

# Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada



## !Highgrader Newsletter!

### NOTICE

- September 19th, Outing along with Cleanup!!
- Remember this!! October meeting is time for Nominations!!!
- Please, If you have any prospecting related Books, magazines, or articles, bring them to your club Librarian for donation

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### Secretary Minutes As of September 2nd, 2009.

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson, NV. On Wednesday, September 2, 2009. President Nic Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led in Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. 57 members signed in and there were four visitors. A few members said they not only found some gold– but they also found quite a few bees. Next, Jake Jakl introduced Rick (from Desert Outfitters) who gave a presentation on White Metal Detectors. He featured the gold mastertracker and the GMZ (stripped-down version) and a Q&A followed his talk. Next a motion was made by Don Adams and seconded by Jean Davis to approve the minutes of the August 5th meeting as published in the most recent Highgrader. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously in favor of the motion. It was so carried. Nic gave a brief treasurer’s report and then Jeff Harper gave a report from the Merchandise committee updating and showing samples of a logo which will be used on shirts, caps and Decals. Gene Altobello made a motion to approve the logo, which was seconded by Jake Jakl. After a brief discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor of approving the motion and it was so carried. Carl Richwine then gave a report on claims and specifically mentioned Lida, NV. He said anyone needing information on claims could contact him. Dennis Johnson commented once again that members go online to check out ICMJ-online relative to legislation in California. Specifically regarding dredging which could have affect on our interests. Dennis also mentioned that Bob Shiroky had recently had a stroke and that the GSSN would send a get well card to him.

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### Club Officers Of 2009!

President	Nicolas Johnson
Vice President	Carl Richwine
Secretary	Dolores Gee
Treasurer	Dara Thalor
Membership	Marcia Richwine
Education	Fred Zajac
Outings	Morris Seguin
Claims	Carl Richwine Dennis Johnson
Librarian	Joyce Johnson
Newsletter	Nicolas Johnson
Webmaster	Jim Miller
Audit Committee	Fred Zajac John Gee Jake Jakl
Merchandising Committee	Bonnie Evelyn Al Kraus Joyce Johnson Jeff Harper
Greeter	Don Adams Jean Davis

### Wanted:

Small spiral wheel to do shop prospecting with. **Please call Duwayne @ 702-303-0977**

## !!RAFFLE WINNERS CORNER!!

Kitty Door Prize ( \$12.75 ) - George Niederriter  
50/50 Winner– Fred Hissong

3’ long Tub.....	Julie Quinn	CoolDanna Scarve.....	Santana Garcia
Flashlight.....	Pam Golder	Pocket Magnifier.....	Al Kraus
Black 10” Pan.....	Don Kopp	Sniffer Bottle.....	Kerry Tucker
Work Gloves.....	Dick Kliese	Placer Gold Mining Book.....	Jake Jakl
12” Blue Keene Pan.....	Bonnie Evelyn	Ladies Gloves.....	Annita Di Silva
14” Blue Keene Pan.....	Randy Huffine	Spade Shovel.....	Fred Hissong
TX Poker Set.....	Anita Di Silva	Bucket W/ Lid.....	George Niederriter
Water Glasses.....	Fred Hissong	Hiking Stick.....	Bonnie Evelyn
9 volt Batteries.....	John Gee/Julio Barea	Nugget Hunting Book.....	Jeff Harper
Stubby Hammer.....	Carl Richwine	Osceola Ore.....	Jeff Harper
Safety Glasses.....	Richard Walton	Green Insulated Carrier.....	Vern Cook



Under New Business Nic asked for volunteers for the Outings Committee. He said there would be a clean-up day Oct. 3rd and a 2 day Outing for October—these will be brought up at the next meeting. He reminded the group of the upcoming September 19th Outing which will also be the clean-up day and then suggested we take a short break.

