

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada



Highgrader

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Officers and Standing Committees...

President—Ian Thaler
Vice President—John Roberts
Treasurer—Dara Thaler
Secretary—Dolores Gee
Membership—Steve Christenson



Claims Committee— John Bronstein
Education Committee— Fred Zajac
Librarian / Historian— Larry Clay
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Website J. Miller
Newsletter - Ian Thaler and Dara Thaler

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OUTINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A 2 day outing is planned for March 26th and 27 2011, at our new claim in Pahrump. Food will be provided by the club, with onsite volunteers for Saturday and Sunday cooking. Bringing a dish to pass is always welcome and appreciated. Let the President know what you are going to bring to share. There is overnight camping space available.

Any photography hounds make sure you bring your cameras. The club is looking for photo's to share on the website and in our next newsletter. Always carry extra water when venturing into the desert. Check with the BLM for campfire restrictions closer to the date of the outing. Come and share the fun!

GSSN NOTICE

Next Meeting
Wednesday
April 6th , 2011
6:30 PM

425 East Van Wagenen
 Henderson NV 89002

www.goldsearcher.com



Raffle Winners
50/50 Rose Marteeny \$18.75
Door Prize—Mary Orzoff \$50.00



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| 1. Straw Hat.....Alice Harris | 15. Screwdriver set.....Janet Schelling |
| 2. Walking Stick.....Cheryl Adams | 16. Winchester knife set.....Rick Kasky |
| 3. Utility bag kit.....Alice Harris | 17. KnifeDavid Axtell |
| 4. Task force tools/gloves.....Phyllis Harding | 18. Chocolates.....Rick Adams |
| 5. Placer gold book.....Chris Gallien | 19. Walking stickLora Tinker |
| 6. Stanley ruler & Level.....Fred Zajac | 20. Gold bearing bag.....Al Kraus |
| 7. Knife set/magnifier.....Jerry Lucas | |
| 8. Green pan/gold.....Phyllis Harding | |
| 9. Black pan/gold.....Lora Tinker | |
| 10. Pick Axe.....Morris Sequin | |
| 11. Compass.....Tony Calzada | |
| 12. Stubby Hammer/magnifier.....Bill Reeves | |
| 13. Brown pan/ magnifier/vile/wipes.....Dalin Frazier | |
| 14. Visor/flashlight/gloves..... Dolores Gee | |

A special thank you to Rick Kasky Desert Outfitters, for donating the walking stick and bag of gold and Tony Calzada for donating the knife, and Mary Orzoff for donating the chocolates.

You guys are great!

Minutes from the March 2 , 2011 Meeting

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV on Wed., March 2, 2011. President Ian Thaler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led in pledging allegiance to the flag. He then asked if there were any visitors & 19 showed their hands, stood up and briefly introduced themselves. Several MPA officers and members were in attendance ; and 75 people signed in. Ian announced that Rick from Desert Outfitters had gold-bearing bags available for sale. Dara then gave the Treasurer's report for Jan. & Feb. (see attached).

Next Clyde Caldwell, executive director of the McCaw School of Mines, briefly mentioned McCaw's up-coming fundraiser and had hand-outs available for those interested. Ian then announced that the 2-day outing that had been cancelled last weekend would be rescheduled; and the group selected the weekend of March 26 & 27. The group also by show of hands voted that it will be in Pahrump. Fred Zajac made a motion at this time that the minutes of the Feb. 2, 2011 meeting (as published in the Highgrader) be approved and Morris Sequin seconded the motion. There was no discussion & the vote was unanimously in favor of approving the motion. It was so carried.

Then Al Adams, President of the Mohave Prospectors Assn., spoke to the group regarding the MPA and the GSSN forming a relationship whereby members of each club would have reciprocal access to the other club's claims and activities and would abide by the other club's bylaws. A Q & A followed and members brought up pros and cons for proceeding with this sister club type of arrangement. (It was noted that MPA dues are \$35 to join & \$25 to renew; GSSN dues are \$45 to join & \$30 to renew.) George Neiderreiter made a motion at this point that the subject be tabled and asked members to get in touch with board members relative to their thoughts on terms and conditions in order that the board could come up with recommendations which would be presented to the general membership at the next meeting for a vote. Jake seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion and it was so carried. (Those interested can check out www.mohaveprospectors.org on the internet for further info.)

