

# Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Highgrader



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

President—*Ian Thaler*  
 Vice President—*Nicolas Johnson*  
 Treasurer—*Dara Thaler*  
 Secretary—*Dolores Gize*  
 Membership—  
 Audit Committee—*Fred Zajac*



Claims Committee—*John Bronstein*  
 Education Committee—*Fred Zajac*  
 Librarian / Historian—*Dennis Johnson*  
 Merchandise Committee—*Joyce Johnson*  
 Newsletter Committee—*Nicolas Johnson*  
 Outing Committee—*Morris Seguin*  
 Website Committee—*J. Miller*

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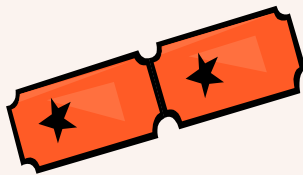
### Secretary Minutes As of February 3rd, 2010.

We met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson, NV. On Wed., Feb. 3, 2010. Carl called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and led in pledging allegiance to the flag. 68 people signed in and there were 3 visitors. Carl greeted all and reminded everyone that people could attend two meetings and one outing before deciding whether they want to join GSSN. There was a brief break enabling Bill Durbin, Chief of Nevada's Division of Minerals (Southern Nevada Operations) to setup his presentation on Gold Bearing Areas of Nevada entitled "Where's

the Gold?" Which was very interesting and informative. Afterwards Fred Zajac made a motion to approve the minutes as published in the Highgrader; and Don Adams seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed, Joyce Johnson stated that she wanted to amend the motion to say that "Anyone needing information relative to the Merchandise Committee should contact Joyce Johnson." Voting on the amended motion was unanimous and it was so approved. Dara Thaler then gave her treasurer's report. Afterwards,  
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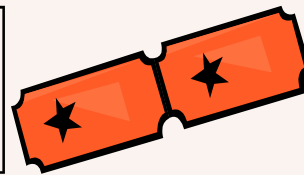
### GSSN NOTICE

- NOTICE**
- Next Outing February 20th!!
  - Attention on Page 5!!
  - Don't forget about Gold Show AT Southpoint April 17-18th 2010.
  - Always looking for good Articles! Short or Long, always good input!!



## Raffle Winners

50/50 (\$47.00) - Janet Schelling  
 Door Prize (\$16.50) - Pat Moore



Spice Holder.....Terry Tucker  
 Batteries.....John Wherry  
 10" Black Pan w/ vials.....Gary Emery  
 12" Black Pan w/ vials.....Morris Seguin  
 Book, Mug, & Map.....Pat Moore  
 Mug, Map, & Gold Bag.....Jenny Kilpatrick  
 Hammer & Batteries.....Jenny Kilpatrick  
 Walking Stick.....Pete Thaler

Mug, Map, & Gold Bag.....Brian Ingrahm  
 Beer Glasses, & Flashlight.....Ken Schmidt  
 Umbrella.....Joyce Johnson  
 Gloves, Flashlight, & Massager.....Gary Emery  
 14" Black Pan w/ vials.....John Bronstein  
 Gold Book, Gloves, & Flashlight.....Steve Anderson  
 NV Gold & Gem Maps.....Charlotte Foley  
 AZ Gold & Mug.....Charlotte Foley

## From the Newsletter Editor

Nicolas Johnson, Newsletter Editor, made a motion at the February general meeting; "To replace the newsletter from paper form to electronic so that members can be online to view the newsletter and have an Email sent to members notifying them that the newsletter has come out, and for those who CANNOT gain access to a computer with internet capabilities **they will receive a mailed edition of the newsletter and/or have a member print one out for them.**" This motion was amended by Dennis Johnson to say; "To also have a poll put in the newsletter so that members can respond back with their answer in Mail and/or Email, which will be posted in the Highgrader for two (2) Months." The Newsletter Committee would love to have your input on this motion. Please send your responses to

1. **EMAIL: GSSNHIGHGRADER@GMAIL.COM**

2. **Or mail it to:**

**Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.  
P.O. Box 96732  
Las Vegas, NV. 89193-6732**



## Mail or Email Your Thoughts!

The Newsletter Committee would like to hear your thoughts on the motion. We would like to know, you (the members) opinions on this. The committee will not be biased (Take sides) on any thing! We need this information, the Good, The Bad, The Ugly. **Your Opinion Does Matter!**

Please know this!! If you do not respond or give your opinion for the newsletter, it will be considered a abstention!! Please reply in order to be heard on this issue!!

## GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, INC.

Dear members,

Please take in all considerations for the newsletter. As in "This would be a good time to have it go over to email" or "The email I receive, I hardly check but I do get the mail and it is nice to have the newsletter in hand knowing when the next meeting is" or "The newsletter should stay as is because .....". These are only ideas to help you bring your thoughts out and send them to the newsletter editor. We would love to hear from our members and to also get articles!! As it is said on the application,

**CLUBS ONLY  
FUNCTION IF  
MEMBERS  
VOLUNTEER.** I have been a member since 2007 and it is so much fun to have people to talk to and experience so

much! Many people in the club have helped so much too! This creates a great atmosphere to have friends and be a part of Something B-I-G!!



### Board Minutes as of January 12th, 2010!

The GSSN Executive Board met at Saxby's Coffee House on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 2010 at 6:35PM. Attending were Carl Richwine, Joyce Johnson, Dara Thaler, Ian Thaler, Fred Zajac, Bonnie Evelyn, Marcia Richwine, John Roberts, Nicolas Johnson and Dolores Gee. Richard Walton attended but did not participate. Carl explained the functions of board members and committee chairpersons in regard to making motions, etc. He gave an overview for 2010 (Including membership, taxes and tax-exempt status, and the IRS). He then brought up future board meetings in regard to when and where. After a brief discussion Fred Zajac made a motion to hold such meetings at Dara Thaler's where previous meetings had been held in 2009. Ian Thaler seconded the motion. Discussion was followed by a vote which was unanimously in favor of the motion, and it was approved.

Carl then went over the budget focusing on certain expenses and income as listed on the attached spread sheet. Using a CPA was discussed, and this possibility will be explored further before any decision is made. New claim books, insurance and finances were discussed. Carl made a motion to set aside \$3,000 as a contingency (or "rainy day") fund and Dara Seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion about the liquidity of our funds, after which Carl amended his motion to be tabled and Joyce Johnson seconded the amending motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of tabling a decision regarding the contingency fund. Next, Fred made a motion to hold two weekend outings each year (one in Spring and one in Fall). Joyce Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimously in favor. Next, we discussed our claims and whether we might set a goal for 2010 to possibly add one or two claims to our holdings. It was decided to ask the mem-

bership for their thoughts on this possibility.

Carl then made a motion for the Merchandise Committee to make up a presentation for the February 4th, meeting relative to pre-selling T-shirts. Joyce Johnson, Merchandise Committee Chairperson, received a \$20 donation from a unanimous donor to secure samples for the presentation and Ian Thaler seconded the motion. After further discussion about pricing, quantities, etc., the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion and it was approved. At 8:10PM Joyce Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bonnie Evelyn seconded the motion at which time we vacated the Saxby meeting room.

Dolores Gee  
Secretary of the Gold Searchers of  
Southern Nevada, Inc.

### Continued General Minutes

Carl said he'd been in contact with Nancy DeFalco of the GPAA who gave us a booth for the Gold Show (4/16-18/2010) and there will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting for those wishing to participate (including setup 4/15/10). Reports were given by the following committee chairs: John Bronstein (Claims) said he and his co-committee members (Al Kraus and Dennis Johnson) were actively involved in their work. Morris Seguin (Outings) said the next outing will be 2-20-2010 at White Hills (#28) claim with lunch being served at 11:30 AM. A straw poll was taken to see who was interested in as 3-day outing in May (14-16) possibly with contests and a "push" and after some discussion Cooter made a motion to table this agenda item for now, and Fred seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor of tabling the item. Joyce Johnson (Merchandise) gave a brief report and update and mentioned orders had been taken on samples she'd brought to the meeting and hopefully the t-shirts would be available at the next meeting. John Roberts, Bonnie Evelyn, and Al Kraus also serve on the Merchandise Committee. Nic Johnson (Newsletter) made a

motion to replace the newsletter from paper form to electronic so that members can be online to view the newsletter and have an email sent to members notifying them that the newsletter has come out, and those who cannot gain access to a computer with internet capabilities they will receive a mailed edition of the newsletter and/or have a member print one out for them; Jenny Kilpatrick seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed, Dennis proposed that we continue publishing as usual for the next two months and see if we could feasibly phase out the paper version. He put this in the form of a motion that was seconded by Doug Parker. Further discussion followed, and the vote on the amended motion was unanimous and this agenda item will be followed up in two months.

Carl Richwine stated that due to a family emergency he and Marcia may have to be absent from the club for an extended period of time. Next the drawings took place. Pat Moore (#57) won the quarter kitty amounting to \$16.50. The 50/50 amounting to \$47 was won by Janet Schelling. Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, which was seconded by Ian Thaler. The meeting was so adjourned at that time.