The meeting reconvened at 7:40 PM and John Bronstein demonstrated a hand-magnifier that takes pictures. Next Jake J. gave a brief entertaining demonstration on "Man vs Bucket" assisted by several volunteers. Next the door prize (New quarter kitty format) was won by George Niederriter-it totaled \$12.75. Then the new 50/50 Raffle was held and the lucky winner of \$44.50 was Fred Hissong. The regular raffle followed and the 24 prizes were awarded as noted. At 8:15 PM, Julio Barea made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jake and the meeting was so adjourned at that time.

### GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Financial statement for month of: August 09

Balance Forward: 5513.78

Bank interest adjustment: 1.17

Balance: 5514.95

Income:

Membership Dues: 270.00

Raffle: 155.00

Bank Interest:         

Other: .06

Total Income: 395.06

Balance: 5910.01

Expenses:

Rent: 50.00

Food:         

Raffle Prizes: 73.06

Door Prize: 5.00

Newsletter Printing: 172.50

Newsletter Postage: 50.22

Office supplies, postage for

Membership, etc: 110.47

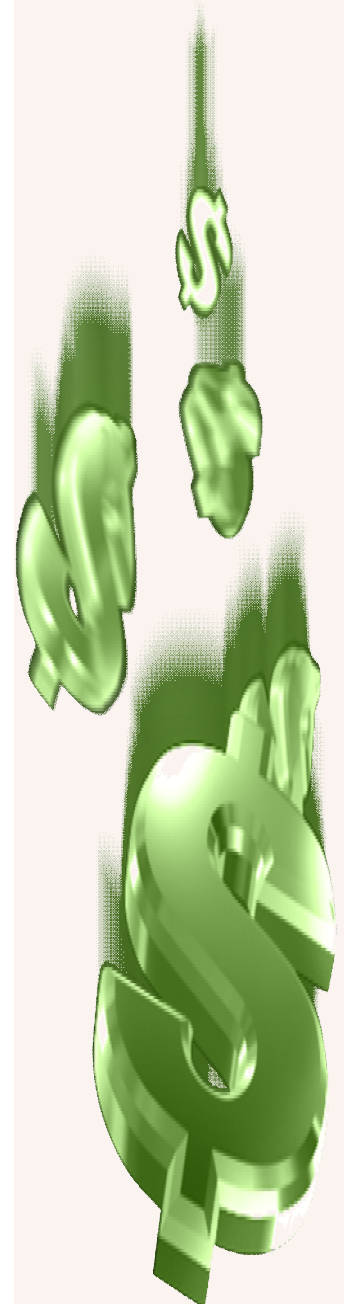
Miscellaneous expense: 435.00 BLM

Total Expenses: 891.25

Balance: 5018.76

Petty cash Balance: 100.00

Prepared by: *Diana Meyer* Treasurer, GSSN



## Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Board Meeting Minutes!

On Wednesday, Aug. 19th, 2009, the GSSN Board met at the Red Mountain RV Resort, 1010 Industrial Rd., Boulder City, NV. 89005. President Nic Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. In attendance were: Dara Thaler, Carl & Marcia Richwine, Jake Jakl, Dolores Gee, Bonnie Evelyn, Richard Walton, Nic, Dennis & Joyce Johnson, Jeff Harper and Morris Seguin.

Nic thanked everyone for attending and proceeded to mention that George Eggleston had some gold for sale and said he'd follow up on this report back to the group. Next, the claim site was discussed, relative to food for future Outings and the fire pit area where the fires had occurred previously as well as some debris scattered around. Carl R. made a motion to have the fire pit area cleaned and the surrounding debris disposed of as well as removing materials posing a fire hazard pursuant to BLM law (e.g., grill, table, etc.) It was suggested a committee be put together at a future time to address this matter. Nic stressed that these steps must be taken in order to preserve our claims. Dennis mentioned some possibilities to store items in Dolan Springs, AZ. Jake Jakl seconded Carl's motion. After a brief discussion, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, and it was so carried. Joyce Johnson is inventorying the Library and working on processing duplicates of books, magazines in various ways. Next, Morris Seguin announced that he had to resign as Outing Chairperson due to personal reasons.