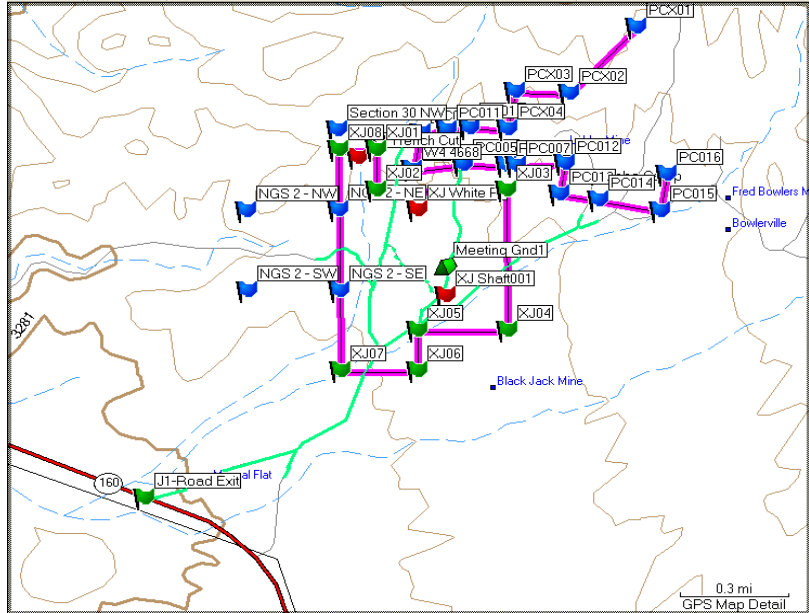
After a short break under "New Business" revisions and updates to our bylaws (as published in the Highgrader) were discussed. Doug Parker made a motion to accept the amended bylaws as published -- and publishing them in final form so that they can be brought up for an official vote at the April 6th meeting. Morris Sequin seconded this motion. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion. It was so carried. The next agenda item Ian brought up was purchasing a computer. The Membership Officer especially needs access to such a new computer due to the out-of-date old one being used presently. Several members made suggestions to check out P.C. Laptops, Best Buy, Costco, etc. Morris made a motion to have the purchase of a new laptop explored further (prices, details, etc.) which info should be brought to the next meeting for discussion & a possible vote to approve the purchase. Fred seconded the motion and after a brief discussion the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion & it was so carried. Ian then mentioned the upcoming Gold Show at South Point next month and asked that anyone interested in volunteering contact him. Doug Parker suggested going to the GPAA website to preregister. He said that since we're now a 501c nonprofit corporation we could sell merchandise, hold raffles, etc. at the Gold Show; he added that if we agree to help set up and tear down we could get a booth there free.

Ian reminded us to be especially carefully when prospecting and Fred added a few helpful hints as well (for instance don't keep your car keys in your pocket). We were also made aware of an upcoming Show & Tell on Saturday, March 5th at Desert Outfitter (10AM - 2PM) - equipment will be demonstrated & free hot dogs will be on site. There being no further New Business, the raffle, 50/50 and door prizes took place next. (See list as follows.) Ian thanked those making donations to the raffle for their generosity. Afterwards, Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Morris seconded the motion and the meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee
Secretary
March 4, 2011

OUTING INFORMATION

The outing will be held at our new claim in Pahrump. This outing will be a two-day event. Please email the President to let us know you will be attending, how many days you plan to attend, and how many plan to attend. Also, it is a bit too early to tell what the weather is going to be like, but should we have bad weather, we will plan a rain date. The BLM gave the OK for camp fires as long as they are in an approved fire pit built to their specifications. You can email the BLM via their website for *current burn* restrictions at:
<http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en.html> Copy and paste this link to your browser to get to the BLM site. For those not familiar with this map, Pahrump is about 10 miles to the south on Hwy 160 (Shown). Hwy 95 is about 10 miles to the north (Not Shown).



Classified Ads

The Gold searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. is selling T-Shirts.. If you would like a T-Shirt, please contact Al Kraus, head of Merchandise. We have sizes small to XXL. The club is also looking into purchasing more sizes, if you need a size we do not have let us know and we will put it on the order sheet.

If you are a current member of the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. and would like to place an ad in the newsletter for 6 months it is free of charge. For non members, the fee for 6 months is \$20.00. Send a photo if you want that included.

