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Elections at April 5 Meeting

Mark your calendar for the April 5th meeting at the Nevada Palace for the 2000 GSSN Executive Board Elections. There are two people running for Club President, Sam Johnson and Frank Mahoney. Your vote is impor-

tant to the Club and it really does count.

Also, the door prizes are being improved this month as there will be three large nuggets included in this month's door prize drawing. These nuggets will be a great addition to

your collection! See you there!

Three Large Nuggets Added As Door Prize Raffle Selections For April Meeting



As usual there was a great lunch for all prospectors in attendance. A special thanks to President Doug and Susie that graciously provides this meal for the club.

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GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

APRIL	5	GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING (ELECTION NIGHT)
APRIL	12	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
APRIL	15	OUTING AT SEC. 34 CLAIM
MAY	13&14	WILLIE OUTING SEC. 28 CLAIM
MAY	20&21	GPAA GOLD SHOW AT PRIMM
JUNE	24	OUTING PAHRUMP CLAIM



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since the elections are in April, I want to thank everyone who has assisted me in my position in the Club over the years. I have seen the Club grow to an organization of almost 500 members. This phenomenal growth would not have been possible without support from dedicated volunteers. Please support your Club and consider volunteering a small amount of time. It will go a long way. Thank you, *Doug*

GENERAL MEETING**March 1, 2000**

The March general meeting was called to order by President Doug Parker at 7:00 PM.

Doug welcomed 130 members, new members, and guests to the meeting.

Doug gave the following announcements: Donna Schorn our Treasurer is in the hospital being treated for cancer. A collection was taken to help her. There were no nuggets for the drawing, because Donna had recently moved and hadn't unpacked yet. Lailani LeClerc our secretary has a serious mouth infection, and could not be at the meeting. Lorna filled in for her.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as printed in the Highgrader. There was no treasurer report.

Roland LeClerc announced a fish fry at St. Peters Church in Henderson on March 8. He also asked for help getting our outing trailer to Willie Byron's to load items he has, and then to have it painted, and it will be ready for our outings.

Elections for club officers will be held at the April meeting. Nominated for President, and Vice president are Sam Johnson and Frank Mahoney, for secretary Bridget Pope, and for treas-

urer Susan Benge.

Dan Green told us that 12,600 students have toured the McCaw School of Mines. He thanked all the club members who have been helping, but said they needed much more help. He also said that we have been having a lot of good response's at our web site. James Berry found us, and liked us, so he donated a lot of prospecting items that was auctioned off at the meeting. Dan sent him a nice letter thanking him. The auction netted \$98.00.

Greg Olson announced that we have our own web site. He was hosting our site on his server in the past. Our Internet address is (www.goldsearchers.com). Greg designed and developed the entire web site for the Club. It is quite large and fancy. Everyone should take a look at this site.

The February outing was a great success. Yvonne and Brad Fine, found 3 real nice nuggets. Ron Caldwell took pictures and displayed them at our meeting.

Louigi Lopresto and Bill Tontsch have 20 acres for sale in section 3 at King Tut. Doug assigned Ron & Lorna Caldwell, Sam Johnson, Gordon Eggeleston, and Doug Roberts, along with Louigi to check out the area.

A sign up sheet for the overnight may field trip to

section 28 was sent so the club will know how much food to buy. It will be available at the April meeting.

A video of the GPAA gold show taped at King Tut was shown and the second half will be shown at a later meeting. It will also be available in the club library.

Steve Herbs, and Russell Detectors donated several books for our library. The metal detector was also checked out. Willie and Mort donated a practice bag of gold and sand for the Gold Pick Award.

