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The Best is yet to come !

The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Officers and Directors, wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

As a member, you are continuing a tradition of fellowship in a worthwhile hobby.

This organization is dedicated to preserving your individual freedom to prospect the lands and bringing new ideas on methods and equipment.

We constantly search for the latest information in these fields- information that is not readily available elsewhere. Membership in the Gold Searchers is an invaluable resource for those desiring the latest information on technical advances, available books and upcoming events.

You will be getting periodic updates on legislation that will affect you and access to discounted equipment, which is for sale by your fellow members.

We look forward to the year ahead WITH YOU! This organization runs with volunteers at all levels. If you can spare an hour, day, week or month...let us know. There are a lot of details to be done. The more help, the easier the load. Volunteering is fun. You will be contributing to the hobby, learning about new things about prospecting and sharing whatever talents you can bring to the club. You will be making new friends along the way. Lets get involved! It is fun and easy. Call 393 Gold or any officer or director.

We don't take your support for granted. We strive to bring you quality information in the Highgrader each month. Your membership in the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada help to support a strong voice in our Community, State and Nation. We look forward to the future together with you.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE !

Happy Holidays To One And All.

I would like to Thank all those that came to our Christmas Party at the Nevada Palace Hotel. We had a lot of fun and the food was very good. We gave away a lot of gifts, (some of them were joke gifts) I hope that no one was offended by that.

I was happy to see so many of the old timers. The main ballroom was full of happy members sharing the good food and friendships

Thank You to all of the members who worked so hard behind the scene. Too many to name them all but I think most of you know who they are.

PAHRUMP OUTING. (DEC 15)

There were about 15 to 20 people that showed up at the Pahrump outing. I was there, but it was too cold and windy to leave my truck. Some of the members did do some metal detecting. I don't know if anything was found. I was too cold to stay around. The outing should have been for Sunday. Now that day was just right, but what can you do.

The next outing will be at section 34. January 19-20, 2002 I hope to see a lot of you out there. I will be going to Kingman, Arizona on the 15th. of January 2002, to close the deal on the **NEW 20 acres** of land for the club. There will be a **tour of that new land at this outing.**

Daniel Boone

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MEETING

General membership meeting

Our Monthly Membership Meeting is held at NEVADA PALACE HOTEL 2nd Fl. 5255 S Boulder Highway First Wednesday each month 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM All guests and prospectors WELCOMED.

BOARD MEETING

GSSN board meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month

Valley Vista Mobile Home Park

Rec Building on Cabana Drive Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

All Members are welcome.

Take Desert Inn to Cabana.

Turn left. Go ¼ mile and into gate. Rec Bldg. In on left, just inside the gate.

Club Phone Number 393 Gold

GOLD ! SECTION 34

Hi to the members, here's our story:

Nov. 17th, 2001, The outing of the Gold Searchers to our Section 28.

We left Las Vegas, Nevada full of expectations of getting rich. This was the first trip ever for me.

Here is **Rich Summers, Al Jensen, and Jim Karr**, heading for high adventure. We reached the leased 5 acres, chatted with members, got pointers on how to find Gold.

After 3 hours of swinging detectors, doing a little dry-washing, and not finding any Gold, we decided to go over to section 34 and check it out

We arrived on section 34 and began our search. After about 30 minutes, **Al** gave out a Loud Whoop.

I ran over to him and we both looked down on a beautiful nugget.

Wow, what a find. It was great to see that there really is gold in them there hills, and on the first trip out.

We washed it off, passed it around, jumped up and down and slapped each other on the back.

NOW Gold Fever has us in bad shape. This beauty was found with a Whites, Goldmaster, at a depth of 9-10 inches. **It came in at 1 1/4 Oz.** It had some Quartz still embedded in it. Photos were taken of us with the Gold

Al Jensen is the finder of this Clunker. Glad to report this to the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada. Thanks for opening a new style of Adventure to us.