Next Carl R. passed out a spreadsheet and explained his figures relative to the GSSN budget. Dennis J. then talked about further information he had learned about claims GSSN was possibly interested in purchasing and suggested the club get an official telephone number of its own. Marcia R. made a motion that she and Carl re-do and update the claims booklet, and Morris S. seconded the motion. The ensuing discussion covered questions raised by Dennis J. that it be reviewed before taking it to press and the motion was revised to include that step. Carl seconded that revised motion and after no further discussion it was unanimously approved and was so carried.

After a brief break the meeting reconvened at 7:50 PM Dara T. gave the Treasurer's Report and Dennis spoke about attracting new members. Morris said that food for future outings would be discussed at the September 2nd meeting and he commented on GSSN claim signs. Jeff Harper then reported on the Merchandise Committee's progress regarding having T-shirts and Caps as well as Badges made and showed logo samples. The group conducted a straw poll and chose a logo to use for merchandise development. Dennis will contact Jeff regarding copywriting same. Nic subsequently made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM., which was seconded by Joyce J. and the meeting was so adjourned at that time.

Dolores Gee—8/20/09

## Dear Members...

Hello everybody,

I just want to let all members know that, if you happen to write any articles, stories, or just jotted down something that came to you!

Please send your info to the newsletter editor by Mail or E-mail ( [gssnpres@gmail.com](mailto:gssnpres@gmail.com) ) and I will put your Writings in the newsletter and give recognition to you.

**ALSO....**

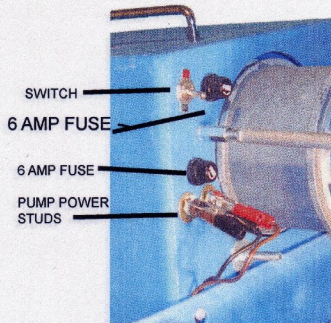
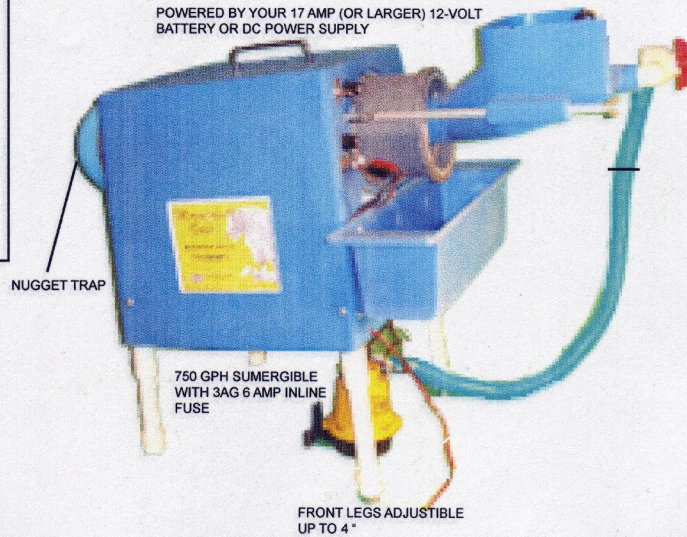
If anyone would like to receive updates with GSSN club Information, Please send your email To: [gssnclub@aol.com](mailto:gssnclub@aol.com) (Put in subject: ADD TO NEWSFLASH ) and receive updates on Outings, General meeting Information and much, much more!!

