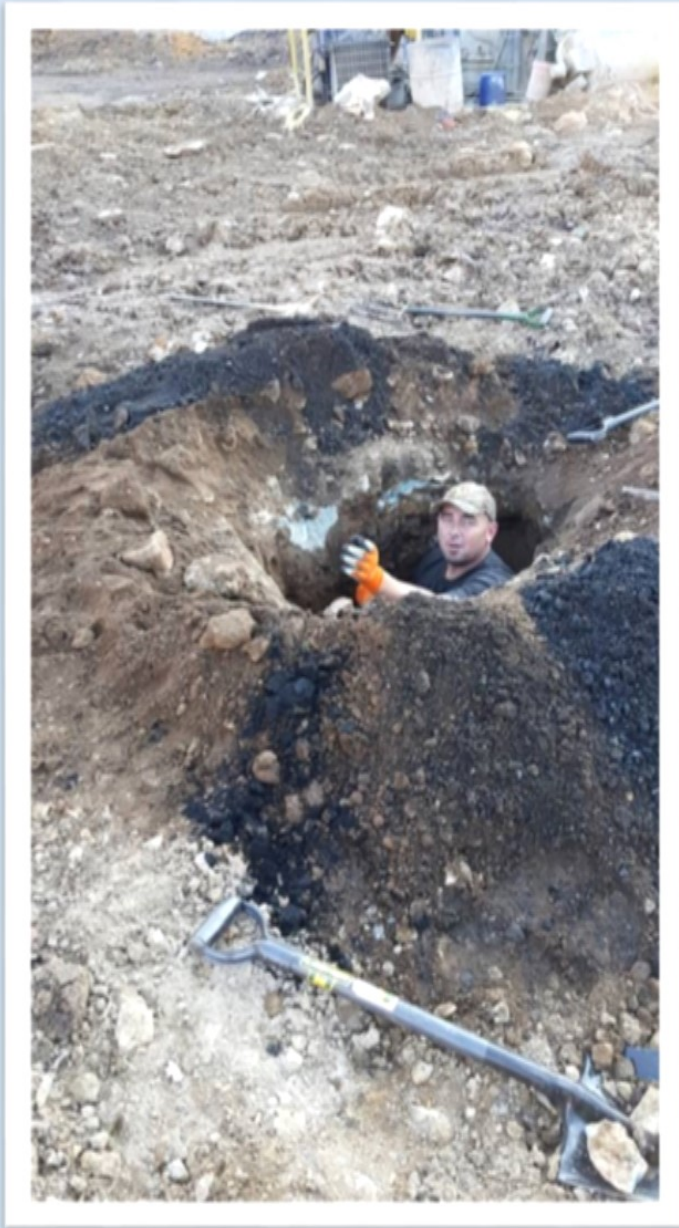


Lead shot assemblage from the 1650 attack on Castledonovan Castle, Co. Cork

# Dump Digging



# DUMPDIGGERS



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As per the Dump diggers' Handbook, there are six different types of dump:

1. Town Dump - most towns have more than one dump site.
2. Privy Pit - the old latrine is considered a dump of sorts.
3. Farm Dump - farmers dump here to halt soil erosion.
4. Swamp Road - when nobody's looking, people dump here.
5. Railway Dump - trains stop here to sweep cabin cars of debris
6. Camp Dump - Hunting, mining and forestry camp dumps

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How old can such a dump get? That's a good question. It depends on the town, but on average in Upper Canada, and I think this is also true of many American states, the oldest town dumps date back to the 1870's.

That's the age when the first 'chartered towns' recognized the need for, and legislated local property as, the Town Dump. Do you remember watching the scene in episode #8 of the first season of the HBO's classic *Deadwood*, wherein Sam Bullock approves the location of the dump on one of the empty lots in the camp? The land is selected and appropriated because there's rubbish already accumulating in what sounds like a river gulch.

Recorded minutes from century old meetings in the Town Hall will sometimes chronicle counselors voting to make a salary available for a 'Dump Attendant' and or perhaps detail funds for the purchase of a special 'dumping wagon'.

The Dump Attendant was paid to watch the property on burning days and organize a weekly trash collection. Research this individual's family and you may find pictures of their ancestor in the town dump in front of navigable landmarks that you can use to find the same location today.



