



# HIGHGRADER

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## April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 Meeting.

Our meeting started off with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a funny joke from the White Hills Newsletter. We had 3 visitors show up at the meeting and 32 People total who signed in including visitors. The Newsletter is being done by Dana, Melissa, Dennis, and Nicolas. We are now at 255 Members total. Our Outing is going to be at the Section 28 / Dog Gone Claim On APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2008. There is a Gold Show at Primm, the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to check out the Website ( [www.goldsearchers.info](http://www.goldsearchers.info) ) as you can see to your right we have a "NEW" Webmaster. We are also allowing another month to buy tickets for the Gold Nugget Make sure to contact us and get those tickets in. Carl Richwine came to the podium to speak about Digging Holes on the claims and using motor operated machinery. Cannot bring out rototillers to help ease the digging of the dirt but you can bring a Generator, High Banker, and a Dry Washer because we are casual prospectors. Make sure when leaving the claims to pack out a little extra trash because it is necessary to keep our claims clean because it is not a pretty site to see.

Club Officers for 2008	
President	Bob Shiroky
Vice President	Dennis Johnson
Secretary	Jenny Kilpatrick
Treasurer	Dana Coffey
Membership	Melissa Nichols
Outings	Morris Seguin
Claims	Carl Richwine
Newsletter	Wayne Ray
Webmaster	Nicolas Johnson

## Raffle Winners for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.

Door Prize ( Meteor Magnet Picker Upper) Bill Sachanko	Work Gloves – Morris Seguin
Coffee Mug – Joyce Johnson	Snuffer Bottle – Joyce Johnson
Snuffer Bottle – Morris Seguin	Tie-Down – Bill Sachanko
Wind-up Flashlight – Jim Burnaman	Flashlight Band – Al Kraus
Tie-Down – Jean Davis	Small Pan – Joyce Johnson
Tarp – Wayne Ray	Knee Pads – John Gee
Knee Pads – Jerry Smith	Tarp – Carl Richwine
Coffee Mug – Carl Richwine	Long Tweezers – Jim Burnaman
Delores Gee – Gojo	Tweezers – Jean Davis
Small Pan – Bud Keyes	

## Catchy phrase of the Day

"If it can't be Grown,  
It Must be Mined!"

## **GOLD BASIN HISTORY AND TODAY'S GSSN MEMBER.**

Researching the Web for information on gold found in Gold Basin one realizes that in modern history, Gold Basin is probably better known for meteorites. There are page after page of listings of articles on Gold Basin and meteorites. Most of the long time members of GSSN know the history of Gold Basin. This will be just a short article hoping it will help the newer members become familiar with the history of Gold Basin.

Gold can be found in twelve of Arizona's fifteen counties. There were three areas in Arizona where gold was discovered with gold rushes that were significant. These were the Bradshaw Mountains in central Arizona, Greaterville in southern Arizona and Mohave County.

Our White Hills and Dog Gone Claims located on Section 28 are considered to be in the Gold Basin Area of Mohave County. Most of the gold in Arizona was produced as a by product from more productive mining activity such as mining for copper. Gold mining in Arizona has produced many lost gold mine stories and few finds leading some to believe it is easier to lose gold in Arizona than to find gold.

Lode mining or hard rock mining started in the area around the late 1800's. Placer gold was discovered in the area around 1906 or about 60 years after the discovery of lode gold. The effort was dropped until around 1931. This was probably due to the isolation and lack of water and wood in the area.

In 1933 a professor at the University of Arizona wrote that a person not in good health and sufficient funds to finance his entire trip might starve to death prospecting for placer gold in Arizona. The same holds true today. The modern day weekend prospector, will often as not, spend more money on equipment and camp supplies than he will discover in gold. The true riches come from the experience and beginning to understand the hardships endured by the earlier prospectors.