Rich Summers



Membership Report

During the November Board meeting, I was appointed as Chairman of the Membership Committee. You can contact me at wbironjr@aol.com with any questions you may have.

My immediate goals are to update the database for all roughly 500 members, and verify the address, phone number for each of you. Next I want to insure that I have a current Hold Harmless Agreement and application signed and in file for each of you, and verify that you have a current(not expired) membership card.

Sound simple? Well its not, because If I don't have your current address How can you respond! Should you notice that your address label is wrong, or you read this in a copy of the Highgrader you obtained elsewhere, Send me an e-mail and let me know.

President Dan Boone has suspended the rule in the by-laws which required membership to drop members who had not paid their dues 30 days after expiration. We will now keep you in the database indefinitely. When you do decide to renew your dues, your original date will reinstated. Those of you who have renewed in accordance with the by-laws and have paid the new initiation fee of \$15.00 can expect a refund or extension of your membership. This will be voted on at the next board meeting. Please send your dues to the treasurer or vice President so they can be deposited and properly accounted for. Once verified, I will take it from there.

Wbironjr@aol.com
Membership chairman

MEETING: JANUARY 2, 2002

GOLD, IN LAS VEGAS.

Richard Bruso, who is a member of the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, attended the Christmas Party on December 8 at the Nevada Palace Hotel.

Richard hit the Jackpot. He won a 1-ounce Gold Nugget by holding the winning ticket

Richard said, "I couldn't believe it when I checked my ticket! I almost decided not to attend the party because I tore my calf muscle a couple of days earlier and was limping to get around." "As it turned out, I wound up sitting with 5 people who I got to know for the first time, and I enjoyed a good meal." "It would have been fulfilling enough to have left the party with this gift of friendship."

"Not being big on 'lucky, I listened intently to the number being drawn for the gold nugget." "I had dreamed of owning a Gold nugget."

"I joined the club earlier this year and have been out prospecting at least 8 times with no success. And now, holding the lucky winning ticket, I finally got my first gold nugget. I can test my detector any time and sharpen my skills to go after the mother lode!

"I have had a wonderful time so far being a member of the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada. " I have developed new friendships and look forward to participating in other planned activities. "Thank you all for your friendships."

Richard Bruso

MEETING: JANUARY 2, 2002

WHO DID IT ?

Once upon a time, there were four people;

Their names were **Everybody**, **Nobody** and **Anybody**.

Whenever there was an important job to be done, **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. When **Nobody** did it, **Everybody** got angry because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought that **Somebody** would do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Nobody** would do it.

So, consequently **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done in the first place.

FREE TICKETS !

Did you find your name in this edition of the HIGHGRADER?

If so, you are a winner of 7 free Door Prize Raffle tickets !

There are 6 names hidden throughout the newsletter.

This is what you do. Locate your name in the Highgrader.

It will look like this +.

It can be anywhere. Circle it and take it with you the the next meeting. Locate the person selling tickets that evening and tell him. You will then receive seven free door prize tickets.

You may well win one of the many door prize items to be given away that evening.

It is free to you, those whose names appear in the HIGHGRADER.

BOOK REVIEWS - GSSN Library

#16 ARIZONA'S GOLDEN SECRET - GOLD

Where to Go, What to do, Operating Equip,
Separating the Gold, Claims, etc. 54 Pages,
Very worth while!!

#70a GOLD PANNING IS EASY, By Roy Lagal

Locating, Panning secrets, Types of pans,
Wet/dry panning, Identifying, etc. 134 pages.
Great teaching book.

**#72 MINING DISTRICTS & MINERALS
OF NEVADA 295 pages**

Lists by Counties, Minerals & locations
In depth info of NV Places & Resources

#73 MINES OF SOUTHERN NV DISTRICTS

Silver Peak, Kawich Range. 218 pages
Topo's, Geology, Ore Deposits, Maps, etc.
Good info for "go getter".

