

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Highgrader



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Secretary Minutes As of March 3rd, 2010.

We met at the American Legion Hall and President Ian Thaler called the meeting to order at 6:35PM and led in Pledging Allegiance to the flag. He greeted all and explained that Carl and Marcia Richwine had resigned and he took over the Presidency and Nic Johnson is the new Vice President. 79 people signed in and there were nine visitors. Dara gave the Treasurer's Report, followed by Dennis Johnson and John Bronstein updating work the Claims Committee had done (including research on some claim sites in southern Nevada and related closures as well as the building of some windmills and info on the "push" at Meadview). More info will be forthcoming. Nic Johnson then expressed regret about the newsletter being late and Ian thanked John Roberts for donating a nice printer and Jake Jakl for donating barrels for water.

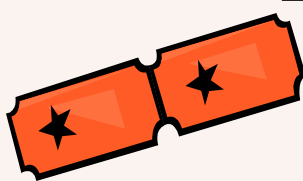
Ian then introduced Deanna Costen, President of the Las Vegas Chapter of the GPAA. She spoke about common interests of the two groups and each group

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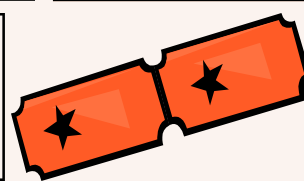
NOTICE

- Next Outing March 20th Section 28!
- Lunch will be served 11:30 AM Nevada time!
- Please E-mail membership @ gssnmembership @ gmail.com



Raffle Winners

50/50 (\$62.00) - Robert Wong
 Door Prize (\$21.45) - Guy Szars



Small Shovel.....	Doug Parker	Gloves/Gold.....	Jeff Harper
Large Shovel.....	Pete Thaler	Knee Pads.....	Chuck Wherry
Mug/Hammer/Gloves.....	Fred Hissong	Utility/Cooler Bag & Pumpkin.....	Tommie Costen
Blue Pan & Vial.....	John Crafts	Cream Liquor.....	Robert Wong
Lg. Black Pan & Vials.....	Mike Collins	Sand Bags.....	Morris Seguin
Mug/Hammer/Gloves.....	Will Paramour	Sierra Glasses & Snappy Grips.....	Ken Newrones
Cookie Jar.....	Frank Siller	Gold Picker (donated Mr. Eggleston).....	Terry Tucker
Walking Stick.....	Fred Hissong	Bucket w/holder.....	George Hegie
Gold Sand Bag.....	Janet Schelling	Mug/Gold.....	Steve Christenson
Umbrella.....	Frank Siller	Black Pan & Vial.....	Mike Collins
Mug/Gold.....	Al Kraus	Mugs and Gloves.....	Frank Calhoun

From the Newsletter Editor

Nicolas Johnson, Newsletter Editor, made a motion at the February general meeting; "To replace the newsletter from paper form to electronic so that members can be online to view the newsletter and have an Email sent to members notifying them that the newsletter has come out, and for those who CANNOT gain access to a computer with internet capabilities **they will receive a mailed edition of the newsletter and/or have a member print one out for them.**" This motion was amended by Dennis Johnson to say; "To also have a poll put in the newsletter so that members can respond back with their answer in Mail and/or Email, which will be posted in the Highgrader for two (2) Months." The Newsletter Committee would love to have your input on this motion. Please send your responses to

1. **EMAIL: GSSNHIGHGRADER@GMAIL.COM**

2. **Or mail it to:**

**Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.
P.O. Box 96732
Las Vegas, NV. 89193-6732**



Mail or Email Your Thoughts!

The Newsletter Committee would like to hear your thoughts on the motion. We would like to know, you (the members) opinions on this. The committee will not be biased (Take sides) on any thing! We need this information, the Good, The Bad, The Ugly. **Your Opinion Does Matter!**

Please know this!! If you do not respond or give your opinion for the newsletter, it will be considered a abstention!! Please reply in order to be heard on this issue!!

GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, INC.

Dear members,

Please take in all considerations for the newsletter. As in "This would be a good time to have it go over to email" or "The email I receive, I hardly check but I do get the mail and it is nice to have the newsletter in hand knowing when the next meeting is" or "The newsletter should stay as is because". These are only ideas to help you bring your thoughts out and send them to the newsletter editor. We would love to hear from our members and to also get articles!! As it is said on the application,

**CLUBS ONLY
FUNCTION IF
MEMBERS
VOLUNTEER.** I have been a member since 2007 and it is so much fun to have people to talk to and experience so

much! Many people in the club have helped so much too! This creates a great atmosphere to have friends and be a part of Something B-I-G!!



Board Minutes as of February 24th, 2010!

Meeting held at Red Mountain RV Resort.

Meeting called to order at 5:50PM. Roll Call: Ian Thaler, President; Nick Johnson, Vice President; Dara Thaler, Treasurer; Absent: Dolores Gee, Secretary (Dara Thaler took notes for Dolores Gee.)

Committee members present: Fred Zajac*, Educational; Morris Seguin*, Outings; Dennis Johnson*, Library; Joyce Johnson*, John Roberts, Merchandise; John Bronstein, Claims; Phoned to say he would arrive at 6:30pm.

Action items:

Vonage phone, motion made by Fred Z. to table the discussion on purchasing a phone for the club as no prices were available at the time for Comparison. 2nd by Morris S. there was no further discussion. Motion passed. Discussion was held on the equipment Fred Z. from the Educational Committee would bring for the next general meeting on March 3rd: Equipment to include; puffer, high banker, dry washer, homemade puffer, etc. Morris S. will bring a rock crusher, walking sifter. Ian T. will bring sluice. Dennis J. will bring metal detector.

Discussion held on creating a liability form for the members to sign, when they check out equipment from the library. Discussion was also on a deposit fee to charge for the equipment. Dennis Johnson will try to research a realistic value for the equipment to help draft the liability form. Motion was made by Fred Z. have Dennis J. draft a form for the members to sign. Second by Nick J. further discussion; Nick brought up the idea of bringing the detectors to the Gold Show for evaluation. All in favor, motion passed.

Motion made by Dara T. to contact white, to get an estimate to refurbish, repair, or replace both club detectors.

Second by Joyce J. discussion: Morris stated he would donate his old White's detector to have White look at it also. All in favor, motion passed. Motion by Fred Z. to table the IRS update, as Dara T. was unable to get any return calls from the IRS in reference to the 1023 form. Second by Joyce J. All in Favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Dennis would do a short book report while doing a complete listing of the library to present at the general meetings. Motion made by Dara T. to have Dennis J. at each general meeting give a brief 5 minute book report on a different book available from the club library to create interest in the library. Joyce J. made the second. Discussion; At the April General meeting Dennis J. is to give a 15-20 minute presentation to promote the library. Motion amended by Dara T. to reflect April Presentation. Second By Joyce J. All in Favor, motion passed.

John Bronstein gave a brief discussion in reference to the Gold Basin Claims. He contacted employees of the BLM to discuss the possibility of a windmill farm being erected on or near our claim. The project has not yet been approved, but there is a chance it may impact us. John B. is trying to get the BLM newsletter update. Possible 160-335 windmills.

Committee Reports:

*Outings; possible dates discussed for the April 3 day outing on section 28 are the 23rd, 24th, 25th of April. Saturday meal only will be provided by the club.

