

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada



Highgrader

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

President—Ian Thaler
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Treasurer—Dara Thaler
Secretary—Dolores Gee
Membership—Steve Christenson



Claims Committee— John Bronstein
Education Committee— Fred Zajac
Librarian / Historian— Larry Clay
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Website J. Miller
Newsletter - Ian Thaler and Dara Thaler

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OUTTINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>Don't forget, the Gold Show is right around the corner in April, and we plan to have a big turnout this year. With all of the TV programming about gold prospecting, there should be a lot of interested people wandering the halls of the show. We are looking for anyone interested in working the GSSN booth to help promote the club. Please email the President if you are interested via the GSSN website.</p>	<p>A 2 day outing is planned for February 26th and 27th at our new claim in Pahrump. Guy Sears volunteered to be the chef of the day on Saturday, cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, and Ian will be the chef on Sunday. Food will be provided by the club, but a dish to pass is always welcome and appreciated. There is overnight camping space available. Check with the BLM for campfire restrictions closer to the date of the outing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come for the fun And find the Gold!</p>

GSSN NOTICE
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday March 2, 2011 6:30 PM</p> <p>425 East Van Wagenen Henderson NV 89002</p> <p>www.goldsearcher.com</p>



Raffle Winners

50/50 Pam Goulder
Door Prize—Fred Zajac

Pick hammer.....	Tom Gonzales	22 Piece Screwdriver set.....	Lora Tinker
Bucket Organizer.....	John Anderson	Big green gold pan.....	Robin Ritchie
Straw Hat.....	Mac Clellan	Large wash pan.....	John Anderson
Placer Gold book.....	Jerry Lucas	Gold Magnet.....	Bill Reeves
Handy bag and shovel.....	Rick Young	Cooler Bag.....	AJ Myles
3KED headlamp.....	Phyllis Harding	Magnifier loop.....	Pam Goulder
Blanket.....	Robin Ritchie		
Softwater filter.....	Melinda Woolman		
Chocolates.....	Mary Orzoff		
Knee Pads.....	Melissa Sandulak		
Walking stick w/compass.....	Fred Hissong		
Small black pan w/gold.....	Frank Alba		
Magnifier loop.....	Doug Parker		
Chocolates.....	Rose Marteeny		

Minutes from the February 2, 2011 Meeting

On Wednesday February 2, 2011, the GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV. The meeting was called to order by President Ian Thaler at 6:35 PM; he led in pledging allegiance to the flag. 67 people signed in and there were 11 visitors. Ian asked who had gone to the last outing and thanked those who came and who helped out. A few people indicated they'd found some gold. Next, Fred Zajac made a motion to change our bylaws indicating that we intend to enhance our bylaws and adopt same as presented to the secretary at the beginning of the meeting. Morris Seguin seconded the motion. The Secretary, Dolores Gee, then read the revised bylaws after which Ian commented on the process of implementation of these revisions. There was a brief Q & A and the matter will proceed to the next step (the Treasurer, Dara, has the original and revised bylaws and will ensure proper continuity of the process to revise the bylaws).

Ian then said Rick Kasky from Desert Outfitters was in attendance and had merchandise available for sale. He thanked Desert Outfitters and Softwater Specialists (represented by Mary Orzoff) for their donations to the raffle. Next Dara gave the Treasurer's Report - followed by Fred Zajac reporting that the Audit Committee had met in January (which meeting had been postponed from December 2010) and the audit resulted in reconciliation of finances right to the penny. Ian then told the group about a trailer that had been retrieved from Mrs. Shiroky. Fred suggested scraping it & Jake made a motion to put it on Craig's List. At this point Alan Shook made a motion to scrap the trailer but amended his motion to say that it be posted for sale on Craig's List, the Nifty Nickle, and the Recycler and if at the end of 2 wks it doesn't sell, then it be scrapped. Fred seconded the motion. Ian (along with George Neiderreiter and John Roberts) meanwhile will look into the matter of disposing of it. After a brief discussion, the vote was in favor with one nay vote.

