

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Highgrader



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Letter From the President

Hello to all of the great gold searchers of the great southwest. I am going to try something new by addressing the club in a letter. I would like to first thank the service of a few members that recently had to resign their board and committee chair positions. I would like to thank Nic Johnson, Joyce Johnson, and Morris Seguin for all of their service to the club. Nic, Joyce, and Morris dedicated countless personal hours to the club. Thank you Nic and Joyce, we will miss you at the meetings and outings. Thank you

Morris, we are going to miss your great cooking, but look forward to seeing you on the claim at an outing doing some prospecting. Next, I would like to take a minute to remind everyone of the dangers the desert during the summer months. Remember to drink plenty of water when working out at the claims. Also, earlier this summer, one member has already been bitten by a snake. Be aware of your surroundings at all times, keep a cell phone close for emergencies at all times. Be safe and happy prospecting.

GSSN NOTICE

NOTICE

- There will be no scheduled outing for this month due to high summer heat.



Raffle Winners

50/50 (\$60.00) - Ken Newrons
 Door Prize (\$15.36) - Fred De Silva



Bag/gloves/shovel:..... Gene Altobella
 Dust pan.....Sheila Tremmel
 Sluice mat:..... Jake Jakl
 Bird light:..... George Niederiter
 Mug/flashlight:Make Gabai
 Hat:Bruce Roberts
 Mug/gold./map:Dave Matheson

Lantern:Pam Golder
 Blanket:Pam Golder
 Lg.pan vials:C.Wherry
 Walking stick:Dave Matheson
 Shovel:Dolores Gee
 Gloves/flashlight/hammer:John Calzone
 Small pan/vials:Sheila Tremmel

General Minutes

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV on Wed., June 2, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Ian Thaler at 6:30 PM. 57 signed in & there were 9 visitors. Ian welcomed everyone and announced that Don Adams had passed away earlier this week. Dara then gave the treasurers report (see attached) following which Jake Jakl spoke to the group about the May outing and encouraged more to attend future outings. He said that on June 19th there will be a trip to the Royston turquoise mine in Tonapah and provided some info asking anyone interested to contact him. Ian then commented on vandalism at the claim and emphasized that we should police our claims thereby protecting them and said we should be vigilant about filling in holes, removing garbage and not causing destruction of any kind. He also said that members should keep track of their membership (i.e. expiration date) and those with questions can check with John Roberts, membership officer. (There was a short break at this time.) Next Nic Johnson announced that he, as well as Joyce & Dennis) would be relocating to Washington & therefore he was resigning his vice presidency and editing the Newsletter. Dennis also resigned as librarian. Al Kraus announced he'd take over heading up the t-shirt committee (which is now showing a profit). Dennis then gave a library update and gave two reports: "Fistsfull of Gold" by Chris Ralph; and "Advanced Dredging Techniques - Parts 1 & 2" by Dave McCracken. He also pointed out that the ICMJ (June 2010 issue) had several interesting articles for members on mining and prospecting. Next Ian gave an engaging presentation on "Protected Species and applicable animals/bugs" - he concluded by saying that there would be no outings in June, July or August due to the heat & added that Morris Seguin resigned as Outings chair.

After another short break the meeting

resumed. At 8:05 PM Fred Zajac made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Morris Seguin. There was no discussion & the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion & the meeting ended at that time.

Member Notices

- ◇ Remember to check your
- ◇ T-Shirts are still available for purchase!

Preview of Next Meeting Presentation

Be sure to join us for the next meeting on July 7, 2010 for the raffle and a educational presentation about rattlesnake bites and how to treat them.

The do's and don'ts of meeting a rattlesnake.

The do's and don'ts of treating a rattlesnake bite.

Some rarely known facts about rattlesnakes. (Some that are well known as well)

Recently Discussed Claim Etiquette

At our last meeting the members of the club discussed the rules of the claim regarding trash, vandalism, and reclamation of prospecting areas. It is very important that we pick up and throw away our own trash and any other trash we find on the claim. There has been a rash of vandalism acts on the claim lately. Please be sure to report any disrespectful behavior to the board and or local authorities. Finally, when you are done prospecting for the day, be sure to fill your holes, they are dangerous.

Endangered Native Plants

In the states of Arizona and Nevada there are many rare and unusual native plants. In Arizona there are around 3,350 species of native plants. While these plants are highly desired by people landscaping their yards, these plants are protected by law and disturbing or removal of these plants is illegal. Plants cannot be removed from any lands without permission of the owner and a permit from the Department of Agriculture. Lessees of State or federal land must obtain specific authorization from the landlord agency to remove protected native plants.

Landowners have the right to destroy or remove plants growing on their land, but 20 to 60 days prior to the destruction of any protected native plants, landowners are required to notify the Department of Agriculture. Protected native plants may not be legally possessed, taken or transported from the growing site without a permit from the Arizona or Nevada Department of Agriculture.

In Arizona there are four Protected Native Plant Categories:

Highly Safeguarded—These plants are threatened for survival or are in danger of extinction. Protection includes not only the plants but all their plant parts such as seeds, fruits, and cuttings. Examples include the Saguaro, Arizona Willow, and some agave and cacti

Salvage Restricted—These plants are subject to damage and vandalism. There are 32 plant families included in this category.

Salvage Assessed—These plants have enough value if salvaged to support the cost of salvaging. Examples include the Desert Willow, Palo Verde, Ironwood, Smoke Tree, and several Mesquite species.

Harvest Restricted—These plants are protected due to the fact that they are subjected to excessive harvesting because of the intrinsic value of products made with their wood or

fiber. Examples include Bear Grass, Yucca, Ironwood, and Mesquite.

- Some species occur on multiple lists and are subjected to regulation attached to each category.

Some Common Protected Species

Arizona Agave—Agave range throughout Nevada and Arizona. There are over 300 species of Agave which can be recognized by rosettes of thick, hard, rigid leaves with marginal teeth and usually with a lethally sharp terminal spine.



Ocotillo—

Ocotillo range throughout the southwestern United States and into northern Mexico. Common names include Desert Coral, Coachwhip, Jacob's Staff, and Vine Cactus.



Common characteristics include individual stems with branches heaviest at the base. These plants may grow to a height of 10m. **Soaptree Yucca**—Yucca range from throughout the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. Yucca range in height from 1.2 to 4.5m tall.

They have a sparsely branched trunk which is brown and cylindrical in shape. The leaves are long and slender and are arranged in a dense spiral whorl at the apex of the stems.



Barrel Cactus— Barrel Cactus range in the Southwest Desert of North

America. Barrel Cactus may reach a over a meter in height and have numerous ribs covered with long yellow spines. They bloom bright orange flowers that develop into uneatable fruit yearly.

Many of these plants are growing on our claims in Arizona. These species of plants are to be left undisturbed. Vandalism to these species of plants should be reported to the local authorities and the Arizona Department of Agriculture. While prospecting for nature's treasures below the ground respect those treasures above ground. For more information and a complete list of protected native plant species visit these informative websites in which the above information was summarized and presented:



www.azda.gov.esd/nativeplants.htm
<http://forestry.nv.gov/>
<http://heritage.nv.gov/endanged.htm>

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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

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Next General Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

May 5th, 2010.

June 2nd, 2010

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Do a little prospecting at our Website!

!!Supporting Website!!

www.goldsearcher.com

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