Drawings: Bob Burton- Gold Pick Award, Doug Roberts- Lantern, Canteen, and egg box, Vern Erps- belly pack, Henry Leighton- first aid kit, Sam Johnson- Classifier, Dixie Dooley- Compass, Susan Benge- search light, Yvonne Fine- rain coat, Harry Wright- water jug, Larry Nentstiel- magnet, Rod Hoffman- spade, Ron Woods- pick, Jerry Summer- scoop, Becky Smith- pouch, Richard Carlson- stove, Gus Lagerstrom- pancho, Melissa Olsen- shovel, Boo Co- headphones, Bud Keas- saw, Jack Hurley- camp pan set.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

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McCaw School of Mines

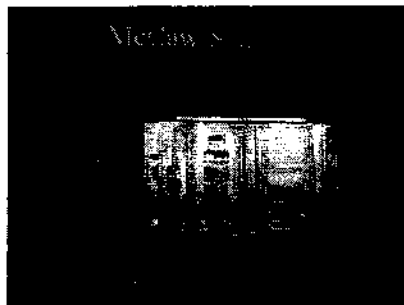
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BOARD MEETING January 12, 2000

The Board Meeting was abbreviated this month as all board members were on vacation, except for Greg Olson who was the only Board Member in attendance.

Others attending the meeting were Sam Johnson, Willie Biron, Mort LeMonde, Don Adams and Briget Pope.



McCaw School opening new wing
 Photo courtesy of Mimi Peckham

McCaw School Opens New Section

The McCaw School of Mines started as a paper-mache model of a mine tunnel built into the corner of a classroom. Teachers Janet Bremer and Rick Rogers were instructing a course on Nevada mining and felt the model would give fourth-grade students a glimpse of what it might be like to really be in a mine. The Gordon McCaw Elementary School staff met, discussed the idea and then decided to "think big." As a result of this enthusiasm, within three years stands the McCaw School in Henderson. The school is named after the late Gordon McCaw, born and raised on a sheep station in South Wales, Australia. His father was killed and his mother and family of six moved to Sydney. Unfortunately, it was there that his mother lost a leg in a streetcar accident and McCaw and his oldest brother left school to help support the family. Some of his mother's family had moved to the United States (Nevada to be exact) and the uncle for whom McCaw was named brought McCaw to the United States while in his early 20s. He completed high school in Battle Mountain with Dorothy Kinneberg who was a teacher there. McCaw became interested in mining because of her husband, Andrew Kinneberg who operated gold, silver and copper mines in Nevada. McCaw attended the University of Nevada, Reno, where he obtained his teaching degree. McCaw eventually came to Henderson when the BMI plant was first built. McCaw was proud of his Kinneberg cousins in the mining industry as well as their sons; so the legacy continues with education and mining at Henderson's McCaw School of Mines. Thousands of students have visited the McCaw School of Mines and volunteers help with five field trips a week.

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DRYWASHING FOR GOLD

Drywashing is a dry process method for recovering gold. It is a mechanical method used to separate gold from dry dirt or gravel. This method of gold recovery was first introduced to the prospecting community around the early 1920's. Today, drywashing for gold is particularly popular in desert regions where water sources are scarce or non-existent.

TYPES OF DRYWASHERS

Two basic drywasher design concepts have been developed through the years. Although many varieties of drywashers exist, most drywashers fall into one of the two following categories:

The bellows type drywasher and the vibrostatic, or blower type drywasher.

Bellows type drywashers are most commonly operated by hand (using a crank or lever) or are driven with an electric motor. Vibrostatic drywashers are powered, almost exclusively, by a blower assembly attached to a gasoline engine.

BASIC ANATOMY OF A DRYWASHER

Before understanding how a drywasher works, one should become familiar with the basic anatomy of a drywasher. There are four basic components to all drywashers:

1. The hopper;
2. The riffle tray;
- 3 A method for compressing or blowing air;
4. The frame.

THE HOPPER

The top portion of a drywasher is known as a hopper. The hopper

usually consists of a box covered with a wire mesh or extruded metal screen. This screen is commonly referred to as a "grizzly".

THE RIFFLE TRAY

The mid section of all drywashers consists of a riffle tray assembly. The riffle tray is a frame that houses a series of riffles and often looks similar to a sluice box. The underneath side of the riffle tray consists of a piece of stretched cloth or other porous material; allowing air to pass-through the bottom of the riffle tray.