#86 BOOK OF PLANS, By Sam Radding's

Covers plans for constructing five separate
Pieces of equipment to process gold.
Easy instructions and all dimensions for
"Do it your-self's"

#87 GOLD FEVER - The Art of Panning

and sluicing (for beginners & us others)
What you need, how to use it, find gold,
Separating it, gold, making jewelry.
80 pages of information.

#128 NUGGETSHOOTING - DRY PLACER

AREAS - By Jim Straight 50 pages.
Great Info, Illustrated pictures and written
by one of the pro's. 50 pages, plus insert.

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Joe Cathcart 870-1-

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OUR WISH FOR YOU !

"I wish for you..."

Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart
Gentle hugs when spirits sag,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Faith so that you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
And love to complete your life.
Some Gold to fill your pan.
And a Happy New year.

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Metal Detecting for Arizona Meteorites

Information about meteorites being found with metal detectors.

For millions (maybe billions) of years, meteorites have been falling from the sky. Meteorites are where you find them, and can be found anywhere on the earth's surface. Scientists believe that meteorites are reaching earth at a much greater rate than in the past years. Some meteorites may be as old as a million years in arid climates such as desert regions. Most meteorites in humid regions are destroyed (weathered away) within a few thousand years.

It is intriguing to know that a magnet attached to wooden sticks, now known as magnetic canes have been used since the 1930's to recover iron and stony-iron meteorites.

Today, metal detectors have made it more feasible to search for meteorites. In large, strewn fields of iron or stony-irons, meteorites may be buried by several feet of overburden.

Most of these areas can be worked by metal detectors to recover some of the larger, deeper fragments. Most of all the VLF model of detectors, work well for meteorite hunting. Although, most of the known strewn fields have been heavily worked, the Pulse Induction (PI) metal detectors are now becoming popular due to their superior depth abilities.

There are several different types of meteorites. 1. Iron. 2. Stony Iron. 3. Chondrite 4. Carbonaceous Chondrite and 5. Achondrite .

Don't let the names throw you. If your metal detector reacts to it and it has some weight to it, keep it.

The Gold Basin, located in Mojave County is known for a large amount of meteorites. These fields were located by prospectors searching for gold in the region. For many years, prospectors were annoyed by the amount of hot rocks that were being detected. Low and behold, many of these so-called "Hot Rocks" were valuable meteorites that were being discarded as worthless material.

In some areas, prospectors were piling them up in large piles so they could metal detect certain areas for gold nuggets. Thousands of electronic gold & meteorites have been found that resemble the original gold basin meteorite.

They have been found in the Gold Basin, King Tut, White Hills, Golden Rule, White Elephant, Temple Bar and Hualapai Wash.

Due to the amount of Gold Basin Meteorites that have been recovered over the last several years the market has been flooded, and the price and value have dropped.

The Arizona Gold Claims that the Gold Searchers Of Southern Nevada presently hold, have produced large numbers of Meteorites as well as Gold.

If you believe that you have a possible meteorite that was found in Arizona, here is an address and phone number to help out during the identification process:

Arizona State University
Center for Meteorite Studies
P.O. Box 872504
Tempe, AZ 85287
480 965 3576

While out hunting for gold, or just out roaming the desert, you probably have walked by a meteorite and wasn't able to identify it.

A suggestion, anything that looks out of place that is heavy and black may be a meteorite. Pack it back out with you and have it checked out to see if it is a meteorite.

I'm not a serious meteorite hunter, but enjoy hearing about other finds besides gold nuggets. I know several guys personally that have done really well searching for space rocks, so the potential is out there. I hope that your success is as good as theirs.

Information for this story came from the University of Arizona, Larry Lister and Russell Gremore.

Daniel Green

We get letters and phone calls about some of the stories that are printed in the Highgrader. Here are a couple;

Hi

Read your article in the Highgrader and would like some more information on Meteorites and on some of the best detectors to use for them.

