

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada



Highgrader Newsletter

Note that the newsletter has a whole new Look!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- How to find out "How much gold is in your rock!"
- And a Guest speaker at the Feb. 4th meeting!!
- Happy NEW Year! It's 2009 and we are going to have some fun!

The first GSSN Meeting of 2009 was held January 7th, 2009 at the American Legion Hall in Henderson, NV. There were 30 attendees; 2 new members; 1 renewal; and 5 visitors. Nick Johnson, the new President, opened the meeting at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked if anyone found any Gold, then showed the vial of gold he had found. He then asked Dolores Gee, the new Secretary, to read the minutes of the December 3rd, 2008 meeting. Afterwards, Fred Zajac made a motion to approve the minutes as read, and Morris Seguin seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Next Barre Kennerly, the new treasurer, gave the

Club Officers Of 2009!

President	Nicolas Johnson
Vice President	Carl Richwine
Secretary	Dolores Gee
Treasury	Barre Kennerly
Membership	Marcia Richwine
Education	Fred Zajac
Outings	Morris Seguin
Claims	Carl Richwine
Newsletter	Nicolas Johnson
Webmaster	Nicolas Johnson

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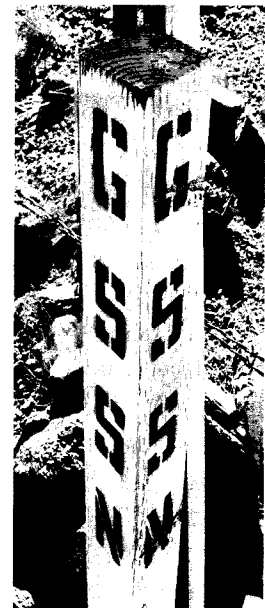
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Attention All Members

Please be sure to update your E-mail Address with membership! We have sent out an E-mail to people to let members know that we have an Outing coming. Please send your E-mail to

GSSNCLUB@AOL.COM

This will help membership, Thank you for your help.



The last GSSN meeting of 2008 was held December 3, 2008 at The American Legion Hall, Henderson NV. There were 47 attendees; 2 new members and 5 visitors. Monies taken in from dues (new Memberships and Renewals) was \$450. \$160 was collected from raffle sales, and \$270 was taken in for the gold nugget raffle [27 tickets @ \$10 each]. Total sales of gold nugget raffle was \$580. The meeting was convened by Bob Shiroky at 7:15pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. A discussion ensued involving the GSSN website and other matters. The gold nugget was raffled off, and Morris Seguin was the lucky winner. New officers were announced (as follows): President: Nicolas Johnson, Vice President: Carl Richwine, Treasurer: Barre Kennerly, Membership: Marcia Richwine. Secretary Jenny Kilpatrick

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GSSN Highgrader Newsletter Archive "Placer Gold"

Placer gold occurs in cemented and un-cemented gravels of Tertiary and Quaternary age. Gold is sparsely spread throughout the gravels and is concentrated here and there, in buried channels. The older gravels have been neither worked nor adequately tested. Productive gravels found to date are weakly-cemented remnants of alluvial fans of Quaternary age, which underlie most of Gold Basin, Hualapai Valley and the Grand Wash Cliffs. The richest pay-dirt is at the base of the weakly cemented gravels. Placer gold is often ragged and is sometimes attached to fragments of quartz or schist, indicating that the original source is not far away. Abundant black sand accompanies most of the gold and prospectors should be on the lookout for platinum group metals and rare earth minerals as they have been reported to occur in the region. *The Most productive areas have been in Arroyos where the weakly-cemented alluvial fan gravels have been reworked and the gold has been concentrated by running water.* There are also buried channels within the alluvial fan gravels. *In arroyos, pay-dirt is often within just two to three feet of the surface.* Testing by means of dry washers has indicated an average of .02 ounces of gold per cubic yard under much of Gold Basin, Hualapai Valley and Grapevine Mesa.

From Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Library Archives





Continued From "December 3rd, 2008 Meeting Minutes"

