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**Sandra Burton**

**Our Christmas Nugget Winner**

Congratulations Sandra on winning the Christmas Nugget. She's holding it in this picture, but it can't be seen very well, but it was a quarter ounce beauty. The Minelab detector has still got a few tickets to sell before it is raffled

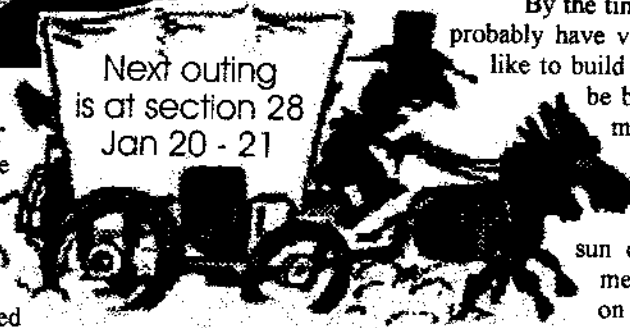
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**WE HAVE THE FIVE ACRES LEASED AND NOW IT'S UP TO YOU WHAT WE DO WITH IT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

On Saturday, December 30, I went over to the 5 acres we have leased with Norm Raupe. He volunteered to do some surveying and lay out an area for a possible building program. Thanks again Norm.

By the time you read this, you will probably have voted on what you would like to build out there. It is going to be brought up to the general membership at the January 3rd meeting. Boy it would be great to have a place to get out of the sun or wind, cook up some meals for all members and on and on. There's virtually no limit to what we can

Next outing is at section 28 Jan 20 - 21



accomplish if we all work together on this project.

We are currently soliciting help and material donations to build a storage shed, several covered picnic and parking areas. If you would like to help, we need you now! Lumber is needed for construction. The January outing will be partly a work outing, bring your tools and lumber. If you have an out-house you want to donate we can get it picked up!

Following is a list of the types of lumber we anticipate needing if this program is approved at the general meeting. Windows needed is three, approximately 3" x 4", 2"x4"x96" needed - 104. 2"x6"x10' needed - 50. 4"x4"x12' needed - 20. Plywood 4'x8' 3/4 inch needed 18 sheets. Plywood 4'x8' 1/2 inch needed 25 sheets. Plus nails, screws etc. If you have access to any of these items or are willing to buy donate any of these items, please contact any board member right away. We will also need a wood stove.

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## Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Calendar of Events and Meetings

- Jan. 03 General Membership Meeting
- Jan. 10 Mid-Week Outing \*
- Jan. 17 Mid-Week Outing \*
- Jan. 20-21 Outing Section 28
- Jan. 24 Mid-Week Outing \*
- Jan. 31 Executive Board Meeting
- Feb. 07 General Membership Meeting
- Feb. 14 Mid-Week Outing \*
- Feb. 17-18 Outing Section 28
- Feb. 21 Mid-Week Outing \*
- Feb. 28 Executive Board Meeting
- Mar. 07 General Membership Meeting

\* For all mid-week outings check with Dan Boone

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## LETTERS WE LIKE TO RECEIVE

Thank you for being our GSSN editor and Membership Committee Chairman. Your articles in the Highgrader are very interesting and I appreciate getting it regularly.

God has blessed you to be a real blessing to us all. THANKS!!!

If I can be of any help to you please call me at —

DB Cal-Nev-Ari, NV

We appreciate all your "hardwork" on the Highgrader. WOW! It's fantastic!

G&JV, Las Vegas, NV

WOW! Is right. These letters are greatly appreciated. On the other hand if there is something you don't like I want to hear about that as well. Thank you to those who took the time to write.

*Rattlesnake Brad*



## PLEASE ACCEPT MY APPOLOGY FOR THE LACK OF THE BOARD MINUTES

Again I do not have the executive board minutes to print in this newsletter. Our secretary has again failed to get them to this editor. I wish to apologize to all for this lack of board minutes and hope to have them for the next newsletter.

*Rattlesnake Brad*

**NOTICE**  
**DRYWASHERS AND**  
**METAL DETECTORISTS**  
**PLEASE FILL**  
**YOUR HOLES**  
**ANYONE CAUGHT NOT**  
**FILLING HOLES,**  
**DIGGING UP**  
**CACTUS PLANTS, OR**  
**LEAVING TRASH**  
**WILL BE BANNED FROM**  
**OUR CLUB CLAIMS**  
**THIS MEANS**  
**YOU**

(Continued from page 1).....NUGGET off. This year the board decided to give away several Christmas presents at the dinner. In fact I believe it was 30 gifts. These ranged from GPS units to club t-shirts and hats. More Christmas pictures on pages 8 & 9.

These gifts was wrapped, so we are not sure who won what, but following is a list of the winners.

Tara Thompson, Ruta Miller, Alberta Woods, Donald Bradley, Pat Pearson, Cindy Dietz, Diana Serlovsky, Ben Norgress, Doug Parker, David Schmieder, Wanda Morris, Daniel Green, Marguerite Riddle, Harry Reiter, David Haas, Gary Emery, Robbyn Gibbons, Vernon Erps, Pattie Whitaker, Marlene Adams, Daniel Gillon, Mort LeMonde, Brad Fine.

There were other winners, but unfortunately not all names got written down.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a great New Year.

# UPCOMING SPEAKERS

by Dan Green

## February

The guest speaker for February is Gus Lagerstrom, Western Sales Representative for Minelab USA. He will be speaking about Minelab's two latest detectors, the GP Extreme and the Explorer XS.

## March

The guest speaker for March is Stanley Paher. Author of many books about Nevada, Gold mining in Nevada and Placer gold fields.

Other future speakers will be; Richard Wyman. Geologist He was one of the more interesting speakers from our past. He will tell us where gold is most likely to be found. He was the owner and operator of the Techatacup Mine in Nelson, Nevada for a long time.

