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This is your land !



*The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada voted at the last meeting to purchase a 20 acre section of land in Arizona. This is a Golden opportunity for this club to develop land of their own. We have never owned land where the Gold is plentiful and every nugget will belong to YOU!*

*We will be looking for suggestions from you as to what you would like to have on this land. THIS IS YOUR LAND NOW. I have heard that the MOTHER LODE of Gold is buried on this property. We will be reporting from time to time on some of the Gold that is found. We might even have to bring in a Brinks truck to move the stuff. The claims chairman will prepare maps for the area. These are to be included in your MAP SITE booklet.*

*If you want a new set of maps which have been expertly upgraded by the Chairman, Art Becker, they are available from the club for \$5.00 He has also written a down to earth explanation on how to read and use a Global Position Sensor (G.P.S.) Come join us at our meetings at the Nevada Palace Casino. 5255 Boulder highway 6:30 PM. The best has just begun !*



## Christmas Party

*The Christmas Party is at the Nevada Palace on December 8, 6 PM to 8PM. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. This is a buffet style meal.*

*There will be numerous Christmas presents available which will go out in a drawing. A HUGH GOLD NUGGET was purchased and will be raffled off at the party. Tickets are \$5.00 each or two for \$9.00 The winner of this nugget will certainly be proud. Recognition Awards will be handed out for the volunteers who worked at the Heritage Museum. Proceeds of the ticket sales go into the general fund of the club. So, buy and buy, and buy.*

**Meeting: December 8, 2001**

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 Secretary Leilani Lecleric

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 Outings George Niederriter  
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 Librarian Joe Cathcart

**Presidents Message**

**Christmas Party**  
**SATURDAY**  
**Dec 8, 2001**  
**Nevada Palace**

*I hope that everyone  
 Had a great meal  
 Thanksgiving Day*

*On Christmas Day  
 My wish for you is  
 For a Healthy,  
 Happy Holiday.*

*Great minds discuss ideas;  
 average minds discuss events; small  
 minds discuss people.*

*Happy Holidays*

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Treasurers Report for Highgrader as of 11/19/01

Assets: No Cal-Fed accounts...all closed  
Valley Bank Checking \$1939.54  
Valley Bank Savings \$5635.01  
TOTAL.....\$7574.55 Money in the Bank

Liabilities: \$ 00.00

Check Report: Check 2034 Outing advance \$200.00  
Oct 13 outing Expense No Report  
Check 2040 10/31 \$72.00  
Not reported by Outing Committee

10/31/01 Deposit.....\$570.00  
10 New 11 Renewals  
11/08/01 Deposit.....\$1163.00  
8 New 8 Renewals  
35 Christmas Dinner Tickets  
Christmas Raffle Dollars \$377.00  
4 Badges 1 Emblem 1 "T"Shirt  
11/15/01 Deposit.....\$237.00  
3 new 6 Renewals  
1 Map set 1 \$10. unknown

From 10/31/01 to 11/19/01 21 new members  
25 Renewals

Expenses 11/1/01 to 11/19/01  
Highgrader printing \$ 321.75  
Office Supplies \$ 37.49  
Secretary of State \$ 15.00  
Don Adams (prize) \$ 30.00  
Badges \$ 28.96  
Gold Scale \$ 64.95  
Dec Door prizes \$ 140.00  
5 Acres section lease \$ 200.00  
New property purchase \$12000.00\*\*  
Purchase pending. Money needs to be on deposit.

Education report  
By Earl Hunter

Running a dry washer or a re-circulating wet washer is a simple task. Most of them are easy to set up and run. It is like a tinker toy set. Each piece fits in only one way. Naturally, after going through the labor of setting up the machine, now you want to see the Gold.

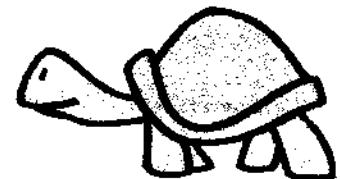
That is exactly the problem. LEAVE THE MAT ALONE. Let the machine run. Don't keep stopping the operation every so often to see if you have hit the mother load. Leave it alone and let it run. The Gold, if you have any, will still be there later on.