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supporting the other as well as the MPA and invited members of the GSSN to the May outing (date and location TBA) at which event there will be metal detecting activities as part of the program. She also presented us with some contributions for our Raffle. There was a short break at this time. When the meeting resumed, Fred Zajac gave a presentation on some mining equipment and demonstrated a dry washer, a sluice

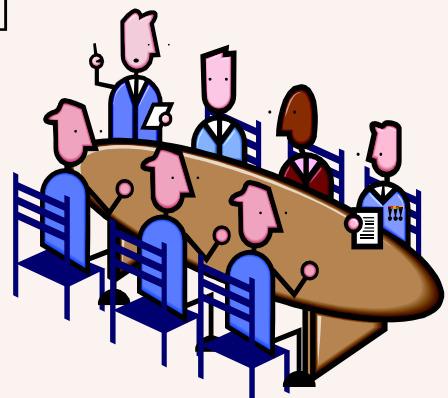
box, a camel, and a mountain goat. It was very interesting. Then some metal detectors were shown by Bill Lescenski, which he commented on.

Morris Seguin then talked about the March 20th outing (which will be at section 28) and asked volunteers to sign-up on the sheet at the front of the room and said he could be contacted for any Information on outings. He commented on the possible joint outing in May with the GPAA. A sign-up sheet for the April Gold Show to be held at the South Point was also available for those wishing to volunteer. Doug Parker also commented on setting up the GSSN booth on Friday and tearing it down on Sunday, etc. (4/16-4/18, 2010).

Ian then asked for a show of hands regarding keeping the 50/50; and the response was unanimously in favor. He then said starting with the next meeting a suggestion box will be available and he added that he was checking out a potty for outings and would provide more info as it becomes available.

Next the Door Prize (quarter kitty) was held and Guy Sears won \$21.45. The 50/50 amounting to \$62 was won by Robert Wong. The Raffle drawings were held next. At 8:40 PM Dennis Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Tommie Costen and it was so adjourned at that time.

By Dolores Gee
Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc



Cerbat Horses

Numbering less than forty at the present time, the Spanish Mustangs from the Cerbat Mountain area of northwestern Arizona are some of the purest Spanish descendants in the United States. Documentation obtained from a pioneer rancher family in 1966 and published in a national magazine that same year stated the herd was present when the family settled in the area in the 1860's and to their knowledge, no outside blood had ever been introduced. The local Indians made no claim upon the horses stating they had "always been there". The more plausible explanation for the Cerbat herd is the prevailing theory of escape or loss from early Spaniards. A study of the history of Arizona and northern Mexico reveals a number of Spanish expeditions ranging into Arizona, New Mexico and California. Loss, escape, theft by Apaches and other means would easily supply the seed stock into the Cerbat area. Indeed, blood testing of these horses shows without a doubt that they carry Spanish "markers".

Living in an extremely inhospitable environment at an altitude ranging from 5000 to 7000 feet, this original herd evolved into an exceptionally tough, agile horse with extreme endurance and survival ability.

Due to drought conditions in the area in 1971, ranchers began eliminating these historic animals to provide more water for the range cattle, not

realizing wild horses will dig for water and thereby open up water holes for the cattle as well. A local rancher who apparently regretted the destruction of these last survivors, gave permission to a friend, a veteran Arizona cowboy, to capture the herd and plans for capture progressed slowly. Due to the extreme difficulty in getting vehicles into the area at that time, weeks were spent hauling materials to fence off any remaining waterholes and to build an enclosure around the main source of water. Once the "trap" was constructed, more days were spent in a camouflaged hole waiting for individual horses to come in to water. Once inside, a hand operated trip wire dropped the gate and the horses were trapped. A second corral located off the trap held the horses as they were caught and feed and water was provided. A total of less than 20 animals were eventually captured and brought down to the flatlands where they were branded and issued the required Arizona paperwork. The group was divided among several people with a number of animals going to the state of Washington. Little or no further information is available concerning this group other than it is assumed that they were either dispersed or died. One stallion and three mares were released in an adjacent mountain range some miles distant from the original capture site by the capturing cowboy. The remaining horses were taken to the Phoenix area and later were moved to Colorado with one

stallion being placed on the Cayuse Ranch in Oshoto, Wyoming, the home of Robert E. Brislawn, founder of the Spanish Mustang Registry.

