

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada



!Highgrader Newsletter!



NOTICE

- Please, If you have any prospecting related Books, magazines, or articles, bring them to your club Librarian for donation
- November is coming up pretty soon If you would like to nominate someone do it at the November Nomination/ Election!!!

Secretary Minutes As of October 7th, 2009.

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson, NV. On Wednesday, October 7th, 2009. President Nic Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led in Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. 52 people signed in and there were six visitors. A few members said they'd found some gold and passed around their vials containing gold. Next, Fred Zajac made a motion to approve the minutes as published in the Highgrader and Morris Seguin seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dara Thaler gave the Treasurer's Report next. Afterwards it was announced that a request had come in from E.W. Griffiths Elementary school requesting that the GSSN give a demonstration on October 29th, 2009 and volunteers were asked to add their name to the sign-up sheet during the break.

Next, Nic addressed nominations of officers for the upcoming election and asked for volunteers for an election committee. Janet Schelling, Jenny Kilpatrick, Fred Zajac, John Roberts, and Trish Peralta volunteered. Nic asked them to meet with him briefly following the meeting. Nic then asked for nominations and the following were named: Carl Richwine was nominated for President by Fred Zajac and Julio Barea seconded the nomination; Ian Thaler was nominated by Nic Johnson for Vice President and Dennis Johnson seconded the nomination; Dara Thaler was nominated for Treasurer by Bonnie Evelyn and Dolores Gee and Jenny Kilpatrick seconded the nomination; Marcia Richwine was nominated for Membership by Dolores Gee and

Continued on Page 2

Club Officers Of 2009!

President	Nicolas Johnson
Vice President	Carl Richwine
Secretary	Dolores Gee
Treasurer	Dara Thaler
Membership	Marcia Richwine

COMMITTEES

Education	*Fred Zajac*
Outings	*Morris Seguin*
Claims	*Carl Richwine* Dennis Johnson
Librarian	*Dennis Johnson
Newsletter	*Nicolas Johnson*
Webmaster	*Jim Miller*
Audit	*Fred Zajac* John Gee Jake Jakl
Merchandising	*Jeff Harper* Al Kraus Joyce Johnson Bonnie Evelyn
Greeter(s)	Don Adams Jean Davis

* = Head Chairman

INSIDE HIGHGRADER

General Meeting Minutes Continued	2
Board Meeting Minutes	2
Gilded Chocolate Stars	3
Mohave County	4,5
Treasury Report	6
Membership Application	7
General meeting Date	8

If you happen to have anything to sell or looking for a certain prospecting tool please contact @ gssnpres@gmail.com to put in the Newsletter.

!!RAFFLE WINNERS CORNER!!

Kitty Door Prize (\$15.50 back to club) - James McDowell
50/50 (\$18.00) Winner- Janet Schelling

Bucket & Organizer.....Charlotte Foley
Umbrella.....Gene Altobella
Shovel.....Charlotte Foley
Walking Stick.....Jerry Tucker
GSSN mug/Flashlight/Magnifier/CooldannaCasey Thaler
GSSN Mug/Stub Hammer/Snake bite Kit..Randy Huffine
Dust pan & Broom.....Charlotte Foley
GSSN Mug/Bag of Gold.....Janet Schelling

GSSN Mug/Gloves/wipes/Safety Glasses....Fred Desilva
Gem Map.....Chuck Wherry
3 foot Tub.....John Bronstien
10" gold pan W/vial.....Charlotte Foley
12" Blue Keene pan W/vial.....Jeff Harper
14" Blue Keene pan W/vial.....Guy Sears
Gem.....Gene Altobella
Sun Shade.....Wes Lawrence