Watch the flow of the materials that you are running as it runs over the riffles. If necessary, put some tape under the riffles which will create a 'dead air zone. This will make a pocket for the gold to drop into. (Thanks Jim Miller)

Always keep the wind at your back while the machine is working. The dust from the machine can cause you a problem with breathing. It is a good idea to have a dust mask on. This will prevent the dust from getting into your lungs. Good Luck. May your mat be all full of Gold on each trip.

*Earl Hunter.*

You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.



From the NUPA Nuggets.

*Gene Altobella*

## METEORITE MANIA

Every treasure hunter I have come in contact with lately seems to want to talk about a recent issue of Smithsonian magazine and its 10 page article on hunting for meteorites with a metal detector.

The article was written by Kevin Krajick and covers, among other things, where to find meteorites, what they are worth and why the intense interest on the part of universities and collectors in acquiring them.

For years a "veil of secrecy" has existed surrounding the practice of hunting for meteorites with a metal detector with a few of the "inside professionals" volunteering any information as to how they find them or where and to whom to sell them ... With the publication of the recent Smithsonian article this veil of secrecy has now been lifted and everyone I have talked to wants a "piece of the action" Certainly, part of the interest in acquiring meteorite fragments stems from the upward spiraling prices which have ranged from \$100 gram a few years ago to as much as \$5000. Per gram today for choice specimens.

For the detectorist reading this article who might want to search for meteorites, here are a few basic facts: Meteorites are fragments of cosmic material that manages to make it through the earth's atmosphere without completely burning up and actually strike the earth. Scientists estimate that approximately 6800 meteorites strike the earth each year; most weighing less than a pound.

Meteorites are valuable because they are one of the few ways we have to learn about the structure and composition of the solar system and because they may ever reveal clues to our own origins. Universities and other scientific institutions have always sought to acquire specimens of meteorites to study. In recent years, dealers, speculators and collectors have also joined the ranks of those seeking to acquire meteorites causing the prices to rise dramatically.

This sudden craze to acquire meteorites should be of interest to those of us who metal detect because one of the primary ways to locate meteorites is with a metal detector. Today's modern metal detectors are quite capable of locating meteorite fragments; even those embedded at shallow and medium depths. Every detectorist probably already own all the equipment necessary to locate meteorites... Since meteorites have been striking the earth at a constant rate since the beginning of time, it is possible that some detectorists have already found meteorite fragments without even knowing it. The message here is not to be so quick to discard those bothersome "hot rocks" as you may be discarding something that is 250 time more valuable than a gold nugget of equal size.

For more information on Meteorites or quality metal detectors, call RUSSELL at \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_@\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](mailto:_____@_____) com

*Yesterday is history.*

*Tomorrow is a mystery.*

*Today is a gift.!*

*Good Hunting !*

BOOK REVIEW, DECEMBER 2001

By Joe Cathcart

#23 MODERN ELECTRONIC PROSPECTING

By Charles Garrett & Roy Lagal, 75 pages  
Finding Gold, Adjusting Detectors, Panning Methods

# 24 PROFESSIONAL TREASURE HUNTER, 130 Pages

By George Mroczkowski  
A Learn How book, Discover his secrets, Research  
equipment, Research Equipment, Authenticating Findings.

#91 PLACER GOLD DEPOSITS OF NEVADA, 118 Pages

By Geological Survey  
Has Topo Locations & Map. Listed by Counties & Districts

#142 PLACER GOLD DEPOSITS OF ARIZONA, 103 Pages

By Geological Survey  
Has Topo Locations & Map. Listed by Counties & Districts

#170 GOLD PANNING IS EASY, 127 Pages

By Roy Lagal  
Good book on panning and detecting- full of info.

#174 GOLD NUGGETS with METAL DETECTOR

by James McCulloch, only 20 Pages  
Small booklet but written well for beginners and  
others. Well worth a look.