Next Ian suggested that a 2-day outing be planned for Saturday/Sunday (February 26 & 27) at our Johnnie claim in Pah-rump. Frank Calhoun will take stuff including the new stove to the outing on Sat., Feb. 26th. Guy Sears said oversee the grilling on Saturday & Ian will be grill master on Sunday, Feb. 27th. Hot dogs & hamburgers will be provided by the club, and people offered to bring baked beans, desserts, etc. Details will be finalized. Fred put this suggestion in the form of a motion, which was seconded by George, and after some discussion the voting was in favor of approving the motion and it was so carried. At 7:10 PM during a 20-minute break Jake Jakl demonstrated the "Cube" and then the meeting resumed. A member mentioned that On Feb. 28th the GPAA has a meeting scheduled for 6PM during which a rep from the BLM will make a presentation on claims. The address is: 1601 East Washington in Las Vegas, All are welcome. Then Larry Clay (our librarian) suggested people check out our website - he'll bring in books, dvds, etc. for those wishing to check out library materials. Next the raffle was held. Winners were:

50/50 (\$32.50) was won by Pam Goulder. The quarter kitty door prize of \$15.26 was won by Fred Zajac.

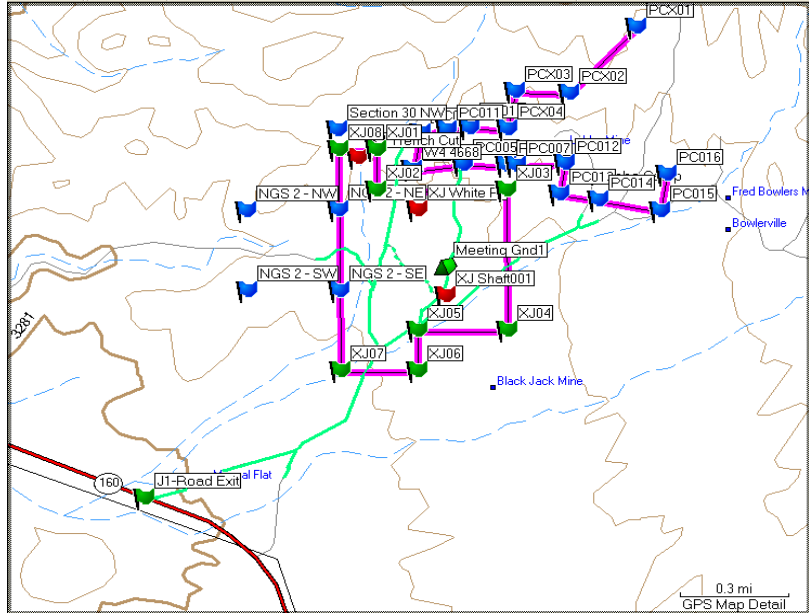
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| 1. pick hammer: Tom Gonzales | 11. knee pads: Melissa Sandulak | |
| 2. bucket organizer: John Anderson | 12. walking stick w/compass: Fred Hissong | |
| 3. straw hat: Mak McClellan | 13. small black pan w/gold: Frank Alba | |
| 4. placer gold book: Jerry Lucas | 14. magnifier/loupe: Doug Parker | |
| 5. handy bag & shovel: Rick Young | 15. chocolates: Rose Marteeny | |
| 6. green pan: Teresa Weir | 16. 22-pc. screwdriver set: Lara Tinker | |
| 7. 3LED headlamp: Phyllis Harding | 17. big green gold pan: Robin Ritchie | |
| 8. blanket: Robin Ritchie | 18. lg. wash pan: John Anderson | |
| 9. softwater filter: Melinda Woolman | 19. gold magnet: Bill Reeves | 20. cooler bag: A J Myles |
| 10. chocolates: Mary Orzoff of Softwater Specialists (702)870-2935 | 21. magnifier: Pam Goulder | |

At 7:55 PM Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Shook seconded. Meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee
Secretary
February 3, 2011

OUTING INFORMATION

The outing will be held at our new claim in Pahrump. This outing will be a two-day event. Please email the President to let us know you will be attending, how many days you plan to attend, and how many plan to attend. Also, it is a bit too early to tell what the weather is going to be like, but should we have bad weather, we will plan a rain date. As of last week, the BLM gave the OK for camp fires as long as they are in an approved fire pit built to their specifications. You can email the BLM via their website for current burn restrictions at: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en.html> Copy and paste this link to your browser to get to the BLM site. For those not familiar with this map, Pahrump is about 10 miles to the south on Hwy 160 (Shown). Hwy 95 is about 10 miles to the north (Not Shown).