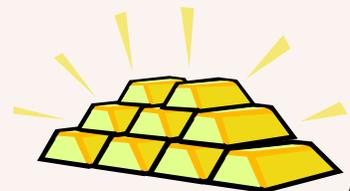
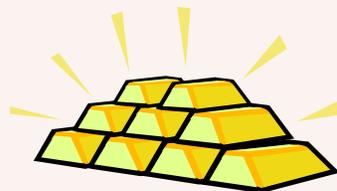
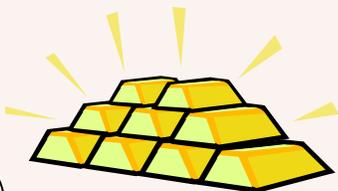
Jenny Kilpatrick seconded the nomination; and Dolores Gee was nominated for Secretary by Dara Thaler and Ruth His-song seconded the nomination. The following people were nominated for committees as follows: Fred Zajac—Education ; Morris Seguin—Outings; Dennis Johnson—Librarian (Who asked for a co-committee person); Dennis Johnson, Al Kraus and Bob Lippens—Claims; Nic Johnson—Newsletter; Jeff Harper—Merchandise; and the Audit Committee (Fred Zajac, John Gee and Jake Jakl) will stay the same. Nominations were then closed and tabled for an agenda item at the next meeting.

Next, Carl Richwine volunteered to work with a committee for the October 16,17,18 Outing and asked for two more volunteers. Morris Seguin said he'd do Outings if people helped out with clean-up. Next, Marcia brought up the Christmas Party scheduled for the first Wednesday in December and said sandwich trays would be provided as well as beverages and asked everyone to bring a dessert.

After a short break Carl Richwine gave two interesting audio/visual presentations on GSSN claims. Then the door Prize was awarded to James McDowell, who contributed the \$15.00 to the club. Charlotte Foley won the 50/50 which amounted to \$18.00 and 17 other raffle prizes were awarded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Board Meeting Minutes!

Executive Board meeting was convened at 7:10 PM. Nicolas Johnson showed samples of certificates for one-year memberships which will be provided to the GPAA and Mo-have clubs as previously approved by the GSSN board. Nic then commented on the clean-up of the claim site (mentioning that anything over 40 years old must remain in place). This will occur in connection with the 9-19-09 Outing. (It was mentioned that about 25 are planning to attend.) Nic then announced that Joyce Johnson had stepped down as GSSN Librarian and her duties as such would be taken over by Dennis Johnson (Who is also on the claims committee). Carl commented on GSSN's application to the IRS for becoming a non-profit corporation and steps taken with the Nevada Secretary of State for incorporating as such. Marcia then gave a report on membership indicating that we had 197 paid-up members as of this month. Structure of dues was then discussed (ie: annually as of January 1st. Of each year as compared with the way we presently have dues each month during the year). Next, Fred (The education committee chairperson) Said he could make a future presentation, as did Carl Richwine. Carl offered to make a presentation on claims at the next meeting and noted that claims are paid up till September 1st, 2010. A 3 day Outing for October 16,17,18 2009. was discussed and will be more fully addressed at the next general membership meeting on October 7th, 2009. Dara commented briefly on the Treasury. Preliminary plans for the Christmas party were briefly discussed (including food to be served and door prizes, etc...). There being no further business, Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dara Thaler. The meeting was so adjourned at 8:15 PM.



October Weekend Outing

We had a great turn out for the October Outing. Campers started arriving Thursday and Friday. Several members not wishing to camp drove in for Saturday's events and some returned for the Metal Detector Contest Sunday. Morris did a great job preparing the meal Saturday Afternoon. The time around the evening campfires gave those who camped during the outing a chance to get aquatinted and talk about their hobby.

Tom Herrold made an excellent presentation on metal detecting. Tom's presentation covered safety-related information, how to organize your gear for comfort, the differences between types of metal detectors and the different types of coils. Tom worked with the members letting them use their own detectors testing them on samples he had prepared. If you were not there, you missed a great all round metal detecting presentation. Thank you Tom for a job well done.

Nicolas Johnson won 1st place in the panning contest Saturday, Mary Ann Prohaska took 2nd place and Doug Parker finished in 3rd place. Sunday the defending champion metal detector Morris Seguin retained his title taking 1st prize, Brian Ingram took 2nd place and Chuck Prohaska finished in third place.

