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RAFFLE ANOUNCEMENT

Greg Olson has announced the latest Raffle for the Club.

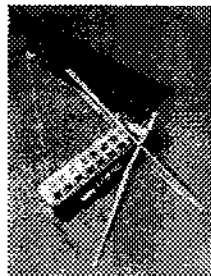
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Tickets will be available at the March 3 General Meeting. Good Luck!!!



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LORNA CALDWELL 43

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GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

FEBRUARY	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ORR MIDDLE SCHOOL
FEBRUARY	10	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY	20	OUTING SECTION 34
MARCH	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ORR MIDDLE SCHOOL
MARCH	20	OUTING SECTION 34
AUGUST	7	ANNUAL PICNIC MT. CHARLESTON
SEPTEMBER	25 & 26	GSSN'S GREAT OUTDOOR GOLD SHOW



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Thanks to all the individuals who volunteered as candidates for our upcoming election. Your participation in the Club is what it's all about! We look forward to the excitement of the upcoming year and the new elected officers that will be coming on board. I also want to thank all the officer's who have served the past year.

We are in need of someone to assist Dan Green in the Education Committee. Dan has not been feeling well lately and we all wish him our best in a speedy recovery.

Doug

**GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
February 3, 1999**

President Doug Parker called the meeting to order at 6:55pm. There were ten guests, and eight new members for a total of 118 present.

Doug asked everyone to sit as close to the front as possible as the Public Address system was being remodeled and unavailable for use.

Doug called for a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the High-grader, with a change that the outings for February and March will be changed to the 20th of each month. A motion was made, seconded and passed without objection.

Henry Mayhue gave the Treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the report, subject to audit. It was seconded and passed.

Doug told us that Dan Greene just got out of the hospital after being very sick. He is home now and doing better. Everyone in the Club hopes he gets better real soon. If you want to send him a card you can send it to 5243 Sara Lee Cir., Las Vegas, NV 89119. His phone number is 795-0383.

Doug announced that the elections are coming soon and each current officer stood up and gave a brief summary of their positions as elected officers. Volunteers for new offices were received. Doug volunteered for President, Jeanne Moore for Vice-President, Donna Shorn for Treasurer, Beth Fiebelkorn as Secretary. The elections will be in April.

Our library is growing, but Doug said we still are in need of

prospecting books. If you checked out books, please be sure and return them. Juli Urbansky and Doug Pieri still have books they have not returned.

Doug presented Lailani LeClerc with a plaque for all the good food she has prepared for the outings. he also presented Bob Nelson and Bob Burton with certificates for attending the gold class and outing.

Chris Baungras drew the tickets for the door prizes and received an electronic hangman game.

The Gold Pick Award was presented to Mary Baun. This is the prize someone wins for just showing up and signing in.

Door Prize Winners:

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| NUGGET | Bill Cook
Steve Corcoran
Richard Davis
Jeanne Moore
Robert Benevides
Gary Emery |
| TOPO MAP | Beth Fiebelkorn |
| WATER JUG | Don Adams |
| SHOVEL | Chuck Carpenter |
| EARPHONES | Rea Davis |
| ATLAS | Susan Bengé |
| SCOOP | James Vedral |
| RADIO | Eric Nacht |
| PICK | Frede Zojac |
| FANNYPACK | Chris Baurgras |
| CLASSIFIER | Manny Orozco |
| SCALES | Richard Gervick |
| SLUICE | Stu Pingree |

Thanks to Steve Metcalfe for donating the scales and to whomever donated the Hangman Game for our drawings. The meeting concluded at 8:30pm.

Secretary, Lorna

**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 1999**

President Doug Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were: Doug Parker, Susan Bengé, Roland & LeiLani LeClerc, Henry Mayhew, Ron & Lorna Caldwell, Mark & Jeanne Moore, Mort LeMonde, Willie Baron, Don Adams, and Greg Olson.

The first item discussed was the club outings. Doug said the outings will be held on Saturdays only unless announced otherwise. The next three outings will be Feb. 20th, Mar. 20th, and April 24th. The next class will be March 17th. LieLani will make chili and hot dogs.

Doug has been working on arrangements for a field trip to a working mine in Arizona, and possibly to Moly Corp. LaiLani is also going to talk to some people about a field trip to the Viceroy mine.

Willie Baron is compiling a book about mining rules and regulations in Arizona and Nevada. When it is complete he will put a copy in the library. He and Mort are going to Kingman to check on some claims. Greg may also go.

Henry has been checking on income taxes and the interest on the CD's. It could be the little interest they earn might cause more trouble than

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GSSN President Doug Parker showing gold just found to students at the last prospecting field trip

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.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

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it is worth. He will do some more checking but suggested that we open a separate checking account for the CD's. Henry will also be calling for another audit committee just before the new treasurer takes over. He has also made reservations for Aug. 7th for the club picnic.

Doug is going to see if he can get Ed Shultz to speak at our next meeting, about dousing.

Greg Olsen is taking a tape to be made into a commercial. He is also going to be meeting with Ed Powers about printing the Highgrader. Greg made a motion to allow him to buy a Keene drywasher and tickets for our next raffle. Henry seconded it and it passed.

