

## HUDSON VALLEY EXPLORER SPRING 2013

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### Tentative Schedule of Events for 2013

\*contingent on finalization of search agreement

*Thursday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Membership meeting, Yorktown Heights, NY*

*Thursday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Membership meeting, Yorktown Heights, NY*

*Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Membership meeting, Yorktown Heights, NY*

*Saturday, April TBD, 9:00 a.m.  
Search Outing*

*Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting, Brewster, NY*

*Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.  
Search Outing Stone Ridge, NY*

*Thursday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting, Brewster, NY*

*Saturday, June TBD, 9:00 a.m.  
Search Outing TBD*

**Tentative Schedule of Events for 2013**  
**\*contingent on finalization of search agreement (cont)**

*Thursday, September 5, 7:00 p.m.*  
*Membership Meeting, Brewster, NY*

*Saturday, Sunday September 21- 22, 9:00 a.m. \**  
*Search Outing Brant Lake*

*Thursday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.*  
*Membership Meeting, Brewster, NY*

*Saturday October 12, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*  
*Rain Date October 13*  
*Search Outing Southeast, NY*

*Thursday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.*  
*Membership Meeting, Brewster, NY*

*Saturday, November 2, 10:00 a.m.*  
*Rain Date Sunday November 3*  
*Fall Classic Seeded Hunt, Fairfield, CT*

*Saturday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.*  
*Annual Christmas Party*  
*Location Mahopac, NY*

**EVENTS CALENDAR A WORK IN PROGRESS**

THE LOSS OF TWO MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COUPLED WITH THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF DIGGER RELATED "REALITY SHOWS" HAS MADE OBTAINING QUALITY HUNT SITES MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT. AS OF THE PRINTING OF THIS NEWSLETTER THE APRIL HUNT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED AT HIGH FALLS, NY. THIS TURNED OUT TO BE A VERY SUCCESSFUL OUTING AND A RETURN TO THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED FOR 2014. SADLY, THE MAY HUNT HAD TO BE SCRAPPED AS IT WAS LEARNED THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE TRUE OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND TO BE DETECTED. SEVERAL POTENTIAL SITES ARE CURRENTLY BEING RESEARCHED BUT TO DATE NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN FINALIZED. HOPEFULLY A CONTRACT CAN BE GENERATED IN TIME FOR A MAY HUNT ON NEW LAND. THE SITUATION IS MUCH THE SAME FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER WITH INFORMATION (NAME, PLACE, AND PHONE) OF POTENTIAL SITES LARGE ENOUGH TO HOST 20 OR SO MEMBERS. THE LACK OF A SITE COORDINATOR CONTINUES TO PUT UNDUE PRESSURE ON THE BOARD TO COME UP WITH QUALITY HUNTS. ON A BRIGHTER NOTE HUNT SITES HAVE BEEN SECURED FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF RICH MARKERT AND DON MAYERS AND PLANS WILL BE FORMULATED SHORTLY FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE FALL CLASSIC IN NOVEMBER.

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AT THE FRONT DESK.**

**PLP IS WORKING PRIMARILY WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI ON GOLD RELATED  
ISSUES. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE ASSISTED EASTERN DETECTORS IN GETTING  
OPPRESSIVE LEGISLATION REMOVED IN FLORIDA. IN ADDITION THEY HAVE  
WORKED WITH CA DETECTORISTS IN GETTING METAL DETECTING  
REOPENED IN 4 CA CITIES WERE IT HAD BEEN SHUT DOWN.**

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING PLP AS AN INDIVIDUAL CALL PAUL  
COAMBS @ 805-443-7868.**

### **P/WMD&AS JOINS PLP**

**FOLLOWING A POSITIVE VOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OUR CLUB HAS  
PURCHASED A GROUP MEMBERSHIP IN PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE  
(PLP). AS WE CONTINUE TO ENDURE ACCELERATED PRESSURE FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BLM, FOREST DEPARTMENT, AUDUBON,  
SIERRA CLUB, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AND THE UN ( AND THE LIST  
GOES ON) TO ERODE OUR ACCESS TO PUBLIC LAND FOR HUNTING,  
FISHING, PROSPECTING, DETECTING AND RELIC SEARCHING IT IS BECOMING  
MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT TO BECOME PROACTIVE IN DEFENDING OUR  
RIGHTS TO ENJOY WHOLESOME OUTDOOR RECREATION. PLP IS A LEGAL  
ORIENTED, LAWYER DRIVEN GROUP DEDICATED TO TAKING TO COURT  
THOSE WHO WOULD DENY AMERICANS THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.  
THERE IS A GROWING INTERACTION BETWEEN THE GPAA (GOLD  
PROSPECTORS), FMDAC, WATTS, AND OTHER OUTDOOR ORIENTED  
ORGANIZATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO CURB THE LOSS OF OUTDOOR  
OPPORTUNITIES. OUR LINK WITH PLP IS A SMALL STEP IN THE EVOLUTION  
OF A COALITION OF LIKE-MINDED MEN AND WOMEN DEDICATED TO  
RETAINING THE FRONTIER SPIRIT WHICH ONCE MADE THIS COUNTRY  
STRONG. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO MONITOR THE PLP WEBSITE IN AN  
EFFORT TO BECOME MORE INFORMED (AND INVOLVED) IN THE  
PRESERVATION OF OUR HOBBY.**

