

# GSSN HIGHGRADER

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## Volunteering Time To GSSN



The Heritage Museum was an excellent day for the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada to educate young people on the basics of panning for gold. Several members turned out

on the most beautiful day of the year at the museum's annual exhibition. Thanks to all who volunteered and see you all next year!

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It's almost time for the Christmas dinner party. The dinner party is being held at the Nevada Palace on December 2. It will start at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person. Please call Greg Olson at 313-2600 if you would like to get your tickets during the month.

I want to remind everyone that they need to have a ticket to get into the party.

There

*Doug*

### GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

NOVEMBER	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER	11	BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER	21	DOUG'S PARKS & RECREATION CLASS
NOVEMBER	21&22	OUTING SECTION 10
DECEMBER	2	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (NO MEETING AT ORR THIS MONTH)

**GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 7, 1998**

President Doug Parker began the meeting at 6:55 PM. There were 13 guests and 6 new members welcomed, for a total of 122 gold prospectors present.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed in the High Grader. The motion passed.

Treasurer Henry Mayhew gave the treasurer report. A motion was made to accept the report subject to audit. The motion was seconded and passed.

New member Tom Duncan gave us a report on the Lida trip. It seems everybody had a great time and found gold too.

Education Chairman Dan Green reminded us about the panning demo at the Heritage Center and at the Rainbow Library coming this month. He also told us there was a very nice write up about him and his wife Paddy in the McCaw Miner, which also mentioned our club. He said the McCaw School of mines needs a lot of volunteers to keep it running. If you are interested call him.

The Christmas dinner will be December 2nd at the Nevada

Palace Casino. The charge is \$5.00 per person. You must buy your tickets in advance at the club meetings.

Greg Olson club Membership and Highgrader editor announced that he had only 15 tickets left for the metal detector. If he sells them he will give away the detector tonight. He also reminded us of both the business and member classified sections in the Highgrader.

Doug announced that the club is trying to set up a gold show at the Nevada Palace in Sept. 1999. If you are interested in helping, or setting up a booth please call him.

The monthly outing for Oct. Will be the 24th and 25th at section 34 in Arizona. Hot dogs and chips will be served.

Doug said that we have more than 200 books and tapes in our Library, plus the metal detector that can be checked out.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Walter Lambardo, Senior geologist for the State of Nevada. He gave us a excellent slide show and report on Nevada minerals, oil, geothermal energy, and other deposits in Nevada.

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**BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 14, 1998**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Doug Parker. Attending were: Doug Parker, Roland LeClerc, Lorna & Ron Caldwell, Henry Mayhew, Susan Benge, Greg Olson, Dan Green, and Dick King.

Doug received a fax from the Parks Dept. They have 15 people signed up for the next class at Orr School on Oct. 21. The field trip will be on the 24,25 of Oct. At section 34. There will be hot dogs and chips.

The Heritage panning demo is this weekend the 17th and 18th. We still need volunteers for this as many of our regular volunteers will not be available on that weekend.

The next item discussed was the Christmas party. Dinner will be from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Door prize drawings, gold nugget drawing, and gift exchange will be at 8:30 PM. A motion was made by Dan Green to pay a band \$100.00 to play for 3 hours at the dinner. It was seconded by Henry Mayhew and passed. Roland knows of a band that might do it for us. He will check it out. It was also decided the club will give 10- ten dollar cash envelopes for the door prize drawings. Roland told us if we take a letter to Wall-

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
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Mart they will donate items for our door prizes. Henry talked to the accountant about our taxes. We need to get some 990 forms to him. Greg will take care of it.

Dan Green said several members were upset that they could not get double tickets because they didn't have their badges. The purpose of the badge is to identify your self at meetings. Therefor the double tickets were to encourage members to wear them. If the badges break

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**PROSPECTING  
CLASSES**

Did you know that The Gold Searcher's of Southern Nevada sponsors and teaches a class each month on Gold Prospecting?