A METHOD FOR COMPRESSING OR BLOWING AIR

How the lower portion of a drywasher is designed can vary depending on the type of drywasher in question. On a bellows type drywasher, the lower assembly usually consists of a bellow. The bellow can be operated manually (with a lever or hand crank) or with the aid of an electric motor or gasoline engine. On a vibrostatic or blower type drywasher, the lower portion of the machine usually consists of a box into which compressed air is forced. Typically, a blower assembly driven by a gasoline engine is used as a source of compressed air for vibrostatic blower type drywashers.

THE FRAME

On almost all drywashers, the hopper and riffle tray are supported by a free-standing frame.

HOW A DRYWASHER WORKS

Dry, gold-bearing material is fed onto the grizzly screen, usually with the aid of a shovel or bucket. The thinner material, such as dirt and small gravel, falls-through the griz-

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Golden Tid Bits

It was found on the web Scientist in the state of N. J. using a electron accelerator created a small piece of gold by accident, giving way to the newest theory on how and where gold came from. The new theory is that a Sun ran out of hydrogen and exploded sending this dense matter out into space, and while the earth was young and still hot, collecting matter, that this matter was re-deposited into the matter on the earth. This makes more sense than any theory, past given by anyone, ("It is well known that one can test all soil on the earth and will find a small amount of gold in each square foot of dirt") Here's another tid bit found on the net recently

caves and shafts were found unearthed in Africa, and it was determined that these shafts were dug over thirty thousand years ago. It was also determined that who ever dug it was taking gold out of it. My question to anyone is what the world did they use it for. Since this predated the age when man learned how to work with metal. Or is current history wrong? You decide. Be on the look-out this golden colored stuff might pop up when you least expect it to.

What will the future bring? Cartoons show us hovering above the ground in our cars. If we can do this, can we create gold in a lab?

MEETING

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 SECOND 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 SECOND 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 NUMBER : 393-GOLD (-4653)

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APRIL 2000

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Ess, Ken & Barb
Garza, Sigifredo
Nee, James & Carol
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Woodward, Todd
Hull, Robert
Melton, Robert
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McCachren, Ron & Elizabeth
Arola, John
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Cathcart, Joe
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Denton, Ada
Stratton, H. Allen & Frances
Rosemark, Ed & Linda
Blair, Michael
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Leissa, Denny
Pooler, Bruce & Sam

Headman, Deloris
Gordon, Clifford
Richards, Mike & Linda
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MARCH 2000

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Longshore, Robert & Mona
Lavryk, Joseph
Della Gagna, Domenick
Cook, Tuffy & Rhonda
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Metzger, Harold & Nancy
Manning, Bill
Caldaro, Benedict
Thompson, JT
Banegas, Alex & Kathy
Kay, Clark & Jane

TWO MONTHS

FEBRUARY 2000

Howard, Tom

THREE MONTHS

JANUARY 2000

Osborne, Leonard

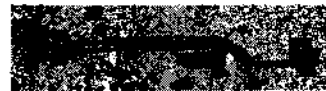
If you know any of these members, please encourage them to send in their renewal as soon as possible.

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The Properties of Gold

Gold is a very heavy yellow metal. It has a specific gravity of 19.3 which means a quart of gold would weigh 19.3 times as much as a quart of water. As a comparison, lead has a specific gravity of about 11 so gold is almost twice as heavy as lead.

Gold is resistant to most naturally occurring chemicals so it doesn't tarnish and it is never destroyed.

Gold is very malleable and ductile. It can be hammered so thin that 250,000 sheets would make a stack one inch high.

One ounce can be drawn into a wire thirty five miles long.

Gold is never found pure in nature. It is usually alloyed with copper, silver and/or platinum.

So how do I know if the stuff in my pan is gold?