In the 1930's gold was valued at \$35.00 per ounce. The gold-bearing gravels and clay of the Gold Basin

area ran 1-3 Feet deep and rested on cemented gravels. Gold pieces found ranged in value from 5 cents to \$3.50. The average gravel contained values of \$1.00 per cubic yard. That is about 0.03 oz./cu yd (app. 1 gm/cu yd). The value in today's market places the gold found at \$27.00/ cu yd.

The equipment used by today's casual miner is similar to the equipment used in the 1930's. The early machines were hand powered dry washers. Today hand powered machines are still sold, but most are either gasoline or battery powered. Transporting your own water supplier is easier today so a few of the modern day weekend miners use high bankers with a recirculation water systems.

Our club members use a variety of equipment ranging from a simple screen, a gold pan and 5 gal. Bucket with a pick and shovel to high end metal detectors. The end result and the ultimate reward is the satisfaction that one derives from the challenge of finding gold.

By Carl Richwine,  
Gold Searcher of Southern Nevada.

## **MORRIS'S RECIPE OUTING CORNER.**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Outing.**

**Beef Stew**  
**5#'s potatoes, cubed**  
**2#'s carrots**  
**1 large onion**  
**1 large can of diced tomatoes**  
**1 small can of diced tomatoes**  
**2 small cans of tomato sauce**  
**2 cans corn**  
**2#'s fresh green beans**  
**6#'s stew meat**  
**cooked over night in crock pot and transferred to Dutch oven in morning**

**3 loaves of bread, (could have used 4)**

**Kudos for Morris and wife for doing such a good job at doing our sponsored Outings!**

## **!GOLD NUGGET RAFFLE!**

Make sure to get your tickets. We are raffling off an 8.1 gram nugget for \$10.00 a ticket. You can send us a check for the tickets and your name will be recorded and we will send you the ticket stub. You have until April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 meeting, so get your tickets in early! Especially with the price of Gold going UP! It only becomes better for YOU!

### **MEMBERS CORNER**

#### **HOW GOLD PROSPECTING SAVED MY LIFE.**

Now what kind of article could this be you wonder. Could it be one of those sneaky ones that starts out talking about something we all like, such as GOLD and end up slanting some guys' idea about politics, religion or maybe one of those heady issues that ties the golden rule into the plot.

Could be, but I doubt that. Maybe at a later day if this idea takes us there. We will see, because what it is about is anything you want to talk about in public, in this newsletter by way of Phone, E-mail, Snail mail, or just plain ole talking when we see each other out at the claims. Here's the Rules. Just get to the point. This is your chance to say whatever you want. However you want to say it, keeping it fairly clean of course, knowing I will do it for you if necessary. Just jot it down and some how get it to me. I know how gold prospecting saves my life everyday and will expand on it if you want but right now it's about you, so let me know. This could be a way to stretch those creative talents of yours or just the way you see the world connected to gold and/or prospecting in the world we all share. Try to keep it to one page or less or your next newsletter might be 200 pages in your mailbox. Yeah right! As if we could let that happen. It's your gold club, so let me hear from you.

Thanks – Sierrabart ( Dennis Johnson )  
E-mail : [sierrabart@hotmail.com](mailto:sierrabart@hotmail.com)  
Phone : (702) 393-GOLD (4653)

P.S. Please don't call me before O-dark thirty (Pacific Standard Time) in the morning cause the wife works and Id really catch, Oh you know.

Thanks,

Sierra Bart  
Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada

## **GSSN OUTING FEB 08.**

Morris Seguin sponsored a great outing Saturday, Feb. 16, 08. Over 20 members attended and were treated to homemade potato soup. The weather was great for hard work, learning and enjoying the company of friends.



GSSN would like to thank Gus Lagerstrom and Walt Hand for taking their time to come out and pass on their metal detecting expertise to our club members. Tips for setting the detectors for ground conditions as well as physically adjusting the detectors to fit the individual were passed along. Detecting techniques were geared to the model of detector the individual was using. The advantages and disadvantages of the various machines were discussed.

