



Threshold

May 8, 2025

Center for the Historical Recovery Association of North Florida
Dedicated to the Hobbies of Metal Detecting and Treasure Hunting



Next Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2025 Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Holiday Hill Church, 730 Mandalay Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Beach Bowls - Your Hidden "Pocket" Of Treasure

As the sun rises over the horizon, casting a golden glow upon the tranquil shoreline, beachcombers and treasure hunters alike prepare for their day's adventure. Armed with metal detectors and a thirst for discovery, they scour the sandy expanses in search of hidden treasures buried beneath the surface. Among the many strategies employed by seasoned detectorists, one technique stands out for its effectiveness and potential for uncovering valuable finds: finding "bowls."

What are "Bowls"?



In the realm of metal detecting, a "bowl" refers to a natural depression or concave area on the beach where sand and debris tend to accumulate over time. These bowls can form due to various factors, including wave action, tidal currents, and the contours of the seabed. As sand and sediment accumulate within these

depressions, they create fertile hunting grounds for treasure seekers.

Why Hunt in Bowls?

So, what makes hunting in bowls particularly fruitful for metal detector enthusiasts? The answer lies in the unique dynamics of beach erosion and sediment transport. As waves crash onto the shore and recede, they tend to deposit heavier objects, such as coins, jewelry, and relics, into low-lying areas like bowls. Over time, these treasures become buried beneath layers of sand, waiting to be unearthed by diligent detectorists.

Identifying Potential Hunting Grounds

Finding bowls requires a keen eye and an understanding of coastal geography.

Detectorists often look for telltale signs of bowl formation, such as:

1. **Natural Features:** Look for areas where the shoreline curves inward, creating a sheltered space that is conducive to bowl formation.
2. **Changes in Elevation:** Pay attention to subtle changes in elevation along the beach. Low-lying areas are more likely to collect sand and debris, forming bowls over time.
3. **Wave Action:** Observe how waves interact with the shoreline. Areas with gentle, rolling waves are more likely to exhibit bowl-like characteristics than those with intense wave action.

Tips for Successful Hunting

Once you've identified potential hunting grounds, it's time to put your metal detecting skills to the test. Here are some tips for maximizing your chances of success:

1. **Start at the Edges:** Begin your search along the periphery of the bowl, where treasures are most likely to accumulate due to wave action and sediment transport.
2. **Work Methodically:** Scan the area in a systematic grid pattern, ensuring thorough coverage of the entire bowl. Take your time and pay attention to subtle signals from your metal detector.
3. **Dig Carefully:** When you receive a signal indicating a potential target, dig carefully to avoid damaging any buried treasures.
4. **Respect the Environment:** Always adhere to local regulations and guidelines regarding metal detecting and beachcombing. Leave the beach as you found it

JOIN THE HUNT

Whether you're a seasoned detectorist or a newcomer to the world of treasure hunting, finding bowls at the beach offers a rewarding and exhilarating experience. By harnessing the natural forces of erosion and sedimentation, you can uncover a wealth of hidden treasures waiting to be discovered beneath the surface. So, grab your metal detector, head to the nearest shoreline, and embark on your quest for beach bounty. Who knows what treasures lie waiting to be found in the bowls of the sea?

May Finds Competition

May	Coins		Jewelry		Relics		Misc		Tokens/Buttons	
1st	Terwilliger, Ray	5	Combs, "Pete"	5	Terwilliger, Ray	5	Simmons, Dale	5	Terwilliger, Ray	5
2nd	Carmody, Carol	4	Carmody, Carol	4	Carmody, Carol	4	Terwilliger, Ray	4	Simmons, Dale	4
3rd	Mule, Philip	3	Sayre, Terry	3	Mule, Philip	4	Carmody, Carol	1	Combs, "Pete"	3
4th	Combs, "Pete"	1	Moos, Noah	1	Combs, "Pete"	3	Combs, "Pete"	1	Carmody, Carol	1
5th	Moos, Noah	1	Mule, Philip	1	Simmons, Dale	3	Fite, Ed	1	Mule, Philip	1

2025 Finds Competition Standings Category and Overall Best Hunter

Coins		Jewelry		Relics		Misc	
Filippi, James	20	Carmody, Carol	18	Filippi, James	19	Simmons, Dale	17
Carmody, Carol	13	Simmons, Dale	14	Terwilliger, Ray	15	Filippi, James	15
Terwilliger, Ray	11	Combs, "Pete"	13	Simmons, Dale	11	Terwilliger, Ray	12
Mule, Philip	9	Sayre, Terry	11	Combs, "Pete"	10	Combs, "Pete"	11
Combs, "Pete"	7	Terwilliger, Ray	11	Carmody, Carol	9	Sayre, Terry	8
Tokens		Youth		Overall			
Combs, "Pete"	16		0	Filippi, James	74		
Filippi, James	16		0	Simmons, Dale	65		
Simmons, Dale	16		0	Terwilliger, Ray	63		
Terwilliger, Ray	14		0	Combs, "Pete"	57		
Carmody, Carol	6		0	Carmody, Carol	53		
				Sayre, Terry	34		
				Mule, Philip	32		
				Jacobs, Ricky	16		
				Carmody, Mike	15		
				Powell, Ray	9		

HRANF Secretary Report for May 8, 2025

Meeting was held on the above date at Holiday Hill Church, 730 Mandalay Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. Meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m. by President Dianna Watkins who led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Watkins distributed an Agenda. There was one guest, Fernando Ubierna.

Monthly Reports:

- (1) Vice President Allen Moore - present - nothing new - 50/50 raffle tickets
- (2) Secretary Carol Carmody- nothing new
- (3) Newsletter Editor Terry Sayre -Talked about websi
- (4) Board member Chip Kirkpatrick - present - awards to Ray Terwilliger and Philip Mule on pet contest

Next, general business:

- (1) Birthdays and anniversaries recognized
- (2) Returns - Philip Mule returned 2 rings; Ray Terwilliger returned a keychain; Greg Greene returned an earring.
- (3) Talked about the Board Meeting/Reorganization; To free up the Vice President to be able to hear what is happening in the meetings, Pete Combs will be now handling the finds table; Kim Allen was voted in as Treasurer.
- (4) Annual Hunt is planned for 11/15/2025 as a beach hunt at Oceanfront Park; the club will have a table again at the History Fair on 6/14/2025 with an 8 foot table for \$25; the club talked about a table at the Equestrian Center's Healing Hooves Treasure Hunt on 8/2/2025.
- (5) Name Badge Drawing- Jim Haskett
- (6) For Sale - Rande Settle has a Minelab 800 for sale with a lot of accessories \$850
- (7) Permissions - possibly an upcoming hunt in NW Georgia
- (8) Questions about detectors - none
- (9) Hunt the 27th - Recap - 6th year anniversary- Clues are posted @ sunrise - See website.
- (10) Scavenger Hunt-ongoing - Show Dianna your finds either in person or phone picture.
- (11) Dale Simmons and Greg Greene tied to win the monthly contest with 14 keys.
- (12) This month's contest is coins.
- (13) Philip Mule was the winner of the 50/50 drawing \$50.
- (14) Social time and finds table results awarded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Carol Carmody, Secretary