The classes are once a month at the Orr Middle School where we hold our monthly meetings.

The class then meets at the Outing at one of the Club's Claims usually the following weekend.

For additional information, including dates and times please call Doug Parker at 642-8972.

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**McCaw School  
of Mines**

Vice President, Daniel Green has announced the dates and times for the panning classes for the students visiting the McCaw of Mines. We urge all members to attend this special tour and show our support for this "Very Worth-while" project. Each tour lasts approx. two hours.

For additional information regarding the school call Daniel Green:

November	
02	10:45am
03	9:45am
05	9:30pm
06	9:30am
09	10:00am
12	10:00am
13	10:00am
16	10:00am
17	9:30am
18	10:00am
19	9:30am
20	9:00am
23	9:30am
24	10:00am
25	10:00am

These are all forth and fifth grade students that are scheduled to visit the mine for about two hours on the above dates and times.

We would sincerely appreciate your help in working the tour of the mine. All helpers are provided a script of what to tell students and are given a certain area of the tour to help with.

We need your support!

Please call Dan Green for additional information and directions to the mine school.

**THANKS FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Continued)**

All the tickets were sold for the metal detector. The winning ticket belonged to Steve Corcoran, Congratulations. Ron Woods won the Gold Pick award, a nugget. Gina Pochowski received a gold nugget testing card for drawing our door prize tickets.

**DOOR PRIZES**

- Nuggets: Donna Baer
- Classifier: Susan Bengé
- Don Woods
- Vest: Gene Broderick
- Steve Corcoran
- Water Jugs: Jerry Planter:
- Doug Roberts
- Manny Orozco
- Jim Burke(2)
- Tester nuggets: Daniel Boone
- Survival Kit: Ben Norgress
- Steve Herpst
- Cran. Juice: Robert Kandler
- Russell Gremore
- Belly Pack: Leo Skyller
- Spade: Madelane Dayton
- Gold Pan: Henry Mayhew
- Water Bucket: Julie Burk
- Earrings: Lorna Caldwell
- Flowers: Domenick Della-Gagna

Thank-you Donna Baer- Earrings, Jan Sprague- Flower arrangement, and Ron Quencel, who's wife made him give back the water jug he won last month, for the door prize donations. Also thanks to Daniel Boone for the Sluice he donated for next months door prize drawings.

Meeting concluded at 8:50

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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you can super glue or epoxy the clip back on. Susan has super glue at each meeting. Dan is working on a field trip to the Bullfrog Mine. He also said we may have a speaker from the Molly Corp. For our upcoming meeting.

Henry said he will get extra door prizes for the November meeting.

Greg would like to send letters to all those who buy raffle tickets giving them extra door prize tickets or maybe 10% their next membership. It was also suggested that our next raffle be a 12 volt Keene dry washer.

Dick King said he had heard of some claims over by Barstow Calif., But it was decided they were too far away.

Henry will make some tags so people will know how much the door prize nuggets weigh. The meeting ended at 8:45 PM. A special thanks to Doug and Susan for letting us meet at their house.

SWIDERSKI, JOHN MONICA



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD AT ORR MIDDLE SCHOOL'S CAFETERIA LOCATED AT 1562 E. KATIE ST. LAS VEGAS, NV ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ALL GUEST AND PROSPECTORS ARE WELCOMED. THE MAP TO THIS SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THIS PUBLICATION.

**GSSN BOARD MEETING**

GSSN BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK RE BUILDING ON CABANA DRIVE. MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00PM ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. TAKE DESERT INN TO CABANA AND TURN LEFT GO 1/4 MILE AND TURN LEFT INTO VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. REC BLDG. IS ON LEFT JUST INSIDE GATE.

**CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETING**

CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. THE MEETINGS ARE AT 8:00PM. THIS MEETING IS THE SAME LOCATION AS THE BOARD MEETING AND ON THE SAME NIGHT.