By its weight - If your panning technique is correct, the gold will be found at the bottom of the pan. When you gently swirl water around in your pan, gold acts differently than the other material. It won't move as easily as the other stuff.

By its appearance - Be-

cause gold doesn't have much of a crystalline structure, it doesn't really sparkle or glitter - it shines. It looks the same in the sunlight or in the shade.

If in doubt, whack it with a hammer. If it flattens, it is probably gold. If it shatters, it isn't.

This is not recommended. You can drop a specimen into some nitric acid. If it doesn't react, it is probably gold. If it does, it isn't. Nitric acid is dangerous if it gets on you or you breath the fumes. Be sure you know proper handling procedures.

Once you actually see gold in your pan a couple times, you won't have any trouble identifying it again.

One other thing to keep in mind. Due to past mining

operations, some or all of the gold in certain streams may be coated with mercury. If you see some material in your pan that "acts" like gold but is a bright silver color, it is probably mercury coated gold.

Do not mix mercury coated gold with your other gold because the mercury will rub off and contaminate your clean gold. The easiest way to get rid of the mercury is to heat it on a camp stove outside and downwind from any humans, animals or structures. Heat in a metal cup that you will never, ever use for any thing else. Mercury is dangerous if it gets in you, on you or you breath the fumes.



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Drywashers

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zly screen and into the hopper. Larger material, such as rocks and sticks, rolls-off the grizzly and back onto the ground.

Material from the hopper is then fed by gravity into the riffle tray, through an opening in the bottom of the hopper. The rate of flow from the hopper to the riffle tray is usually regulated by an adjustable door or shutter on the bottom of the hopper.

As the material flows across the riffles, air is blown through the bottom of the riffle tray. Lighter material is kept in a state of suspension; riding on a cushion of air until the material eventually leaves the riffle tray. Heavier material (such as gold) is not lifted by the air and gets trapped by the riffles.

DRYWASHING ADVANTAGES

Drywashing is one of the fastest methods for recovering gold from dry material. Operating a drywasher can be a good form of physical exercise. Drywashers can be "home-built" very economically; reducing initial capital investment while increasing the enjoyment gained from recreational gold prospecting.

DRYWASHING DISADVANTAGES

Weather conditions such as wind or rain can greatly effect the operation of a drywasher. They can be used effectively only if the ground is almost completely dry. In some cases, drywashers can be "bulky" and difficult to transport. Operating a drywasher can be a "dirty job"; as most drywashers generate a great deal of airborne dust and dirt when in use. Gasoline powered drywashers may be quite loud. They also require a certain amount of maintenance and are prone to frequent mechanical failures.

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of Southern Nevada?*

It is a local, non profit, Las Vegas Club comprised of members from all walks of humanity. Be it young "Greenhorns" or "Seasoned Prospectors." Some members are experts in such fields as Geology, Mineralogy, and even Mine Engineering. Some are Couchpotatologists. But most of all, members have a common love of their freedom to explore the "Great Outdoors."

GOLD FEVER spurs a lot of us to get out and extract enjoyment out of our mother earth, and learn more about her hidden wealth. There's a wealth of knowledge to be obtained, and friendships to be made. Lest we forget, the wealth of excitement in finding that beautiful, yellowish metal called **GOLD!**

Though finding **GOLD** is not our sole priority (we do public service for the mining industry, such as teaching scouts, and public school

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students how to pan gold), it is, however a lot of what we are about.