## PLEASE NOTE

Jack Bond is putting together a photo album for the club. If you have any pictures of the club members, outings, etc and would like to donate them, please bring to meeting and give to Jack  
Thank You

## WWW. GOLDSEARCHER .COM

IS NOW THE ONE AND ONLY OFFICAL WEBSITE OF THIS CLUB.

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR THIS SITE, WHATEVER IT IS SEND AN EMAIL TO: RATTLESNAKEBRAD1 @AOL.COM

ALL IDEAS WILL BE CONSIDERED, SO SEND IN YOUR IDEAS NOW  
THANK YOU

## NOTICE

All committee chairmen, part-time editors, ads, articles and whatever else you may want in the Highgrader, must be given to editor no later than the 20th of the month. After that, editor will try to get it in, but cannot guarantee it.

## NO SMOKING

We are sorry, but due to consideration of others, there will be no smoking at the general meeting. If you wish to smoke, go downstairs to the casino please. Thank you.

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

January 2001

Looking back on the year, it's was a good one for the club

The club under my leadership has moved forward with newly formed volunteer committees.

We now have all of our claims paperwork in proper order, with a newly leased 5 acre parcel.(thanks to the claims committee) We have a newly formed ~~outing~~ public services committees. Lets not forget the midweek outing boys and the education committee who is again going on TV for our club (Las Vegas channel 17

Most of all, we have a new great looking and timely mailed Highgrader and web site.

The membership is growing every month because of this.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE (YOU)

Frank Mahoney

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

12-04-00 to 12-29-00

James Gohlke  
Joey Herrera  
Sam & Sandy Musselman  
Paul & Kathryn Stowe  
Daniel & Maria Gillon

Make these new members feel welcome and show them the ropes.

## Membership Chairman Report

Funds collected and deposited

17 renewals =	\$340.00
5 New members =	\$175.00
2 Claim Books & pstge	\$3.00
1 Newsletter ad =	\$20.00
4 Minelab Tickets =	\$18.00
Total deposited =	\$556.00

Rattlesnake Brad

## NOTICE

In the last issue of the GPAA magazine there is an announcement that our general meetings have been moved to the Orr School. This announcement was made in ERROR. We will continue meeting at Nevada Palace until further notice.

# Hear Ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!

By Willie Biron

Your Executive committee will be appointing three lucky members to the Election/Nominating committee.

They are to seek candidates and supervise the election. As you know, each year we open the nomination for election of elected officers during February and March. And during our annual membership meeting in April, we elect our favorite. Remember last year? Same as Florida, we had a hanging shad or two and it was reported that not all the votes were counted or pregnant. Our court supreme overruled the rulers and since both parties were anxious for work, we decided that if one didn't get the Presidency, he would automatically take the Vice-Presidents job. The rest is history!..

We presently have close to 500 members, and several committees. This is too much work for the few who are dedicated to our club. In order to be the best, we need to share the load and participate in our club. That means new ideas and leadership once in a while. It is too easy just to let someone else run things and slide along.

Our By-Laws state "Nominations may be made by any member in good standing at the time of nomination. A member is one person; a married couple, each having one vote"

Any person nominated for an office must accept the nomination in person or by written notice of acceptance. Their names and positions will be published in the High-grader, and they will be provided space to publicize their

campaign. As a note, no member may be elected to the same office for more than 2 consecutive terms. This does not mean that if the incumbent wants to stay we forgo the election and shoe him in; as in the past, all nominees must compete.

The Executive positions/officer positions open are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

(For additional information refer to the By-Laws of the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada published in your mining guide.)

## Gold Searchers "Code of Ethics"

1. Before searching/prospecting public sites or lands, always check on laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern your search.
2. NEVER Trespass. Always get permission when searching/prospecting private property or claims.
3. Never leave open holes. Try to leave the area as it was. Fill in and/or level your prospect holes and piles. Leave protected flora and fauna alone. NOTE: Anyone caught not filling holes, will be banned from club claims.
4. Report the discovery of any item of significant historical value to the local historian or museum.
5. If you discover live ammo, explosives, or a lethal object, DON'T touch it. Mark the site and notify the Police at once.
6. Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your club/sport/hobby. You are an ambassador of our club and a pastime we want to protect and we will be judged by how we act and respond.
7. Do not litter. Pick up your trash and some extra, please.

## Meetings

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD AT NEVADA PALACE HOTEL & CASINO 2ND FLOOR LOCATED AT 5255 S. BOULDER HIGHWAY, 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 LOCATION IS LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THIS PUBLICATION.

### GSSN BOARD MEETING

GSSN BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK RE BUILDING ON CABANA DRIVE, MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM 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 LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. THE MEETINGS ARE AT 8:00 PM. THIS MEETING IS THE SAME LOCATION AS THE BOARD MEETING AND ON THE SAME NIGHT.

THE CLUB'S PHONE  
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PLEASE WRITE THE

CLUB WITH

ANY COMPLAINTS

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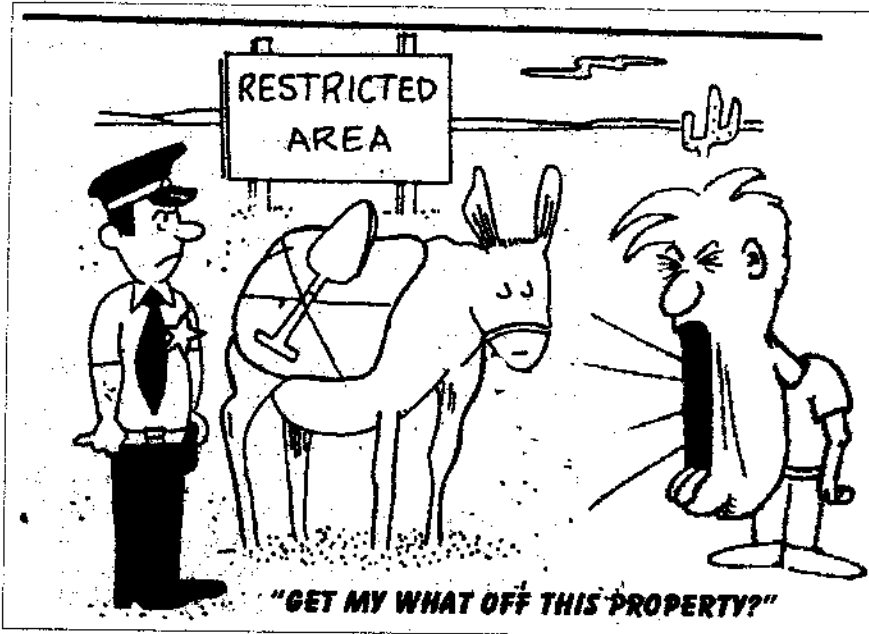
## WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL PLEASE

