



Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. (TTGGMC)

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Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club News

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<p style="text-align: center;">Diary Dates</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Club Activities</p>	<p>Lapidary (Tuesday mornings) <i>Course 5 weeks x 2 hours Cost \$10.00.</i> <i>Use of equipment \$1.00 per hour.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Mildura and Bendigo Gem and Mineral Club Show details on the last page. • 10th October - 11th October, 2015. Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm. Sunday: 10.00am - 4.00pm. Adelaide Gem and Mineral Club Show, Payneham Library Complex, cnr Turner Street and O.G. Road, Felixstowe, SA. • 7th November - 8th November, 2015. 10am - 4pm. Southern Rockhounds, Mineral and Craft Fair 2015, 17 Gerald Court, Christie Downs, SA. • 23rd January - 24th January, 2016 (Australia Day Long Weekend) Saturday: 9.00am - 4.00pm and Sunday: 9.00am - 3.00pm. Riverland Gem and Mineral Club - Show and Sales, Berri Town hall, Berri, SA. 	<p>Competitions Competitions have been suspended indefinitely and are currently replaced with members showcasing an interesting part of their collection.</p> <p>Field Trips No fieldtrips planned during Summer months.</p> <p>Library <i>Librarian - Augie Gray</i> There is a 2 month limit on borrowed items. When borrowing from the lending library, fill out the card at the back of the item, then place the card in the box on the shelf. When returning items, fill in the return date on the card, then place the card at the back of the item.</p> <p>Silver Craft Friday mornings - 9 am to 12 noon. Cost \$20 for new short course attendees. All are welcome.</p>	<p>Silver Craft (Friday mornings) <i>Course 5 weeks x 2 hours Cost \$20.00.</i> <i>Use of equipment \$1.00 per hour.</i></p> <p>While some consumable materials are supplied by the club, trainees must supply any additional requirements.</p> <p>Trainees who use the club equipment (for example, magnifying head pieces, faceting equipment, tools, etc.) must return them to the workshop after usage. Trainees are also encouraged to purchase and use their own equipment.</p> <p>In the interest of providing a safe working environment, it is necessary to ensure individuals using the workshops follow the rules set out in <i>Policy No. 1 - 20/11/2006</i>.</p> <p>It is necessary that <i>Health and Safety</i> regulations <u>are</u> adhered to at all times.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Stop Press</p>	<p>Tuesday Craft Tuesday mornings - 11 am to 2.30 pm Faceting, etc. All are welcome. Contact Doug (08 7120 2221) if you would like to learn faceting.</p> <p>Wanted - The faceting group occasionally has members wishing to buy a 2nd hand faceting machine & accessories. Could anyone with one not being used please contact: Doug Walker 0871202221 or Russell Fischer 0417083227</p>	<p>Trainees must ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that all work stations are left in a clean and tidy state; that all rubbish is removed and placed in the appropriate bin; and where applicable, machines are cleaned and oiled. <p>The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. will not be held responsible or liable for any person injured while using the club machinery or equipment.</p>
<p>The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. is not and cannot be held responsible or liable for any personal injuries, loss or damage to property at any club activities, including, but not limited to, meetings, field trips, all crafts and annual shows. An indemnity is to be signed by all participants before each and every field trip activity they attend.</p>		<p>Club Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$25.00 Family. \$20.00 Family/Pensioner. \$15.00 Single. \$12.50 Single/Pensioner. \$10.00 Joining Fee.

Contributed by Douglas Walker...

Article extracted from *Mesa Journal* 2 July 1996

http://minerals.dmitre.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/11194/mj_02_chrysoprase.pdf

Gemstones - South Australian chrysoprase

Chrysoprase is a cryptocrystalline variety of quartz (chalcedony) coloured green by small amounts of nickel (1—3%). The best quality material is a rich 'apple' green, homogeneous, translucent chalcedony which resembles and is used as a simulant for the rare and highly prized Imperial Green Jadeite. In the Asian market, chrysoprase is in great demand for jewellery and is known in the trade as 'Australian Jade'. It can demand prices of \$500 - \$1,000/kg for selected green translucent material.

