

## Over 600 Kids Attend Venice Lions Club's Sharks Tooth Scramble

The famous "sun coast" weather was in full bloom this year for Venice Sharks Tooth Festival, an event organized by BB&T Bank, a percentage of proceeds benefiting Special Olympics of Sarasota County.

It was a great day for the sharks tooth hunters, especially for the kids under 10 years who made their way to Venice Lions Clubs' "Shark Tooth Scramble". There were lots of volunteer Lions "hiding" the teeth in the big sand box, and it was a rare pleasure to see the facial expressions (*from sheer joy to skepticism – "Why? Nobody does anything for free these days!"*) of parents and kids coming to our volunteers with few dollars in their hands to get in, when told that there is no charge, but it's part of Lions community service.



This year, the organizer of the Shark Tooth Scramble, Lion Mike Sullivan (*left with a special visitor "Sharkey"*) estimates that more than 600 kids went through the Lions sand box "hunting" for about 40 pounds of the fossilized treasures that the Lions have been scattering before each team of kids took their turn to "hunt". All the sharks' teeth were donated to the Lions Club by residents in the area or collected by Lions Club members and their families.



(left) .... Group of kids waiting with their moms and dads for their turn In the sand box scrambling for sharks teeth...



(above and left)...it's their turn .... finally!