The above picture details trash collection in the City of Toronto in 1903. It's interesting to note here how two wagons work in tandem - this is a precursor to our modern recycling program. The wagon behind the sled is filled with furnace ash which has a variety of municipal applications, not the least of which is road paving material.

The sled in the foreground is loaded with sacks full of glass bottles, clay pottery and tin packaging - household waste. Notice how the garbage man wears a backpack, and I wonder what he puts inside his backpack everyday? I suspect that this individual removed local

brewed beer and pop bottles that he knew were refundable - sadly, and perhaps consequently, these are the bottles that are the most collectible today.

The Health Inspector, often called the 'medical officer', or the 'town doctor' also made reports on early dumps. His primary concern was ground water contamination. There are circumstances in which he would report an infestation of rats or wild dogs at dumps. Often times he ordered the bulldozing and burning of dumps as a solution to exterminate such vermin.

Unfortunately for Dump diggers, even the oldest and most secluded town dumps were likely subject to burning and bulldozing at some point in their existence. It was considered civilized to burn dumps and thereby reduce 'the spread of germs'. Municipalities used heavy machinery to compact dump sites in the early 1920's and 30's. Before this horse drawn 'dump scrappers' were used to flatten the piles. The horse's weight and the weight of the operator helped compact the garbage to allow the next day's wagons a hard surface on which to dump their contents.

Early Dumping Wagons are themselves now very collectible because of their scarcity. One hundred years ago the Watson Bottom Dump Wagon was the finest dump wagon in America; today less than ten examples remain, and most of these are in pieces.

In 1886 David Watson moved his wagon manufacturing company to Canastota, New York where he bought what was then known as the "mop handle factory" on the west side of the town. The Watson 'dumping wagon' was the first and best of its kind - his vessel dominated the market in residential garbage pick-up and disposal. As testament to its versatility and reputation, it was the wagon of choice in the First World War when 15,000 units were shipped to France to help Allied Command support the men in the trenches. And finally, here's a Dump diggers' secret; every town's first municipal dump was usually located less than a mile away from the historic main intersection, and almost always on inclined or boggy terrain, and never windward (which means North West here in Ontario).



## Dating Buttons

<p>Hole drilled in shank      roughcast brass or bronze</p> <p>1700 - 1765 <b>A</b></p>	<p>holes for gut fastening bone or wood back silver front</p> <p>1700 - 1790 <b>B</b></p>	<p>iron wire eye mold seam &amp; plug cast white metal</p> <p>1760 - 1790 <b>C</b></p>
<p>brass wire eye burr edge spun back cast white metal or brass</p> <p>1760 - 1785 <b>D</b></p>	<p>eye &amp; button, one piece cast white metal</p> <p>1750 - 1812 <b>E</b></p>	<p>brass eye soldered to back two piece pressed brass</p> <p>1812 - 1830 <b>F</b></p>
<p>brass eye, soldered no foot to eye brass or bronze</p> <p>1785 - 1800 <b>G</b></p>	<p>re-strike anvil seam brass eye with foot soldered to back brass or bronze</p> <p>1812 - 1820 <b>H</b></p>	<p>two piece, pressed brass brass eye soldered to back</p> <p>1830 - present <b>I</b></p>
<p>center hole to index turning tool bone</p> <p>1750 - 1830 <b>J</b></p>	<p>one piece cast whitmetal</p> <p>1800 - 1860 <b>K</b></p>	<p>two piece pressed steel</p> <p>post - 1870 <b>L</b></p>

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# WOMAN & METAL DETECTING – BY LANA PIENAAR

I often wonder what people’s thoughts are when they hear a LADY is crazy about metal detecting and joining a group of men for a group hunt. Do they think we are crazier than they are or thinking she will never be able to dig a hole, or seriously doesn’t she have a tea party to attend or like shopping at the mall? Sometime so easy to judge a person without knowing them or so easy to think that you are better than the next person and what does she know after all!! Well I don’t know much but I know you should live and let live! Well let me tell you I don’t like a mall and I don’t like tea parties, I like the open fields, and the historical side of this hobby, and yes I am still a Lady who does like to dress up!