Australia provides almost the entire world production of chrysoprase, predominantly from Queensland (Krosch, 1990) and Western Australia, but with some from South Australia. All the production from mines at Marlborough in Queensland is sent to Hong Kong for processing into carvings and jewellery and is marketed from there. Production from Marlborough since mining began in 1963 has yielded over \$5 million of rough chrysoprase. In excess of 300 tonnes was produced from 1977 to 1993 and current production rates can be sustained for 20 years. Several chrysoprase deposits occur in Western Australia, the best known being Wingellina, just over the border from Mount Davies. Recorded production from Western Australia was 120 tonnes during the late 1960s and early 1970s. A relatively new producer is the Gembank Group which worked a deposit in the Yerilla district south of Leonora during 1992 - 95; production averaged ~ 100 tonnes / year (Jones, 1994).

Chrysoprase near Mount Davies

MESA geologists visited Pipalyatjara (Mount Davies) in the far northwest of the State in April 1994 to review the six previously mapped chrysoprase deposits described by Conor (1979), and were shown several other occurrences by Aboriginal elders. Mount Davies has produced chrysoprase since the early 1960s but in lesser quantities than Queensland and Western Australia. Production during 1967- 69 was 2.5 tonnes but has not been recorded since, although there are unsubstantiated reports of chrysoprase coming from the area during 1975 - 78 and intermittently thereafter. These suggest that up to 20 tonnes have been mined predominantly from three of the deposits, with small amounts scraped from near surface at two others (Conor, 1979). Reserves at the many deposits are likewise unknown, but a drillhole to 200 metres near one deposit encountered sporadic chrysoprase to that depth.



Geology

Many of Mount Davies deposits were worked initially by hand burrowing into the softer calcareous and magnesian clays and soils below the harder jasper and silcrete capping. They were described by Miller (1966) as occurring in lateritic weathering profiles of ultrabasic pyroxenites and nickeliferous olivine norites associated with jasper, magnesite, and serpentine.

The common factor with all of the Australian chrysoprase deposits is that they associated with ultrabasic igneous rocks containing olivine. Olivine is magnesium-iron silicate, but more importantly, contains trace amounts of nickel. On weathering, these rocks produce magnesite and silica which is available for secondary deposition as chalcedony. Nickel became concentrated in the soil profile in and adjacent to the igneous rocks and as such was the target for exploration in all three chrysoprase-producing States during the 1960s. As the secondary deposits of chalcedony were formed in Tertiary times, nickel released from weathering was incorporated in the silica, producing veins of chrysoprase. Consequently, several of the areas previously explored for nickel have provided drillhole information on chrysoprase deposits currently being mined.

Current Exploration

Yapan leases

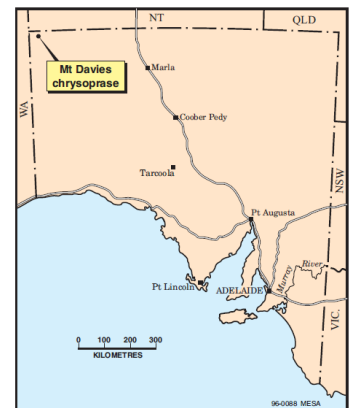
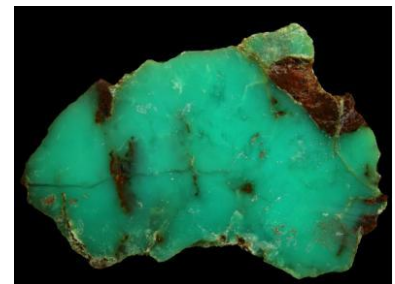
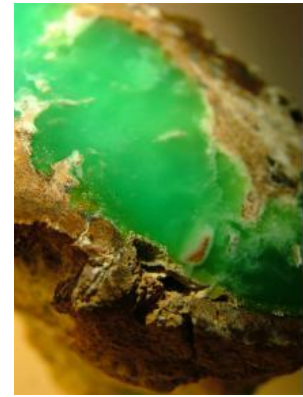
Two mineral leases in the Yapan near the Northern Territory border have been worked by open cut to depths of 10 - 15 metres. Chrysoprase of varying quality has been mined in both, but quantities are not known.

Pipalyatiara lease

Five mineral claims have been taken up by Pipalyatjara Mining Enterprises. After discussions with MESA, applications for conversion of one claim at a time to a mineral lease commencing in the area considered to have the best potential and be environ-mentally acceptable have been lodged. ML 5951 was granted in February 1996. Exploration trenching in late 1995 and early 1996 provided good, saleable chrysoprase which was stockpiled on site while awaiting official notification of the lease being granted. Chrysoprase and chalcedony observed in 1994 and during trenching in 1995 occurred as homogeneous, translucent white to pale green seam material up to 30 mm thick. Reports from elders that a 5 metres trench at this locality previously intersected good quality darker green chrysoprase encouraged this site to be selected for mining.

