

# 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**  
**Merchandise Al Krause**  
**Website J. Miller**  
**Newsletter - Ian Thaler and Dara Thaler**

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**OUTTINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We have a new Claims Chairman. John Anderson has assumed the role of Claims Chairman. Thank you John Bronstein for your work on the claims committee. Also, Fred is ready to pass the torch on the Education Committee. If anyone is interested in the Education Committee Chairmanship, please contact Fred via the website.

**2011 Election Results**  
 President—Ian Thaler  
 Vice President—John Roberts  
 Treasurer—Dara Thaler  
 Secretary—Dolores Gee  
 Membership— Steve Christenson

Please join us for the annual Christmas Party. We will meet at 6:30PM at the American Legion Hall in Henderson. Please come for the great hot food and special, Christmas raffle. Please let us know if you will be attending so we can be sure to make enough food. Please RSVP via the GSSN website by emailing the President or any other Board Members. See you there!

**GSSN  
NOTICE**

**Next Meeting**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**December 7th, 2011**  
**6:30 PM**  
 425 East Van Wagenen  
 Henderson NV 89002  
  
[www.goldsearcher.com](http://www.goldsearcher.com)



October 6, 2011  
 The door prize of \$11.25 Dennis Johnson  
 The 50/50 of \$50.00 Richard Gonzales

November 2, 2011  
 Door prize of \$13.00 Maria Boyle  
 50/50 of \$35.00 Morris Sequin

**Raffle 10-6-11**  
 Straw Hat - Janet Schelling  
 Map tube - Richard Harding  
 Trifold shovel - Guy Sears  
 Walking stick - Frank Calhoun  
 Gold bag. Mug - Gary Toll  
 Cheese Board - Julie Quinn  
 Portable BBQ grill -Gary Toll  
 Black pan/vials -John Anderson  
 Shovel-Jim Hansen  
 Safety Glass/knife-Fred Josephs  
 Hammer/holder-John Bronstein  
 Flashlight-John Bronstein  
 Small black pan and flashlight-Rose Marteeny

**Raffle 11-2-11**  
 Shovel-Chuck Wherry  
 Multi tool-John Bronstein  
 Bottle with funnel-Wm Lescenski  
 Gssn T shirt-Suzy Parker  
 Hammer & holder- R. Harding  
 Green pan&vial- Gary Meek  
 Gold Bag/cup-Al Kraus  
 Knee pads-GuySears  
 Gold knife- Cherie Sears  
 4-pc collage-Gary Toll  
 Water bucket- Richard Gonzales  
 Cooldanna/flashlights- { Frazier  
 Green shovel&gold vial-Gary Toll

Wine Set- Gary Meek  
 Multipack-John Bronstein  
 Walking stick- Chuck Wherry  
 Magnifier/tweezers-R.Gonzales  
 Hat-Gary Toll

## Minutes from the October 6th and November 2nd, 2011

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Pres. Ian Thaler called the meeting to order and led in pledging allegiance to the flag. He welcomed all to the meeting (48 signed in & there were two visitors). Fred Zajac made a motion to accept the minutes of the Sept. 7, 2011 meeting as published in the newsletter; Jim Hansen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion and it was approved. Dara Thaler then gave the Treasurer's Report--Fred made a motion to accept the report as read & Jim H. also seconded the motion. It was also unanimously approved. Ian acknowledged those who went to the Sept. 10-11 outing (which coincided with the Coyote Melon Festival) & thanked all who attended and helped out. Doug Parker said that two new members signed up at the GSSN booth. Ian also thanked Jim Hansen for his egg-cracking expertise & Jim likewise thanked Ian for providing not only food but also all his input in making the weekend an enjoyable one.

Next the discussion focussed on downloading info and John Bronstein said that a website exists -- [www.minediggings.com/VOTE!html](http://www.minediggings.com/VOTE!html)! - that provides a good resource since Geo-communicator is not up to date. He said it pretty user-friendly. Larry Clay then made a motion to open discussion on a previously tabled amendment to abolish term limits. A discussion then ensued with several members expressing their viewpoints (both pro and con). The ensuing vote was 35 in favor of the motion; 10 opposed; and two abstaining. The motion carried and term limits were thereby abolished. Next Fred handled nominations for 2012. Jim Hansen nominated Ian for President. There were no further nominations for this office. Ian agreed to accept nomination. Next Ian nominated John Roberts for Vice President. There were no further nominations for VP & John agreed to accept nomination. Then Janet Schelling nominated Dara Thaler for the office of Treasurer. There were no further nominations for this office and Dara agreed to accept nomination. Dara then nominated Dolores Gee for Secretary. There were no further nominations & Dolores Gee agreed to accept the nomination. Ian then nominated Steve Christenson for Membership Officer. Steve was not present. Fred reminded all that additional nominations can be made at the November meeting, prior to the vote at the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Fred then asked for volunteers to help out at the Griffiths School (Oct. 26, 2011 from 9-11:30 AM) at their annual event and asked anyone interested to contact him. It was then announced that the McCaw School of Mines was holding their annual open house this weekend and asked anyone interested in volunteering to let either Fred or Jake know or McCaw can be contacted directly. After a short break, Ian said that this month's outing will be Oct. 22-23 at the 20-acre claim. Details on a group dig run by Dale Riddle will be forthcoming (see newsletter) and if that doesn't work out the fall-back plan will be to go to the 28 instead. Pot luck lunch is scheduled for Saturday (a sign-up sheet was provided - list name & dish to be brought) & GSSN will provide breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Ian then proceeded to give an interesting presentation on a massacre at the Pearce Ferry Rd. area, Gregg's Hideout, and Gold Basin. There being no new business the raffle was held next. See listing below. At 8 PM Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Charlotte Foley, and the meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee, Secretary  
October 6, 2011

