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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>Silver Craft (Friday - Wednesday mornings) <i>Course 5 weeks x 2 hours Cost \$20.00.</i> <i>Use of equipment \$1.00 per hour.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club's Christmas Lunch will be held at the club rooms on Sunday, December 7th, 2014; arrive at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start. Bring salad and/or sweet - Barbeque provided. <p style="text-align: center;">2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 21st & 22nd, 2015 Canberra Lapidary Club, Canberra Rock Swap, Exhibition Park, ACT. • April 3rd to 6th, 2015 National GemBoree, Horsham, VIC. • May 1st to 3rd, 2015 Murraylands Gem and Mineral Club Rockarama 'Crystal and Craft Fair' incorporating SA Metal Detecting Championships. • June 20th to 21st, 2015 Tea Tree Gully Gem and Mineral Club Exhibition (Biennial). 	<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 Librarian - Augie Gray 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>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>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>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 style="text-align: center;">Stop Press</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club's AGM will precede the general meeting on Thursday, November 6th, 2014. • Box (small, tissue, shoe, etc.) and 'Grab Bag' Appeal - required for next year's Exhibition. • See 'Members Notice Board' for additional 'Meeting Reminders/Updates' (Last Page). 		<p>Club Subscriptions \$25.00 Family. \$20.00 Family/Pensioner. \$15.00 Single. \$12.50 Single/Pensioner. \$10.00 Joining Fee.</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>		

Barite - extracted from:

http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/minerals/geological_survey_of_sa/commodities/barite

Barite

Barite (barium sulphate, BaSO₄), the only commercial source of barium and barium compounds, is a relatively soft, inert mineral with a high SG (Specific Gravity) in the range of 4.2-4.5. Approximately 90% of world production is used as a weighting agent in drilling mud for oil and gas wells where the high SG assists in containing pressures and preventing blowouts. It is used as heavy filler in special paper, rubber, paint, and plastics applications. Its radiation absorbing properties are used in special concretes and in barium meals for medical X-ray examinations. Barium compounds are used in ceramic glazes and to enhance the brilliance and clarity of optical and TV glass. World production is ~6 Mt/year, one-half of which comes from China. South Australia, with a current production of ~10 000 t/year, is Australia's largest producer.

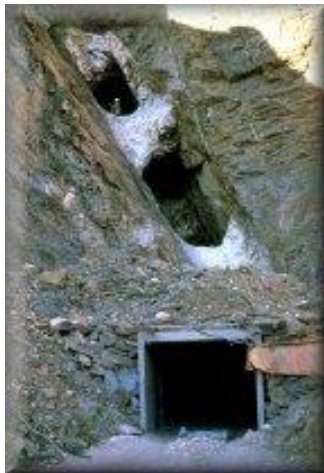
Over 160 barite deposits or occurrences have been documented in South Australia, with a total recorded production of 690 000 t. All but a few of these are of the open-fracture infill type hosted by Adelaide Geosyncline rocks in the Mount Lofty and Flinders Ranges. Deposits generally comprise steeply dipping tabular bodies up to 5 m wide which crosscut the enclosing sediments and metasediments.

Flinders Ranges

Many deposits in the Flinders Ranges are spatially related to diapirs, either as veins infilling fractures along steeply dipping diapir - country rock contacts or radiating from diapirs. Over 400 000 t of barite have been produced from the dozen or so individual deposits associated with the Oraparinna Diapir including the only South Australian mines in current production at Oraparinna and Dunbar.

Oraparinna

Production commenced at Oraparinna, 500 km north of Adelaide, in 1940. Normandy Industrial Minerals, which operated the deposit from 1984, transferred the mine to Unimin Australia Ltd in 2000, continuing the mine's long history as Australia's largest supplier of industrial-grade barite. The mine, comprising seven underground levels, works a system of 1-2 m wide veins which have developed in tensional fractures within Adelaidean Wilpena Group sediments in a graben structure extending from the northeastern corner of the Oraparinna Diapir. Ore is trucked 160 km to a treatment plant at Quorn where three industrial grades of barite - A, Standard and B - depending on colour, are produced for use in surface coatings, plastics fillers and mould coatings at Olympic Dam. Some A and Standard grade material is trucked to Gillman in suburban Adelaide for fine milling. 2002 production of 5248 tonnes is the largest since 1996.



Roberts lode No.2 level entrance portal, Oraparinna Mine, SA.