# 4" MOUNTAIN GOAT PORTABLE TROMMEL

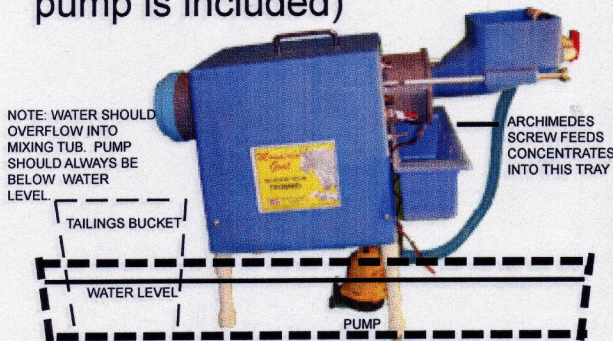
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### SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH WITH HOPPER INSTALLED	32"
SPIRAL BARREL DIAMETER	4"
HEIGHT WITH ADUSTER LEGS	24"
WIDTH AT BOTTOM	16"
NET WEIGHT IN POUNDS	18
SHIPPING WEIGHT IN POUNDS	20
MOTOR STARTING AMPERAGE	4
MOTOR RUNNING AMPERAGE	3
D. C. VOLTAGE REQUIRED	12
PUMP STARTING AMPERAGE	3
PUMP RUNNING AMPERAGE	2
CAPACITY IN CU. FT. OF GRAVEL DAILY	10



Don't let the size and weight fool you!! The Mountain Goat can eat as much as two yards of placer gravel and spit out as little as ten pounds of concentrates in only 8 hours. It is light enough (16 pounds) to tote up a mountain by one person. It runs on 12-volt battery power and can be set up to recirculate as little as 5 gallons of water. (750 GPH pump is included)



**SUGGESTED WATER RECIRCULATING SYSTEM**  
 When using the Mountain Goat Trommel away from a running water source, we suggest you purchase a concrete mixing tub (the large size) and a bucket from your local Home Depot or Lowes. The tailings bucket must be emptied before overflowing to keep gravel out of the water supply. You should also slip a sock over the pump to help keep the the spray system from clogging up.

AVAILABLE FROM:

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 Demonstrations  
 Available

**"Jake" Jakl**  
**(702) 326-9043**  
**Henderson, Nv.**

## How Much Is The Gold I Find Worth?

When you are new to prospecting, it is sometimes hard to figure out just what is going on. One of the worst things is to have to admit you don't know about something. An example, I was on the Arkansas River with the sluice one day. A guy that was kind of new at prospecting came up to me with a smile beaming from ear to ear. He was very excited as he waved to me off to the side. He had something to tell me that was sort of secret, or so he thought. He said to me, "This place is great for black sand!" he then showed me a ½ full 5 gallon bucket of black sand. He was under the impression that the black sand was what we were all looking for, since that is what he saw in most of our buckets. You will usually find black sand where you find gold, but finding black sand doesn't necessarily mean you have found gold. So, when you get around people who are talking about their success over the weekend, you will hear words like flake and flour. Someone might mention the pennyweight they found, and you might not want to admit you don't have a clue to what they are saying. Here is a little but of Terminology to help you out.

**Black Sand**– This is exactly what it sounds like, sand that is black in color. It is usually an iron. Gold does hide in black sand, but this is not the goal of prospecting, since the gold hiding in there is awfully small, and it takes a lot of time to separate the gold from the sand.

**Flour**– This should be obvious. The gold looks similar to baking flour, only it is gold in color. Sometimes it is microscopic in size, and people wonder how you found it without a microscope.

**Speck**– This is going to be just a bit bigger than FLOUR, but is still very small.

**Fleck**– This is similar to a SPECK, but it is flatter in shape, and still very small and difficult to separate from the black sand.

**Flake**– Now we're getting somewhere! A FLAKE is going to be larger in size. You will begin to get excited when the gold you are finding reaches FLAKE size. A FLAKE is too small to pick up with your finger, but you can get it with a tweezers.

**Picker**– Yahoo!!! This is a piece of gold big enough to pick-up from your pan with your finger and thumb. If you have to fumble around to get it, it is a SMALL PICKER. If you can pick it out with little difficulty, it qualifies as a NICE PICKER. If it is real easy to pick up, call it a NICE PICKER.

When you hear a piece of gold hitting the bottom of your pan, or the bottom of your sluice, you may get real excited. Some people call these PLINKERS, but for the most part, they are SMALL NUGGETS. If one dents your pan or sluice, no doubt about it, you got a NUGGET!