**THE CLUB'S PHONE NUMBER : 393-GOLD (-4653)**

**PLEASE CALL TO GET HELP ON ANY MATTER.**

**THIS IS YOUR CLUB. PLEASE WRITE THE CLUB WITH ANY COMPLAINTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS**



## HAVE YOU SENT YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

### HAVE WE RECEIVED YOUR RENEWAL?

We have not received renewals from the following members. If your name is on this list, please complete the application on the back of this newsletter and send it to the Club with your renewal check payable to Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada in the amount of \$20.00.

#### CURRENT

Kocjan, Joseph  
 Dempsey, Walter & Heather  
 Grant, William  
 Moser, Ronald & Arlene  
 Schneider, Gary & Natalie  
 Spry, Wayne & Beva  
 Pearson, Oscar & Kathy  
 Geddes, Ezra & Cleone  
 McElroy, Phyllis  
 Koper, George  
 Alltounian, Howard  
 Metclafe, Stephen & Carol  
 Peterson, Richard & Grace  
 Hanes, Lyle  
 Staynar, John & Donna  
 Longero, Ken  
 Kimball, Boyd & Carma  
 Fairchild, Milton & Helene  
 Bahde, Joe & Lynn  
 Ameling, Michael & Cathy

#### ONE MONTH

Brown, Walter  
 Romo, Dion  
 Hancock, John & Patricia  
 Nyman, Dale  
 Kahan, Joseph & Lisa

Williams, Helen  
 Harvey, James & Loretta  
 Fitzgerald, John  
 Bowles, Steven & Joy

#### TWO MONTHS

Reiter, Steven & Charmaine  
 Lafond, Jack  
 Clark, Mark & Patricia  
 Zimmer, Dennis & MaeKynn  
 Mc Carthy, John & Phyllis  
 Szabo, Gary  
 Anderson, Linwood & Susan  
 Mendenhall Family

#### THREE MONTHS

Folliard, Robert  
 Zampino, Ron & Diane  
 Ess, Ken & Barb

#### LAST CALL

Novack, Frank & Lucille  
 Tarr, Floyd & Gloria  
 Logan, John & Helen  
 Jackson, Dave & Bernice

**If you know any of  
 these members, please  
 encourage them to send  
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 questions related to dues.

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## WHERE'S THE GOLD? TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

*In this column each month we will try to give newcomers to our hobby some valuable tips and techniques which may help them get more enjoyment out of recreational prospecting and mining. Who knows, it may even help them find GOLD!*

# THE LOST LEDGE

By: Ron Woods

**Ron was our guest speaker recently who talked about the Lost Dutchman Mine. This story relates to the Lost Dutchman**

Since the rich glory days of the Peraltas, when gold is said to have flooded forth from the mighty "Mountain" like honey from a busy bee hive, to the time of the old German miner known as the "Dutchman," people have tried in vain to recapture that fabulous wealth provided by Mother Nature. Many have thought themselves close, but all have fallen short in this brutal quest for riches.

According to the tales told, the Peraltas themselves were the first to fall like wheat before the scythe to

the cunning Apache. They say the Dutchman's own friend and partner, Jacob Wiser, felt the sting of the arrow as well. Many more would follow. Adolph Ruth lost his head in his futile search. Ed Piper lies in the Arizona soil after a life of search and turmoil. Celeste Jones, Ed Piper's arch rival, rests there also. The noble and gifted talents of Barry Storm all went for naught when the lure of the mountain drove him near mad and into an early grave in Los Angeles. The kind and gentle Al Morrow rests alone in the good earth that he loved. Lake Erie Schaefer showed me a rawhide map of Black Top Mountain which confirmed what Ruth and Storm were both on top of finding, which is the location of four mines in the east side of Black Top Mountain.

Glen Magill followed up the work of Jon Burbridge on the other side of Needle Canyon with his digs on Bluff Springs Mountain. Magill's publication of the Gonzales-Ruth maps led Bob Ward to identify correctly the proper canyon where these maps apply. Hermann Petrasch had his camp in the area for years, but was missing the key piece to solve the puzzle to the Dutchman's

mine Ward's failing health prevented him from the final solution to this "richest of all mines in America."