Thank you to all those who helped make the outing a success.

By Carl Richwine
Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.



Pictures took and Provided
by Marcia Richwine

Mohave County

Locate in the northwestern corner of Arizona, Mohave county ranks second among the gold-producing counties of the State, with a total of about 2,461,000 ounces through 1959. More than half of this total came from the lode mines of the San Francisco district. Three other districts have produced more than 10,000 ounces: Wallapai, Weaver, and Gold Basin. All these districts are in the west-central part of the county, an area of mountain ranges and valleys that trend north-northwest.

GOLD BASIN DISTRICT: (Salt Springs) is in the eastern part of the White Hills west of Hualpai wash, 40 miles north of Hackberry and 60 miles north of Kingman. Gold-bearing veins were discovered in the early 1870's, but their development was inhibited by the remoteness of the area and scarcity of fuel and water. Before 1900, however, the district yielded gold ore worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000, most of which came from the Eldorado mine. Production continued to 1920 on a small scale and a period of inactivity from 1920 to 1932 followed. A few mines were reopened from 1932 to 1942, but the district was dormant from 1943 to 1959. Total minimum gold production of the district was about 15,000 ounces, most of which was from lode mines.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT: is near the south end of the Black Mountains about 29 miles by road southwest of Kingman. It includes both the Oatman and the Katherine camps; Gold Road and Union Pass are local names applied to parts of the district. Gold is the principal valuable metal in the ore deposits of this district. Soldiers from Camp Mohave on the Colorado River first discovered gold in the Oatman area in 1863 to 1864, in what is now known as the Moss Vein. Other veins with prominent outcrops were discovered soon after ward. Although some rich ore was taken from a pocket close to the surface in the Moss vein in the first 3 or 4 years, most of the development was discouraging and the Oatman camp was inactive for more than 30 years. The earliest locations in the Katherine area were probably made in the early 1880's. In 1901 good ore was found in shallow shafts on what is now known as the Tom Reed vein, and in 1902 a stampede to the district occurred when rich ore was found in the outcrops of the Gold Road vein. A high level of activity continued through 1924. The district was revived from 1930 through 1942, and produced a maximum of 48,000 ounces in 1936. From 1943 through 1951, activity was sporadic and was carried out on a small scale, and from 1952 through 1959 no production was reported. The total gold production of the district from 1897 through 1951 was about 2,045,400 ounces.

WALLAPAI DISTRICT: Located near the center of the Cerbat Mountains, which extend north-northwestward from Kingman for about 30 miles, the Wallapai district includes the mining camps of Chloride, Mineral Park, Cerbat, and Stockton. Unlike the San Francisco district immediately to the southwest in the Black Mountains, where gold is the principal metal, in the Wallapai district lead-zinc ores are prevalent and silver and gold are chiefly byproducts. Many of the veins in the Cerbat Mountains were discovered in the early 1860's by prospectors in search of precious metals. Chloride, founded in the early 1870's and named from the character of its rich silver ore, was the first settlement in this area. Ores rich in gold and silver yielded a large production in the 1870's, but activity waned when the price of silver began to decline in 1882. Base-metal ores below the oxidized zone apparently were not mined extensively until the completion of the branch railroad from Kingman to Chloride in 1899 (Nolan, in Hewitt and others, 1936, p. 19). Thereafter lead-silver ores were mined and subsequent improvement in milling methods led to exploitation of complex lead-zinc ores. Zinc-lead mining reached its peak from 1915 through 1917 owing to a high metal prices during World War I, declined abruptly after 1917, and thereafter exploitation was confined to veins with a relatively high gold content. Gold production began to increase in 1935 and reached its peak in 1937-38. After 1942, activity declined sharply, and from 1950 through 1956 gold production was less than 100 ounces annually. None was recorded for 1957-59. From 1904 through 1956 the mines of the district produced 125,063 ounces of gold. Dings estimated the value of combined metals produced before 1904 at \$5 million, but the amount of gold represented in this total is unknown.