Your e-mail is very important to us, as well as you. On occasion, events, happenings, impromptu outings, reminders, etc. come up and if we have your e-mail we can get the info to you immediately, so you can participate in whatever the event might be. We simply cannot call all 500 or so members. You will not get needless e-mail from us, only information and reminders of upcoming events.

**YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE SOLD OR GIVEN TO ANYONE.**

Don't miss out on these reminders and announcements of upcoming events. If you wish to be included in being reminded of planned events, as well as notified of impromptu events, please send an e-mail to Rattlesnake Brad, with the following message. Add my e-mail to your list for reminders of all upcoming events. Send to: RattlesnakeBr

PS don't forget the ( 1 ) at end of name, Thank You



Look for the Newcomers

### Gold Finding Kits

by Willie Biron

These kits are being assembled by the club and made available to new members at cost.

We hope this will make it easier for them to get started.

We plan to demonstrate all items in the kit at the monthly outings and show how to use them.

Get yours today.

## MOVING

Planning a move, please send us your new address as soon as possible. You may either send it to clubs address, or send it via e-mail to:

**RattlesnakeBrad1@aol.com**

Don't put it off, do it today, so you will not miss any issues of the **HIGHGRADER**

## MEMBERSHIP BADGES

**WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE AND INCREASE YOUR CHANCES TO BE A WINNER IN OUR RAFFLE.**

Door prize tickets are \$1.00 each, but if you are wearing your GSSN Membership Badge you will get 2 for \$1.00

No Name Tag  
\$1.00 each  
No Exceptions

Here is February's door prizes for your consideration.

1. 10x prospectors loop w/ metal cover
2. Keene Classifier 1/2"
3. Gold Pan, 10" Finishing
4. Gold Pan 14"
5. Gold Concentrates Bag
6. Suction tweezers
7. Pendant w/chain 13mm for flakes
8. Pocket Scale
9. Plastic Scoop
10. Clay Gone 8oz bottle
11. Earphones
12. Mapscale for 7.5 USGS topo maps
13. Lots of gold nuggets up to five grams

# ELECTRONIC PROSPECTING... IS IT FOR YOU?

by Russell Gremore

As a modern electronic prospector, you have a great advantage over the old time prospectors. They could not see through the soil and rocks that hid the gold.

Your modern detector will help you locate this unseen gold.

It can also be used to locate black sand deposits that may contain gold.

The modern day detectors are without a doubt, the finest detectors ever produced for prospecting and treasure hunting.

The skill of the detectorist is very important for success. Learn to analyze your detector's response. A weak response is often a small nugget or ore specimen.

Some gold ore samples do not have visible ore on the surface, but may be very rich inside.

If the sample contains a detectable amount of flour or wire gold, your detector may give just a marginal (slight) response. The greater the concentration of native gold, the stronger the signal in your headphones will be.

To familiarize yourself with what type of response to look for when prospecting, a metal and mineral sample is necessary. A metal sample can be made by filing a silver dime and forming a small button in a plastic bottle, approximately one half inch in diameter. Mix the filings with a small amount of white glue and let dry.

"This is a marginal sample" and will give a very weak response. A penny or filings from key cuttings can be used, but a silver dime is more desirable and gives better results. The mineral sample is made the same way, except use the filings from an iron nail. The mineral will give a response identical to many of

the magnetic iron minerals found in the field. Practice with these samples. It is very important to learn the proper tuning and response of your detector. A complete understanding of the detector operation

**ALWAYS  
DIG ALL  
WEAK  
SIGNALS**

and responses obtained while practicing on the table will save much confusion when you first go into the field.

The most sensitive area of the search coil is used for all ore identification. On most detectors, the most sensitive area is in the center, or near the center, of the search coil. It may be helpful to mark the area on the bottom of the search coil with a felt pen. It is important with a marginal sample to use the most sensitive area to obtain best results.

Always move the sample toward and away from the search coil, never across it. Faster movement produced more easily heard sounds.

To tune your detector place it on a table in an area which contains no detectable metals or minerals. Remove watches, rings, belt buckles, and bracelets. Tune the detector to the threshold sound according to the instruction manual. Turn the Ground Balance control so that when the mineral sample is placed within one or two inches from the coil, there is a slight tone. Do not touch the loop with the mineral sample. Next, adjust the Ground Balance control so that when you place

the mineral sample one to two inches away from the coil, there is no tone coming from your headphones. Remember to push and release the reset button after each time you change the Ground Balance control. This setting is the center of tuning of the Ground Balance control.

Mark this setting and note it carefully. Tuned to this setting, the detector will correctly analyze ore samples. Any ore sample containing more gold (and silver) than iron will give a positive response, and if it has more iron

present, it will give a negative response. After each sample is tested, push and release the button to retune the detector. Use your mineral and metal sample to become familiar with this type of response.

A dime or a fairly large amount of metal will produce a good positive response.