A year later the small herd that had been turned loose were water trapped and the foals were removed and brought to Phoenix, consisting of a yearling stallion, two yearling fillies and one weanling filly. Three were purchased by Apache Trail Ranch, then residing north of Phoenix. Realizing the rarity of these horses it was decided to preserve the genetics by producing a pure breeding herd of Cerbat animals, however with only one stallion and two mares, the future was not bright, but with the acquisition of two mares from the Colorado group, the genetic variation was improved. Though the original horses were small in size, with only one individual reaching more than 13 2 hands, the succeeding generation leaped in size by more than a hand, substantiating a theory that the small size was caused by a less than hospitable environment in the mountains. Extremely healthy and strong, those animals surviving for the first year of their lives in the mountains remained small. The one weanling filly, due to better feed, grew to almost 15 hands. Subsequent generations have proved the genetic size to be from 14 2 to 15 hands.

Due to the extreme roughness of the terrain from which this group came, the fact that they are documented prior to the

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*Merchandise; shirts will be ready for pick up and purchase at the next general meeting.

*Bathroom Facility; discussion on a potty hut for the members at the claim. Walmart and Bass Pro both carry these items. Motion by Fred Z. to table till we can get prices. Second by Joyce J. All in Favor, motion passed.

*Reports from Dennis J.; a) The push for the 20 acres. NOI must be filed by owner or owner agent of the property. Can push up to 100 cubic yards without permits. 6" to a foot deep. Cannot disturb ANY plant life. B) Rhonda will contact Dennis and go out to the site to view the dead cow. Motion by Morris S. to table the reports till further information was received. Second by Nick J. All in Favor, motion passed.

Nick Johnson; newsletter update reported that John Roberts donated a laser printer to print the membership books. Discussion after viewing different versions from the booklet, and replace with "Breaking News" page and put the table of contents on the inside cover. Morris S. seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Discussion: on the cost of the print cartridges and how many prints we would get from a cartridge. Fred Z. made a motion to accept the price of Approximately .05 cents per page, Morris S. seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Motion by Fred Z. to have treasurer make out a check for the ink, motion amended to report the amount. Seconded by Dara T. all in favor, motion passed.

Discussion on membership fees to reflect t-shirts hats, package; motion by Fred Z. to table at this time. Second by Nick J. all in favor, motion

passed.

**Open discussion/open forum: sugges-

Cerbat Horses Continued

settling of the area by white settlers over 130 years ago and the fact that the Indians made no claim upon them, coupled with the extremely heavy Spanish influx into the Arizona area for hundreds of years, it is highly probable the Cerbat herd is one of the purest groups of feral Spanish descended horses in existence. Additional evidence gathered by genetic blood testing by the University of Kentucky proves them to be of Spanish descent. Though the blood testing shows them to be heavily inbred and from a "closed" herd situation, like many wild animals in similar situations, apparently all defective genetic material has been bred out, i.e., any animals possessing abnormal or imperfect genes were culled naturally, leaving only those with superior qualities designed for survival to reproduce. Only the size was decreased due to reduced food supply.

Further evidence of the "Spanish connection" is the fact that a number of these Cerbat horses are laterally gaited, doing a very credible "paso" gait though without the extreme action of its cousins, the Paso breeds, which is not at all surprising as they carry genes similar to the Peruvian Paso breed indicating a common ancestor.

In 1990 surprising news arrived - a very small group of horses believed to be descended from the handful left in 1971 were

Treasury Report

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

Financial Statement for the Month of: January, 2010.