An open cut worked from February through to May has revealed a 0.1 - 0.5 metres wide, near-vertical vein of chrysoprase associated with a fault zone. This has yielded almost 10 tonnes of good quality carving grade, opaque chrysoprase, which was also found in two other trenches ~ 10 and 20 metres from the open cut. The vein has been followed to a depth of 25 metres and shows no indications of thinning.

Examples of Chrysoprase - Location unknown.



Monitoring, mapping and photography are planned to record the geology and occurrence during mining. Additional data will assist in locating other deposits in the Mount Davies area.

For further information contact Jack Townsend, Senior Geologist, Mineral Resources, MESA (ph 08 274 7692).

This article was given to me in hard copy form. But despite the article being accessible on the internet, I chose to scan the hard copy instead. In fact this article was photographed using my Windows Phone, Lumia 640 LTE, using a free app called: 'Office Lens'. As a portable scanner it is excellent - it will allow photos(scans) to be taken at quite an acute angle to the subject, it provides a framed target, and squares off or flattens the finished image as though it was taken directly in front or above (avoids arm and camera shadow). In addition, the app has Optical Character Recognition with 75% - 90% accuracy, which provides editable text. Mel.

Members Out and About.

Contributed by Rodrick Bungey...
Rod's Travel Gallery - Outback Australia



Sunset at Smoky Bay, S.A.



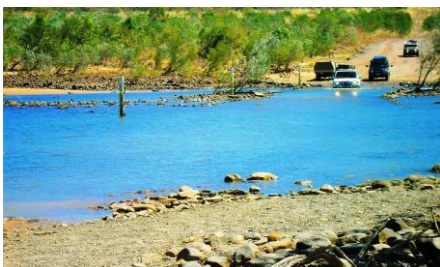
The 5 rivers at Wyndham from the lookout, which is 335 meters above sea level.



Aboriginal Art near Wyndham, W.A.



Ord River, W.A.



Me crossing the Pentecost River, Kimberleys, W.A.



Lake Argyle, W.A. - how they constructed it.



A small section of Lake Argyle, W.A.
 The lake holds 18 times more volume than Sydney Harbour.



Weir for the Ord River, Kununurra, W.A.



Boab tree in the Kimberleys, W.A.



Kimberleys, W.A.
Darwin Military Museum



WW2 LCVP beach assault vehicle or Higgins Boat named after the inventor, Andrew Higgins.



WW2 Willy's jeep and trailer.

Darwin Military Museum



The gun emplacement, Darwin.

Why were these guns built and why were they discarded?

In 1925 recommendations were made to establish a battery of 9.2" guns in Darwin. Following the outbreak of war, approval was given in 1941 for the installation of the battery. Work proceeded on the emplacements and installation of guns with 3 proof rounds being fired: No. 1 gun the 10th of April 1944; and No. 2 gun 23rd March 1945. These were the only rounds that these guns fired. In 1959, a Japanese salvage firm arrived in Darwin to recover sunken shipping for scrap iron. Unfortunately, a decision was made by the authorities to sell and cut up both guns and associated equipment for scrap.



WW2 5 1/2 inch gun.

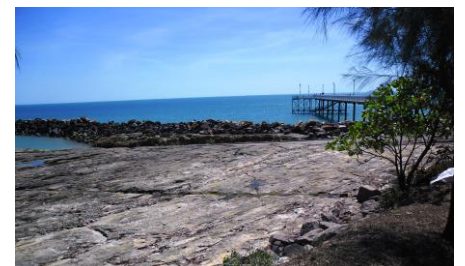


WW2 Blitz truck.



WW2 rifled artillery piece.

Darwin, N.T.



Nightcliff Beach, Darwin, N.T.

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Darwin Harbour.



Water Monitor, Howard Springs N.T.



Memorial Gardens, Adelaide River, N.T.



Outside bunker at Snake Creek (near Adelaide River) N.T.



Inside bunker at Snake Creek (near Adelaide River) N.T.
Snake Creek was a top secret naval artillery base, during and after WW2. Whilst Adelaide River was bombed, some how the Japanese missed Snake Creek (10 km away).



Top secret laboratory at Snake Creek (this building was even air-conditioned, and had gantries for moving shells).

Litchfield National Park, N.T.