Well let me tell you my story why I joined metal detecting:

I never had a dream as a little girl to ever go treasure hunting when I am big finding treasures like so many of you do, I never even knew in all honesty that some people did this as a hobby for so many years already! My dream job then, I was about 7 years old was to work in the Café at the corner – because then I can eat as many WILSON toffees as I would like!!

Nevertheless I do not want to bore you with all the little details of my life but the short of it all is I became a teacher, got a passion for children and 24 years later I am still involved with educating young children ECD. For the last 12 years I have managed a large pre-school of between 400-500 children as the Principal, also managing my own Cazabella team where in 2 years time a total R2 000 000.00 were banked by the team I built up and manage!

I am a wife, a mother of twins



(22 years) and our precious little Isabelle who is turning 7 this year and started GR. 1 this year.

Metal detecting became my passion and my hobby - but my interest is RELICS, concentration camps where the boer woman and children lost their lives in thou-

sands - once again back to my passion for children. How the kids must have suffered during these times, starving, cold and living in filthy circumstances, neglected, abused and maltreated. I am sure if I lived in those times I would have been a guardian angel for each and every child in these horrific camps! The British were merciless and with only the woman to protect their children as all the men were engaged in battles it must have been one of the saddest times of our history. I would have taught all the children in camps about love and being good to others. My husband David Pienaar played a big role for me to start this hobby as it became his interest and hobby even before I ever thought about something like METAL DETECTING!





Once he started I couldn't stop taking his detector and so he bought me my own Minelab X-Terra 705! And we are enjoying every minute of it together!

When I am in the field detecting I forget about all the above and forget about all the stressful demands I have on a daily basis, I don't have to worry about being presentable and have to compete, I don't have to do things other people expect me to do. I can be myself by myself – even if 10 other people is close by also detecting, I become my own individual human being with my thoughts and my thoughts only!

As the first woman joining the Annual hunt in 2015 it was quite a experience and a privilege doing this with my husband – feeling a bit like an outsider when meeting all the men and a bit intimidated by all the males around, I kept my distance and tried not to invade their male domain to much! However I stood my ground and had a wonderful week, working hard and found some great relics! And so I did it again in 2016 – however with another lady Tania, and was great to have another female companion during the week!



But what a great feeling to find something rare and scarce, I have found a few 'treasures' during the two and a half years of detecting (and left a few men with red faces ), not with any profits or money making in it. Purely for the interest of the hobby and the appreciation of a very rich history, for no other reason at all, but wow what an awesome feeling to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> place on a Minelab day or overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place at a Annual hunt!!! Winning Relic find of the year – I don't think many ladies in our country have had this privilege.

All is about research, luck and great friends! No grounds are ever 'hunted' out as it was proved over and over on many occasions, I have found a tennis buckle where many of men have been digging and detected before, found a coin where many have walked, but just that 1 or 2 centimetre to the left or right could make you a very happy lady – and of course I must give my MINELAB X-TERRA 705 most of the credit as not once did it fail me!!!



Metal detecting is like gambling – once you start to roll that dice you never stop hoping for the best and as in gambling each hole you dig is like the throw of a dice you never know what to expect and you keep on going!!

Do not ever take any woman for granted, appreciate them, respect them and never think that a woman is a weaker human being – we will achieve what we dream!

A song by James Brown:

*This is a man's world, this is a man's world  
But it wouldn't be nothing, nothing without a woman or a girl  
You see, man made the cars to take us over the road  
Man made the train to carry the heavy load*

*Man made electric light to take us out of the dark  
Man made the boat for the water, like Noah made the ark  
This is a man's, man's, man's world  
But it wouldn't be nothing, nothing without a woman or a girl  
Man thinks about our little bitty baby girls and our baby boys  
Man made them happy, 'cause man made them toys  
And after man make everything, everything he can  
You know that man makes money, to buy from other man  
This is a man's world  
But it wouldn't be nothing, nothing, not one little thing, without a woman or a girl  
He's lost in the wilderness  
He's lost in bitterness, he's lost lost*

This is how I experience this hobby – it is a man’s world, but nothing without a woman or a girl! I just love the hobby and I love each and every find, from a horse shoe to a precious coin! Some worthless but we are so rich in finding each little piece of history! And I will stand my ground as I will not stand back