NOTICE: Books are on Loan for ONE MONTH as many  
other members would like to read, so please abide by  
our instructions. They can always be checked out again.

p.s. Who ever checked out the following books (and never  
returned) please turn them back so that others on a waiting  
list can also read them - they are some of our more popular  
one's: Titled: ZIP! ZIP!, and ZIP! ZIP! for PRO'S

## Mistakes.

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES IN THIS  
PUBLICATION, PLEASE CONSIDER  
THAT THEY ARE THERE FOR A  
PURPOSE. WE PUBLISH SOMETHING  
FOR EVERYONE. THE MISTAKES ARE  
THERE BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE ARE  
ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MISTAKES...!  
Thank You Martin Kelly. Shasta Miners Assoc.

## WANTED.

The Gold Searchers of Southern  
Nevada are seeking the services of an  
*ASSISTANT EDITOR*.

*This person MUST HAVE A  
COMPUTER.* (The lap top computer  
went out to the new membership  
chairman)

Writing stories about mining and  
prospecting is such fun, I don't know if I  
can give it up.

An *ASSISTANT EDITOR* would  
be an asset and would give me a chance  
to do a little prospecting myself. Call  
795-0383 if you are interested.

*MAILING ASSISTANT.* This job was  
filled before it was advertised. Daniel  
McClain has volunteered to assist with  
the mailing of the HIGHGRADER each  
month. Thank You Dan.! Mailing the  
November Highgrader was made easy  
with such capable help.

We could use some person who  
is knowledgeable about the Post Office  
rates and structures. We are paying too  
much for postage. We know it can be  
lowered. We just need someone to  
make it happen.

*ASSISTANT WRITER.* As the EDITOR,  
let me delegate some of our members as  
ASSISTANT WRITERS. I am sure that  
everyone has a story to tell or would like  
to have a by-line with their name on it.  
I hear some wonderful stories about  
finding gold, searching for gold and  
finding meteorites.

Don't tell me the story! Write  
the story! You will be given a by-line  
along with your story. Lets delegate  
every member as an *ASSISTANT  
WRITER* whose last name begins with A  
through Z. This way we can cover  
every exciting story as it happened to  
you. Think about it.

**General Membership meeting  
Nov 7, 2001 by Lailani Lecleric.**

Meeting was called order at 7:00 PM with **Dan Boone President presiding.** All Board members present. However, Dan Boone left early because he was not feeling up to par. Dan Green continued on. Dan welcomed all the guests which were quite a few. There were several new members present.

Dan mentioned the outing at the Heritage museum October 19, 2001. **Earl Hunter** handed out Recognition Awards to those volunteers who helped. The turn out was tremendous. The amount of children surpassed the last few years. 1300 children learned how to pan for gold.

**The Treasurer Dick Vezzani** gave his report. The detailed amounts will be in the Highgrader. Motion made to accept it and seconded.

**Art Becker, Claims Chairman** explained about our claims in Pahrump and that maps are available. Many mines have been closed up at Nelson. The tailings have been proved not to have much gold. The story of the happenings at Nelson were written into the Highgrader. A group looked at a claim in California but did decide that these claims are not worth purchasing.

**Gordon Eggeston** had made a presentation to the board regarding the purchase of a 20 acre tract in Arizona. He now presented the same proposition to the meeting. This claim is off of Pierce Ferry Road and is located near to section 34. This is private property. We can own it and later sell it when the gold gives out. It has a good amount of gold on it now. The owner wants 12,000 for the entire acres. This property would be on private property and nothing to do with the Government. **Doug Parker** mentioned that the club

was in favor of this land 2 years ago. He made a motion to accept this land. **Lailani seconded.** **Doug** also suggested that we should try to get a lower price. Gordon stated that he would try to get a better price but thought that he had gotten it down as low as he could. No further discussion. Voted in favor everybody for, one against.

The Guest speaker was Mr. **Walter Lombardo.** He is the Senior Geologist for the State of Nevada. He talked about the large amount of gold in Nevada and in this particular area. He said that in his opinion, we are making a good move purchasing the 20 acres. He explained the new rules on purchasing claims that the government has their fingers in. He pointed out that with the purchase, we can do whatever we please on it without being fined or whatever the government decides as to claims.

Mr Lombardo spoke of the need to write letters to Congress, Sen. Reid and other members of government. We need to oppose the movement to stop mining and prospecting. Sen. Reid has a bill to stop collecting fossils. If they can stop us from collecting fossils, they can stop us from collecting gold.