notified the group that she was stepping down. Nick Johnson then Nominated Dolores Gee (who ran unopposed). Jake Jakl seconded the Nomination. Motion to close Nominations was made by Wayne Ray and seconded by Gene Attobella. Dolores Gee accepted. Bob then turned the meeting over to Nick at 7:30pm. Nick asked for a break until 7:45pm. The meeting resumed at 7:45pm. Dolores Gee was asked by the President-elect to read the minutes of the Nov. 5th meeting. Carl Richwine then made a motion that the minutes of the Nov. 5th meeting be corrected to read that "...following the election, Bob turned the meeting over to Nick and instructed him to come forward and take over the meeting as charged." Carl then asked for a motion to amend the minutes of the Nov. 5th meeting to correct the deficiencies of that meeting's minutes. Jake Jakl made said motion which was seconded by Pepper Linder. The vote to correct the Nov. 5th meeting's minutes was unanimous. Nick then went on to new business and recommended that an Audit Committee be formed and asked for three volunteers. Jake Jakl was Nominated by John Sears and he accepted the position. Sam Ponziani was Nominated but declined. John Gee was Nominated by Dolores Gee and he also accepted. Fred Zajac was Nominated by Morris Seguin and he accepted. Filling out the three person committee. Next, the December outing was discussed and Morris Seguin suggested cancelling it because of the holidays. This was seconded by Fred Zajac. Voting was 12 in favor of not having the outing, with one opposed and the December 20th outing was cancelled. Carl Richwine then spoke to the group about the Nov. 5th meeting commenting on what transpired in regard to the Nomination of Officers and subsequent events about transitioning the GSSN Presidency from Bob S. to Nick J. getting the GSSN website up and running was discussed; Nick, Carl, and Bob will work on resolving this problem by Dec. 4th, 2008 when payment is due for renewing the yahoo website. DeAnna Costen (President of the GPAA Las Vegas) then invited all those at the GSSN meeting to come to the GPAA outing on Dec. 6th at Gregg's hideout. Carl mentioned that there is some land of interest to be looked at, which could be done at the outing. Melissa Nichols commented to say that the GSSN Library had been turned over to Nicolas Johnson. The drawing was held. Jenny Kilpatrick won the door prize and there were 18 additional prizes. Pepper Linder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Morris Seguin. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

January 2009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



- Jan 7th, 09.—General Meeting Date Scheduled.
- Jan 17th, 09.—Outing Scheduled had Hot Dogs and Chili without Beans! Pretty good tasting!!
- Jan 24th, 25th, 09.—Fort Mohave Crossing Events Center. Cool place to check out equipment and tools!!

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February 2009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Feb 4th, 09—General meeting Scheduled Date.
- Feb 4th, 09—Make sure to come to the meeting! (Hint, Hint, NEW Raffle Prizes!!) We Plan on Raffleing off a Nugget. **Also we have a guest Speaker coming to talk on behalf of the McCaw School of Mines!!**
- Feb 21st, 09—Outing on Section 28!

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??OdDs and EnDs??

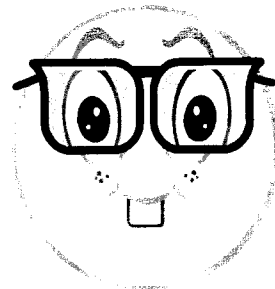


This Little Nugget was recovered using a Dry Washer out on the claims while showing a new member around!

This Picture was captured to show that we work hard while prospecting!



Many People help others to discover that chance of finding something big!



GSSN Outing January 17, 2009

Morris sponsored another great outing on our Section 28 Claim Saturday January 17th. The weather was perfect and the ground was drier than anticipated. Dry washers and recirculating high bankers were used along with metal detectors.

A total of 19 members and guest signed in at the fire ring location. They were treated to hot dogs and chili. Several of the members were able to show off gold that they had found that morning. Morris had the prize find. It was a very nice picker proving once again that hard work and perseverance pay off.

Several of the members shared stories of their experiences recalling old and not so old ad-

ventures. The membership person was kept busy greeting the members and guest at the shade shelter. Several pieces of equipment were on display for any visitor or new member to inspect.

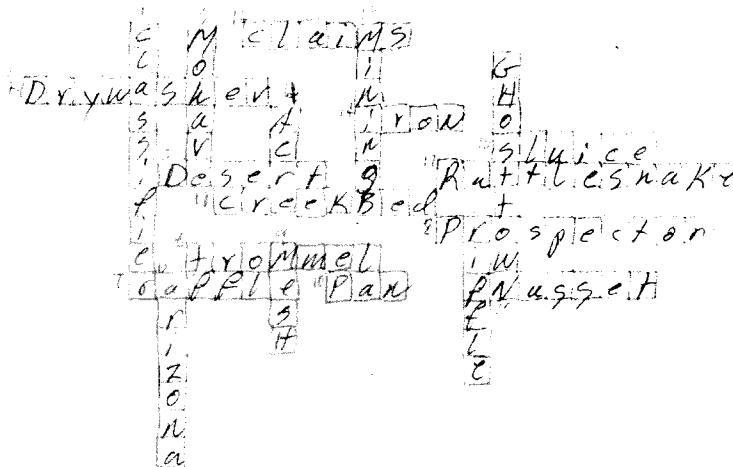
By Carl Richwine
Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada



We are looking for People who would love to see their Articles in the
"Highgrader Newsletter" Please send it in to newsletter@goldsearchers.info or mail it in to the address on the Application.