Estee Conatser ties together much of the information from most of these men in her book *The Sterling Legend*. She does a most remarkable investigative report and brings to light much new information on the history of the mountains. Frank Fish wrote generally about the



mountains, as have J. Frank Dobie and Earle Stanley Gardner. Ron Eagle brings in another search site to the west in his writings. We mustn't forget Travis Marlowe, who first published, in his *Superstition Treasures*, and now famous stone maps of the Peraltas. The maps give order to the chaos of trail signs in the mountains. Months or years could be searching around a marker when all it meant was to continue on the "marked out

## The Lost Ledge Superstition Mountain (Cont.)

trail" to the next marker.

Some say the figures that are on the stone maps, such as the horse, the priest and so forth, are only representative; nevertheless, you can look at the maps and see, line for line, the these figures appear on the mountain itself. How these stones came to be carved, and by whom, will probably always be a mystery, whereas their ultimate meaning leaves little doubt.

I studied these maps against a picture of the mountain for over four months, which is the amount of time it took me to come to the conclusion that the maps and mountain do match line for line and that the maps reveal where the mines are hidden. Many will not agree with my conclusion; however, Barry Storm did and so have many others. The maps will put you in the right location, and once there you should find Spanish markings to the mines and then you can decide for yourself.

You must remember these mountains were worked for over 200 years, off and on, and in different locations. Storm, Ruth and Schaefer concentrated on "Black Top," Burbridge and Magill

on "Bluff Springs," and Hermann Petrasch and Bob Ward around "Coffee Flat Mountain," which is also where the "Mapa del Desierto" fits to a tee with the land marks that are there, and where the "Caverna con Casa" is found. There are probably several hundred small dig sites and trail signs throughout the entire area, which only adds to the confusion of who is right and/or who is wrong. One explanation is that they were all correct with what they discovered, due to the fact that there was so much activity in all these areas.

All the people mentioned have, in their own way, contributed to the vast amount of information that can be studied before one tries to unravel these mysterious mountains and the vast hoards of treasure said to be hidden within.

The Superstition Mountains are truly a treasure hunter's paradise. I encourage you to scrutinize the maps and find the regions where they apply, then go look at the signs and try to figure them out. If, and when you do, here are some thoughts to keep in mind.

Permits must be obtained before any digging can commence. Also, you will not be able to work "a few days" and break into a mine. They were sealed and filled in such a way that it could take weeks or even months to open them up, so be prepared to stay and see it through.

Maybe you will be the one the "gods of the mountains" smile upon to whom they give up part of the treasure as they did once to an old German miner. You might, however, become another "statistic" in the long line of



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# Dry Land Dredging

There is a fairly new method of mining out there in the mining community that is rapidly gaining in popularity, with good reason. It is called "Vacking," and as you might suppose, involves vacuuming material.

As a suction dredge vacuums material from the bottom of the river, this is a type of dry land dredging. It involves using a small, lightweight unit to vacuum cracks and crevices of exposed bedrock, moss on exposed bedrock or boulders, or material in a dry wash in the desert. For this "dry land dredging," however, there are no uncomfortable and expensive wet-suits to don, no heavy equipment to carry and then set up, and no long period of learning how to operate the equipment, of learning where to find gold.

## "Vack-Pack"

Anyone who is familiar with mining knows that there is a much larger proportion of fine gold deposited than large gold, in almost any area. Each winter, as the rivers swell with winter rains and snows, much fine gold is washed down them. The fine gold, since it is much lighter in weight, is deposited much higher on the banks, or in the material of the river, and as the high waters recede with the onset of spring and summer, much of the areas where the fine gold is deposited is left exposed up on the banks of the rivers.