GOLD MINER GOLD WHEEL SPIRAL PANNER
 12" diameter wheel, water volume from spray bar is adjustable. Easy set up. Stores in a 20" X 15" x 13" carrying case which is also the water tub. New Pump \$175.00 call Mike Collins @ 702-338-1367

GOLD BUDDY RE-CIRCULATING MINI HIGHBANKER
 Top Classifier box is 7" X 20" X 4"
 Sluice is 7" X 24" Water tub and tailings bucket are included. Needs 750 gph pump \$275.00 call mike Collins @702-338-1367

Desert Outfitters
 Www.desertoutfitters.com

- Metal Detectors
- Topo and City Maps
- Prospecting and Rockhounding
- Equipment and Supplies

Rick Kasky
 702-362-7177
 Fax 702-362-2561
 3340 W. Sirius Ave., Las Vegas NV 89102

Proposed by law change February 2, 2011

Article 1: Name

- A. The name of the organization shall be "Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc."
- B. The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc is organized as a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Nevada Corporation exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, more specifically to educate its members others about prospecting for gold and other precious minerals.

Article 2: Objectives

- A. To protect the rights given us under the Mining Law of 1872.
- B. To educate, exchange information and knowledge in prospecting, milling, mining safety, and operating a small mining organization.
- C. To obtain enjoyment and success from prospecting potential mineral bearing areas.
- D. To locate, lease and/or purchase claims for the use of the organization.
- E. To exchange ideas with other like or similar organizations.

Article 3: Membership

- A. Any individual eighteen (18) years of age or older, wishing to participate in and further the objectives of the organization is eligible for membership.
- B. Members will be required to pay the annual dues which are set by the organization.
- C. Each member in good standing shall have one (1) vote in matters voted upon at the general meetings.
- D. Non members or guests may attend a maximum of two meetings and/or one outing prior to joining. Any person exceeding these limits during a calendar year may be asked to leave any meeting and/or Outing by any officer.
- E. To be considered a member in good standing, to retain voting privileges and use the organization's claim's the annual dues shall be paid up to date. After a 30-day grace period, all privileges will be suspended.
- F. After a 60-day grace period, a member will be removed from the organization's membership and shall pay a new membership fee to rejoin.

Article 4: Meetings and Quorum

- A. There shall be at least one (1) General meeting each month.
- B. The general meeting in November shall be designated as the annual meeting at which time the election of Officers shall be held.
- C. A quorum for the general meeting of the organization, for the transaction of business, shall be ten percent (10 %) minimum of the membership in good standing.
- D. The executive committee shall designate the time and place for the general meeting and the executive meetings.
- E. Any officer who misses three (3) consecutive meetings (without approval of the executive board) may be considered for removal from office.

Article 5: Officers and Duties of Officers

- A. All officers shall be "members in good standing" and shall remain so during their terms of office.
- B. The elected officers of the organization shall consist of the President, Vice President at least one (1) Secretary, at least one (1) Treasurer and (1) Membership Officer.
- C. Additional elected officers of the organization my be created by the executive committee, as the need arises.
- D. The President shall be the executive officer of the organization and shall preside at all meetings of the Organization. He/she shall recommend committee chairpersons to the executive committee for appointment.
- E. The Vice President shall preside at all meeting of the organization when the President is absent. He/she Shall carry out the duties as appointed by the President.
- F. The Secretary shall take the minutes at all general meetings and executive committee meetings. He/she shall be the holder of the Corporate Minutes Book and Seal.
- G. The Treasurer shall receive all the funds of the organization and disburse only such funds as are \ authorized by the executive committee. He/she shall be present at all audits of the books.

- H. The President, with the approval of the executive committee, shall be authorized to assign other duties to officers as may be deemed necessary from time to time.
- I. The Membership officer is the point of contact for implementing methods to attract new members to the Organization.

Article 6: election of Officers

- A. Nominations for the election of officers shall be declared open at the October general meeting, with the Election taking place at the November general meeting. Nominations may be made by any member, in good standing at such meeting. Any member in good standing may be nominated or appointed to any office. No member may be nominated for, or appointed to any office without his or her consent. The names of the nominees for each respective office shall be published in the organization's newsletter following such meeting.
- B. An election/nominating committee of not less than three (3) members, none of whom shall be a candidate for election, shall volunteer or be appointed by the executive committee to supervise and conduct the election.
- C. After any nominations have been made from the floor, a motion shall be in order to cast a majority ballot for all non-contested offices: after such motion has been made, seconded, and passed, such nominees shall be declared duly elected. Contested offices shall then be elected by written ballot.
- D. No elected officer may hold the same office for more than two and a half (2 1/2) terms. However, he/she may run for a different office, if so desired, at the end of the two and a half (2 1/2) terms.
- E. If any office is declared vacant for any reason, the President, with the approval of the executive board, shall appoint another officer to carry out the duties until an election can be held to fill the vacancy.
- F. All records shall be transferred to newly elected officers during the month of December. Names of signers on the bank accounts shall be changed in December. Newly elected officers will take office January 1st.