Dunbar

This deposit, formerly known as "Linke's Lode", is ~15 km southwest of the Oraparinna Mine and is worked by an open cut on a 30 m wide subparallel vein system ~500 m in length. Individual veins are up to 9 m wide. The ore is enclosed in a raft of Adelaidean sediments within the Oraparinna Diapir. Most Dunbar ore is used in the production of oil-drilling grades of barite, but some is used to feed a magnetic separation plant at Quorn which produces a super-white AA industrial grade. Production has been historically high since 1997, totalling 11254 tonnes in 2002.

Other Deposits

Other smaller barite deposits which have been worked in the Flinders Ranges include those at Appealinna, Artipena, Carey Hill, Martin's Well and Mount John in the Blinman area, Mount Coffin (10 km east of Leigh Creek) and Mount James (30 km northwest of Beltana).

Mount Lofty Ranges

Numerous mines have been worked in the past but are now abandoned, such as at Julia Creek (72 km northeast of Adelaide) where 10 500 t of barite were produced from a number of small mines between 1925 and 1974.

The largest deposits were located in the Brachina Formation in an area 3 km south of Noarlunga. A total of 57 000 t were produced from four main workings between 1918 and 1961.

Small tonnages of high-quality barite were obtained from Woodside during 1978.

Other barite mines which have been worked out or abandoned include those near Athelstone, Uraidla, Prairie and Birdwood; two of the oldest mines are at Aldgate and Williamstown.

Olary District

Large, low-grade deposits in the Olary district occur at the same stratigraphic level within a banded iron formation in metamorphic rocks of the Willyama Supergroup.

The deposits are conformable with bedding of the country rock and are considered to be of sedimentary origin.

The barite is of drilling grade due to the presence of silica and iron oxide. The largest deposits are at Mount Mulga (21 km north of Olary) which produced 14 000 t of oil drilling grade between 1962 and 1980, and Walparuta (11 km northeast of Weekeroo Station) which produced 54 t between 1946 and 1954. Other occurrences are at Dome Rock, Waukaloo, Ameroo Hill and Meningie Well.

Eyre Peninsula

Mount Whyalla barite mine, 24 km northwest of Whyalla, was selectively worked over a distance of 1 km from a series of vertical lenses in the Pandurra Formation. Similar veins occur in the Moonaby Formation at Mount Laura overlooking Whyalla, and in the Burkitt Granite and Corunna Conglomerate at Corunna, 15 km northwest of Iron Knob.

A deposit of high-grade barite crops out adjacent to the manganese deposits on the floor of Pernatty Lagoon near the western shore. It forms a rise elevated 0.3 m above the general lake level over an area 6-12 m wide and is traceable for 500 m as a succession of patches forming a long, narrow lode.

Additional Reading

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Barite - Oraparinna, Flinders Ranges, SA.

Mineral Matters - Sample of South Australian Barite Specimens



Barite, Oraparinna Mine, Flinders Ranges, SA.



Barite, Kapunda, SA.



Barite, Linkes Lode, Flinders Ranges, SA.



Barite, Linkes Lode, Flinders Ranges, SA.



Barite, Oraparinna Mine, Flinders Ranges, SA.



Barite & Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, SA.



Barite, Pernatty Lagoon, SA.



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Barite, Linkes Lode, Flinders Ranges, SA.



Barite, Stanley Mine, Clare, SA.



Barite, Kapunda, SA.



Barite, Linkes Lode, Flinders Ranges, SA.



Barite, Kapunda, SA.

Members Out and About.

Youngusband River Red Gum Art

Date/Location: 2014-10-18 - Youngusband district along the River Murray between Mannum and Bowhill, SA.

Mel, while waiting for photo opportunities at a fossil fossicking fieldtrip with MGMC, was sitting in the shade of a long felled river red gum watching the enthusiasts digging and scratching for fossils when he noted the artistic appeal of the water worn and sun bleached grain on the felled tree. This gallery of pictures records what he saw.



Janet sitting in front of the felled river red gum.

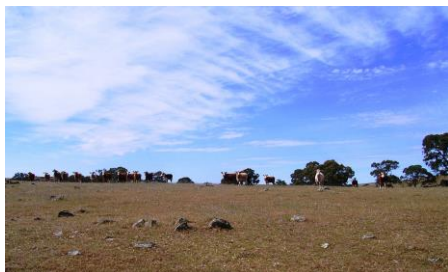
Members Out and About.

MGMC Fieldtrip to Tungkillo

On Sunday 19th October 2014, Ian, Janet and Mel joined members of the MGMC and RGMC on a fieldtrip from Palmer to a private property in the nearby Tungkillo district. The primary target for this fieldtrip was to find beryl, schorl and quartz crystals. Examples of each were found. This picture gallery records some of the activity, examples of specimens found, and people at the event. *Thanks Kym for the event.*



Doug and Ian at the indemnity signing desk, MGMC rooms.