Classified Ads

The Gold searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. is selling T-Shirts.. If you would like a T-Shirt, please contact Al Kraus, head of Merchandise. We have sizes small to XXL. The club is also looking into purchasing more sizes, if you need a size we do not have let us know and we will put it on the order sheet.

If you are a current member of the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. and would like to place an ad in the newsletter for 6 months it is free of charge. For non members, the fee for 6 months is \$20.00. Send a photo if you want that included.

GOLD MINER GOLD WHEEL SPIRAL PANNER
 12" diameter wheel, water volume from spray bar is adjustable. Easy set up. Stores in a 20" X 15" x 13" carrying case which is also the water tub. New Pump \$175.00 call Mike Collins @ 702-338-1367

GOLD BUDDY RE-CIRCULATING MINI HIGHBANKER
 Top Classifier box is 7" X 20" X 4"
 Sluice is 7" X 24" Water tub and tailings bucket are included. Needs 750 gph pump \$275.00 call mike Collins @702-338-1367

GSSN CLUB TRAILER IS FOR SALE
 Late 60's early 70's Chevy truck bed trailer. Heavy duty top. Could use new tires, sh...al. Asking price for members **SOLD** proceeds benefit the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada.



Proposed by law change February 2, 2011

Article 1: Name

- A. The name of the organization shall be "Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc."
- B. The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc is organized as a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Nevada Corporation exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, more specifically to educate its members others about prospecting for gold and other precious minerals.

Article 2: Objectives

- A. To protect the rights given us under the Mining Law of 1872.
- B. To educate, exchange information and knowledge in prospecting, milling, mining safety, and operating a small mining organization.
- C. To obtain enjoyment and success from prospecting potential mineral bearing areas.
- D. To locate, lease and/or purchase claims for the use of the organization.
- E. To exchange ideas with other like or similar organizations.

Article 3: Membership

- A. Any individual eighteen (18) years of age **or older**, wishing to participate in and further the objectives of the organization is eligible for membership.
- B. Members will be required to pay the annual dues which are set by the organization.
- C. Each member in good standing shall have one (1) vote in matters voted upon at the general meetings.
- D. Non members or guests may attend a maximum of two meetings and/or one outing prior to joining. Any person exceeding these limits during a calendar year may be asked to leave any meeting and/or Outing by any officer.
- E. To be considered a member in good standing, to retain voting privileges and use the organization's claim's the annual dues shall be paid up to date. After a 30-day grace period, all privileges will be suspended.
- F. After a ~~90-day~~ **60-day** grace period, a member will be removed from the organization's membership and shall pay a new membership fee to rejoin.

Article 4: Meetings and Quorum

- A. There shall be at least one (1) General meeting each month.
- B. The general meeting in November shall be designated as the annual meeting at which time the election of Officers shall be held.
- C. A quorum for the general meeting of the organization, for the transaction of business, shall be ten percent (10 %) **minimum** of the membership in good standing.
- D. The executive committee shall designate the time and place for the general meeting and the executive meetings.
- E. Any officer who misses three (3) consecutive meetings (without approval of the executive board) may be considered for removal from office.

Article 5: Officers and Duties of Officers

- A. All officers shall be "members in good standing" and shall remain so during their terms of office.
- B. The elected officers of the organization shall consist of the President, Vice President at least one (1) Secretary, at least one (1) Treasurer and **(1) Membership Officer**.
- C. Additional elected officers of the organization may be created by the executive committee, as the need arises.
- D. The President shall be the executive officer of the organization and shall preside at all meetings of the Organization. He/she shall recommend committee chairpersons to the executive committee for appointment.
- E. The Vice President shall preside at all meeting of the organization when the President is absent. He/she Shall carry out the duties as appointed by the President.
- F. The Secretary shall take the minutes at all general meetings and executive committee meetings. He/she shall be the holder of the Corporate Minutes Book and Seal.
- G. The Treasurer shall receive all the funds of the organization and disburse only such funds as are \ authorized by the executive committee. He/she shall be present at all audits of the books.