These new units consist of a 2-cycle gasoline engine mounted on a 5 gallon container, which is equipped with a suction hose and a crevice nozzle. They are very effi-

cient at pulling the fine gold from moss, and at cleaning out crevices. Previous efforts to accomplish this by hand were slow and painstaking, and not very efficient. Collecting fine gold has always been one of the greatest challenges facing any miner, and some people spend years, literally, attempting to perfect their fine gold recovery.

Not only does "vacking" do an excellent job at recovering fine gold – It is a lot of fun! It is so fast, simple and easy to use, that it seems to take all the work out of mining. You are still out in the great outdoors, still getting healthy exercise, but all that's left when you remove the excess work, is the fun.

These units come on their own backpack frame, and all accessories are carried right inside the unit. It is a completely self-contained unit and includes an extra fuel bottle, a crevice tool, a gold pan, a "sniffer bottle" to remove the gold from the pan, and even a sample vial to keep it in. With all these accessories, the unit weighs just 15 lbs., so you could hike into the back country with it without undue strain.

Many wives who are not interested in dredging or highbanking, enjoy using this type of unit because it is something they can do completely on their own. The only problem we have seen develop is that when some of the husbands see that the production exceeds that of their dredge or high-banker, they want to use one also. Then, they either fight over the one unit or join the growing group of "two-vack" families. Since they are such low cost units, this is easy to do.

I recently talked to one avid vack-

miner who has been using one of these units, for 2 years. He was concerned that he might possibly lose some of the fine gold out the exhaust as the unit filled, since it is so lightweight. Shortly after purchasing his unit, he fitted an elbow and extension over the exhaust, and directed it into a container of water. He has used it faithfully, and panned out the light powder that accumulated each time. He has never found even a speck of gold in it.

A crack or crevice in exposed bedrock that runs crosswise to the current of the river acts as a natural riffle, catching fine gold just as the riffles of a sluice do. The moss that accumulates on exposed bedrock acts much as the carpet in a sluice, only better! It is amazing just how much fine gold can accumulate there. These are prime areas for vacking.

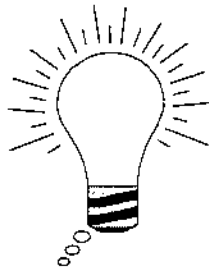
Areas where people have been working with highbanking equipment have also proven to be good. Even if they have worked the area down to the bedrock, they have been unable to clean the area as thoroughly as it can be cleaned with a Vack, and generally, the richest areas are right on the bedrock.

Don't forget that this equipment finds nuggets too! Even areas that have predominantly fine gold in the high bedrock will trap nuggets during flood times, and if they are there, this equipment will help you get to them as nothing else will.

All in all, vacking has such a wide range of applications, in so many areas of the country, by such a wide range of people, that the gain in popularity is very understandable. It can only be expected to grow.

*(Excerpts from Modern Gold Miner & Treasure Hunter, by Marcie Stumph. August 1990)*





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Good Luck!!!



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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,

**(702) 393-GOLD**

and public school 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 6:45PM, at the ORR MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1562 E. Katie, 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  
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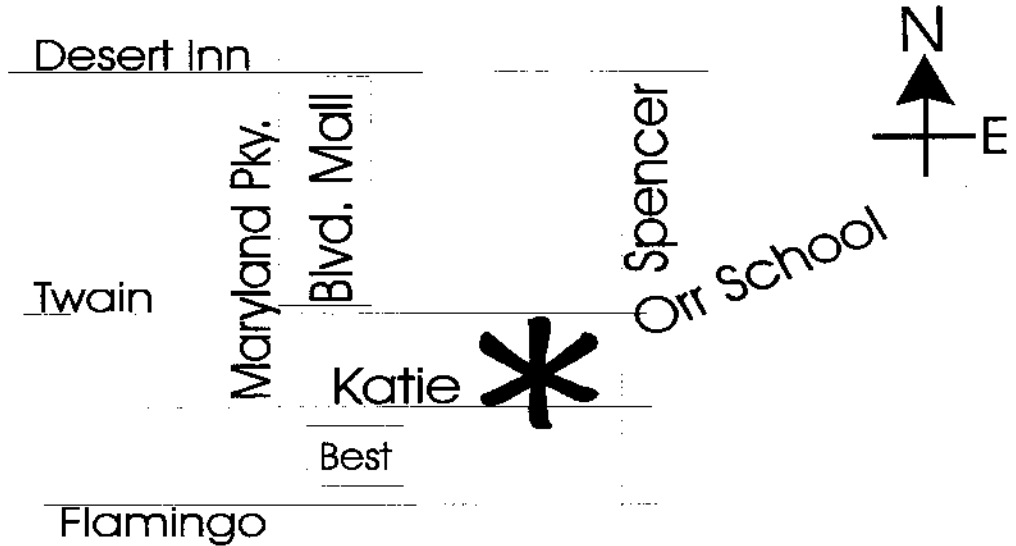
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## Newsletter Exchange