Thank You,

George

Hello

I live in South-New Jersey. I would love to come out there and hunt for meteorites. I have a 4 wheel drive jeep and use the Whites XLT and DFX detectors. If you are serious, I could come out there after the 10th of February. I have already made a commitment to go to Florida for the Month of January.

Have you hunted for Meteorites in the past and do you know where to go? I'm sorry to have to ask you this but I do not know of your experience.

If you hit on Jimmy Sierra's site, 2001 finds, you will see 5 items that I found, including a 1900 year old gold Roman ring. What a thrill. It was the best find I have made so far. I sure would like to add a Meteorite to my list of finds.

Thanks again. Ed.

PROSPECTING CLASSES

Did you know that the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada sponsors and teaches a class each month on Gold Prospecting ?

The classes are held at Paradise Park Field House and/or at the Cambridge Field house.

The class then is invited to our next outing.

For additional information, including dates and times, please call Earl Hunter at:

456-8617

How old is Grandpa?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The granddad replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born, before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill.

There was no radar, credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. Man had not invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your grandmother and I got married first-and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than I, 'Sir'-and after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, 'Sir.' We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started. Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings

and weekends not purchasing condominiums. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey. If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of. We had 5 & 10 cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards

You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600 but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon. In my day, 'grass' was mowed, 'coke' was a cold drink, 'pot' was something your mother cooked in, and 'rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby. 'Aids' were helpers in the Principal's office, 'chip' meant a piece of wood, hardware' was found in a hardware store, and 'software' wasn't even a word. We were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap. ...and how old do you think I am ???.

This man would be only 58 years old!

Frank Serlovsky

Treasurers Report as of 12/18/01

Assets: Valley Bank Savings.....\$5635.01
 Valley Bank Check.....\$1829.51
 Total Assets \$7464.52

Liabilities: \$ 00.00

Deposits: 11/19/01	3 New 2 Badges	6 Renewals 1 map set	\$237.00
12/3/01	6 New 2 Caps 1 overpayment of Dues	8 Renewals 2 Badges	\$440.00
12/11/01	2 New 3 Badges Dinner tickets	6 Renewals Raffle \$ Misc	\$951.00
12/15/01	2 New 4 Map Sets and	7 Renewals 2 Adjusted dues	\$284.00

Expenses: 11/19/01 to 12/18/01

Newsletters	\$ 321.75
Newsletter Postage	\$ 112.27
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1565 A.D.
American Indians mined gold
to trade with Spanish Conquistadors in Florida.

True or False

Test Your Gold IQ

1. One ounce of gold is heavier than one ounce of almost anything else.
 2. Pure 24K gold is more durable than 18K gold.
 3. The main reason gold is so valuable is because it is very rare.
 4. In the USA, any gold described as real gold must be at least 14K
 5. Most white gold is made by mixing pure gold with silver.
 6. If a jewelry piece has scratches, it's of poor quality.
 7. A good way to clean gold jewelry is to spread toothpaste on it and rub it clean with a brush.
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1. **T:** Gold is measured in troy weight while almost everything else is in avoirdupois. Troy ounces are heavier than avoirdupois ounces.
 2. **F:** When pure gold is alloyed (mixed) with other metals to form 18K gold, it becomes stronger and harder.
 3. **F:** There are metals more rare than gold that sell for less because the demand is lower.
 4. **F:** It must be at least 10K (10/24ths gold).
 5. **F:** Most white gold is made by alloying pure gold with copper, nickel, and zinc.
 6. **F:** Because gold scratches easily, well-made pieces get scratched.
 7. **F:** Toothpaste is an abrasive, and the brush could scratch the metal.

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Membership is the life blood of this organization. Your membership renewal date is reflected in the address label on the front of this Newsletter.

Each of our programs such as the monthly meeting, outings, door prizes and this newsletter, cost money. Your membership dues make it all possible. Membership numbers are important when speaking to National Organizations, to the press and to your elected representatives.

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