This ore sampling technique is very useful around tailing of old mines. The miners often saved only the ore that contained visible gold, but this technique lets the modern prospector look inside the sample and to determine its contents. Do not scan the tailing pile, but instead lay the detector on the ground and check individual specimens in the manner used when bench testing the homemade samples. Much of the pile will contain just country rock, referred to as "hot rocks". Move around until positive responses are found. If the pile should contain any detectable large nuggets or high ore samples, they may be detected by passing the coil closely over the individual rocks...

Many large nuggets have been found on tailing piles from placer

*See Electronic... (Continued on page 10)*

# HOW TO FIND HUNT SITES

By David F. Crane

From page 44 of the May 1995 issue of *Treasure Facts* magazine. Copyright ©1995, 1998 Lost Treasure, Inc.

There are vast amounts of treasure such as gold and silver coins and jewelry which have been lost years ago in almost every country in the world. Many people who dream of finding their own share of these hidden treasures probably never will, unless they take the time and effort needed to make their dreams become a reality. One key for success in the exciting and rewarding adventure of treasure hunting is the ability to find profitable hunt sites for recovering these lost treasures.

Throughout the world, any area where people lived or traveled is a potential site for finding lost valuables. In most towns or cities there will be numerous sites such as: schools, parks, houses and beaches where coins or jewelry have been lost. Many of these places are well known sites which have been hunted for years. While it is nice to find common clad coins at parks, schools and yards, it is far more exciting to recover the older more valuable coins and jewelry. Locating little known and older sites to hunt usually takes time, effort, research and a good dose of patience.

Some of these older sites can be found along old, abandoned roadways, particularly under older large shade trees where some weary travelers might have rested. Old time school sites and playing fields can be a bonanza for finding silver coins and the older nickels and cents of yesteryear.

Additional good search sites:

- 1) Deserted areas -- once bustling towns which died out when roads or railways began bypassing the community.
- 2) Rivers, lakes, ponds and oceans -- look for beach areas that once teemed with bathers and now are out of use for many years.

3) Older sections of a town -- be on the lookout for yards where lawns are being torn out for sod replacement. Once the top several inches of grass and dirt are removed, and before the new lawn is put in, it is easy to detect and recover those older, more valuable and deeper buried coins from the turn of the century!

It is also important to consider a region's climate. Temperature, humidity and rainfall can play a large role in changing the face of the land. In coastal areas the moist climate causes older wood structures to rapidly deteriorate. In drier inland areas old abandoned structures can still be standing that were built a hundred years or more earlier.

Along with understanding the climate factors, a basic bit of knowledge of geographic factors can also be a valuable tool for helping locate old road beds, camp sites and town locations. Be aware of the early settlers' need for water and wood supplies and realize that close proximity to a source of drinking water, lumber and firewood often dictated where a town's or cabin's location would be.

By spending time doing research, a treasure hunter can discover clues to help them locate little known hunt

sites such as old schools, parks, overgrown ball fields, race tracks or once popular swimming holes. Research can be as easy and simple as asking an older neighbor where he and his buddies liked to play ball, swim or where their school used to be. The local library can be a great place to find site clues by studying older books, historical journals or old copies of newspapers. Spending time studying old maps can be of value in discovering where old homesteads, towns or travel routes once were.

By writing to the Library of Congress, Central Services Division, Washington, DC 20540, you can obtain a free listing of the maps they sell by requesting the Ward maps of U.S. Cities, ID number z6028.u572.

By spending several hours researching the right old book or map, the patient treasure hunter can uncover numerous leads to help locate unsearched hunt sites. Historical Societies can also be a good source for local history information. Upon locating a potential hunt site, the next step is find out who owns the land and to obtain permission for your search.

A visit to the local courthouse or  
*See FIND.....(Continued on page 17)*



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# CHRISTMAS DINNER PICTURES



The Nevada Palace ballroom was filled to near capacity with the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada.



The Black Mountain Boogie Band brought us some great music



Willie and Irmgard Biron



President Frank Mahoney

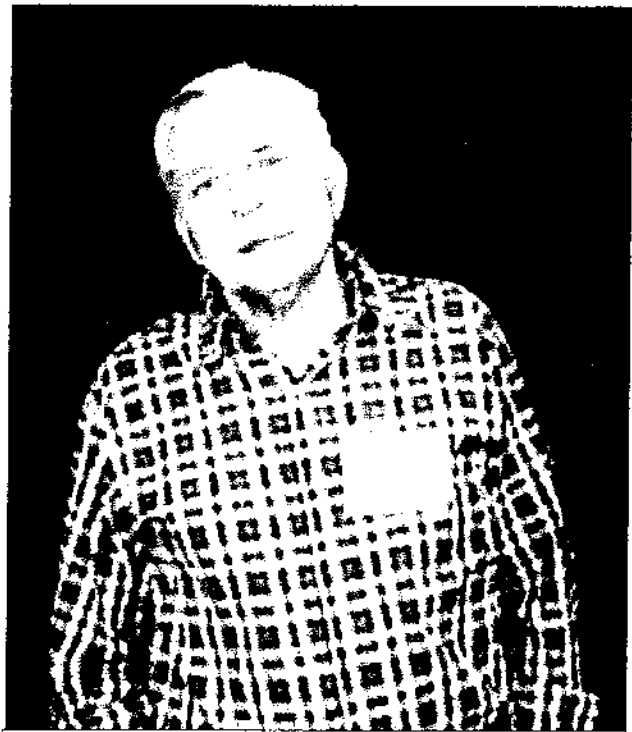


David Schmieder, He leased us the five acres in Gold Basin where we plan on building a club house.