Lorna made a motion to allow Susan to buy T shirts with pockets on them to sell at the meeting. LaiLani seconded it and it passed.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Lorna Secretary.



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

DellaGagna, Domenick
Plante, Gerard
Zajac, Fred & Marilyn
Cook, Tuffy & Rhonda
Nutter, Howard & Shirley
Plante, Gerard
Williams, Ron & Linda
Schultz, Wesley & Louise
Metzger, Harold & Nancy
Janasov, George & Lorene
Tiberi, Mitch & Carol Ann
Huber, Harry
Dufalt, James
Manning, Bill
Caldaro, Benedict
Quincel, Ronald
Thompson, J.T.
Woods, Ron
Williams, Dale
Kettner, Otto & Margie
Banegas, Alex & Kathy

ONE MONTH

Kennedy, Ron & Susan
Kilgore, C. Jim & Loretta
Picotte, Hubert & Bernice
Dibble, Ed
Howard, Tom

TWO MONTHS

Brownlee, Walter
Carnes, Bill & Katie

Drayer, Jr., Louis & Helen
Eggleston, Gordon
Fisher, Roger & Kristene
Flanagan, R.A. & Barbara
Knapp, Herschel
Krotz, Laird
Lipely, Delmer & Verda
Noland, Douglass
Pederson, Dave & Edith
Picotte, Anne
Prohaska, Chuck & Mary
Ranum, Pete & Kit
Sayer, Wayne L
Schultz, Ed
Swartz, John & Donna
Truitt, Lee
Underwood, Boyd & Kathy
Hale, Robert & Virginia
Bryant, Spencer
Johnson, Bill & Pat
Steffen, Jim & Shari
Dayton, Madeline
Howard, Frank & Angelina
Sallee, Larry & Sue
Nenstiel, Larry & Sandra

THREE MONTHS

Teplitz, Norman & Sharon
Dobyns, Michael & Stacy
Charlton, Millard
Hernandez, Tony
Alberson, Alton & Linda
Mabey, Greg

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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 MINING INDUSTRY An Essential Part of Everyday Living

A simple definition. Mining is the process of extracting mineral resources from the earth so that they can be made into essential products required by our society. Today, as it was in the past, mining has a vital importance that is sometimes

difficult to measure. The over 5.75 billion people in the world have a difficult time passing a day in which they do not use or rely on a product from the mining industry.

The world's ability to support its population is literally sustained by the many minerals provided by the minerals and metals

industry. Miners continue to provide necessary and valuable minerals as well as energy resources to its inhabitants.

Yet, in our modern-day society, many essentials of life are sometimes taken for granted. Most people give little thought to the role that contemporary mining plays in their every day lives. Consider a world without advanced manufacturing, agriculture or mass-scale energy production. Then imagine a world without factories, offices, schools, hospitals, transportation systems, communication networks, tools and machines, and the many new innovations in micro-processors and their use in cyberspace.

These are just a few of the items that we, as a society, have come to expect— essentials that clearly define a necessary element in our high-tech, industrialized modern-day world.

It's a simple fact. Virtually all of

mankind's needs must be dug from the earth, grown in the soil, or taken from

the sea. Our horn of plenty literally begins with what we take from the ground or oceans. In fact, as the world population increases and becomes more technologically advanced, the demand for minerals will increase as there is increased development in electronics, space travel, new medicines, telecommunications and transportation.

Today, it is necessary to produce more than 40,000 pounds of new minerals a year for every man, woman, and child living in this country. In fulfilling this demand, mining has touched less than one-quarter of 1% of all the land mass in the United States.

In meeting the demands for minerals, there are nearly 300,000 people working directly in mining throughout the nation. Employment in industries that support mining activities accounts for another 3 million jobs.

Reprinted from Nevada Mining Association's MINING...NEVADA'S FIRST INDUSTRY"

Gold Hunting Obsession Bug Got You?

This started a few years ago when my wife pointed out that I may have a problem. As she put it, my quest for the yellow specks of that "stuff" in the bottom of my pan was no longer a hobby, but an obsession. Of course I denied it. In support of her observation she offers the following.

She claims that anyone who buys raingutter to cut into 2 foot pieces instead of putting it up on the roof where it belongs is obsessed.

She says anyone who risks his life dodging cars and trucks to pick up old 5 gallon paint buckets found along the highway (not to mention the U-turns) is obsessed.

She says that anyone who pays \$100 for a picnic canopy and light to cover a trommel and sluice box while we eat at the picnic table in the sun, rain or dark is obsessed.

She claims that just because she has to drive a second vehicle to get her and the camping equipment to camp because of all the mining "stuff" in the pickup, I'm obsessed.

She says that when she thought that when all the plumbing parts started showing up around the house meant I was going to install a sprinkler system, but instead they went into mining "stuff", I'm obsessed.

She claims that just because she

can't get her car in our 2 car garage because of all the mining "stuff", I'm obsessed.

She says that anyone who takes his/her gold pan on their sailboat in the middle of the lake, just in case, is obsessed.