We are a fun-loving bunch that welcomes new members, and we gather together on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45 PM, at NEVADA PALACE HOTEL AND CASINO, 5255 S. Boulder Highway,

Las Vegas We voice our opinions as one on such matters as land use, and mining laws. Also, to help others who have become aware of our recreation or livelihood. We teach how to use mineral rights without abusing them, and work to protect our rights to continue in our prospecting interests. The majority of our members own a Metal Detector. Our Club plans field trips where such an instrument could help unearth that precious metal. Others in our Club put more trust into known gold extracting equipment, such as Dry Washers or Recirculating Sluices. Some of their equipment is handmade, and some of it is store bought. Being in a local Club, such as ours, can help you to see and use a variety of mining equipment first hand in a location known to produce **GOLD.**

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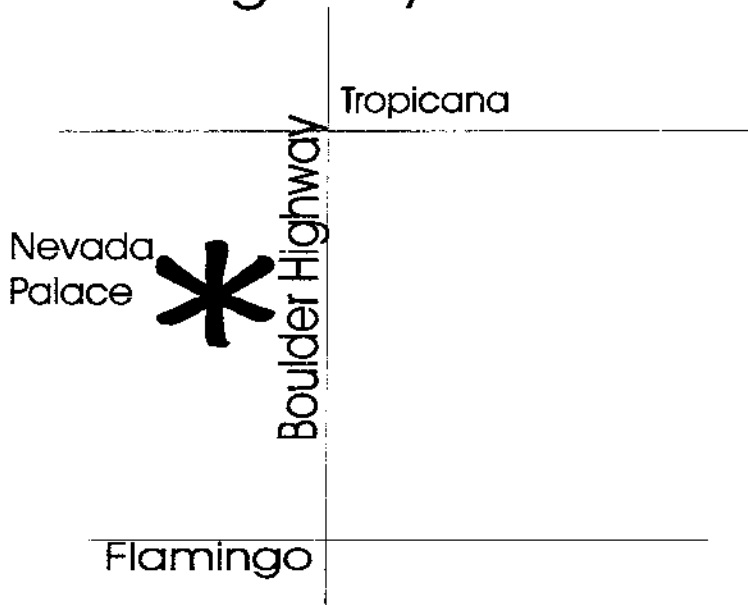
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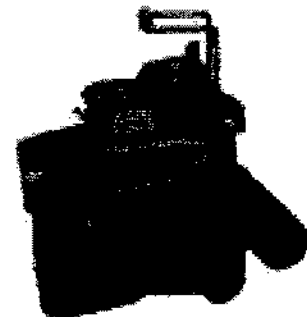
NEW GIANT HOPPER: The new improved larger hopper has more holding capacity and steeper sides that eliminate material build up. New clip design quick connectors that suspend

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A Note To Our Guests And Potential Fellow Prospectors

What's gold prospecting all about anyway? Simple. One day a guy goes out along the creek or a river, and he sees someone squatting down by the water. The guy will be twirling a pan around with a bunch of dirt and rocks in it. You watch as the rocks go out one by one, then the small gravel, then the dirt, and finally, as you peek over the guy's shoulder, you notice that there's just some old black colored sand left in the pan. But then, all of a sudden, there's this glitter in amongst the black, and you realize this guy has found some real gold. Now you are all excited, and ask if the guy will let you try. It's not as easy as he made it look. There must be some tricks to this panning thing. Anyway, you finally get down to the black sand, and there in the bottom of the pan is a picker size piece of gold. The guy who let you use his pan says he hasn't found one that big all summer, but you can barely hear him. You see, you have been bitten by the gold bug, and in that instant, you are under the control of gold fever. You'll never be the same again. Every time you go past a hill, or a wash, or a gorge, your mind will be spinning with the question, "I wonder if there's gold in

there?" You'll go by a creek or a river, and you'll want to pull over to try a few test pans to see how much gold is in there. Face it! You are a gold prospector now. The fever has taken full effect. From now on you'll be chasing empty white 5 gallon buckets that you see along the highway. You'll buy pans, classifiers, shovels, gloves, and maybe a sluice, and you'll carry them with you where ever you go so you can stop to pan any time it looks like a good spot. I've got news for you prospector, they all look like good spots. What seems like a hobby for some people becomes a quest.

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We will look and look time after time in hopes of finding just one big nugget that will give us bragging rights for a while. We'll keep a lot of little stuff along the way, but now we are hooked on panning until we find that big one.

