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NORTH PITTSBURGH PAST FINDERS (NPPF) CLUB NEWSLETTER
JULY 2026

President: Frank Bjalobok Vice President: Bill West Treasurer: David Sins
Secretary: Holly Rosborough

NPPF held the June meeting on Monday, July 6, 2026. There were 30 attendees.

CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

Our President, Frank Bjalobok started the meeting off at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

FINANCIALS: Treasurer David Sins updated the club regarding financials. The ending May 2026 balance was $3,055.00. Income includes: 50/50 income/June meeting: $58.00; Silver Dollar income/June: $150.00; Raffle income/June: $160.00; Donation from Ring Award/Tyler income: $100.00. Subtotal Balance for June 2026: $3,523.00. Expenses include: Door Prize purchase: $10.00; Snack expense: $10.00; Ticket Purchase: $12.00; Silver Dollars Purchase: $447.00. Total for June expenses was $479.00. Balance in checkbook for June 2026: $3,044.00.

SAVE THE DATE! 5th Annual Jim Sheldon Memorial Picnic and Hunt – Sunday, July 26
On July 26 (rain date is August 2nd) will be our 5th Annual Jim Sheldon Memorial Picnic and Hunt. Location: Mazur's Greenhouse and Farm, 329 Ben Venue Road, Fombell PA 16123 (towards Zelienople). See below for directions. The hunt will start at noon and lunch will be served at 1:00.

Food/What to Bring: The club will provide fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, bottled water, sodas, paper products and eating utensils. If your last name starts with A-M, please bring a dessert to share. N-Z – please bring a covered dish to share.

What to Hunt: 50 Blue Quarters to win a Silver Dime / 40 plain Orange Quarters to get a Silver Quarter, 10 Orange Quarters numbered 1-10 get a Silver Half Dollar plus 1 large medallion to win a 1 oz. Silver Eagle. The silver prizes are the same as the last seeded hunt – there will be an additional 100 regular Quarters. All participants in the hunt will be charged $10.00 to detect. Hunt is for members only.

Location:
The location will be at the Mazur's Greenhouse and Farm, 329 Ben Venue Road, Fombell, PA 16123 (towards Zelienople).

Route 19 North Directions: Head north on Route 19 to Zelienople. Stay on 19 North. Turn left at W Beaver Street (68 West) at the red light where Dunkin' and the Wesbanco Bank are located. Proceed to directions below to Mazur.

Interstate 79 North Directions. Head 79 North and take exit 87 Zelienople towards PA-68W. Turn left onto Evans City Road for 1.2 miles. Make a left onto N Main Street for 0.3 miles. Then at the red light where Dunkin' and the Wesbanco Bank are located, turn right onto West Beaver Street 68 West. Proceed to directions to Mazur.

Directions to Mazur Greenhouse: Go 1.1 miles and a right onto Ben Venue Road. Look for the Mazur Farm signs immediately past a small bridge. After the right on Ben Venue Road, follow along the lake approximately 1/3 of a mile until you come to the first available right (there will be additional Mazur Farm signs), cross over the railroad tracks and park on the right side of make the house.

JULY MEETING NOTES: Per last meetings, Frank is looking for leads on possible hunt trips to do as a group (for example, last year's trip to Shirleysburg), so if anyone has any possible places of interest, please let Frank know.

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS: A big welcome to Scott Benack from Elizabeth!

WINNERS: Each NPPF monthly meeting holds opportunities to be a winner! Buy tickets ($10) for the 50/50 and Silver Dollar for a chance to win, and simply signing into the meeting gives you a chance to win a Door Prize.

50/50: Gary Waddell **Door Prize:** Reed Miller **Silver Coin:** Dena Walzl

FIND OF THE MONTH: Winners include Red Craft for Best Coin, Tyler Wright for Best Jewelry, and Jim Pschirer for the Miscellaneous category.

FIND OF THE MONTH/PARTICIPATION: Folks who contribute to the Find of the Month game are entered into a Participation Award – June's winner was David Raraigh.

Congratulations to the winners!

Meeting Dates for 2026:

August 3	September 7	October 5
November 2	December 7	

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