

# SRARC NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2026



Welcome back club members. 2026 is going to be a GREAT year for the club, with lots of activities coming up! Our first activity is the upcoming “seeded silver dime” hunt on February 21<sup>st</sup> on Redington Shores beach! (same location from previous years)

# JANUARY MEETING

Meeting is Monday Jan 26th  
@7pm at QUAKER STEAK & LUBE  
10400 49TH Street North, Clearwater.

Please come early and  
enjoy some great food as  
Quaker Steak & Lube is  
providing our meeting  
room free of charge!

(Pinellas Park)



# 2026 Officers and Board Members

- Rob Velarde – President
- Jerry Miller – Vice President
- Gary LeLand – Treasurer
- Karen Payne – Secretary

Rob Clarke – Board Member

Joe Montione – Board Member

Phil Schiro – Board Member

• Rob Payne – Board Member

Jerry Scheinder – Board Member



# **President's Message:**

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**From myself and all the Board Members- we hope you ALL had a Peaceful & Joyous Holiday season, and we will see you great folks in Monday. Our next meeting is January 26<sup>th</sup> at Quaker Steak & Lube. We are looking forward to an exciting 2026 with numerous club functions planned!**

**Rob Velarde, President**

# Editor's



# worth:

Hello everyone & Welcome back! 2026 is going to be an exciting year for the club: We have the upcoming “Silver Hunt” for members that paid their club dues prior to midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup>. We are finalizing plans for the club Spring Picnic at Fort DeSoto park and will announce that shortly.

We elected new club Officers and Board members at our November meeting and they are listed on page 3. The new board held it's 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting on Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> at Quaker Steak & Lube and 8 of the 9 board members were present. Many topics were discussed, which I will go over on page 6.



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# UPCOMING SRARC EVENTS

Next meeting is Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 2026, 7pm @ Quaker Steak & Lube.  
Get there early to set up your great finds on the display tables and grab some great food for dinner before the meeting starts!

Annual seeded silver hunt is Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Redington Shores beach. You **MUST** have paid your club dues for 2026 before midnight of December 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for this hunt. It is \$10 per person. Hunt starts at 10am.

January club speaker will be an employee of FWC- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission whose job it is to track Florida's turtles and Manatees. She puts on a **GREAT** presentation-make sure to attend!

The new 2026 board met for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time at Quaker Steak on the 19<sup>th</sup> & discussed the upcoming year's events, including our Spring picnic and seeded beach hunt & picnic at Fort DeSoto beach- we are shooting for April 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>, depending which date is available.

We had no "formal" Christmas party this year, but the board has already formed a Christmas party "committee" to find a venue and make sure we have a great Christmas event for 2026. If you would like to be a part of finding us a great venue or have input, contact Rob Clarke (me). We already have one venue guaranteed for next year, but welcome other options. We will discuss this at the Jan. meeting for your input.

If you want to join Ringfinders, applications will be at the front table at Jan. meeting.

# CLUB COIN

**The club coin HAS been hidden in GULFPORT and is ready to be  
found by one of you intrepid folks!  
GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN looking for it!**



# CLUB RAFFLE to WIN this Beautiful SILVER ROUND

With a LOT more competition on Clearwater Beach and other local beaches with area metal detectorists offering their services for finding rings and lost jewelry, the club has seen a significant drop in donation revenue from our Ringfinders group over the last few years.

At our most recent board meeting we kicked around fundraising ideas and came up with this for our January meeting: The club purchased this gorgeous SILVER ROUND and we will be having a 2<sup>nd</sup> raffle Monday night for this US EAGLE Round. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation per ticket for a chance to win this coin. With Silver now over \$95.00 an ounce, this graded US Eagle is valued well over \$100. If this 2<sup>nd</sup> raffle is successful, we will offer similar items in the future.



**2015 US EAGLE  
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Will be on display at  
Meeting!**





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