Locals, "Mooo.....moooove you pesky fossickers!"



Kym outlining field conditions and rules for the area.



Kym showing example specimens to look for.



Ian and Kym tracing a line of interest.



John and Ian carefully chiseling around a beryl crystal.



Example of a beryl specimen found.



Across the creek and up the hill in search of schorl.



Patches of schorl were prolific, but well weathered. ↑ ↓



Sonya with a schorl and quartz specimen.



Isn't it good to see the fairer sex exerting themselves to look after their elders. These two photos by Sonya. (↑ above - Karen, Mel, Doug, and Fiona) (↓ below - Karen, Doug, Fiona, and Mel)



Scene from the hill.



Youth group fossicking for tadpoles.



Lunch time.



Distant locals, "Mooooo...moooove...that's our water hole!"



TTGGMC Clubrooms.

Working Bee to cleanup and tidy the clubroom grounds.
Wednesday 22nd October 2014.
10am to 2pm approx.

(Note: most captions are fictitious - members are not).



Hack 'em and stack 'em! (L) Russel (R) Wendy.



Tony! You smell sweet...just like rosemary.



What bamboo? (Alan)



Hey! Stick this...stick it in the 'Silent Shredder' and see if it stays silent! (Granton).



I wonder what that flower did in a previous life?
 (Top) Ian (Bottom) Augie.



Hey! There's trouble in the bush!



The bamboo has gone on our side and is soon to go on their side.



What a great cleanup job done by all!



Bread, snags, onions and of course, don't spare the bleedin' dead horse!
 From (L) - Claudia, Augie, Russel, Granton, and Suzanne.



Lunch time story... 'And, the sausages there were this big!'
 From (L) - Claudia, Augie, Russel, Wendy, (hidden) Ian, Granton, and Suzanne.

John Hill's Serendipity

Serendipity - Happy and unexpected discoveries by accident. (Concise Oxford Dictionary)

About 27 years ago when recovering from tendon surgery, I was immobile and Gerry Dillon called and brought with him a bound copy of the set of "Engineering" for 1913. He had been to Broken Hill and met a friend who had found these on a dump. I opened it quite at random and came across an article about problems of oil leaking from the buses in London. This was causing great concern as the horses were falling over (many of the streets were granite cobbles) and so were pedestrians and carriages and buses were sliding all over the place. The Chief Engineer for the London Omnibus Company was **Frank Searle, Ann's grandfather**. He solved the leakage by replacing the cork gaskets on the cylinder heads of the Daimler engines with plate brass.

Later as Army tank engineering evolved he was asked if he could suggest engines for the tanks and Daimler engines from the buses were used. He had to accompany these to France in 1916 and, in order to give instructions, had to have a rank so was made Lt. Colonel.

Doug's Helpful Hints



The simplest way to slice a bunch of cherry tomatoes is to sandwich them between two plastic lids and run a long knife through all of them at once.



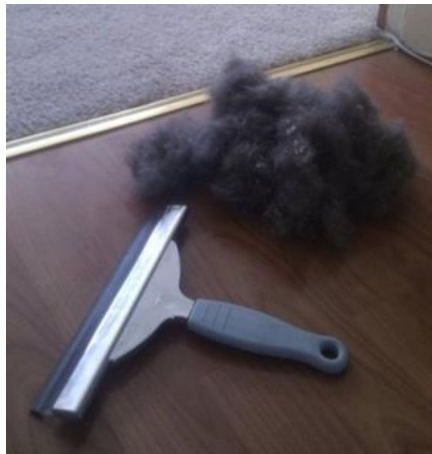
Create a thrifty watering can by puncturing holes in the top of a used milk bottle.



Organize jewelry on a corkboard for easy viewing when deciding how to accessorize an outfit.



Flip a toaster on its side to make grill cheese.



Remove pet hair from furniture and carpets with a squeegee.



Water straight from the tap becomes cloudy when frozen. To make ice cubes crystal clear, allow a kettle of boiled water to cool slightly and use this to fill your ice cube trays.



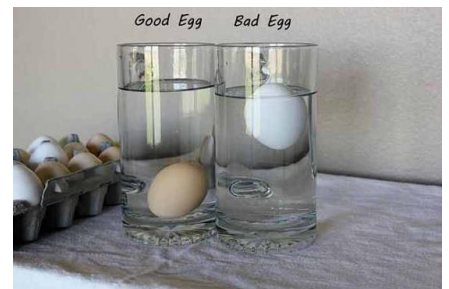
Add half a teaspoon of baking soda to the water when hard-boiling eggs to make the shells incredibly easy to peel off.



