

# Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Highgrader



## Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Officers and Standing Committees...

President—*Ian Thaler*  
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 Treasurer—*Dara Thaler*  
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**Letter From the President**

Hi everyone,  
 I hope everyone is having a good summer and finding lots of gold. I have just a few thoughts to mention this month.

GSSN is currently looking for a few good people to volunteer for some very important positions.

We currently need an Outings Chairman and a Librarian.

What does the Outings Chairman do?  
 The Outings Chairman makes the outing happen, from planning, to grocery shopping. The Outings Chairman cooks and cleans, and planning the events at the outing. An Outings Chairman is necessary to the successful outcome of the outing.

What does the Librarian do?  
 The Librarian checks in, and out books. The Librarian is responsible for keeping the library up to date.  
 Please volunteer.

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



**Raffle Winners**  
 50/50 John Roberts  
 Door Prize—*Jon Gee*

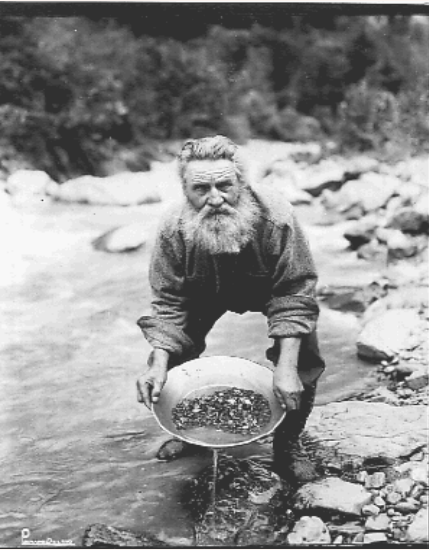


1. Umbrella.....*Morris Seguin*
2. Hat....."*J.W.*"
3. Dust pan/gold.....*Ken Newronas*
4. Black pan, etc.....*Pete Thaler*
5. Blue pan, etc.....*Fred Z.*
6. Classifier: ..... *Larry Clay*
7. Shovel.....*Chuck Wherry*
8. Rocks book.....*D.Gee*
9. Mug, etc.....*Fred Hissong*

10. Mug, etc.....*Geo.Neidemeyer*
11. Cabachone.....*D. Gee*
12. Gold book.....*G.Neidemeyer*
13. Bucket & holder.....*Larry Clay*
14. Cooler.....*John Roberts*
15. Sunbrella bag.....*Fred Hissong*
16. Cell phone holder.....*Morris S.*
17. Emergency hammer.....*Janet Schelling*

## General Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the GSSN was held at the American Legion in Henderson on Wed., July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Ian called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm & he led the group in pledging allegiance to the flag. 37 signed in and there were 2 visitors. A few members had gone out to prospect but most everyone thought it was too hot. George Neidemeyer said he & John Bronstein had gone to the Johnny claim in Nye County. They found some "color" which was shown to the group. George spoke about this being a good place to check out. Dara then gave the Treasurer's Report (see attached). Ian then asked members to think about replacing Morris as Outings Chairman as well as someone to replace Dennis as Librarian. Ian told the group that equipment is available for members to use (e.g., dry washer, two metal detectors, etc.) & said that anyone interested could contact him until a new librarian is named. At this point Mike said he had a 151 dry washer and a metal detector for sale & anyone interested could contact him.



[www.micronotes.com](http://www.micronotes.com)

Next Ian gave a very interesting presentation on "Snake Bites" and also showed various illustrations. He said anyone can put together a snake bite kit for under \$20 or a Sawyer Extraction Kit could be purchased; however the bite must be treated within a minute of the person being bitten. He said that the ASCPA also has a number that can be called in regard to pets being bitten: 888-426-4435. After a short break Dennis spoke briefly on claims. The group was told that T-shirts are available for sale. There being no further new business, the quarter-kitty drawing was held & John Gee won \$10.57. The 50/50 (\$30) was won by John Roberts. The raffle followed with 17 items going to those listed below. At 7:40 pm Fred Zajac made a motion to adjourn the meeting & Dara Thaler seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at that time.