She says that anyone who can't take a bath in the creek before bedtime while camping because the water is too cold, but will spend all day waist deep in a stream with that mining "stuff" is obsessed.

She says looking at the rocks in the cut banks instead of watching the road while driving means I'm obsessed.

She thinks that buying two \$700 metal detectors instead of buying a

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Obsessed With Finding Gold (Continued)

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new or fixing the old lawnmower means I'm obsessed.

She thinks my claim that spreading tailings over the yard is the reason we don't need to worry about a lawnmower, means I'm obsessed.

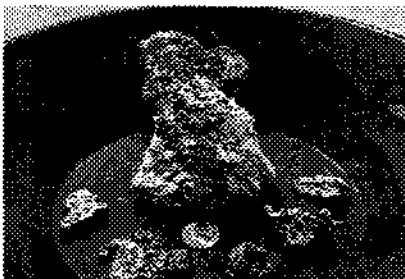
She thinks my craving for beans and biscuits and calling her meals "good grub" indicates I'm obsessed.

She says my talk of quitting our jobs, selling the house, buying a bigger travel trailer and heading for the hills means I'm obsessed.

When she asked how are we going to support ourselves if we quit our jobs and I reply "with all the gold that I find," she says, "I'm obsessed."

And when she asked, "what if you don't find any gold" and I reply, "cashing in the aluminum cans we find and/or her cookie sales at Flea Markets", she says, "I'm obsessed."

I think I'm misunderstood, it's just my Hobby.



Findings of GSSN Member Joe Bahde while in Arizona. The top specimen contains over 2 lb. of gold. The nuggets range in size from 1 1/4 oz. to 3oz. Joe was a web page at: www.angelfire.com/nv/goldking

CLAIMS COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBERS

The Club is currently seeking members to join the Claims Committee.

We are searching for members who have experience in researching available claims for the Club.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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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.

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Christmas Nuggett Winner



Doug and Greg congratulating the proud winner of the Christmas Nuggett raffled at the 1998 Christmas Dinner Party. We sure are looking forward to next year's dinner party.

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 Worthwhile" project. Each tour lasts approx. two hours.

For additional information regarding the school call Daniel Green

March	01	10:00am
	02	9:30am
	03	9:30am
	04	10:00am
	05	10:00am
	08	9:30am
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	10	10:00am
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	12	9:30am
	15	10:00am
	16	9:30am
	17	10:00am
	18	9:30am
	19	10:00am
	22	9:30am
	23	9:30am
	24	10:00am
	25	10:00am
	26	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.

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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 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 **TWO GENERAL MEET-**

TRUITT, LEE & PATRICIA

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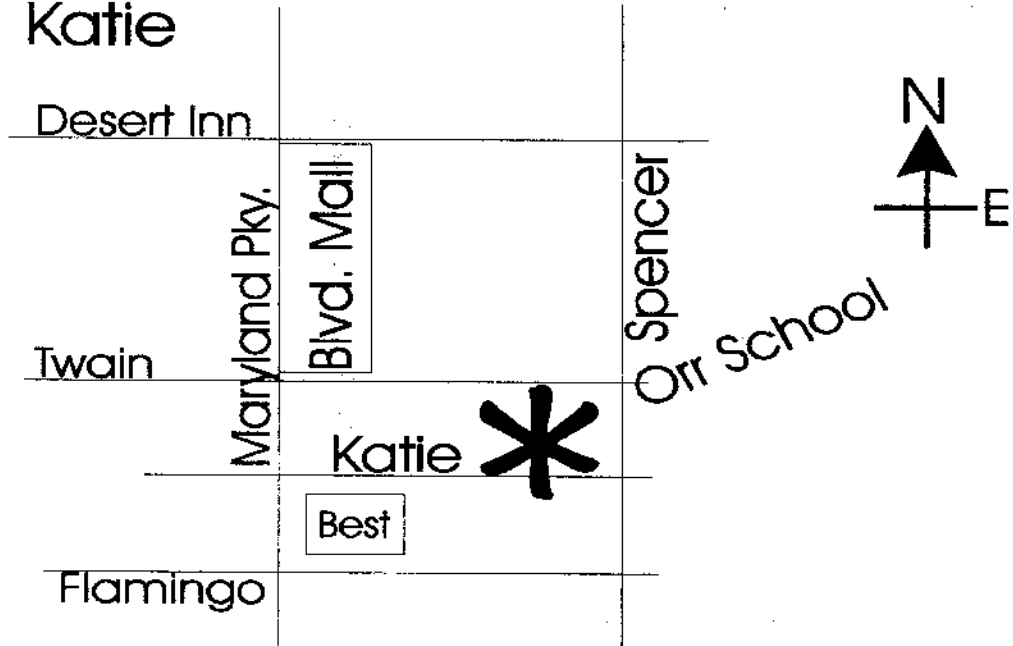


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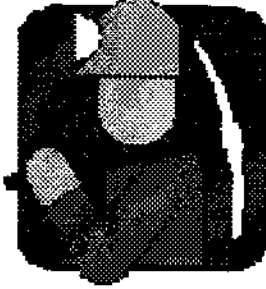
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