**There were 131 members and guests present**

**Announcements:** There will not be a general meeting in December. **The December meeting is the Christmas party which will be held December 8.** We hope that there will be a good turn out at the party.

**The Gold Pick award: Won by Donna Schwartz.**

**Drawing winners: Gold Nuggets-WayneArdette-Bill-Boris-Bill. Head phones, Pam. Gold pan-Stu. Compass-Jim. Pry bar-Gary. Rake-Jack. Gold pan-Cleo. Magnets-Mike. Eye loop-**

## Tips for Writing Congress

**Hank water pouch- John Sandl-Ron.  
Gloves- Larry. Knee pads-Thomas.  
Gloves-Que Magnet-Russell.  
Dehydrated meal-Pat. Meeting  
adjourned 8:40 PM**

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They have invented a motor/generator that will produce 30,000 watts of power. It will be hooked up to your home. Use whatever you need for FREE. All of the rest will be sold back to the electric company for a price. **THAT MONEY GOES TO THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THE MACHINE. That is NOT YOU.** You will be free, they collect the money from the electric company (if this comes to pass) If they never get onto the market, it will have cost you nothing. If they do, you get free electric for the rest of your life. Dan Green

Many people think their letters to Congress don't get read.

That simply isn't true. In all likelihood your letter will be read and answered by an aide, if not your Senator or Representative.

These helpful suggestions will improve the effectiveness of your letter.

- ...State the purpose for writing in the first paragraph of the letter. If your letter pertains to a specific piece of legislation, identify it accordingly, e.g., House bill: XXX, Senate bill: S. XXX
- ...Be courteous, get to the point, and include key information, using examples to support your position, if that information is available to you.
- ...Focus on only one issue in each letter. If possible, keep your letter to one page.
- ...Ask your member of Congress to respond in to your concerns.

### Address Correspondence

To your Senators:  
The Honorable (full name)  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator (last name):

To your Representative:  
The Honorable (full name)  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative (last name)

*This article appeared in the Senior Press Newspaper for November, 2001. It is reprinted just as it appeared on the front page. The photographs of Art Becker, Robert Peterson and Daniel Green, shown at a closed mine, were not able to be reprinted. Ed.*

## **Volunteers make mines safer.**

By Red McLendon

A posse is roaming around Nevada, but they're not after outlaws.

They are volunteers from the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, trying to make the desert a little safer.

The group, which mainly consists of seniors, has closed more than 40 abandoned mines scattered all over Southern Nevada.

But they have a long way to go. Club members work with the state Division of Abandoned Mine Lands to reduce the chance of death or injury from accidents occurring in abandoned mines.

Doug Driesner, division administrator, estimates there are approximately 50,000 abandoned mines in Nevada that may present safety hazards

"The division has identified and ranked 8,461 hazardous mine openings throughout the state with 6,289 having been secured," he says.

Not only do club members help secure the mines, they help educate the public about the dangers.

Gold Searchers is a non profit Las Vegas club with 535 members from all walks of life. Some members are experts in geology, mineralogy and mine engineering, but others are volunteers who enjoy searching for gold.

"Our members show a great interest in prospecting for gold or other valuable minerals in the land," explains

Daniel Green, vice President of the group, says.

"It is a lot of fun, interesting and educational. A little last of history going back to the days of old."

The members also give gold panning demonstrations to Scouts, schools and at special events. "Searching for gold is a healthy, worthwhile hobby," Green says. "But as a prospector, do not expect to get rich. It is just a hobby."

The club conducts prospecting trips each month and files claims with the Bureau of Land Management. There are roughly 500 acres under claim and all of them contain gold.


"There is more known gold in Nevada than all the states in the U.S. Combined together," explains Green. Last year, Nevada produced 8.5 million ounces of gold at 130 Mines.

At a field trip last year, one man picked up 28 ounces of gold in an hour. He donated some of the nuggets to the club.

The club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Nevada Palace Hotel and Casino 5255 S. Boulder Highway.