Huge anthill at Litchfield Park, N.T.



Dining alfresco style.



Magnetic anthills near Litchfield National Park, N.T.



Entrance to Arnhem Land, Cahills Crossing, Kakadu National Park, N.T.



Railway Museum, Pine Creek, N.T.

Queensland



Supposedly the core of an old volcano between Emerald and Mackay, Qld.



Panning for sapphires at Rubyvale, Qld.



Sorting sapphires at Rubyvale, Qld.



Iris sitting in a very large and famous Boab tree.



Not a fish story, but another very large Boab tree.

Contributed by Ellen...

The Happy Wanderers

Yes, we are home again from our wonderful Mekong river cruise trip. First we spend a couple of days in Ho Chi Minh City. As we had already been there before, we only did the city tour, ending with a Vietnamese cooking class. Always so much fun and of course, very delicious!!

Our group for the tour consisted of only 16 people, 12 from the USA, one New Zealand couple and us, the only Australians. They were a lovely bunch and being such a small group, we got to know each one fairly well.



Our Boat

On the third day, we finally went on board our cruise vessel. The ship was beautiful and new, the staff fantastic, and the food just to die for. After only a day, all the waiters greeted you always by your first name. Don't know how they did it; it took us at least 3 days to remember the names of the group.



Floating Market.

The Mekong River was a big surprise. It is extremely wide and fast flowing, and we were there after the dry season, and the wet season is just starting now. It is a quite busy waterway, with lots of big barges transporting all sorts of ware.



Riverside Village

Every day we got off the ship, transferred into small sampans, and visited the country side; sometimes just to see the village life or local markets, or the local cathedral etc. At one place we visited a children's English school which was very entertaining. At another time, we ended up on an ox cart as our transport (very hard on your behind after a short time).



Ox Cart Ride

After a couple of days in Vietnam country, we cruised over the border into Cambodia, still visiting local places every day; from weaving demonstrations to being blessed by monks.



Royal Palace, Phnom Penh

Phnom Penh was the biggest town we came to, and because most of it was destroyed under Pol Pot, there are a lot of new buildings to be seen and its growing all the time. Of course it has quite disturbing history and we had one very sad day there, visiting the Genocide Museum where 17,000 prisoners were housed under the Khmer Rouge regime. Also a must there was one of the Killing Fields where 200,000 people lost their lives.



Angkor Wat

As mentioned, the water level wasn't very high, so we couldn't cruise up the Tonle River to get by water to Siem Reap. So we had to back-track again and we had a short flight from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. We were very sad to leave our lovely boat and the great crew behind.



Ta Prohm, Siem Reap

Anyway, after surviving the most horrible landing in Siem Reap, we spent a couple of days walking and admiring the amazing Angkor Wat and all the other surrounding temples, and they are all worth a visit.



Wat Mai, Laos.

Our flight to Luang Prabang, Laos, was uneventful (thank goodness!) and we spent a couple of days in this very peaceful and charming town, a Unesco World Heritage Site. There we visited the National Museum, and some very impressive, most beautiful Wats (Temples). By that time, Gerry was completely tempted out. He just did not want to take his shoes off one more time!!!

Anyway, it was time for our flight home, one night in Bangkok, and then via Singapore we arrived home again with lots of new memories.

Cheers to all,

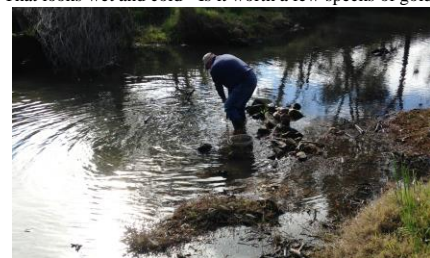
Gerry & Ellen.

'The happy wanderers'

**MGMC (included TTGMC members)
Gold Panning / Metal Detecting Fieldtrip
River Torrens, between Birdwood and Gumeracha.
Sunday 19th July 2015**



That looks wet and cold - Is it worth a few specks of gold?



Will Michael strike gold?



Kym, John and Ian setting up their gold panning position.

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Michael and Ian.



Novices try their luck.



Michael strikes colour!

Sorry, no metal detecting photos - too pre-occupied! Three pennies around early 1900s and an 1897 ha'penny were found. Other finds included belt buckles, remains of a clock, a bearing hub from a spoked car wheel, and lots of shot gun cartridge brass ends. I found a much rusted, heavy duty rake which Ian and Kym suspect was a gold sluice rake (pity about the poor condition). This was my 2nd metal detecting experience and I must say it's a pleasant and interesting pastime. Regards, Mel.