## **SET BACKS-BLAME THE WEATHERMAN**

THE END OF THE 2012 SEASON AND THE BEGINNING OF THE DETECTING ADVENTURES OF 2013 GOT OFF TO A VERY SLOW START. EARLY WINTER STORMS AND ESPECIALLY SANDY CAUSED THE CANCELLATION OF A NUMBER OF P/WMD&AS EVENTS. THE NOVEMBER MEETING WAS CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE AS THE TOWN HAD TAKEN OVER THE MEETING HALL FOR STORM PREPARATION. STORM DAMAGE TO THE FAIRFIELD BEACHES PROMPTED THE BOARD TO CANCEL THE 2012 FALL CLASSIC. THE FEBRUARY MEETING PLACE HAD TO BE CHANGED AS WE NO LONGER WERE ABLE TO RETAIN THE SPARKLE LAKE FACILITY. AFTER SCRAMBLING TO ACCESS A NEW MEETING LOCATION THE FEBRUARY MEETING WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE FORECAST OF HEAVY SNOW. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 2013 SEASON WAS FINALLY HELD IN BREWSTER, NY AT THE BREWSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. KUDOS TO PATTY OSMER FOR MAKING THE CONTACTS ALLOWING US TO FINALLY CONDUCT BUSINESS FOR THE START OF THE NEW YEAR. OUR THANKS TO ALL THE FOLKS AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR THEIR EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF. SHORTLY AFTER THE MARCH MEETING PERMANENT DIGS WERE OBTAINED AT THE BREWSTER BAPTIST CHURCH. THE APRIL MEETING TOOK PLACE THERE AND THE REMAINING MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THIS NEW FACILITY. THANKS GO OUT TO DON MATUZAS FOR MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR NEW HOME.

## **HIGH PRAISE FOR HIGH FALLS**

IN SPITE OF A GLITCH IN THE PAPER WORK AND A LACK OF READY CASH THE CLUB'S FIRST OUTING OF THE SEASON WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. SIXTEEN MEMBERS ATTENDED THE EVENT IN HIGH FALLS, NY ON A COOL BUT CLEAR SPRING DAY. THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND HE AND HIS WIFE AND SISTER MADE US ALL FEEL AT HOME. THE SITE IS LARGE AND THERE WAS PLENTY OF ROOM TO ENJOY THE SOLITUDE OF THE DETECTING EXPERIENCE. PLENTY OF CLADS WERE RECOVERED ALONG WITH A GOODLY AMOUNT OF WHEAT PENNIES. WHILE MUSKET BALLS WERE AMONG THE MISSING A FEW COINS FROM THE 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WERE RECOVERED ALONG WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF EARLY TO MID 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY SILVER COINS AND JEWELRY. FRED SHIPMAN WAS AWARDED THE UNOFFICIAL FIND OF THE DAY AWARD WHICH WILL SURELY BE ON DISPLAY AT THE MAY MEETING IN BREWSTER. ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE AVAILABLE LAND WAS DETECTED AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO SET UP A RETURN OUTING FOR NEXT SPRING. MANY THANKS TO TED IZZO AND CAROL MAYERS FOR DOING THE LEG WORK TO GET THIS HUNT IN THE BOOKS.

## **PATCHES AND SHIRTS NOW ON SALE**

SHIRTS AND PATCHES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE MAY MEETING. WE HAVE SOLD OUT OF XXL SHIRTS BUT THEY MAY BE ORDERED AT \$23.00 EACH. SMALL AND MEDIUM ARE ALSO NOT AVAILABLE BUT MAY BE ORDERED FOR \$20.00 EACH. THE PRICE OF EACH SHIRT INCLUDES A FREE RAFFLE TICKET (GENERAL OR COIN) AT THE NEXT MEETING. WE STILL HAVE A MODEST NUMBER OF CLUB PATCHES WHICH WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN BREWSTER DURING THE MAY MEETING. PRICE ON PATCHES IS ONE FOR \$5.00 TWO FOR \$7.00; SORRY NO FREE TICKETS WITH PURCHASE OF PATCHES.

## **2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW THE ANNUAL P/WMD&AS CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS HELD AT THE PUTNAM NATIONAL GOLF COURSE. UNCHARACTERISTICALLY THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR AND BRIGHT AND THE DRIVING CONDITIONS TO AND FROM THE EVENT WERE EXCELLENT. THE BAR WAS WELL STOCKED AND THE EXCELLENT APPETIZERS GOT US ALL OFF TO A GOOD START. THE RAFFLE TABLE WAS MOUNDED AND MANY HIGH END PRIZES WERE CARTED HOME BY THE LUCKY WINNERS. AS HAS BEEN OUR TRADITION, THE LAST TICKET DRAWN WAS FOR A METAL DETECTOR. THE LUCKY WINNER WAS TRACY STERLING DAUGHTER OF LONG TIME MEMBER KEN STERLING. PLANS ARE WELL UNDER WAY FOR THE 2013 PARTY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN MAHOPAC, NY.

## **FINDS OF THE MONTH OCT. 2012 WINNERS**

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