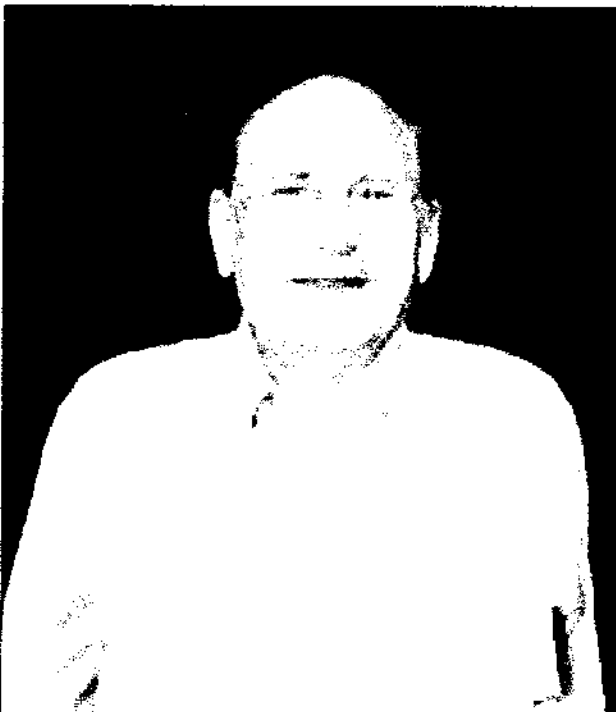




Jack and Marie Bond celebrated their 44th anniversary with us. Congratulations from all of us in the club.



Stanley Paher attended our dinner and will be our March speaker.



Dan Green our education chairman. Dan spends much time at the McCaw School of mines and also arranges for speakers at our meetings



David Haas "Boo Coo" and his wife



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03/2001

(Continued from page 6)...Electronic mining when they are too large to go through the screens in the dry-washer and are carried out to the tailing pile.

An electronic metal detector will detect through dirt, rock, clay, water, wood, ice, and most any other non-metallic material.

To use your detector to find black sand deposits, tune the detector the normal mineralization in the ground, as per the instruction manual.

Check several spots in the immediate area to be sure that the deposit is not under the coil when you are tuning your detector, or the pocket will tune out. The deposit may be fairly large and will give a metal positive (positive response). Do not expect a sharp response like that of a coin. If the pocket is deep, the response will be very slight so I recommend that you use quality headphones to enhance the response and to help to improve your concentration. If the pocket is shallow and contains a large nugget, the response can be quite strong, the higher the concentration and the more gold

content, the greater the response will be.

To use your modern detector for gold nugget shooting, first tune your unit according to the instruction manual. **DO NOT USE THE DISCRIMINATE MODE** if your detector has one. Searching for nuggets must be done very slowly and carefully. Be alert to any changes in the threshold setting. The slightest change in the tone could be an indication of a nugget. If possible, search the area twice. The second search pattern should be ninety degrees to the first pattern. The shape of a small nugget may cause it to be missed in the first search. The second search from a different direction, may find it.

Dig the area containing the target and put it in a plastic gold pan. Scan the pan with the detector to determine the presence of the target. Wet or dry, pan the contents to obtain the target.

Hot rocks are often found while nugget hunting in the mountains and desert.

A hot rock contains a concentrated amount of non-conductive iron mineral and will usually give a strong response. If the Ground Balance control is set at or near its null point, a hot rock will cause a loss of the threshold tone. This may occur when searching over ground that contains little or no mineralization. Small nuggets always give a very faint response while hot rocks give a strong signal. **ALWAYS DIG ALL WEAK SIGNALS.**

As a modern electronic prospector, your metal detector can be a valuable prospecting tool. Learn to use it well. You can use it to locate single nuggets, veins, or as an aid to mining and dredging operations. This information was gathered from Garrett Electronics, Tesoro Electronics, White Electronics information and just years of doing it.



## Eat and Be Wary

The standard recommendation to take a drug an hour before or a couple of hours after a meal is based on estimates of how long it takes to absorb most drugs in an empty stomach, and how long it takes your stomach to empty after a meal.

The real times vary from person to person -- and it can also depend on what you do after you eat, according to the journal *Digestive Disease Science*.

Exercising after a meal can reduce the time it takes for your stomach to empty by as much as 50 percent. But if you prefer to take a nap after you eat, your stomach will rest along with you.

The journal says lying down after a meal will slow the time it takes for food to leave the stomach by the same 50 percent.

## Free Tickets

**Did you** find your name in this month's HIGHGRADER? If so, you are a winner of 7 free Door prize raffle tickets!!!! There are 5 names hidden throughout the newsletter. (NOTE: when both husband wife names appear together, it is considered to be just one name.) This is what you do. Locate your name in the Highgrader. It will look like this

**\*Smith, John\***

And can be anywhere. Circle it and take it with you to the next meeting. Locate the person selling tickets that evening and tell him, "Guess what, my name is in the Highgrader, (show him your name) as a winner of seven free door prize tickets. You will then receive the seven Free tickets and you may well win one of the many door prize items to be given away that evening.

What a deal, and it's free to you, those whose names appear in the HIGHGRADER

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## It could save your life

When Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady's plane was shot from the skies over Bosnia last June, tiny pieces of gold helped save his life.

The sophisticated electronics of his F-16 escape mechanism, the parachute that carried him safely to earth, and the air-survival radio that enabled him to reach his rescuers after six days in a rain soaked Bosnian forest, all relied on gold parts to ensure that they would function without flaw.

This is because in critical microelectronic circuitry, no other metal is as dependable as gold. It does not corrode, crumble or tarnish whatever the conditions. It is unaffected by moisture, oxygen or ordinary acids. It is virtually indestructible.

Since 1978, gold has helped save the lives of more than 300 American pilots through the faultless operation of aircraft escape systems.

Gold is also saving lives on our roads. More than 30 million automobiles are now equipped with air bag systems. In each, gold-coated electrical contacts ensure that the system will work flawlessly for the life of the car. Since 1987, hundreds of lives have been saved and thousands of serious injuries prevented by airbags.