TTGGMC Clubroom Renovations



Renovations of the clubrooms are well underway.



Most building renovations disrupt the normal activities of occupants during the process. While some initial access was available for meetings and workshops to continue, the temporary loss of power to the premises due to OHS requirements has now brought these club activities to a halt. Power reconnection has been scheduled for the 25th of August, 2015. As a consequence the August 'Club Birthday' meeting has been deferred until the September Meeting (September 3rd, 2015).

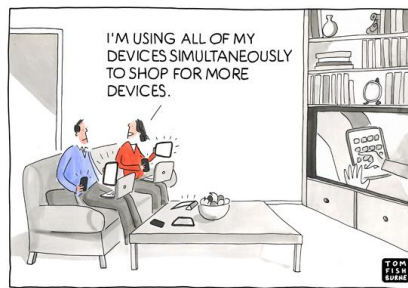
Did You Know?

- Did you know** the most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E
- Did you know** the least used letter in the alphabet is Q
- Did you know** the 3 most common languages in the world are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English
- Did you know** dreamt is the only word that ends in mt
- Did you know** the names of all continents both start and end with the same letter
- Did you know** the first letters of the months July through to November spell JASON
- Did you know** if you try to say the alphabet without moving your lips or tongue every letter will sound the same
- Did you know** a cat has 32 muscles in each ear
- Did you know** Perth is Australia's windiest city
- Did you know** Elvis's middle name was Aron
- Did you know** the flag for Libya is unlike any other being a solid green color
- Did you know** goldfish can see both infrared and ultraviolet light
- Did you know** the smallest bones in the human body are found in your ear
- Did you know** cats spend 66% of their life asleep
- Did you know** money is the number one thing that couples argue about
- Did you know** macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs
- Did you know** when lightning strikes it can reach up to 30,000 degrees celsius (54,000 degrees fahrenheit)
- Did you know** each time you see a full moon you always see the same side

Apps Humor - Extracted from the Internet



IT UNDERWORLD by Phil Johnson



"App Show & Tell"

Okay, I showed you mine. Now...
You show me yours.



Contributed by Douglas Walker...a Power Point Presentation by Cornelia extracted from internet.

Life in 15th Century England



The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s...



Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.



Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children; last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"



Houses had thatched roofs made up of thick, piled straw with no ceiling underneath. It was the only place for animals to keep warm; so all the house cats and dogs, and other small animals (mice, bugs, etc.) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs!"



There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up a nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.



The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "dirt poor!"



The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until it would slip outside when the door was opened. To stop this happening, a piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a "thresh hold". (Comment: One wonders why and how expressions develop and expand to have so many meanings or applications, for example, when people now use the expression, "that they have a low or high threshold to pain"; meaning that they have a low or high tolerance to pain.)



In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes, the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while.

Hence the rhyme,
Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold,
Peas porridge in the pot nine days old."



Sometimes they would obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would sit around and, "chew the fat".



Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning...death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.



Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust".



Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake".



England is old and small, and the local folk started running out of places to bury their dead. So they would dig up coffins and take the bones to a "bone-house", and re-use the graves. When re-opening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realised they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Some one would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer".

"Who said that history was boring?"

Contributed by June...

Senior Trying To Set Password

Windows: Please enter your new password.

User: cabbage.

Windows: Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters.

User: boiled cabbage.

Windows: Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.

User: 1 boiled cabbage.

Windows: Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.

User: 50bloodyboiledcabbages.

Windows: Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character.

User: 50BLOODYboiledcabbages.

Windows: Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.

User:

50BloodyBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourAaalf YouDon'tGiveMeAccessNow!

Windows: Sorry, the password cannot contain punctuation.

User:

ReallyPissedOff50BloodyBoiledCabbagesShov edUpYourAaalfYouDontGiveMeAccessNow

Windows: Sorry, that password is already in use.



At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he was ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'



Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.'

The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.'

The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'



A guy is looking for a place to sit in a crowded university library. He asked a girl in the library, "Do you mind if I sit beside you? The girl replied in a loud voice: "I DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOU!" All the students in the library started staring at the guy; he was truly embarrassed and moved to another table. After a couple of minutes, the girl walked quietly to the guy's table and said with a laugh, "I study psychology, and I know what a man is thinking. I guess you felt embarrassed, right? The guy then responded in a loud voice: "\$500 FOR ONE NIGHT? THAT'S HIGHWAY ROBBERY!" All the people in the library looked at the girl in shock. The guy then whispered in her ear: "I study law: I know how to screw people."