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# **GOLD SEARCHERS of SOUTHERN NEVADA, INC.**

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## *What is the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada?*

It is a local, non profit, Las Vegas Club comprised of members from all walks of humanity. Be it young "Greenhorns" or "Seasoned Prospectors." Some members are experts in such fields as Geology, Mineralogy, and even Mine Engineering. Some are Couchpotatologists. But most of all, members have a common love of their freedom to explore the "Great Outdoors."

*GOLD FEVER* spurs a lot of us to get out and extract enjoyment out of our mother earth, and learn more about her hidden wealth. There's a wealth of knowledge to be obtained, and friendships to be made. Lest we forget, the wealth of excitement in finding that beautiful, yellowish metal called **GOLD!**

Though finding **GOLD** is not our sole priority (we do public service for the mining industry, such as teaching scouts, and public school

**(702) 393-GOLD**

students how to pan gold), it is, however a lot of what we are about.

We are a fun-loving bunch that welcomes new members, and we gather together on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45 PM, at NEVADA PALACE HOTEL AND CASINO, 5255 S. Boulder Highway, Las Vegas We voice our opinions as one on such matters as land use, and mining laws. Also, to help others who have become aware of our recreation or livelihood. We teach how to use mineral rights without abusing them, and work to protect our rights to continue in our prospecting interests. The majority of our members own a Metal Detector. Our Club plans field trips where such an instrument could help unearth that precious metal. Others in our Club put more trust into known gold extracting equipment, such as Dry Washers or Recirculating Sluices. Some of their equipment is handmade, and some of it is store bought. Being in a local Club, such as ours, can help you to see and use a variety of mining equipment first hand in a location known to produce **GOLD.**

Our Club is open for your

inspection. You may attend **TWO GENERAL MEETINGS** and/or go one **FIELD TRIP** with the **GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA** free of charge. After that, simply join the Club for a mere membership fee of \$35.00 for the first year and \$20.00 each year thereafter. This is a "**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**" which includes all your immediate family. Once you join, you receive the Club's monthly newsletter, **THE HIGHGRADER.** The **HIGHGRADER** contains news from the general and board meetings, upcoming field trip information, articles relating to prospecting, and you may even submit your own articles or place an ad in the Free Classified section for publication. We would love to have you join our Club! A membership application is in this issue for your convenience. Simply complete and enclose your check for \$35.00 then either bring it to our next meeting or mail to us at:

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## **Thoughts on headphones from a national expert!**

It is a fact that all land based metal detectors produce an audio signal when they pass over metal targets. It is also true that when you first hear these signals, they seem to be shockingly loud. So, it would naturally seem to follow that a metal detector's external speaker should be totally sufficient. Why then do experienced detectorists always use a set of very good headphones? Furthermore, what makes a headphone "very good" in combination with a metal detector? Let's explore some of the reasoning involved in headphone usage. Imagine yourself lying back on a lounge, soaking up the sun in a local park, or at the water's edge. Some one comes along, plunks themselves down five feet away, and blasts a boom box at you during the time that you had set aside to unwind. That would be downright rude. All sports and hobbies have an etiquette as well as a code of ethics and sense of fair play. Metal detecting is no different, and it is highly discourteous and quite offensive to hover around some one while your detector beeps away. Do this long enough and you could provoke someone into summoning a person with the authority to exclude you, your detector and other detectorists from the area.

On the other hand, let's assume that you are not an especially socially conscientious person. Well, okay... what you really care about is finding a lot of STUFF! So, now we come to one of the greatest reasons to use a headphone. You will be able to better hear those faint, deep signals, and more easily discern smaller items which might be lying on edge.

This will allow you to find more items. Additionally, many distracting exterior sounds such as wind, waves and wolves will be muted. Okay, If you insist upon hearing the wolves, leave one earcup askew!

If you are fiscally oriented in the same direction as many detectorists, then you have an economical streak in you and undoubtedly enjoy getting something for nothing. Well, the use of a headphone will save you money by allowing the batteries in your detector to last longer.

This is because the speaker in the detector is turned off when the headphone is plugged in to it and so, no energy is required to drive the detector's external speaker.

"But," you say "I already have a great set of headphones for my stereo or multi-media system. Can I use them?" The answer is "Maybe." If you can answer all of the following questions with a yes, then you probably can. Does your headphone have a volume control on each ear? (Most detectors don't have a volume control, and you don't want your ears blasted.)