Gold contributes to our safety in many other ways. Since the beginning of the jet age, gold has

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# First Timers Luck or Reward?

by Rattlesnake Brad (FIRST PART) and Gus Lagerstrom (LAST PART)

John Green called and asked if we would like to go nugget hunting on Friday Nov 17. He was going with his father-in-law as well as Gus Lagerstrom, a regional sales manager, with Minelab USA. Gus was taking a new employee (George Watrous) with him that had been hired the day before to work in the electronics end of Minelab's business. George had done some treasure hunting, but had never done any gold prospecting. Yvonne and I was thrilled to get to go and we planned on staying overnight and attending the club outing the next day.

We all met at the White Hills Road just off of US 93 about 7:00 am and John lead the way. Gus and I was both driving also, but neither of us was sure how to get to Gold Basin, going that route.

John took us to one location just so we could see it. It was an old mine that was tunneled through a hill and appeared to be solid rock. He said while the area looked good, he had never found anything in the immediate area.

We proceeded on to Gold Basin and John again stopped to show us an area he thought we would be interested in.

We stopped and Yvonne and I got out of the truck. Oh no, I thought, I could hear air escaping from a tire. Whose tire, no no it was my tire. It was punctured pretty good, as it went down in just a couple of minutes.

The thoughts of being stuck in the desert, miles from any repair shop raced through my mind. From a previous flat, I had learned from Chevy's road side service person, he could not get



*George with his five ounce nugget, this picture gives a good perspective on size.*

spare to come down, so he had to take tire to his shop and fix it. The thought, what if we can't get the spare down, what then? Are we going to have to ask one of these fellows to take us to town just to fix a flat? Your mind races, as does your heart. What to do, what to do.

Well while I am worrying myself to death over the situation, Gus pulls a huge professional jack out of his truck and in a matter of a couple of minutes he has the truck jacked up. John grabs a tire plug kit out of his vehicle, as well as a tire pump that works off the cigarette lighter. I am still standing there worrying about the situation and John plugs the tire and starts filling it with air. George who helped Gus get the truck jacked up, was working to get the spare to come down. Before John could get the tire filled with air

George had somehow figured out how to get the spare to come down. In a matter of a few more minutes he had the



*We had just washed off nugget before this picture*

spare down and on the truck. The flat that was now fixed and partially filled, he put back up under the truck and it was all finished.

I am still standing around worrying about the flat and those four men had it all fixed and was ready to head on to the detecting site. Praise God for great friends.

Yvonne said to George who had done more than his share of the work, "Boy, if anyone finds a nugget today, I hope it is you." We was both thankful for all four of those men, she just felt George had done the most.

All total I don't think we lost more than 10 to 12 minutes and we was again on our way.

—Gus's Part—

Arriving adjacent to the hunt site, we parked in a pullout just off the dirt roadway. I instructed George Watrous, a new employee of Minelab USA, in the use of the Minelab gold machine SD2200D. After five minutes of orientation, he disappeared over the ridge and down into a wash.

This was George's first time gold hunting. I prepared myself for the hunt and also left the area.

Returning to my vehicle approximately 2 hours later, I spotted George heading for the vehicle and waited for his return. He showed me a five ounce nugget that he found approximately 18 inches deep, up there, he said, pointing to the wash. Right place, right machine? I would say so. He had his detector set in channel 2, which in the not very mineralized soil of gold basin provides 5 times as much sensitivity as channel 1. He was using a Minelab 11 inch mono coil with audio telex headphones that are standard equipment provided with the purchase of the SD2200D. You can rest assured, that George will be a regular in the gold basin area for some time to come.



# Gold Tid-Bits, Part 2, Don't Throw It Away

by Willie Biron

*What weighs more, a pound of feathers, or a pound of gold?* If you don't know the answer you might want to review the following before we proceed into processing black sand.

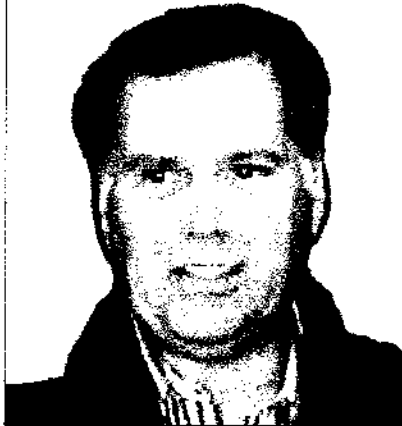
A troy ounce weighs in at 31.3 grams, and an avoirdupois ounce is 28.3 grams. Since we weigh gold in Troy weight, there are 12 ounces to a pound, but at the supermarket there are 16 ounces to the pound (avoirdupois). If you wanted to find the value of gold per cubic yard you could use the following (weight of gold recovered + number of gallons in the sample) X 168.18 = weight of gold per cubic yard.

*Confused?* Well your not alone, all I wanted to do was find some gold and before I knew it, there I was with a calculator and a pile of books. In Part 1 of Gold tid-bits I attempted to show that there is some pretty fine gold out there, and it takes quite a bit to amount to anything. If you are like me, you want to get all the gold, so you hang on to those concentrates that you worked so hard to get.

If you have black sand concentrates there are several ways to process them to recover all the gold, some methods are very dangerous and I don't recommend you try them until you are confident and knowledgeable.

I'd like to share with you the safe methods I use:

First of all, I pan the concentrates out to remove all the visible gold, *this makes me feel good fast!* This is often difficult because panning works on the principal that the heavier particles will fall to the bottom, and the lighter material will be rolled off of the top. (see chart below) Usually concentrates are all heavies and its difficult to not loose a few small specks of gold, also some of the fine gold has an organic film which surrounds it usually black and it is often discarded because we see no gold.



I "Don't throw it away", I keep all the concentrates by using a safety pan while looking for the larger visible gold, then place the concentrates in a rock tumbler or ball mill to pulverize all the black sand to the consistency of face powder. Here's what happens when you do this; The fine gold

encapsulated in the organic film is cracked out of its shell and in the ball mill that I use, these fine particles of gold get flattened out somewhat which now makes much of them visible.