Recently, the Club has been contacted by several other Prospecting Clubs around the Country to participate in a Newsletter Exchange Program. This program is based on the idea of sharing newsletters with other clubs and organizations in other areas of the country. This expands the lines of communications between other clubs and spreads the word even further about clubs like ours.

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Their Club appears similar to our own. Organized in 1993, the organization is based in Ogden, Utah. They have one claim in Utah and 14 in Idaho. They currently have 123 members. They are active in their local community of 30,000 people. According to Cheryl Fenwick, their newsletter editor, they also participate each year in their local GPAA Gold Show. Information on their Club and other prospecting Clubs that share their newsletter with GSSN will appear in future

## **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Bill Provides Framework for Solving Development Issues in Las Vegas Valley, BLM Official Says

A Southern Nevada land bill "provides a framework" for resolving development-related issues in the Las Vegas Valley, but the legislation needs some "fine-tuning," BLM Deputy Director Mat Millenbach told a House subcommittee today. "We believe that through continuing discussions with the bill's authors in the House and Senate, a final bill can be produced that would receive the Administration's endorsement," Millenbach said in testimony before the House Resources Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands.

Millenbach testified on a bill, H.R. 449, known as the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1997, which has been introduced by Nevada Rep. John Ensign. A companion bill, S. 94, is being sponsored in the Senate by Nevada Sens. Richard Bryan and Harry Reid. The legislation is intended to promote the "orderly development" of the Las Vegas Valley -- the fastest growing urban area in the United States -- by requiring the sale, exchange, or transfer of certain BLM-managed lands located in Clark County, Nevada.

In his testimony, Millenbach noted that the Bureau has already been addressing difficult land-ownership patterns in the valley through its draft Resource Management Plan (RMP). Millenbach said the lands specified in the Ensign bill "are nearly identical to those identified for disposal in the RMP."

Millenbach said thousands of acres of BLM-managed land would be affected by the legislation and that the Bureau would like to sell much of this land "in harmony with the needs of the local jurisdictions."