Does your headphone have moisture resistant mylar speakers? (Paper cone speakers deteriorate from moisture and eventually mute soft signals.) Do you know if your detector has a stereo jack? (If stereo headphones are used with a detector that has a mono jack you will get sound in only one ear.) (Of course, you might want to listen for wolves with the silent ear.)

The components, frequencies, and Ohms in metal detecting headphones are specially selected to allow you to

hear the best with most metal detectors. Most headphones have a selector switch or adapter so that you can use them with all of the detectors that you own

Some specialty headphones can process the audio of metal detectors for maximum depth as well as safeguard your hearing against overly loud signals. These will automatically match your detector's preferential Ohms. Look for them under the DEPTHMASTER brand name.

Submitted by Russell Gremore

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#### Veterans Day, 2001

November 11, 2001 was an outstanding day for a Parade in Las Vegas, Nevada. There were 150 units assembled at 4<sup>th</sup> and Charlston Streets. The weather was beautiful and the streets were lined with people stacked 6 deep.

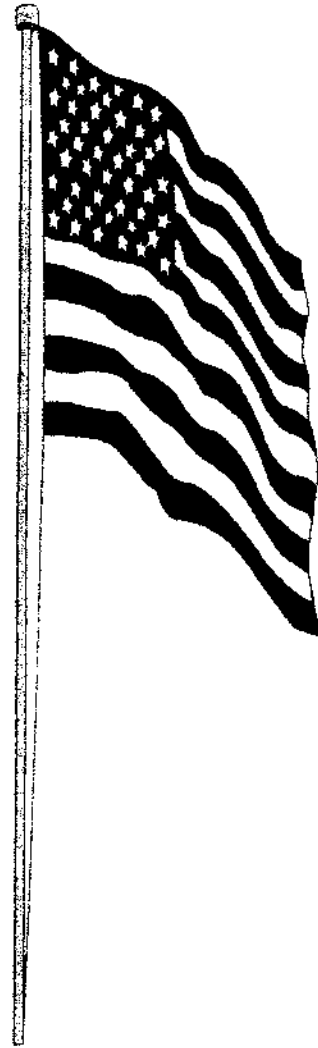
There was an impressive array of military units and their equipment. Veterans organizations were present in strength. American Flags were present in every marching unit as well as by the people on the street.

I was proud to be an American on this day and prouder still when a number of people shook my hand and Thanked me for my service to this country. Daniel Green

*Happy Holidays*

*May it  
forever*

*WADE...*



*Over the land  
of the free, and  
the home of  
the Brave*

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Yearly membership dues are \$35.00. (all family members included) They are \$20.00 per year thereafter.. Dues are payable on the first of the month on your anniversary date.

Prospecting Vehicles

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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 Gold claims, subject to the Club By-laws. I can also use various club equipment by appointment and check books and videos out of our extensive library.

**CLUBS ONLY OPERATE IF PEOPLE VOLUNTEER . PLEASE CHECK ONE.**

Outings committee \_\_\_\_\_ Food committee \_\_\_\_\_ Education committee \_\_\_\_\_ Club Property \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter committee \_\_\_\_\_ Membership committee \_\_\_\_\_ Other help, as needed \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUBS ALSO NEED OFFICERS. I WILL CONSIDER ONE OF THE POSITIONS.**

President \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ -Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ -

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ -Date \_\_\_\_\_

Bring this application to the next club meeting or mail this application and your check to: Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc P. O. Box 96732

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**GOLD SEARCHERS**  
"Code of Ethics"

1. Before searching/prospecting public sites or lands, always check on laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern your search.
2. NEVER trespass. Always get permission when searching/prospecting private property or claims.
- 3 NEVER leave open holes. Try to leave the area as it was. Fill in and/or level your prospect holes and piles. Leave protected flora and fauna alone. NOTE: Anyone caught not filling holes, will be banned from club claims.
4. Report the discovery of any item of significant historical value to the local historian or museum.
5. If you discover live ammo, explosives or a lethal object, DON'T touch it. Mark the site and notify the Police at once.
6. Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your club/sport/hobby. You are an ambassador of our club and a pastime we want to protect. We will be judged by how we act and respond.
7. Do not litter. Pick up your trash and some extra, please.