Prospecting activities included metal detecting, use of dry washing and recirculating high banker equipment. New home made screening equipment was being used by Morris.

## **SAFETY KIT LIST**

1. splint Kit
2. Snake Bite Kit
3. Aspirin, Ibuprofen ( Tylenol)
4. Gauze
5. Burn Gel
6. Band-Aids ( Ace Bandages)

## **PERSONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATION**

1. Keep personal information with you
  - a. As for Medications, Dosages
  - b. List of information for yourself
2. Never go alone
3. GPS Device, Knife, Water, Walkie Talkie and/or Cell Phone, Compass ( Incase of NOT having a GPS Device)
4. Pen and Notepad
5. Lunch Basket
6. Hiking Boots
7. Dressing in Layers

The ground was still damp from the recent rains, but careful use of the dry washers yielded some very nice color.

Work started early Saturday morning and after a break for lunch continued into the late afternoon hours.

By Carl Richwine  
Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada

## **PROSPECTING SAFETY TIPS AND HINTS.**

Hi, there. I'm Wayne Ray and the other day as I was leaving to go prospecting, My wife approached me and asked, "Do you have a Safety List?" I said, "No, I didn't but thought that it was a good idea!" After talking it over, we decided that a person going out into the desert should have a Safety List of things to do or things to have with you. We decided to make a list and pass it on to you kind folks. When I went to make this list, I didn't realize how many things needed to be put on it, but thought that I would get other members input as to what was needed. There were quite a few and I'm sure I haven't got them all. So I thought I would turn to our members, to help me out by adding anything you might deem necessary and make it the club Safety List.

Thank you,

Wayne Ray  
Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada

Please call the club phone Number with your suggestions. (702) 393-GOLD (4653)



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I understand that as a member of the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Inc., I can run for office and Participate in the voting on all major policies and officer elections. I will also be able to attend all meetings and use the club claims, subject to the club By-laws. I can also use club equipment by appointment and check out books and video's from out extensive library.

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I / we, the undersigned, ( hereafter referred to as participant ) assume all risk and/or hazards associated with participant's involvement in the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Inc., a prospecting club. Participants agree to indemnify and HOLD HARMLESS all club officers, sponsors, and/or other third, fourth, etc., parties involved in club activities. Participants realize that metal detecting, gold prospecting, and associated activities can be dangerous. The terrain can be hazardous and there may be wild or domesticated animals and snakes present. Some locations may have open shafts, pits, and tunnels. Participants assume animals and snakes present. Participants assume all responsibility by signing below.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLUBS ONLY FUNCTION IF MEMBERS VOLUNTEER**

I/we will volunteer to assist in the areas checked. Please check at least one area.

**COMMITTEES**

OUTINGS       FOOD       CLAIMS       EDUCATION / TRAINING  
 NEWSLETTER       MEMBERSHIP       WEBSITE       LIBRARIAN

**ELECTED OFFICES**

PRESIDENT       VICE PRESIDENT       SECRETARY       TREASURER  
 MEMBERSHIP

As of January 1, 2008 Dues are payable on the first of the month of your anniversary date.  
New members \$60.00 and to renew is \$40.00.

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We print a membership application in each newsletter that must be used for all applications of New or Renewals.

We must have this information in its completed form to comply with our By-laws.

**Thank you, for assisting your club with procedure!**

**Do a little prospecting at our Website!**  
**[www.goldsearchers.info](http://www.goldsearchers.info)**

**or you may contact us by Phone at :**  
**(702)393-GOLD (4653)**

Membership is the life-blood of this Organization. Your renewal date is reflected on the address label, upper right. All of our programs cost this organization money. Your membership dues make it all possible. Membership numbers are important when contacting National Organizations, the press, and Elected Representatives.

**Dedicated to the Pursuit of Gold!**