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The GSSN met on Wed., Nov. 2, 2011, at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV. Pres. Ian Thaler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM & led in pledging allegiance to the flag. He welcomed all to the meeting; there were three visitors & 51 signed in. Dara gave the Treasurer's Report & Fred Zajac made a motion to accept her report as read; Morris Seguin seconded the motion. Ian then commented on the group dig outing at the 20-acre claim on Oct. 22-23<sup>rd</sup> & thanked all who attended and helped out (including Dale Riddle, Jake & Al) - he said the next outing will be Nov. 19-20<sup>th</sup> at the "28" (pot luck on Sat; GSSN will provide breakfast and lunch on Sun. Fred then thanked those who helped out at the Griffiths School on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>--George N. in particular. He also asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to be education chairman so he could retire.

The election was held next with Fred conducting the voting process. He asked for any additional nominations for any office; however there were none. So Ian Thaler ran for President; John Roberts for Vice President; Dara Thaler for Treasurer and Steve Christiansen as Membership officer. The vote was unanimous for each officer; and the Secretary, Dolores Gee, cast the deciding vote for each of these officers thus making reelection of each officer official. In the case of the office of Secretary, the Treasurer Dara Thaler, cast the deciding vote making reelection of Dolores Gee as Secretary, official.

John Bronstein announced that John Anderson with the assistance of Dennis Johnson, would be the new claims chairman and that he, John Bronstein, would be available to help out whenever his assistance might be needed. The Christmas Party to be held on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> was discussed next and a sign-up sheet was made available for those wishing to volunteer their help as was a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend. GSSN will provide the food as in prior years and each attendee was asked to bring a dessert.

After a short break Ian spoke briefly on tarantulas and what to do if you come in contact with one. He also stressed the importance of keeping hydrated; and thanked Janet Schelling for bringing cookies to the meeting. Ian also thanked Fred and Al and George for their raffle donations. He mentioned that on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> Fox 5 news will have a segment on their 10PM news program about gold prospecting which was recently taped and should be interesting for viewers. The subjects of claim markers (PVC and wood) and shortcuts to Gregg's Hideout were also briefly discussed. Then Fred asked for volunteers for the annual audit and John Gee & Alan Shook volunteered their services.

Next the raffles were held. The \$35 50/50 was won by Morris and the \$13 door prize was won by Maria Boyle. Other prizes are noted below. Following the raffles, Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8PM. Jake seconded the motion and the meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee, Secretary  
November 3, 2011

*Member's CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 7, 2011*

*Dinner at 6:30*

*On the menu:*

*Chicken, Spaghetti, Meatballs, Italian Sausage, Bread, Salad*

*Please remember to bring a dessert to pass.*

*Come and join the fun.*

*Raffle table will have some cool surprises.*

*Come and join the Holiday Fun!*

*See you there!*

## 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. A new order of shirts are in, and we have lots of white and grey. Check with Al for your Size. **Make a shirt part of your Christmas list!!**

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.

### 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

### JAKE'S MINING EQUIPMENT

- Prospector1@cox.net
  - Gold Cube
- Mountain Goat Trommel
- Desert Fox Gold Panner

Jake Jakl

Henderson Nevada 89002

702-326-9043

## FINANCIALS FOR September and October 2011

GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN  
NEVADAFinancial Statement for the month of  
September 2011~~~~~  
Balance Forwarded From September 2011 Plus  
interest:\$ 11,869.84

Membership	\$	480.00
Raffle	\$	276.00
T-Shirts		47.00

Total Income \$ 803.00

## Expenses:

Rent	\$	38.00
Raffle	\$	187.18
T-Shirts	\$	
Outing	\$	
Membership/Office		
Total Expenses	\$	<u>225.18</u>

Balance &amp; Interest \$ 11,869.84

Income \$ 803.00

Total \$ 12,672.84

Less Expenses 225.18

Balance \$ 12,447.66

GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN  
NEVADAFinancial Statement for the month of  
October 2011~~~~~  
Balance Forwarded From October 2011  
Plus interest:\$ 12,449.20

Membership	\$	570.00
Raffle	\$	214.55
T Shirts	\$	33.00

Total Income \$ 817.55

## Expenses

Rent	\$	88.00
Outings	\$	88.21
Raffle Prizes	\$	32.87

Total Expense \$ 209.08

Balance &amp; Interest \$ 12,449.20

Income \$ 817.55

Total \$ 13,266.75

Less Expense \$ 209.08

Balance \$ 13,057.67

GSSN Outing October 22-23, 2011



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!**