- H. The President, with the approval of the executive committee, shall be authorized to assign other duties to officers as may be deemed necessary from time to time.
- I. The Membership officer is the point of contact for implementing methods to attract new members to the Organization.

Article 6: election of Officers

- A. Nominations for the election of officers shall be declared open at the October general meeting, with the Election taking place at the November general meeting. Nominations may be made by any member, in good standing at such meeting. Any member in good standing may be nominated or appointed to any office. No member may be appointed for or appointed to any office with or without his or her consent. **No member may be nominated for, or appointed to any office without his or her consent.** The names of the nominees for each respective office shall be published in the organization's newsletter following such meeting.
- B. An election/nominating committee of not less than three (3) members, none of whom shall be a candidate for election, shall volunteer or be appointed by the executive committee to supervise and conduct the election.
- C. After any nominations have been made from the floor, a motion shall be in order to cast a majority ballot for all non-contested offices: after such motion has been made, seconded, and passed, such nominees shall be declared duly elected. Contested offices shall then be elected by written ballot.
- D. No elected officer may hold the same office for more than two and a half (2 1/2) terms. However, he/she may run for a different office, if so desired, at the end of the two and a half (2 1/2) terms.
- E. If any office is declared vacant for any reason, the President, with the approval of the executive board, shall appoint another officer to carry out the duties until an election can be held to fill the vacancy.
- F. All records shall be transferred to newly elected officers during the month of December. Names of signers on the bank accounts shall be changed in December. Newly elected officers will take office January 1st.

Article 7: Committees, Positions, Standing and Others

- A. The executive committee shall consist of all elected officers.
- B. The board shall consist of the executive committee and the chairperson of all standing committees. The Minutes of its **general** meetings are the official record of the board/**club** and shall be published in the Newsletter. **Executive committee meeting minutes are kept in record of file for Executive committee member only, and will not be published in the newsletter.**
- C. The standing committees shall be:
 1. The Executive Committee
 2. The newsletter Committee
 3. The claims committee
 4. The outing committee
 5. The library committee
 6. The education committee
 7. The webmaster committee
 8. The Audit committee
 9. **The merchandise committee**
 1. The executive committee shall conduct the affairs of the organization between its regularly scheduled meetings.
 2. The Newsletter committee shall consist of the editor and an assistant as needed. The editor shall be responsible for the publication and mailings of the newsletter in a timely fashion.
 3. The claims committee shall be responsible for the proper marking of all the claims, filing of all claims and mapping of all claims for the organization's use.
 4. The outing committee shall be responsible for the researching and arranging of outings for the organization.
 5. The library committee shall be responsible for keeping all soft goods, books, videos, tapes maps and other material belonging to the organization and making this available for the use of the members. The Librarian shall also act a historian for the records.
 6. The Education committee shall coordinate education activities of the organization.
 7. The webmaster committee shall update and maintain the organization's website.
 8. The audit committee shall be responsible for conducting audits of the organization and will meet semi-annually. **The audit committee will be appointed by the President at the time of the scheduled audit, and shall be responsible for conducting audits of the organization and meet annually.**

9. The President will appoint other committees from time to time for specific purposes.
10. The merchandise committee will be responsible for the handling and selling of merchandise for the club.

D. Positions

1. Newsletter Editor
2. Librarian
3. Webmaster

1. The newsletter editor will be responsible for the formatting of the club newsletter,
2. The librarian will be responsible for the club media
3. The webmaster will be responsible for the club website.