# ANNUAL HUNT 2015

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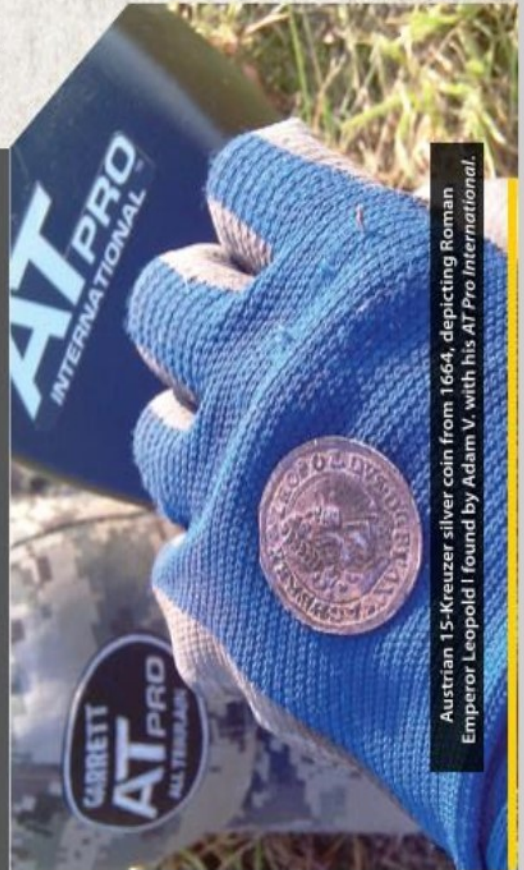
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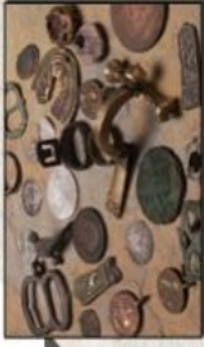
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# 30 years of Annual Hunt

## Lukas van der Merwe - Artikel I



After Detecting on my own for more than 6 years in 1985 I decided to start an Annual Hunt in the Winter or after when the grass were eaten short and a lot of land burned down , giving a group a weekend or more to get out and Hunt together , cover more ground and enjoy the Hobby as a group.....but not more than 15 persons.....and no girls ...sleeping over....!!!



## 1986 Lisbon Waterfalls Gold Panning



## 1987 Rustenburg Anglo Boer War





# 1988 Slag van Vaalkrantz Natal



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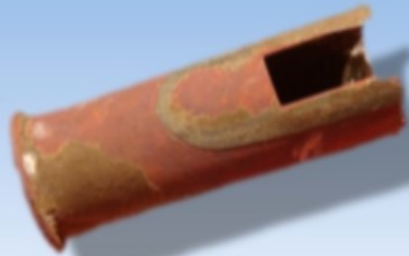


# 1990 Van Wyksrust Ou Tronk





# 1991 Slag van Frederikstad Potcheifstroom



# 1992 Kocksoord Ou Tronk Randfontein



# 1993 Lisbon Watervalle Goud Delf

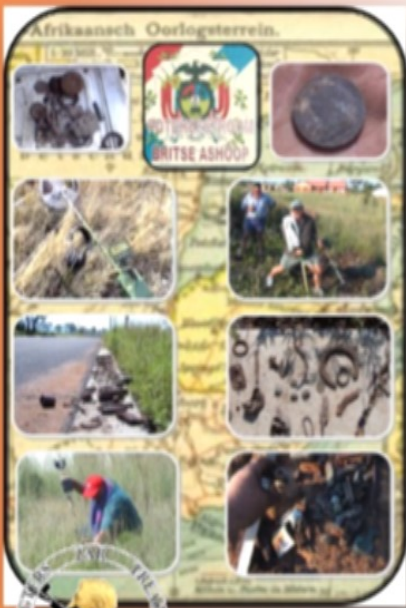




# 1994 Munsieville Krugersdorp



# 1995 British Hospital Ash Heap Potchefstrom



# 1996 Damhoek Magaliesberge





# 1997 Slag van Jouberts Kop Standerton



# 1998 Slag van Frederikstad Potchefstroom



# 1999 Slag van Doringkraal Bothaville





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# 30 years of Annual Hunt Lukas van der Merwe