Use ice-cubes to lift out indentations made by furniture on your carpets.



To prevent potatoes budding, add an apple in the bag.



To tell if eggs are fresh, immerse them in a bowl of water - fresh eggs will lie on the bottom, while stale eggs will float to the surface.



To clean a wooden chopping board, sprinkle on a handful of kosher salt, and rub with half a lemon - rinse with clean water and dry to ensure it is clean and germ-free.



WD40 can be used to remove crayon marks from any surface.



Contributed by Doug...

Congratulations to all who were born in the 1930s, '40s, '50s, '60s, and even early '70s.

We was brung up proper like? And, we never had a whole Mars Bar until 1993!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us, and lived in houses made of asbestos.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, raw egg products, loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer.

Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets. And when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. We drank water from the garden hose and **not** from a bottle.

Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds, KFC, or Subway.

Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on the weekends, somehow we didn't starve to death!

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and **no-one** actually died from this.

We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy toffees, gob stoppers, bubble gum and some bangers to blow up frogs or letter boxes with.

We ate biscuits, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....**we were always outside playing!**

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And, we were okay.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and dens and played in river beds with matchbox cars.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo Wii , X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY , no video/dvd films, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....**we had friends and we went outside and found them!**

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones, and teeth; and there were no Lawsuits from these accidents.

Only girls had pierced ears!

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

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You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time.

We were given air guns and catapults for our 10th birthdays.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet!

RUGBY and CRICKET had try outs and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that! Getting into the team was based on **merit**.

Our teachers used to hit us with canes and gym shoes.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla'.

We had freedom, failure, success, and responsibility, and **we learned how to deal with it all!**

And, **you** are one of them! **Congratulations!**

All this, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

PS - Doug's original was in very big type, because our eyes are not too good at our age, but we do have spectacles - so we should use them if we need too!



Contributed by Augie...

Antique Road Show

Paddy took two stuffed dogs to the Antiques Road Show.

"Oooh!" said the presenter.

"This is a very rare set produced by the celebrated Johns Brothers taxidermists who operated in London at the turn of the last century.

Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"Sticks", said Paddy.



Contributed by Doug...

The rain was pouring and there was a big puddle in front of the pub.

A ragged old man was standing there with a rod and hanging a string into the puddle. A tipsy-looking, curious gentleman came over to him and asked what he was doing. 'Fishing,' the old man said simply.

'Poor old fool,' the gentleman thought and he invited the ragged old man to a drink in the pub.

As he felt he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whisky, the gentleman asked, 'And how many have you caught?'

'You're the eighth,' the old man answered.

Contributed by Augie...

Reunion

A group of chaps from the same class at University decided they ought to catch up with each other every so often, and decided they should hold a reunion once a decade.

At age 40 they discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because the waitresses had big tits and wore mini-skirts.

Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because the food and service was good and the beer selection was excellent.

Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because there was plenty of parking, they could dine in peace and quiet, and it was good value for money.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a toilet for the disabled.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because they had never been there before.



The most politically correct joke ever!

In todays 'day and age' you can't poke fun at a particular ethnicity or minority, so here we deal with all of them!

An Aboriginal, a Pom, an overweight Yank, a NZ Maori, a Kiwi, a Tasmanian disabled person, an elderly person from Latvia, a Swedish blonde, a German, an Italian, a drunk Irishman, a Pole, a Greek, an Indian, a Canadian politician, an Afro-American, a Mexican, a Dutchman, an arrogant Frenchman, a Brazilian, an Ethiopian, a Turk, a Jap, a Chinaman, a Russian, an Indonesian, a Malaysian, a Cambodian, a Burmese and a Vietnamese all went together to an upmarket nightclub.

The bouncer said, sorry guys, I can't let you in without a Thai.



Naughty Boy!

When I was a kid I used to pray every night for a new bike.

Then I realised that the Lord doesn't work that way, so I stole one and asked him to forgive me.





Blonde sitting in first class

An Air Canada plane is on its way to Toronto, when a blonde in economy class gets up and moves to the first class section and sits down. The flight attendant watches her do this, and asks to see her ticket.

She then tells the blonde that she paid for economy class, and that she will have to sit in the back.

The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Toronto and I'm staying right here".

The flight attendant goes into the cockpit and tells the pilot and the co-pilot that there is a blonde bimbo sitting in first class, who belongs in economy, and won't move back to her seat.

The co-pilot goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for economy she will have to leave and return to her seat.

The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Toronto and I'm staying right here".

The co-pilot tells the pilot that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest this blonde woman who won't listen to reason.