Cross Word Answers to November

- Across
2. Drywasher
 5. Desert
 7. Raffle
 8. Trommel
 10. Pan
 11. Creekbed
 12. Claims
 14. Iron
 16. Sluice
 17. Rattlesnake
 18. Prospector
 20. Nugget



- Down
1. Classifier
 3. Mohave
 4. Acre
 6. Arizona
 9. Mesh
 13. Mining
 15. Ghosttown
 19. Riffle

Minutes from January 3rd, 2009. Continued from Front Page.

treasurer's report, and Marcia Richwine, the new head of membership gave the membership committee report. Nick then commented on the smooth transition of the Presidency from Bob Shiroky to Himself, and asked the previous year's officers to come forward at which time he presented certificates to each of the former GSSN officers, acknowledging and thanking them for their efforts. He mentioned that Bob Shiroky remained a director of GSSN. Next the three person Audit Committee received letters from Nick J. relative to their being on standby status until instructed to convene a meeting to review the GSSN books. Nick then asked for a volunteer to do the GSSN Newsletter, and Janet Schelling agreed to do so on a trial basis. Nick then asked for a volunteer to act as club librarian. At this point a discussion ensued about listing the contents of the library in the GSSN Newsletter, and having a list of all library items available at each monthly meeting for members' perusal. Following prescribed rules, a member could contact the librarian to request material(s) which could be picked up at the next meeting and checked out for a certain time (ie., 30 days). If the material(s) were not returned on time, a late fee of \$1 per month would be assessed. The discussion also included handling of library materials and limiting the number of items which could be checked out by members, as well as deciding how to loan club equipment in addition to books and printed materials. Subsequently, Fred Zajac made a motion to impose a late fee of \$1 per month per item. Dennis Johnson seconded the motion. Nick asked for a vote-which was approved unanimously. Nick then mentioned the Fort Mohave Gold Show coming up January 25th and the Primm Gold Show scheduled for April 25th-26th, 2009. After an extensive discussion of the pros and cons of the GSSN having a 50-50 Drawing at meetings, Fred Zajac made a motion to table this agenda item until the February 4th, 2009 meeting. Melissa Nichols seconded the motion. Nick called for a vote, which was unanimously in approving the motion. Nick then asked for a 20 minute break at 7:50pm. The meeting resumed at 8:10pm. The drawing /raffle was held. Bob Shiroky won the \$5 door prize, and 12 other items (as noted below) were raffled off. Nick then asked about having a club outing on January 17th, 2009. after comments by various members about wetness and other considerations, Fred Zajac made a motion to schedule the Jan. 17th, 2009 outing, which was seconded by Morris Seguin. The subsequent vote unanimously approved such motion. Morris Seguin then announced that lunch would be available at 11:30am (NV time) at the fire pit. Nick then announced that at the January 3rd, 2009 board meeting, it was decided that dues would be \$45 for New Members and \$30 for Renewals (which higher rates had previously been in affect). The meeting was then adjourned at 8:35pm.

Raffle Winners From December 3rd, 08.

Door Prize Vacuum- Jenny Kilpatrick
 Gold Sandbag.....John Gee
 Tub.....John Roberts
 Wonder Bar.....Chuck Prohaska
 Green Gold Pan.....Chad Page
 White Vacuum Bucket.....John Gee
 Bucket Wobbler.....Jake Jakl
 Blue Cooler Bag.....Pepper Linder
 Magnifying Glass & Scissors.....Sam Ponziani
 Mug & Plastic items.....Morris Seguin
 Padded Bucket Handle.....Randy Gleason
 Orange Bucket.....Randy Gleason
 Screwdriver.....George Swadick
 Magnifying Glass.....Fred Zajac
 Screwdriver.....Pepper Linder

Raffle Winners From January 7th, 09.

Door Prize \$5.00- Bob Shiroky
 \$10 Envelope.....Jake Jakl
 Bucket-organizer.....Carl Richwine
 Gold Sand.....Randy Huffine
 Pan/Trowel.....Phil Conrad
 6inch Magnet Bowl.....Mike Costa
 Knee Pads.....Fred Zajac
 Ear Muffs.....Barre Kennerly
 Thermos w/Mug.....John Roberts
 Gloves & Flashlight.....Jean Davis
 Dust Mask & Flashlight.....John Roberts
 Tan Vest.....John Bronstein
 Charcoal Vest.....Janet Schelling

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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 _____

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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Next General Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

February 4th, 2009.

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