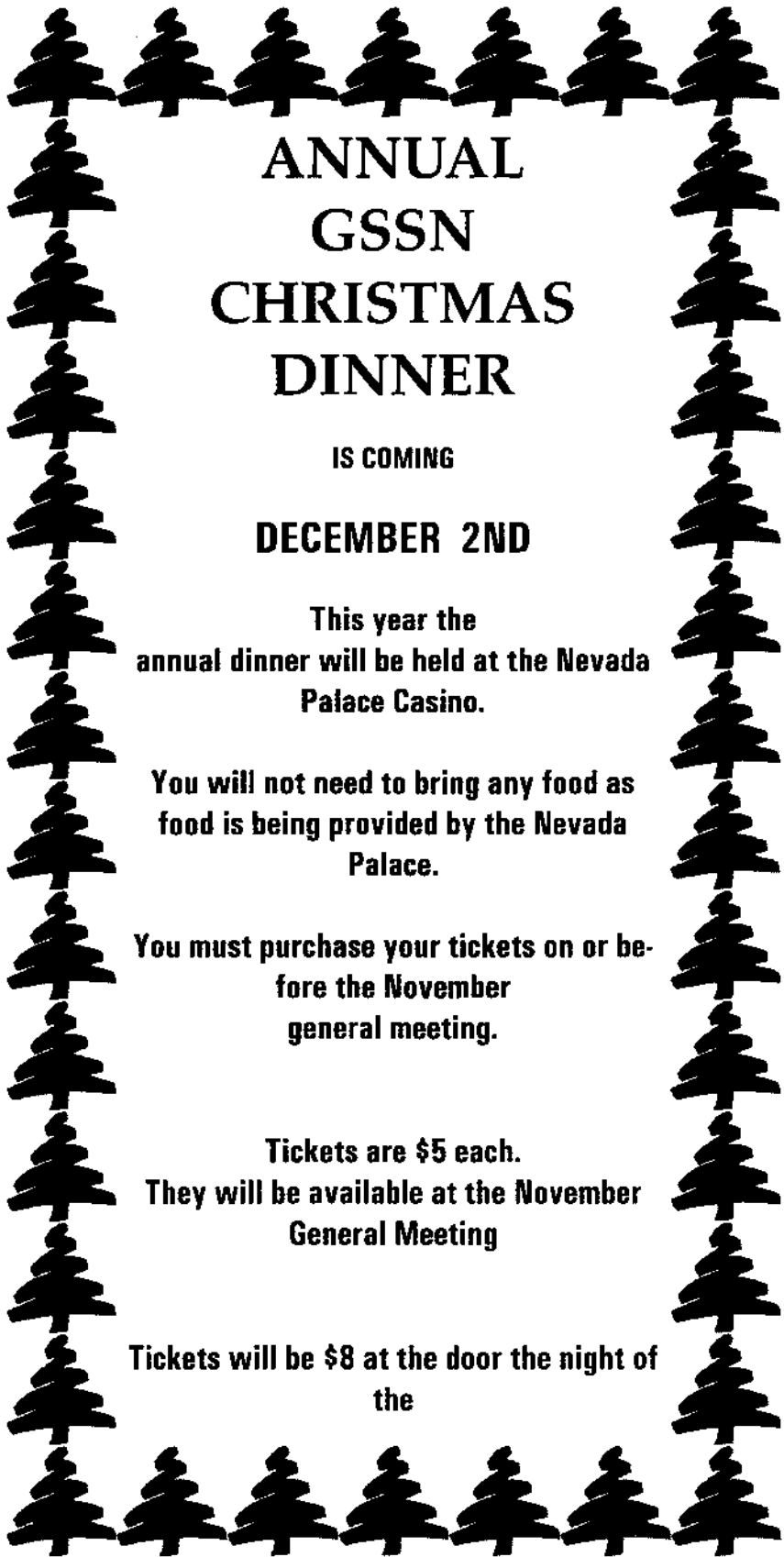
Under the bill, local entities would receive 15 percent of the money from the sale of BLM public lands; the remainder would be used by the Federal Government to enhance natural resource management within Nevada.

Millenbach said the BLM would continue to work with the Nevada congressional delegation to resolve the Bureau's concerns about several provisions in the bill. Among the provisions that Millenbach cited with concern are ones requiring the Secretary of Interior to obtain local government approval before the BLM could proceed with a sale or exchange of public lands; waiving environmental laws in connection with the construction of a youth activity facility; transferring to Clark County, at no cost, 4,600 acres that are located in the Las Vegas Airport noise area; and allowing affordable housing to be an acceptable use of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

Overall, Millenbach said, the bill "provides a framework to allow for a fair approach to dealing with the situation in the Las Vegas area." With the necessary revisions, the legislation will "benefit the American people and the local community as well," Millenbach said.

You can explore more information releases from the BLM by visiting their web site at:

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