The pilot says, "you say she's a blonde? I'll handle this. I'm married to a blonde. I speak blonde."

He goes back to the blonde and whispers in her ear, and she says, "Oh, I'm sorry." and gets up and goes back to her seat in economy.

The flight attendant and co-pilot are amazed and asked him what he said to make her move without any fuss.

"I told her, "first class isn't going to Toronto".



Blondes locked out of their car

Two blondes lock their keys in the car. One of the blondes tries to break into the car while the other one watches.

Finally the first blonde says "Darn, I can't get in the car!"

The other blond replies, "keep trying, it looks like it is going to rain and the top is down".



Blonde and an uncovered manhole

A blond is walking on the street when she suddenly falls inside an uncovered manhole.

She swears her way back up the ladder and manages to crawl all the way up, her clothes getting all torn up in the process.

When she gets back to the top she wipes off the sweat from her forehead and says "Thank God the hole wasn't covered, or I would've never made it out!"



Blonde flying on a long flight

A lawyer and a blonde woman are sitting next to each other on the plane from Cairns to Perth.

That's a very long flight so in the end the lawyer decides to make some conversation and asks the blonde if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde is tired and just wants to take a nap, so she politely declines and tries to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists, that the game is a lot of fun. "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5; you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500."

This catches the blonde's attention, and- to keep him quiet- she agrees to play the game. The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?"

The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches in to her purse, pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer.

Now, it's the blonde's turn. She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?" The lawyer uses his laptop, searches all references. He uses the Airphone; he searches the Net and even the Library of Congress. He sends e-mails to all the smart friends he knows, all to no avail.

After one hour of searching he finally gives up. He wakes up the blonde and hands her \$500. The blonde takes the \$500 and goes back to sleep.

The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes her up and asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?"

The blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5 and goes back to sleep.



Bob & the blonde

Bob walked into a sports bar around 9:58 pm. He sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV.

The 10 pm news was coming on. The news crew was covering the story of a man on the ledge of a large building preparing to jump.

The blonde looked at Bob and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

Bob said, "You know, I bet he'll jump."

The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't." Bob placed a \$20 bill on the bar and said, "You're on."

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy on the ledge did a swan dive off the building, falling to his death.

The blonde was very upset, but willingly handed her \$20 to Bob. "Fair's fair. Here's your money."

Bob replied, "I can't take your money. I saw this earlier on the 5 pm news, so I knew he would jump."

The blonde replied, "I did, too, but I didn't think he'd do it again". Bob took the money.



Blonde logic

January - Took new scarf back to store because it was too tight.

February - Fired from pharmacy job for failing to print labels....."duh"bottles won't fit in typewriter!

March - Got excited.....finished jigsaw puzzle in 6 months.....box said "2-4 years!"

April - Trapped on escalator for hours.....power went out!

May - Tried to make Kool-Aid.....8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets!

June - Tried to go water skiing.....couldn't find a lake with a slope.

July - Lost breast stroke swimming competition.....learned later, other swimmers cheated, they used their arms!

August - Got locked out of car in rain storm.....car swamped, because top was down.

September - The capital of California is "C"isn't it?

October - Hate M & M's.....they are so hard to peel.

November - Baked turkey for 4 1/2 days.....instructions said 1 hour per pound and I weigh 108!

December - Couldn't call 911....."duh"there's no "eleven" button on the phone!

What a year!



Balls - An interesting observation

1. The sport of choice for the urban poor is **basketball**.
 2. The sport of choice for maintenance level employees is **bowling**.
 3. The sport of choice for front-line workers is **football**.
 4. The sport of choice for supervisors is **baseball**.
 5. The sport of choice for middle management is **tennis**.
- And...
6. The sport of choice for corporate executives and officers is **golf**.

The Amazing Conclusion:

The higher you go in the corporate structure, the smaller your balls become. There must be a boat load of people in Canberra playing **marbles**.



Ricky

Ricky decides to go back home to Melbourne so he calls Qantas Airlines to book his flight. The operator asks him, 'How many people are flying with you?' Ricky replies, 'Strewth mate, how would I know. It's your plane.'



Members Notice Board

Meeting Reminders/Updates

- Member subs/fees are due - see Russell.
- The club's AGM will precede the general meeting on Thursday, November 6th, 2014.
- The club's Christmas Lunch will be held at the club rooms on Sunday, December 7th, 2014; arrive at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start. Bring salad and/or sweet - Barbeque provided.
- The Tea Tree Gully Gem and Mineral Club Exhibition will be a biennial affair, held on the opposite year to the Enfield show, that is, the next TTGGMC Exhibition will be held on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of June, 2015.

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>