Article 7: Committees, Positions, Standing and Others

- A. The executive committee shall consist of all elected officers.
- B. The board shall consist of the executive committee and the chairperson of all standing committees. The Minutes of its general meetings are the official record of the board/club and shall be published in the Newsletter. Executive committee meeting minutes are kept in record of file for Executive committee member only, and will not be published in the newsletter.
- C. The standing committees shall be:
 - 1. The Executive Committee
 - 2. The claims committee
 - 3. The education committee
 - 4. The merchandise committee
- 1. The executive committee shall conduct the affairs of the organization between its regularly scheduled meetings.
- 2. The claims committee shall be responsible for the proper marking of all the claims, filing of all claims and mapping of all claims for the organization's use.
- 3. The Education committee shall coordinate education activities of the organization.
- 4. The merchandise committee will be responsible for the handling and selling of merchandise for the club.

The audit committee will be appointed by the President at the time of the scheduled audit, and shall be responsible for conducting audits of the organization and meet annually. The President will appoint other committees from time to time for specific purposes.

- D. Positions
1. Newsletter Editor
 2. Librarian
 3. Webmaster
1. The newsletter editor will be responsible for the formatting of the club newsletter,
 2. The librarian will be responsible for the club media
 3. The webmaster will be responsible for the club website.

Article 8 Amendments to the Bylaws

- A. A motion to amend the Bylaws may be made by any member in good standing at any general meeting. A written copy of the proposed amendment must be presented to the secretary prior to the start of the meeting. The proposal must be seconded. The proposed amendment must be published in the newsletter prior to the next general meeting. At the next general meeting after publication, the proposed amendment shall be discussed under "New Business". The final form of the amendment must be published in the next edition of the newsletter and the President shall place the proposed amendment on the next agenda for the next meeting. It shall be taken up in "old Business" and requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at such meeting. If adopted, it shall become effective immediately.
- B. The executive committee may introduce any amendments as a group, and cause the editor to publish the first draft of such proposed change. The amendment procedure will then proceed as though submitted by an individual member, as fully described in section "A" above.

Article 9: Parliamentary Guidance

- A. Robert's Rules of Order are hereby adopted for Parliamentary usage at the meetings of the organization.

Article 10: Dissolution of Organization

- A. Any member may make a motion to dissolve the Corporation at any general meeting of the organization. If such a motion is made, seconded and passed, it will be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at the next general meeting of the organization under "New Business." Announcement that such a motion has been made shall be published in the newsletter.
- B. The motion to dissolve the Corporation will then be acted on at the next general meeting under "New Business." If two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing approve the motion to dissolve, the audit committee shall then meet and perform an audit to verify the remaining balance in the treasury. The audit committee shall research and submit the names of at least two (2) non-profit educational organizations which support mining and individual mining rights in Nevada.
- C. All assets of the Corporation shall be liquidated at reasonable value and the funds shall be added to the treasury.
- D. The executive committee shall select those organizations from the ones submitted by the audit committee and determine the amount each is to receive.
- E. At the next general meeting, the report of the audit committee shall be presented immediately after the President's opening remarks. The members present shall discuss the report and modify it or adopt it as recommended by a simple majority vote.
- F. The Treasurer shall ballot a sufficient sum to pay all authorized and outstanding bills and report the balance in the treasury. The President will then call for an immediate vote on the dissolution of the corporation. A vote of greater than three-quarters (3/4) of the members in good standing shall be necessary for the dissolution. If the vote to dissolve is passed, it shall become effective immediately, and the treasurer shall write and post the amounts in the designated percentages for the educational groups as voted upon by the executive committee. This action shall deplete the treasury to a zero balance, checking account to be closed and the Corporation shall be considered dissolved.
- G. Notification of dissolution is to be sent to the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada.

Article 11: Code of Ethics

- A. Respect the rights of all members at meetings and activities. Those failing to be respectful of other will be asked to leave the meeting or activity.
- B. Before search or prospecting sites or lands, always check on laws, ordinances or regulation that govern your search area.