## 2000 Chromer England



## 2001 Colesberg Noord Kaap





# 2002 Colesberg Noord Kaap



# 2003 Colesberg Noord Kaap



# 2004 Battle Fields Natal





# 2005 Colesberg Noord Kaap



# 2006 Natal Battlefields



# 2007 Natal Battlefields



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Quick question: [Tanya Vosloo](#)

When i hunt on the beach between the tide line and the ocean (wet area) I get multiple hits to the point where the machine just goes crazy. It doesn't help reducing the sensitivity. I have an ACE 150. Any ideas as to why this happens? I have a sand density theory but would love some input..

[Henry Clapton](#) It's the salt in the sand that's causing the machine to react like that. The machine is not designed to hunt wet sand. The mineralization will always give you false signals as the electronics cannot cancel this interference. A machine that has good auto or manual ground balance will sort this out

[Van Der Spuy Chris](#) That's correct, when you buy your next machine, ask them if it will be suitable for use in salty areas. Many machines are not suitable for that and it does restrict you a lot.

[Johan Swart](#) I have an ace 250. Got the same problem. My friend that hunts with me has the at pro. No problems. But its R7000 price difference. But he finds more gold than me. Lol

[Jaco Blom](#) How would the Delta 4000 do on some wet sand? Always used it for relic hunting but would like to try it on the beach next week

[Danie En Jacobe Fourie](#) For no hassles at the beach and not breaking the bank use a pulse induction machine

[Mark Von Sorgs](#) Hi Tanya - as said above there are two types of metal detection coils; those that use continuous wave propagation and those that use pulse induction. Pulse induction can be used in salt water but the ace 150 uses continuous wave which is affected by salt water in the sand as it is filled with electrolytes.. (Should be fine in fresh water). Unfortunately there is no setting to prevent this on the Ace. You will just have to stick to dry sand and have fun

[Tanya Vosloo](#) Thx legends!





# 2008 Natal Battlefields



# 2009 Oos Transvaal



# 2010 Engeland



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# 2014 Heilbron vrystaat

## Freestate Hunt 2014



## Freestate 2015



# 2015 Heilbron vrystaat



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**Darren**



**Eugene**



**Wade**



**Tanya and Fred**



**Lana and David**



**Charlotte**



**Piet**



**Nestor**



**Gregory**



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# Annual Hunt 2016

## Heilbron Freestate

### 2 - 8 September 2016

**Friday**

**2 September 2016**



The Crew getting together at the Weltevrede Game farm on the road between Sasolburg and Heilbron

Eugene en Wade geniet die aand ete....genoeg vir die krag van more



To make sure you are not under weight to do the Annual Hunt....not for the feign hearted - Darren made it !!



**Saturday  
3 September 2016  
First Session**



**Darren Eugene Nestor David**



After Breakfast at 06h00 we went out to a farm not far from Heilbron....our first stop. There was a battle between Boer and Brit and a lot of fortifications could be seen from the Drone's view.



A lot of empty shells were found and some nice relics., Also a 1943 dog licence



**Piet**



**Tanya**



**Piet Eugene David Nestor Lana Gregory Wade**



**Saturday  
3 September 2016  
Second Session**



The booty which now fell into De Wet's hands was the largest captured by the Boers throughout the war. The sight of it astonished the General and his burghers; bales of clothing and cases of ammunition and other supplies piled up in enormous quantities in the barricades, the railway trucks and elsewhere on the station. There were thousands of cases of small-arms and artillery-ammunition of various calibres, including the huge lyddite shells for Lord Roberts's two 9-inch siege guns. There were thousands of winter uniforms (or suits of warm clothes, as De Wet described them), great-coats, warm underwear, socks, boots, gloves and blankets - enough to fit out lavishly all the Free State commandos. The cases of food contained, among other things, tinned meat, canned fruit, coffee and sugar. It was a source of heartfelt regret to De Wet that only a relatively small number of burghers could share in this enormous loot, for to carry away everything was out of the question. With strong British forces in the vicinity, by far the greater part of his capture would have to be destroyed as soon as possible.



**Piet Eugene**



**Fred Eugene Tanya Lana David**



**Lana Tanya**



**To be continued in next issue..!**



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