WEAVER DISTRICT: The Weaver district is in the northern Black Mountains, 10 to 25 miles west and northwest of Chloride. The Mockingbird, Pyramid, and Pilgrim camps are on the eastern slope; the Virginia camp is on the western slope. Gold was discovered in 1904 in the Pilgrim camp; however, miners had found gold as early as 1892 in the Gold Bug camp, several miles north of the Weaver district. Incomplete production records credit the district with about 1,900 ounces of gold before 1932. The period of greatest activity was 1932-42, after which the district declined to the extent that only 138 ounces of gold was reported for 1943-59. Total gold production of the district through 1959 was about 63,200 ounces.

The Article above is from: <http://www.azod.com/GoldProspecting/ARIZONA%20Gold%20History.htm>



GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADAFinancial statement for month of: September 09Balance Forward: 5018.76Bank interest adjustment: 1.16Balance: 5019.92

Income:

Membership Dues: 480.00Raffle: 227.50

Bank Interest: _____

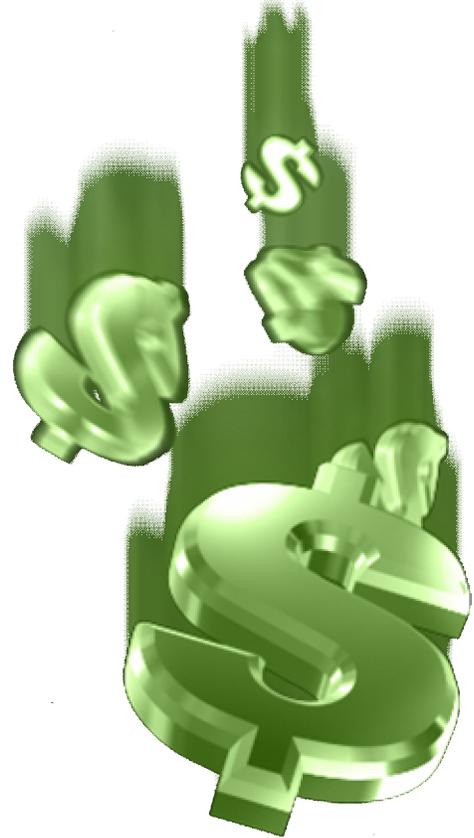
Other: _____

Total Income: 707.50Balance: 5727.42

Expenses:

Rent: 56.00Food: 45.78Raffle Prizes: 63.63Newsletter Printing: 121.61Newsletter Postage: 50.65

Office supplies, postage for

Membership, etc: 62.18Miscellaneous expense: 312.00 LegalTotal Expenses: 705.85Balance: 5021.57Petty cash 100.00Door Prize 5.00Petty Cash balance 95.00Prepared by: *[Signature]* Treasurer, GSSN

Application To : Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

P.O. Box 96732

Las Vegas NV, 89193 – 6732

Phone : (928) 767-3465

Supporting Website:

Www.goldsearcher.com

Please Print Clearly

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail _____

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 _____

CLUBS ONLY FUNCTION IF MEMBERS VOLUNTEER

I/we will volunteer to assist in the areas checked. Please check at least one area.

COMMITEES

- OUTINGS FOOD CLAIMS EDUCATION / TRAINING
- NEWSLETTER MEMBERSHIP WEBSITE LIBRARIAN

ELECTED OFFICES

- PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER MEMBERSHIP

As of January 7, 2009 Dues are payable on the first of the month of 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!

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada
A Non-Profit Corporation
P.O. Box 96732
Las Vegas, NV. 89193

Presorted STD
U.S. Postage
Paid
Las Vegas, NV.
Permit #2007

Postmaster: Dated Material

Current Resident Or Home Owner

Put Bottom of label on this Line here. _____.

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.

November 4th, 2009.

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

Do a little prospecting at our Website!

**!!Supporting Website!!
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.