Dolores Gee  
Secretary of the Gold Searchers of  
Southern Nevada, Inc.



## Outing and Speaker Pictures



This picture was taken by Randy and Nancy Huffine. Our Hard Working Outing Chairman always doing a great Job!!



These Three pictures were taken By John Bronstein, when Mr. Bill Durbin was talking about Nevada Placer, where is the gold?



## A Big Thank You to...

The GSSN has received a donated printer from John Roberts and Mary Ann Meza. This printer will help with doing the Highgrader Newsletter and Printing up the GSSN Mining Guide. This printer is a Color Laser Printer in which will make the GSSN Mining Guide look Professional!!

I want to say "Thank You John Roberts and Mary Ann Meza!!!" This is a very gracious thing to do!!

Also Mr. Jake Jakl for finding and getting 3 Plastic fifty-five gallon drums that we can use for Panning tubs!!

## All Is Appreciated!!



## Resignation

To: Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

Dated: February 9th, 2010

From: Carl Richwine

Subject: Resignation

I, Carl Richwine, resign my position as President of Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc effective immediately. Due to a family emergency I am no longer able to devote the time to serve the club effectively. I have enjoyed serving the club and would like to thank all the club members for their support.

Thank you,



Carl Richwine

To: Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

Dated: February 9th, 2010

From: Marcia Richwine

Subject: Resignation

I, Marcia Richwine, resign my position as Membership Officer of Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc effective immediately. Due to a family emergency I am no longer able to devote the time to serve the club effectively.

I have enjoyed serving as Membership Officer and will miss everyone.

Sincerely,



Marcia Richwine

## Claims and Wind Turbines!

I have been looking on the internet about Wind Turbine Generators or WTG's and we keep on getting the same information.

The information that I have collected is about having WTG's installed at the White Hills and White Elephant Wash. Right now the "Bureau of Land Management Kingman Field Office Mohave County Wind Farm Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)" They will be out there, checking things out and trying to find out the impact of what these WTG's will have out there. There are a couple of questions on my mind and they are: Can we still prospect on our claims while they are building and operating the Wind Turbine Generator? How will this affect our claims? Will we retain the mineral rights during construction? We have not made any phone calls to the BLM at this time, but will after the next board meeting to open a dialogue and report our findings at the March-3-2010 general meeting.

In the article from the internet it says that they will be doing "Issues and Concerns" They will be checking out: Cultural & Historical resources, Wildlife & their habitats, Sensitive soils, Ground water resources, Air quality, Visual resources, Grazing Activities, Recreational activities & uses, Social & economic conditions in local communities, Mining Claims, & Traffic during construction. There is a great deal more to read and understand at this point and we want to hear from all members. This is the link where I got my information from:

<http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/az/pdfs/energy/mohave.Par.8682.File.dat/Public-Scoping-Statement.pdf>

If any member would like to know more about WTG's please contact: Nicolas, John Bronstein, Dennis, and Al.

## Treasury Report

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

Financial Statement for the Month of: January, 2010.

**Balance Forward:** \$5,390.23  
Bank interest adjustment: \$1.09  
**Balance:** \$5,391.32

Income:

Membership Dues: \$750.00  
**New 9 Renew 13**  
Raffle:  
**50/50 \$40.00**  
**Reg \$200.75**

Bank Interest:  
Other:

**Total Income:** \$990.75  
**Balance:** \$6382.07

Expenses:

Rent: \$50.00  
Food: \$103.15  
Raffle:  
Newsletter Printing: \$143.24  
Newsletter Postage:  
Office supplies, Postage for membership, etc: \$73.44  
Misc. expense: (State Filing) \$75.00  
Total Expenses: \$444.83  
**Balance:** \$5,937.24

**Petty Cash** \$90.00  
**Door Prize**  
**Petty Cash Balance** \$90.00

Prepared By: Dara Thaler  
Treasurer of Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.



# Word Search Puzzle

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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**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**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  Merchandise  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 \_\_\_\_\_

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We print a membership application in each newsletter that must be used for all applications of New or Renewals. **We must have this information in its completed form to comply with our Bylaws.** Thank your for assisting your club with procedure!

**Next General Meeting, 6:30 P.M.**

**March 3rd, 2010.**

**425 East Van Wagenen Street  
Henderson, NV. 89002-9111**

Do a little prospecting at our Website!

**!!Supporting Website!!  
[www.goldsearcher.com](http://www.goldsearcher.com)**

Membership is the life-blood of this Organization. Your renewal date is reflected on the address label, upper right. All of our programs cost this organization money. Your membership dues make it all possible. Membership numbers are important when contacting National Organizations, The Press, and Elected Representatives.