

Tidewater Coin and Relic Club (TC-RC)

FINDS-OF-THE-MONTH COMPETITION

At each monthly TC-RC meeting, there is a Finds-Of-The-Month competition! Only finds that have been made since the last meeting (the last 30 days) qualify and are grouped into six categories. Each member is allowed to enter only one item per category.

A table will be set up with category labels and small blank sheets of paper. Enter your item by putting your name on a sheet of paper, place the paper with your name face down on the table under the proper category, and place your item on top of the paper. We do not want the judges to know who submitted each item until after they pick the winners! Feel free to do some research and add some facts about your item on another piece of paper to impress the judges! Items with no names cannot be judged. Remember, once the judges are picked, no more entries can be made. The 6 categories are defined as follows:

1. **COIN** – Includes items used as money, both US and foreign and only tokens used for the same purpose.
2. **JEWELRY** – Includes rings, necklaces, watches, brooches, bracelets, earrings and other items used for the same purpose.
3. **RELIC** – Includes any old item (not coins or jewelry) including buttons, bottles, pottery, locks, etc. The key to this category is items should be “old”, normally ~50 years old or older.
4. **OTHER** – Includes items less than ~50 years old and not in the above categories, ie toys, tools, mystery items, etc.
5. **WILDCARD** – We have a container full of Wildcard categories. A category is randomly picked at the beginning of the monthly meeting. Some of the categories are “Most of”. If a “Most Of” category is Wild, place the number you have on your entry slip of paper on the opposite side as your name. Categories include: Most Quarters, Most Dimes, Most Nickels, Most Pennies; Fishing Weight, Most Bottle Caps, Toy Cars, Plastic Toys, Glasses (all kinds), Most Paper Clips, Most Bobbie Pins, Most Fasteners (washers, bolts, nuts, nails, rivets, screws), Ammunition (bullets, shot gun shells, casings), Most Pull Tabs, Cell Phone, Utensils, Batteries, Car Parts, Safety Pin, Key, Lighter, Junk Jewelry. So keep your “junk” too!!
6. **TABLE** – Each member is encouraged to bring in their entire collection of items found in the month for display, (no matter how much or how good it may be). The quality/quantity of the table is judged by the judges like the other categories. However, we want to promote the metal detecting hobby for all, so all members who bring in **ANY** items for TABLE display will get a **TABLE raffle ticket**. The number of winners will be ½ the number of TABLE participants. Winners will be awarded a silver dime...so bring in your collection of stuff monthly – meeting-to-meeting!

Three (3) judges are selected with a 4th person to assist if needed, by first asking for volunteers and if not enough, random numbers are picked by the meeting chair and the corresponding sign-in sheet numbers become the judges for the day. Judges cannot judge your own item, (hence the 4th judge). The method used to determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place is up to the judges. Judges' decision is final. Items entered in the wrong category will not be judged. If there are not three entries in each category, they are left empty.

Points are awarded to the top three items in each category as follows... five (5) points to 1st place, three (3) points to 2nd and one (1) to 3rd. Additionally, a silver quarter is awarded to each 1st place winner in each category. Winners will be asked to tell the story about their winning find.

The points are tracked by name and category and accumulated over the year to determine the "Category Hunter of the Year" for each category. Each Category Hunter of the Year will receive a certificate and a silver round in December at the Christmas Party.

If necessary, tie breakers will be applied to the Category Hunter of the Year totals as follows:

- Person with the most points overall in a Category wins the Category outright. If one or more people are tied:
 - **1st Tie Breaker:** Number of 1st place finishes, (one point for each 1st place finish) is added to those people tied to break the tie.
 - **2nd Tie Breaker:** Number of 2nd place finishes, (one point for each 2nd place finish) is added to those people still tied to break the tie.
 - **3rd Tie Breaker:** Number of third place finishes, (one point for each 3rd place finish) is added to those people still tied to break the tie.
 - **Final Tie Breaker:** Coin Flip to break the tie.

Additionally, in December, the club determines and honors the "Overall Hunter of the Year" based on the total points in ALL categories. The above tie breaker process will be applied to the Overall Hunter of the Year totals if required. Overall Hunter of the Year prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Official printed certificates signed by the current president for all
- 1st place \$100.00
- 2nd place \$75.00
- 3rd place \$50.00