At this point you can use a finishing pan (a smaller smooth sided pan) to separate the visible gold, (another rush) but its still difficult to pan out because there are so many heavies in

the pan. On our sect 34 claim, there is an extraordinary amount of magnetite which makes panning slow and difficult, so I dry the concentrates in a large skillet, and then use a magnet very carefully to remove the magnetic particles from the concentrates. (You can do this wet, but you loose more) This usually reduces the concentrates by a third. Be careful when picking up the black sand, because some fine gold may be stuck in it. I usually go slow and tap the magnet to drop the gold that may be stuck in there.

The fastest way to separate the pulverized black sand from the

gold is with a spiral gold wheel, a poop tube, or a mini sluice. I prefer to use the mini sluice I built from a four foot piece of plastic house gutter with the bottom lined with black ribbed matting.

Its amazing how the gold will drop out at the top of the mat so I can suck it up with a plastic bottle. I always run the water slow and keep the pitch of the sluice low. I also use some detergent in the water so the fines wont float off. The black sands coming off the sluice and the magnetics separated earlier are placed back into the ball mill with a bit of water and some clean mercury and tumbled for an hour. The mercury picks up the remaining microscopic gold. I then pan this out and using an eyedropper collect all the mercury. If the mercury is in fine bee-bees and wont pool, I place it in the refrigerator to cool it down and add a small amount of fresh mercury to it and it usually comes together. The mercury is now said to be pregnant when the fine gold is covered by it. This lumpy silvery button is then placed in a damp piece of chamois and the mercury pressed out of it. Don't try to heat the mercury, or use a retort, its too dangerous and could kill you. The press that I use is an old discarded garlic press, this works just fine to recover most of the mercury... *Never attempt to use the garlic press for anything else again...* Place the mercury covered gold in a jar and when you have a pound or so, take it to a refiner to purify it.

\*Specific gravity of what I have found on sect 34 .

Iridium.....	22.6
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*Gold.....	19.3
*Silver.....	10.7
*Copper.....	8.9
Tin.....	7.3
*Magnetite.....	5.2
Brass.....	3.7
*Garnet.....	3.5
*Quartz.....	2.7

Which is heavier an ounce of gold or an ounce of feathers? Feathers of course!!!!

**Which is heavier, an ounce of gold or an ounce of feathers?**

# EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

Clarence Berry came to the ranch one afternoon and got to talking about ranches, how little one could make, and how hard poverty was on his folks.

He had heard that gold was plentiful in Alaska. If he could only get there! He talked Alaska at home, on the streets, and with anyone who would listen to him. He must have gotten his father's consent at last, because the next time we saw him he had made up his mind to go if he could find the money.

His father helped him by selling a forty he had, and Clarence borrowed money from his friends or anyone he thought had it, promising to pay it back with good interest. In a few weeks Clarence had what he thought was enough to take him in to the gold fields.

I think he had an understanding with Ethel that they would be married on his return, though Ethel said nothing to us. Clarence went first to San Francisco and took a boat from there to Seattle, Washington. He was joined there by others who were getting ready to go; they wanted to be ready by the time the next boat left for Skagway by the inland route. A good many left with him; but not all reached Alaska. The only ones I can name are Mr. Keller, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Edgar, and Mr. Clemons. After they left the steamer, they would have to saw their own lumber and make their own boats to carry them and their supplies. I can't tell you of that trip; but it would make a book all on its own, a book which I should like to have.

Clarence and his party pushed ahead until they finally reached Forty Mile. They pitched camp there and spent most of their time prospecting, when they weren't trying to earn some food. Clarence was gone about eighteen months on this trip,

## Ethel Berry Getting to the Big Strike

and we could get news from him about every six months.

He decided there was something to stay in Alaska for; and later, when he returned to Selma, his purpose was clear to all. It was lonely so far from home, and he had come back to get Ethel. On March 10, 1896, they were married at the ranch house, where the two families were gathered. Ethel, like Edith, had chosen gray, a very light shade, which she could wear for traveling after the ceremony. Ethel's wedding was

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### One morning, news was brought into Forty Mile by a miner that a strike had been made above Dawson.

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much larger than Edith's. The tables for the supper filled the parlor. There were no tears at that wedding! It was fun for all. Not a person left until the bride and groom had departed for the train which would take them to San Francisco

This time Fred Berry, Clarence's youngest brother, went with them. Trouble stalked them just as they were about to board their boat for Skagway, as Clarence came down with the mumps and they almost missed the boat. From Skagway they traveled to Dyea, then to Sheep Camp over the Chilkoot Pass; then, crossing the lakes, they reached the Yukon River, which they intended to follow into Forty Mile.

As written, this sounds like a pleasant honeymoon trip; but after the bride reached Seattle, the gray dress was folded away. This is what her trousseau had in it: long heavy underwear, woolen stockings, rubber boots, heavy shoes, and a flannel dress. Quite different from crepe de chine and satin! The trip was hard for a man, but it was worse for a young girl. Every inch of the trip, which took months, was beset with perils. They walked miles and miles over frozen lakes; they had to do all their own work; and the cold was bitter all about them. They had very little money, and when they reached Chilkoot Pass, Clarence had only fifty cents, which he spent for a cap he thought Ethel needed to wear over the frozen lakes. Then he went out in search of more money, as he wanted an Indian to take some of the provisions over the pass for him. All were well and happy by the time they reached their destination. Six months later, we had news from them. They were safe, and Ethel thought it a wonderful adventure. The ice had melted and the rivers were beginning to thaw. They would camp there at Forty Mile for some time; the boys would work, and when the weather was milder they would do some prospecting.

On their trip they had only a tent to sleep under, even on the ice. They carried their own food and cooked it. They would haul or carry their food for about five miles, cache it, and retravel the five miles for another load. This slow, hard work had to be done over and over. When they reached the lakes, a sail was put on the sled so that the wind could help them along.