Article 8 Amendments to the Bylaws

- A. A motion to amend the Bylaws may be made by any member in good standing at any general meeting. A written copy of the proposed amendment must be presented to the secretary prior to the start of the meeting. The proposal must be seconded. The proposed amendment must be published in the newsletter prior to the next general meeting. At the next general meeting after publication, the proposed amendment shall be discussed under "New Business". The final form of the amendment must be published in the next edition of the newsletter and the President shall place the proposed amendment on the next agenda for the next meeting. It shall be taken up in "old Business" and requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at such meeting. If adopted, it shall become effective immediately.
- B. The executive committee may introduce any amendments as a group, and cause the editor to publish the first draft of such proposed change. The amendment procedure will then proceed as though submitted by an individual member, as fully described in section "A" above.

Article 9: Parliamentary Guidance

- A. Robert's Rules of Order are hereby adopted for Parliamentary usage at the meetings of the organization.

Article 10: Dissolution of Organization

- A. Any member may make a motion to dissolve the Corporation at any general meeting of the organization. If such a motion is made, seconded and passed, it will be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at the next general meeting of the organization under "New Business." Announcement that such a motion has been made shall be published in the newsletter.
- B. The motion to dissolve the Corporation will then be acted on at the next general meeting under "New Business." If two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing approve the motion to dissolve, the audit committee shall then meet and perform an audit to verify the remaining balance in the treasury. The audit committee shall research and submit the names of at least two (2) non-profit educational organizations which support mining and individual mining rights in Nevada.
- C. All assets of the Corporation shall be liquidated at reasonable value and the funds shall be added to the treasury.
- D. The executive committee shall select those organizations from the ones submitted by the audit committee and determine the amount each is to receive.
- E. At the next general meeting, the report of the audit committee shall be presented immediately after the President's opening remarks. The members present shall discuss the report and modify it or adopt it as recommended by a simple majority vote.
- F. The Treasurer shall ballot a sufficient sum to pay all authorized and outstanding bills and report the balance in the treasury. The President will then call for an immediate vote on the dissolution of the corporation. A vote of greater than three-quarters (3/4) of the members in good standing shall be necessary for the dissolution. If the vote to dissolve is passed, it shall become effective immediately, and the treasurer shall write and post the amounts in the designated percentages for the educational groups as voted upon by the executive committee. This action shall deplete the treasury to a zero balance, checking account to be closed and the Corporation shall be considered dissolved.
- G. Notification of dissolution is to be sent to the "Secretary of State of the State of Nevada."

Article 11: Code of Ethics

- A. Respect the rights of all members at meetings and activities. Those failing to be respectful of other will be asked to leave the meeting or activity.
- B. Before search or prospecting sites or lands, always check on laws, ordinances or regulation that govern your search area.

- C. NEVER trespass! Always get permission when searching or prospecting on private land.
- D. Never leave open holes. Try to leave the area as it was. Fill in and or level your prospecting holes and piles. Leave flora and fauna alone. Anyone not filling in their holes when detecting or dry washing will be banned from club claims.
- E. Report the discovery of any item of significant historical value to the local historian or museum.
- F. If you discover live ammo, explosives, detonators, or lethal objects. DO NOT touch it. Mark the site and notify the police at once.
- G. Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your activities. You are an Ambassador of the club and a pastime we want to protect. We will be judged by how we act and respond.
- H. Do not litter! Pick up your trash and some extra. Please. You are an Ambassador of the club, and we want to protect our being able to search for gold without negativity from other who will judge us by and how we act and respond.
- I. All gold found on our claims belongs to the finder.
- J. Access to the claims is on first come, first serve basis. There are no reserved location. Leave a ten-foot space between you and the next member when any members are present and working the same area.

Amendment of By-Laws;

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the Directors or voting members present at a regular meeting or special meeting of the Board or member, respectively, at least thirty (30) days written notice is given of the intention to alter, amend, or repeal, or to adopt new bylaws at such meeting. Such notice shall include the proposed changes.

This item is not a By-Law amendment! This item explains how to read the proposed By-Law amendments.

Amendments to the By-Laws will be read in this newsletter as follows: Underlined items are currently existing bylaws and are proposed for changes. Items in Red are the proposed changes or additions.

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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

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!