Balance Forward: \$5,390.23
Bank interest adjustment: \$1.09
Balance: \$5,391.32

Income:

Membership Dues: \$750.00
New 9 Renew 13
Raffle:
50/50 \$40.00
Reg \$200.75

Bank Interest:
Other:

Total Income: \$990.75
Balance: \$6382.07

Expenses:

Rent: \$50.00
Food: \$103.15
Raffle:
Newsletter Printing: \$143.24
Newsletter Postage:
Office supplies, Postage for

membership, etc: \$73.44
Misc. expense: (State Filing) \$75.00
Total Expenses: \$444.83
Balance: \$5,937.24

Petty Cash \$90.00
Door Prize
Petty Cash Balance \$90.00

Prepared By: Dara Thaler
Treasurer of Gold Searchers of
Southern Nevada, Inc.



found in the same area. A group of eight was water trapped and blood samples taken and sent to the University of Kentucky for comparison with those taken from the horses captured in 1971. Though even more inbred they did indeed match up with the earlier group. It is probable that this new group had no more than five ancestors and no less than three according to the blood tests. If so, this would make them extremely inbred but again, disproving all the detrimental effects commonly associated with inbreeding, the new Cerbats were healthy, strong and actually a bit larger than the original group. Lateral gaits are evident in the newer horses and though undeniably related to the older group, the addition of the new ones to the breeding program was a welcome asset. Disposition of the Cerbats is outstanding, quick to learn, intelligent and willing, with a penchant for association with humans. Due perhaps to their centuries of mountain living, or simply perhaps to their genetic inheritance, their legs and feet are excellent with well boned legs and thick walled feet. Backs are short, hindquarters are sturdy, deep and powerful. Chestnuts on forelegs are small and smooth, extremely small or non-existent on the rear legs. Ergots are tiny or non-existent. The ears are small and curved, eyes are rather high set. A definite relationship to the old type Andalusian can be seen in the facial profile. The chest is rather

narrow compared to American breeds and well "veed" up. Shoulders are laid back and heart girth is deep. A product of their Spanish inheritance plus their more recent feral environment, they are a tough, hardy, extremely durable animal. One interesting fact is that resting pulse rate in all individuals tested is rather low - in the low 30's which should be of value in any type of endurance competition.

There is not much to choose from in color as bay and chestnut seems to be a consistent part of their genetic inheritance, however at least 50% of these bays and chestnuts are also roans. A rather odd occurrence in the Cerbats is that roan foals are born roan, whereas in many other breeds roan foals show their roan coats only after the shedding of the foal coat. They are extremely consistent in reproduction, not surprising considering they are so closely akin in genetic makeup. The mares have no difficulty in foaling the original Cerbat mares produced well into their 20's. Foals are strong at birth and usually on their feet and nursing within 15 to 20 minutes, a necessity when living in predator country for generations.

Though still small in numbers in the pure state, the herd has been preserved and with future expected growth, a small number has been made available to a select few that wish to continue to breed them. Half and five-eighth Cerbat horses have done well in competitive and endurance rides as well as in three day eventing. The future looks bright for a herd doomed

to extinction thirty years ago. Source: [Cerbat Horses](#)

Gold Basin, Things to do: Fishing — Mohave County—, 15 March 2010, available from <http://goldbasinaz.com/dowildhorses.html>; Internet; accessed 15 March 2010.

Gold Basin Placer

The placer deposits in Gold Basin were discovered in May of 1932 by W.E. Dunlop. In August of that same year, 100 men were working the basin area using dry washers, leaving behind throwout piles. By June of 1933, the number of men working the Gold Basin Placers was reduced to 43. In that same month, a large-scale drytreatment plant was set up by S. Searles consisting of a grizzly, a trommel, screens and a battery of 12 large dry-washers with a capacity of 20 yards per hour. According to the Arizona Bureau of Mines' publication, Gold Placers and Placering Arizona, Bulletin 168: "Gold Basin is floored largely by a detrital fan that slopes eastward from the [White Hills](#) to [Hualapai Wash](#). This fan [[White Elephant Wash](#)] is approximately six miles long from west to east by five miles in maximum width."

Gold Basin, Gold Basin Placers, 15 March 2010, available from <http://www.goldbasinaz.com/index.html>; Internet; accessed 15 March 2010



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 _____
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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.

March 3rd, 2010.

**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.