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*(Continued on page 18) ...see Ethel*



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Shares of gold companies fell Wednesday while gold futures prices touched a near three-week high, lifted by strength in some foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar.

On the Commodities Exchange division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, February gold rose to an intraday high at \$277.50 an ounce, its highest level since Dec. 7. It closed at \$276.90, up \$1. March silver shed 4 cents to \$4.647 an ounce.

Over on the supply end, Comex gold warehouse stocks were unchanged at 1,784,279 ounces as of late Tuesday, and silver stocks were also flat at 94,720,131 ounces.

Meanwhile, March palladium climbed \$5 to \$964 an ounce, while January platinum rose \$2.60 to \$614.50 an ounce.

In other metals news, March copper slipped 1.5 cents to 84.75 an ounce. Early Wednesday, London Metals Exchange warehouse stocks rose 5,200 metric tons to 353,350 metric tons. Late Tuesday, Comex copper stocks fell 195 short tons to stand at 63,292 metric tons.

**Gold shares fall**

On the stock market, the CBOE Gold Index (GOX: news, msgs) fell by 1.3 percent to 30.76, while the Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index (XAU: news, msgs) declined by 0.3 percent to 52.27. Individually, shares of Newmont Mining (NEM: news, msgs) slipped 25 cents to close at \$17.69 and shares of Agnico-Eagle Mines (AEM: news, msgs) fell 6 cents to settle at \$6.13



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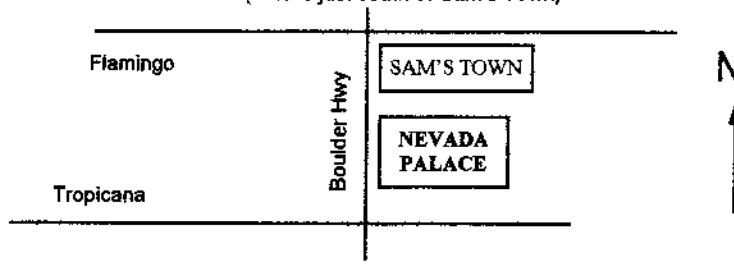
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(Continued from page 7).....*FIND*

studying a current county map showing lot ownership can assist in learning who to approach for getting an O.K. to hunt. Offering a 10% to 50% share in the finds to the landowner helps win approval. A signed, written agreement is a wise item to have.

Before starting to hunt at a new site, it helps to spend some time walking around the area, looking for clues of where people would most likely have gathered years earlier. Try to learn where all the structures (if any) might have been. Are there any signs of out buildings? If hunting an old homestead be sure to use your metal detector where the chicken coop might have been. (People have found hidden caches in such places!) If no structures remain standing, there are still many other clues to look for. Try to find plants or trees which were once cultivated such as rose bushes, fruit trees and especially look for morning glories!

In the 1850s many people planted morning glories around the foundations of their houses. If you discover a rectangular plot of these flowers, dig among them since people normally stored used bottles under their houses for later reuse. Besides bottles and other relics, those old timers might have also hidden a cache or two under their house.

Being able to determine where fence lines were can aid in figuring where a cabin or roadway once was. Look for remains of rotting wood and less dense dirt and you might find fence post holes. Locating a large pile of stones and charred wood is possible proof of what might have been the fireplace. Other signs of human habitation are pottery or dish shards, or pieces of broken bottles. Finding tree stumps or a row of trees (wind breaks) can also help guide you to where a cabin's original site might have been. If the hunt area had mine sites, look for springboard cuts on the tree stumps. This clue could mean that you are close to the mine location. (Springboards were used with the long two man saws prior to the invention of the gas chain saw.) The miners needed lumber to shore mine

shafts, etc. Large trees and garden plots are good hunt sites. Be sure to detect under old rusting cars and farm equipment.

It is important to leave hunt sites in as good or even better shape than you found them. Sometimes by agreeing to clean up a yard or mow some overgrown weeds, the land owner will gladly let you hunt on their property.

Many years before metal detectors were invented some folks were able to successfully recover large amounts of lost treasure by using their minds and senses. Today we have our electronic marvels to help us, but, we still need to do our part by researching, asking the right questions, having patience while trying to locate older, potential hunt sites, and expending needed time, sweat and effort to recover our share of those hidden valuables. By doing some homework and searching hunt sites properly, our hunts for lost treasures can be a much more enjoyable and profitable experience than just finding another pocketful of common change.

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During the war years and later, he traveled the world over. He acquired a large collection of rocks, gems, documents, uniforms and artifacts. He has put all of this on display in seven large trailers which are on his property overlooking the valley.

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(Continued from page 14).....Ethel strike had been made above Dawson. The boys lost no time in getting ready. They broke camp and took Ethel to the Indian graveyard, which was near the Yukon. She was to flag the first boat coming up the river for Dawson. All that the boys took with them was their bedding and short rations of food. They wanted their boat light so that they could make fast time poling up the river. They were hardened to cold and hard work by now. They hoped to reach the mines and get their claims staked before the big rush started. They reached the Klondike and went on foot nineteen miles up the creeks to Eldorado Creek. Lamb staked No. 7; Clarence, No. 6; Joseph No. 4; Keller, No. 6; Phiscator, No. 2; and Mitchel, No. 8. All of these claims proved to be very rich.

When the boats were running, we would get mail from Ethel quite often. She could write the most interesting letters, just pages and pages. Now she wrote of "our" claim and of the gold they expected to take out. Father just wouldn't believe a word of it, when he saw the gold, he said, he would believe it. He would get quite provoked if he heard mother repeating anything

from the letters, saying that he had seen plenty of mines and that there wasn't that much gold in all of California. Ethel wrote to us about all the funny things that happened. She loved to talk to the Indians; they told her she was the first white woman in those parts. They came to see her and greatly admired her clothes, but the one thing they liked most was a small mirror. She traded some of her trinkets for gloves and moccasins.



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