

# Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada



# Highgrader

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

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**OUTINGS**

An outing was held on January 29, 2011 on the Dog Gone/ White Hills claim section 28. Lunch was pot luck, and the food was plentiful and fantastic. Over 30 people attended. See pictures on page 6.  
 George ran a panning class, supervised by education chairman Fred.  
 Some found the gold. Some lost the gold, but everyone had a great time!

A 2 day outing is planned for February 26th and 27th at our new claim in Pahrump. John Sears volunteered to be the chef of the day on Saturday, cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, and Ian will be the chef on Sunday. Food will be provided by the club, but a dish to pass is always welcome and appreciated. There is overnight camping space available. Check with the BLM for campfire restrictions closer to the date of the outing.

Come for the fun  
And find the Gold!

**GSSN  
NOTICE**

**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday**  
**March 2, 2011**  
**6:30 PM**  
 425 East Van Wagenen  
 Henderson NV 89002  
  
[www.goldsearcher.com](http://www.goldsearcher.com)



**Raffle Winners**  
**50/50 George Niederriter**  
**Door Prize—Therese Weir**



Walking stick.....George Niederriter  
 Shovel.....Jeff Wordsworth  
 Bucket Organizer.....Frank Calhoun  
 Gold and Gems Book.....Jeff Wordsworth  
 AZ Place Gold Book.....Pete Tiutiunyk  
 Ant Miner.....Fred Hissong  
 Weather thermometer.....Lora Tinker  
 Winter Gloves.....Al Kraus  
 Classifier.....Alan Shook  
 Black Pan w/Gold bag.....Janet Schnelling  
 Green Pan and Vials.....David Axtell

Blanket.....David Axtell  
 Mugs.....Randy Huffien  
 Magnet..... Bill Lescenski  
 Knife Set..... Alan Shook  
 Hammer Set..... Fred Zajac  
 Magnifier/Tweezer.....AJ Miles  
 Rock Hammer.....Lora Tinker  
 Magnifier.....Lora Tinker  
 Bucket Seat.....Doug Parker

Thanks again to Rick from Desert Outfitters, and Jake Jakle for donating some raffle prizes to the table.

### Minutes from the January 5th , 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Ian Thaler, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, Ian introduced the new board members, and then welcomed the guests and new members.

Ian asked if anyone had been prospecting and if they had found gold. Ian asked for a motion to approve the November and December meeting minutes. Fred Zajac made the motion, and Jeff Harper seconded. All were in favor but 1. Motion carried.

Dara Thaler gave the treasurer's report.

Ian then opened discussion on the turtle signs on the new claim in Pahrump. John Bronstein did some investigating, and took pictures of the signs to pass around to the members. The tortoise warnings were due to the power line construction that was being done in the area and meant only for the construction workers. Caution was mentioned when digging to be careful as the tortoise is now in hibernation. This is their habitat and they are protected.

Discussion then turned to the next outing for January. A date of January 29th was chosen, and it will be a pot-luck meal. A show of hands determined it would be on section 28, in Arizona. Lunch will be a noon. The grill and a generator will be available for cooking and heating crock pots. Overnight camping is ok. Fred Z. spent some time highlighting the route to the claim. If anyone needs a map to any of the claims, email John Bronstein. For any newcomers that need directions, John Roberts will be at Rosie's Dinner at 8AM. He will leave Rosie's at 8:30 to caravan any newcomers to the claim. Please be there on time as John will not wait past 8:30 to leave. This is all going to be done on NEVADA TIME.

Fred discussed the possibility that we may be able to purchase t-shirts for \$6.00 each. The club will look into this.

Jake Jakle spoke about metal detectors and the possibility of the rangers confiscating equipment if you are not where you are suppose to be. He also spoke about the McCaw School of Mines and the ability to work with 4th graders, panning and having fun. Fred has been doing this for many years and will gladly train and work with anyone who wants to help at the school.

Break 7:05PM

Resumed meeting 7:15PM

George reminded everyone to make sure their vehicle and equipment were running properly before heading out to a claim, to prevent breakdowns.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Gold Show at the South Point Casino which will take place April 16th and 17th. A gold show committee will be created so that we can hopefully be more organized this year. Ian will be calling for volunteers for that committee.

Ian then gave a small Tortoise presentation on what and how to look for when on the claim. Pictures were passed of the burrow the tortoise makes. Criminal fines for disturbing or hurting a tortoise can be as high as \$50,000.00 or one year in jail. Warnings were given not cover any tortoise hole if you come across one.

Fred then spoke on the members covering their holes after digging for gold. He stressed how important it is and how there could be a very real possibility of losing the claim if the BLM discovers open holes on the property. Please cover your holes when you leave the claim.

Ian then asked for new business or announcements; Jeff Harper asked on the status of the equipment that Mrs. Shiroky called the club about. At the time of the meeting there was no new news on the status.

The price of gold on January 5th ws up to \$1,374.50. John Robers, VP has a name of a gold Broker. If anyone is interested, call or email John. Rick from Desert Outfitters knows of a company in Vegas called NTR Metals that are fair in their pricing.

Raffle was held and the Club would like to thank Rick from Desert Outfitters, and Jake for making donation to the raffle.

Ian then asked for a motion to close, which was made by Fred and seconded by Jake. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Minutes taken and submitted by Dara Thaler in Dolores Gee's absence.



NOVEMBER 2010 OUTING IN PAHRUMP



WORKING IN THE COLD



WHITE PIT AT PAHRUMP



MEMBER AT LARGE



SHEER DROP AT WHITE PIT



OLD HABITS DIE HARD



OPEN PIT



FENCED IN PIT



STAYING WARM



HARD AT WORK



WORKING THE SITES



FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL



DON'T WANDER TOO FAR!





JANUARY 29TH OUTING AT SECTION 28





JANUARY 29TH OUTING SECTION



**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  
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**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

**GSSN CLUB TRAILER IS FOR SALE**

Late 60's early 70's Chevy truck bed trailer. Heavy duty axle and camper top. Could use new tires, shocks, and electrical. Asking price for members \$250.00. All proceeds benefit the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada.



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 \_\_\_\_\_

**DEDICATED TO THE PURSUIT OF GOLD!**