Contributed by Douglas Walker...

Birth Control For Grandma

The doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired.

At her next checkup, the new Doctor told her To bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the young doctor was looking through these, his eyes grew wide as he realised Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills.

"Mrs. Smith, do you realise these are BIRTH CONTROL Pills?"

"Yes, they help me sleep at night."

"Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely NOTHING in these that could possibly help you sleep!"

She reached out and patted the young Doctor's knee.... "Yes, dear, I know that. But, every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16 year old Granddaughter drinks. And, believe me, it definitely helps me sleep at night."



Contributed by June...

How Arguments/Fights Begin

My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have sex?' 'No,' she answered. I then said, 'Is that your final answer?' She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes..'. So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend." And that's when the fight started...

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for herself." And that's when the fight started...

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And then the fight started...

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's License to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later. The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application. When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability too.' And then the fight started...

Contributed by June...

How Arguments/Fights Begin

Continued...

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer; always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust." And then the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 165 in about 2 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started...

My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment." I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect." And then the fight started...

I rear-ended a car this morning...the start of a REALLY bad day! The driver got out of the other car, and he was a DWARF!! He looked up at me and said 'I am NOT Happy!' So I said, 'Well, which one ARE you then?' That's how the fight started...



Members Notice Board

Meeting Reminders/Updates

5th & 6th Sept., 2015.

Mildura Gem and Mineral Club Show, Sunraysia
Masonic Centre, Irymple, VIC.

12th & 13th Sept, 2015.

The Bendigo Gem & Mineral Club Expo, Nuvo Hall
Baptist Church, Mc Ivor Hwy, Junortoun, Bendigo,
VIC. Saturday: 10am-5pm. Sunday 10am-4pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/BendigoGemClub>

Wanted

Mineral photo opportunities.

I'm looking for opportunities to photograph mineral specimens (South Australian in particular) for future newsletter "Mineral Matters" articles.

Do you have mineral specimens that you can make available to be photographed?

I'm prepared to take these photos at your nominated location or at the club rooms, whichever suits you.

Specimens do not have to be first prize winners - what matters, is that they are clearly identifiable, and present as a reasonable example from a known location.

Hope you can help me out on behalf of the club.

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Newsletter Content & Contributions

Contributions for the newsletter need to be passed on to me no later than one week before each club meeting.

As the current caretaker for the club newsletter, I will be emailing members a link to the copy on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Please consider contributing some of your photos and stories for all to enjoy. These do not have to be mineral related.

I look forward to your ongoing assistance and also seek your timely, frank feedback so that the newsletter continues to meet the club members' interest.

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Useful Internet Links

2014 Australian (& some NZ!) Gem & Mineral Calendar: <http://www.mineral.org.au/shows/shows.html>

Australian Federation of Lapidary and Allied Crafts Association (AFLACA): <http://aflaca.org.au/>

AFLACA-GMCASA: <http://aflaca.org.au/members/gem-and-mineral-clubs-association-of-south-australia-gmcasa/>

Gem and Mineral Clubs Association of South Australia (GMCASA): <http://www.gmcasa.org.au/>

Adelaide Gem and Mineral Club: http://sacommunity.org/org/197578-Adelaide_Gem_%2526_Mineral_Club#.Uta7ufRDt8E <http://www.adelaidegmc.websyte.com.au/>

Broken Hill Mineral Club, The: <http://brokenhillmineralclub.wikispaces.com/>

Enfield Gem and Mineral Club Inc: www.egmc.infopage.com.au
<http://southaustralia.localitylist.com.au/yellowresult.php/goal/Detail/ckey/26988>

Flinders Gem, Geology and Mineral Club Inc:
http://www.lapidaryworld.com/flinders_geology_gem_and_mineral_club.html

Mineralogical Society of SA Inc: <http://www.sa-minsoc.websyte.com.au/>

Murraylands Gem and Mineral Club Inc: <http://www.murraylandsgmc.org.au/>

Southern Rockhounds: Website - <http://www.southernrockhounds.com.au/home>
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernRockhounds>

Yorke Peninsula Gem and Mineral Club Inc: <http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=754&c=16913>