- C. NEVER trespass! Always get permission when searching or prospecting on private land.
- D. Never leave open holes. Try to leave the area as it was. Fill in and or level your prospecting holes and piles. Leave flora and faun alone. Anyone not filling in their holes when detecting or dry washing will be banned from club claims.
- E. Report the discovery of any item of significant historical value to the local historian or museum.
- F. If you discover live ammo, explosives, detonators, or lethal objects. DO NOT touch it. Mark the site and notify the police at once.
- G. Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your activities. You are an Ambassador of the club, and we want to protect our being able to search for gold without negativity from other who will judge us by and how we act and respond.
- I. All gold found on our claims belongs to the finder.
- J. Access to the claims is on first come, first serve basis. There are no reserved location. Leave a ten-foot space between you and the next member when any members are present and working the same area.

Amendment of By-Laws;

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the Directors or voting members present at a regular meeting or special meeting of the Board or member, respectively, at least thirty (30) days written notice is given of the intention to alter, amend, or repeal, or to adopt new bylaws at such meeting. Such notice shall include the proposed changes.

This is the amended draft of the bylaws as they were accepted at the March 2, 2011 meeting. They will be brought up for official vote at the April 6, 2011 General meeting.

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FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY 2011 AND FEBRUARY 2011

GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN
NEVADA
Financial Statement for the month of
January 2011

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January 2011

Balance Forwarded from 2010		\$7,371.67
Bank Interest		\$ 1.59
Total		\$7,373.26
Income:		
Membership		\$ 720.00
New 8	Renew 12	
Raffle		\$ 181.00
T-Shirts		\$ 11.00
Advertising		\$ 20.00
Total Income		\$ 932.00
Expenses:		
Rent		\$ 88.00
Raffle		\$ 185.11
Membership/office		\$ 90.24
Total Expenses		\$ 363.35
Balance & Interest		\$7,373.26
Income 1-2011		\$ 932.00
Total		\$8,305.26
Less expenses	-	\$ 363.35
Balance		\$7,941.91

GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN
NEVADA
Financial Statement for the month of
February 2011

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February 2011

Balance Forwarded From January 2011		\$7,941.91
Bank Interest & Adj.		\$ 128.76
(outstanding cks redeposited)		
Total		\$8,070.67
Income:		
Membership		\$1,215.00
New 21	Renew 10	
Raffle		\$ 252.50
Regular	\$220.00	
50/50	\$ 32.50	
T-Shirts		\$ 0
Advertising		0
Other (sale of the trailer)		\$ 100.00
Total Income		\$1,567.50
Expenses:		
Rent		\$ 88.00
Raffle		\$ 185.63
Membership/Office		\$ 121.21
Total Expenses		\$ 394.84
Balance & Interest		\$8,070.67
Income 2-2011		\$1,567.50
Total		\$9,638.17
Less Expenses	-	\$ 394.84
Balance		\$9243.33

Directions to Pahrump Claim



From the Southern Las Vegas Valley take Blue Diamond Road / NV-160 through Pahrump to approach the claim from the South. From Eastern Henderson & Boulder City, take Windmill Lane exit from I215 W, West on Windmill, which crosses Las Vegas Blvd and I15, continuing as Blue Diamond Road / NV-160. From the Blue Diamond Road exit on I15, it is just under 70 miles on NV-160 to the turn-off (right) onto the gravel road.

From the Northern Las Vegas Valley, Summerlin, etc., travel to the claim using US 95 North, turning, about 8 miles beyond Mercury, left onto NV-160 toward Pahrump. From the Summerlin Parkway exit, it is about 65 miles on US 95 N to the turn onto NV-160, and 10 miles on NV-160 to the turn-off (left) onto the gravel road leading to the claim.



Aerial photo shows Southern route up to Johnnie settlement. Stay on NV-160 another mile and take Northern turnoff, which has a stop sign & cattle guard. The Southern turn-off has a gate. Only the first road branching North into the claim is shown clearly here.

Application To : Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

P.O. Box 96732
Las Vegas NV, 89193 – 6732

Supporting Website:
www.goldsearcher.com

Please Print Clearly

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail _____

PROSPECTING VEHICLE

Vehicle _____ Lic# _____ State _____

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 _____ DATED ____ / ____ / ____

CLUBS ONLY FUNCTION IF MEMBERS VOLUNTEER

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

COMMITTEES

Audit Claims Education Librarian/Historian Newsletter

Outing Website

DUES ARE PAYABLE ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY DATE.

New members \$45.00 and to Renew is \$30.00.

Check # _____ Cash _____ By _____
Receipt _____ From _____ To _____
Card # _____ Card Sent _____ Claims Book Sent _____

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