### MEASUREMENT FOR GOLD

ONE OUNCE EQUALS: 20 penny weight or 31.10 or 480 grains

ONE PENNY WIEGHT ( ABBREVIATED AS DWT. ) EQUALS: 1.56 grams or 24 grains

ONE GRAM EQUALS 15.43 grains, so if you find a NUGGET that weighs 48 grains, it also weighs 2 dwt. ( Penny weight ), and it also weighs 1/10th of an ounce. To add just a bit more confusion, this measurement system is based on TROY OUNCES. These are not the same ounces we use to weigh and measure everything else. TROY is used for measuring precious metals only. You see, a TROY POUND is only 12 ounces!! When you measure flour or what ever, you are using the AVOIRDUPOIS weight system, which is 16 ounces to a pound. WHY? I don't know, it is a French thing from a couple thousand years ago. Just remember, when you have a POUND of gold, it is 12 TROY OUNCES.

THIS IS THE WAY TO COMPUTE THE VALUE OF THE GOLD YOU HAVE. NOTE THAT THE

VALUE USED IN THE FOLLOWING COMPUTATIONS ( \$350 ) IS ONLY FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES AND IS NOT NECESSARILY THE CURRENT VALUE OF AN OUNCE OF GOLD GRAINS.

Take the value of gold and divide it by 480. This will give you the value of a GRAIN. EXAMPLE- \$350 divided by 480 = .73—So, each GRAIN of gold is worth 73 cents.

### PENNY WEIGHT

Take the value of gold and divide it by 20. This will give you the value of a PENNY WEIGHT ( dwt. ). EXAMPLE \$350 divided by 20 = 17.5—So, each PENNY WEIGHT of gold is worth \$17.50 . BUT WAIT! THERES MORE! If your NUGGET is large enough to be made into a jewelry piece, it's value increases. Also, if your nugget has CHARACTER, that is, it looks like something or somebody in particular, then that also increases it's value. These factors can double or even triple the value of your nugget.

SO GET OUT THERE AND START PICKIN' AND DIGGIN'! GOOD LUCK

The above article, is from the past newsletter articles, that the library has as Historical Documents. The article that came from this website, no longer exists, but here is the link : <http://www.freeyellow.com/members2>



Gold is a very precious metal to be admiring and prospect for but, when looking in the right spot or when the weird happens, you find all sort of friends that are willing to enjoy the hobby with you! Many people here within this club of Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. ( especially the Executive Board Members! ) is here to help or answer a question. The above picture is: ( From left to right ) Cooter, Nick, and Jake! This picture was taken in the month of October/ November and I ( Nick ) had some buckets of mineral bearing dirt and the gentleman on the right let me bring the buckets over to utilize his sluice to see how he sets up when prospecting. Everybody within this club is helpful, friendly and Fun to be with. Great experiences come from friends that are Diamonds in the Rough!

Application To : Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

P.O. Box 96732

Las Vegas NV, 89193 – 6732

Phone : (928) 767-3465

Supporting Website:

Www.goldsearcher.com

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUBS ONLY FUNCTION IF MEMBERS VOLUNTEER**

I/we will volunteer to assist in the areas checked. Please check at least one area.

**COMMITEES**

- OUTINGS                       FOOD                                       CLAIMS                                       EDUCATION / TRAINING
- NEWSLETTER     MEMBERSHIP     WEBSITE                                       LIBRARIAN

**ELECTED OFFICES**

- PRESIDENT    VICE PRESIDENT     SECRETARY                       TREASURER                       MEMBERSHIP

As of January 7, 2009 Dues are payable on the first of the month of your anniversary date. New members \$45.00 and to Renew is \$30.00.

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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.**

**October 7th, 2009.**

**425 East Van Wagenen Street  
Henderson, NV. 89002-9111**

Do a little prospecting at our Website!

**!!Supporting Website!!  
[www.goldsearcher.com](http://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.