**Dry washing in the Desert.**

It was reported to us on November 7, 2001 that a person had been arrested in California by the BLM. This arrest took place while working a dry washer and while on an outing with several other people.

I began inquiries about this arrest and reported the incident to our members at our general meeting. Since that time, I still have not been able to confirm what this arrest was all about.

**The Gold Prospectors**  
Association has heard of the incident that took place on one of their claims. They were unable to identify the man or the particular incident as beginning a change in direction for the BLM and the Department of Interior. I contacted Gale Norton's office by E Mail but received no reply. This incident happened in the Barstow, California area.

The BLM office there is telling people that there has been no change in policy since President Bush suspended Clinton's orders. They are telling people that they can still use dry washers if they wish. We will keep you posted if we hear anything new or different.

## HOW-TO BUILD A GOLD SCREEN

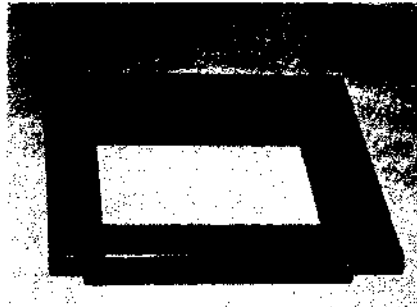


By Bob & Eva Jo Bess

**Q**uite by accident we devised a gold screen that works better for us.

When we first began our prospecting, I used graduated sizes of screen that were flush with the top of our buckets for sifting our concentrate into smaller sizes. We had to work the concentrates through the screen, which was difficult and time consuming.

One day while filling a bucket full of water with the screen slightly submerged in water the job was a lot easier. The con-



*Completed frame, with flange, for classifying screen.*

attached "flatwise" to the top edge of the previously formed square. I again used eight 1-1/2 inch screws in pre-drilled holes.

The next step was painting the device with a water based paint.

After the square with a flange was made, I cut a 9 x 9 inch piece of screen, removing a 1/2 x 1/2 inch square from each corner. This allows the screen to bend over the edge of the boards. I then stapled the screen to the bottom of the recessed portion of the frame.



*From left: Photo 1, 1/4" (4 mesh) screening being applied over 40 mesh screening; #2, attaching screening to frame; #3, stapling 1/4 screen over 40 mesh; #4, Author Bob Bess places finished screen in bucket.*

centrate went through the screen faster and at the same time the dirt fell from the particles of concentrate. The only problem here was that the water level

decreased as I worked at the task.

Then we came up with the idea of building a recessed screen that would fit down into our plastic buckets deeply enough to allow the concentrates to be worked completely under water.

Here is how we built it.

To begin with I used 1/2 x 1-1/2 inch air molding and cut four equal pieces 7-1/2 inches long. I then took eight 1-1/2 inch screws and inserted them in pre-drilled holes. These were located two at each corner to form a square eight inches by eight inches.

I next cut four pieces of 1/2 x 1-1/2 inch molding eight inches long. These I

I made three of these classifying screens using 1/4 inch (4 mesh), 20 mesh, and 40 mesh screen. On the 20 and 40 mesh screen I added a piece of 1/4 inch screen for extra support. I applied the smaller screen first, then attached the 1/4 inch screen.

The flange on the screen allows the device to sit in the top of either a square or round five gallon plastic bucket. This places the bottom edge 1-1/2 inches below water level if the bucket is full.

Our new classifying screens help us get the job done quickly and with less effort, which is why we wanted to share this information with you! ☐

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## CLUB OUTING REPORT

The Gold Searcher outing was November 17<sup>th</sup> in the White Hills on Section 28.

We had a number of visitors from the GPAA and a few first timers with our club. The wind was brisk and the pickings slim. Some did well, others did not. The days were warm and the nights were cool. Overnighter had to use an extra blanket.

The outing for December is on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will go out to our claim in Pahrump, Nevada. This will be a daytime outing only. The open spaces beyond our claim and behind the Labbe Mine have been producing some gold. We might want to take a look at the tailings at the foot of the Congress where we closed all of those mines. This area was never checked out very much.

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