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closer together as you all work toward that common goal, finding the nugget. You'll find yourself enjoying each others company. You'll have great conversations with your family members while you all commonly look for the big one. In short, you will be acting all family together. It's a good thing. The gold you find is almost as good as the time you have spending the day or week-end with your family. And you are going to have others come along to watch, and to ask you how to do it. Now you have to go and make friends with other prospectors. Just wait until you attend an exciting camp-out during our weekend outings at a Club Claim. We'll be sitting around a campfire all night telling stories, including the ones about the one pound gold nugget found and then lost up in the hills.

Well, what is it all about anyway?

You will get hooked. We all do! Welcome to our Club!

February Members Outing

The March Membership outing at the new Pah-rump claim was a huge success. Many new members attended the outing and several members from all around the country came to find gold on our Pahrump claim.

There were reports of several members with metal detectors and dry-washers locating good size pickers in the early hours of the morning.

By afternoon members

were finding nuggets weighing up to 13.9 grams!!!

What a claim!

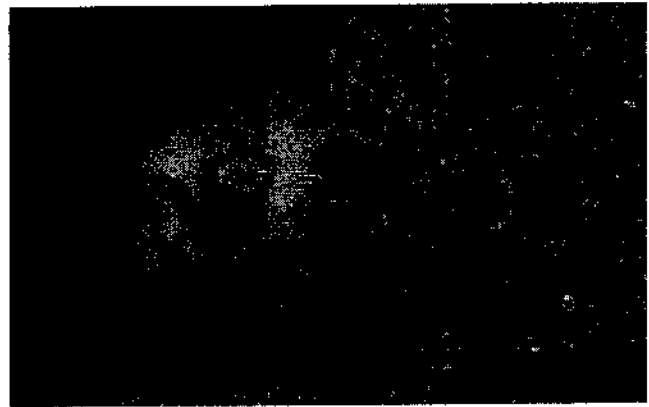
Our next Club Members Outing is on April 15 at the Section 34 Claim. You can count on food, fun and maybe even a little GOLD!

See you there!

Remember, now that it is getting warmer out that you need to prepare for being out in the desert. Don't forget to pack

plenty of WATER to keep yourself hydrated during your excursion into the desert heat. Being pre-

pared is very important. If your not sure what to bring into the desert, ask an experienced member for ideas.



Yvonne's nugget was different looking and weighed in at 3.5 grams, her second one (not shown) was 1.9 grams. Brad's nugget mixed with quartz came in at 13.9 grams. Great going!! (Dime for size comparison)



Ron and Lorna working hard at their prospecting. When it came time to pan the concentrates they had some color to show for hard their work.

More February Outing Photos

The Gold Searcher's of Southern Nevada want to extend their thanks to the members who took photographs at the outing and e-mailed them to the Highgrader for publication. Keep those photo's coming!
Greg



A few prospectors trading stories. I'm told it was getting rather deep over there.



Yvonne admiring nuggets she and Brad found rather early in morning. Later in the afternoon Yvonne found another one, but it was somewhat smaller



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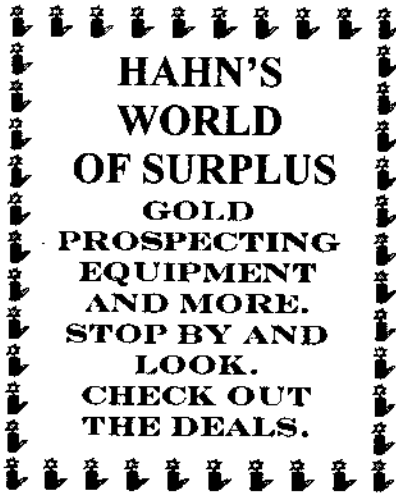
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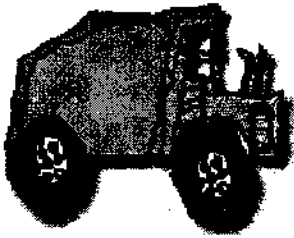
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