[www.favoritefamilyvacations.com](http://www.favoritefamilyvacations.com)

## Classifieds

If you have something to sell, please email your ad to the president via the GSSN website and we will make sure it gets in the newsletter.

## Snake Bites



### Venomous Snakes

1. Arizona Black Rattlesnake
2. Arizona Coral Snake
3. Arizona Ridgenosed Rattlesnake
4. Banded Rock Rattlesnake
5. Colorado Desert Sidewinder
6. Desert Massasauga Rattlesnake
7. Grand Canyon Rattlesnake
8. Great Basin Rattlesnake
9. Hopi Rattlesnake
10. Mojave Rattlesnake
11. Mojave Desert Sidewinder
12. Northern Blacktail Rattlesnake
13. Prairie Rattlesnake
14. Sonoran Desert Sidewinder
15. Southwestern Speckled Rattlesnake
16. Tiger Rattlesnake
17. Twin Spotted Rattlesnake
18. Western Diamondback Rattlesnake



### Avoid Snake Bites

- This is the first crucial step!
- Leave snakes alone (many people get bitten because they try to kill a snake or look closer at it)
- Stay out of tall grass
- Keep hands and feet out of areas you cannot see
- Be cautious when climbing rocks



### When encountered

- Just walk around the snake
- Give about six feet of berth
- Remember a snake can strike half its length!
- If forced into killing a snake use a club, rod, or tool with a long handle that keeps you out of striking range.
  - Also the Taurus Judge is a good snake gun to carry when out in the desert.

### Bitten

- 1. Get away from the snake to avoid a secondary bite
- 2. Identify or be able to describe the snake
- 3. Contact and transport victim to an emergency medical facility.
- 4. The number to call is 911
  - If you think your pet has been bitten by a snake, contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center 24-hour hotline at 1-888-426-4435 and immediately transport to the nearest veterinary hospital.

### Symptoms of Snakebites

- Dizziness, Fainting, Increased Thirst, Headache
- Blurriness
- Rapid pulse, Low blood pressure, Severe shock
- Convulsions, Loss of coordination, Weakness
- Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea
- Fever, Severe Pain
- Breathing difficulty
- Bleeding, Fang marks, Discoloration, Burning sensation, Swelling, Numbness, Tingling, Sweating



### Steps NOT to take when bitten

- DO NOT cut or suck!
  - Cutting into the bite site can damage underlying organs, increase the risk of infection, and does NOT result in venom removal
- DO NOT use ice or hot packs
  - Ice does not deactivate the venom
- DO NOT use electrical shock
- DO NOT use alcohol
  - Alcohol is a vasodilator (makes blood vessels larger which increases venom absorption)
- DO NOT use tourniquets.
  - Have not been proven effective and may result in limb loss.

### Steps to take when bitten

- Use the affected limb as little as possible.
- Allow the bite to bleed freely for 15-30 sec.
- Cleanse and rapidly disinfect the area with Betadine or Alcohol pad.
- Leave area of fang marks open.
- Strap gauze pad tightly in place with adhesive tap
- Overwrap dressing above and below the bite with an ACE bandage – wrap as tightly as one would a sprain
- Check for pulse above and below the bandage
- Keep extremity below heart level or in a gravity dependent position.

### Emergency Snakebite Kit

- Snakebite kits can be prepared easily and relatively inexpensively. Start by obtaining a small canvas pouch such as those available in any army-navy surplus store. Include the following items:
  1. At least one roll each of 2" and 3" ACE or comparable elastic bandaging with clips.
  2. sterile 4 x 4 surgical gauze pads.
  3. A small bottle of Betadine solution.
  4. One roll each of 1/2" and 1" surgical adhesive tape. (Do not use paper or clear plastic tape).
  5. Sawyer Extractors, or similar extractor device. These devices are available in most camping gear, hunting/fishing or outdoors shops.

Application To : Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

P.O. Box 96732

Las Vegas NV, 89193 – 6732

Supporting Website:

www.goldsearcher.com

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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.

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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.**

**August 4th, 2010.  
September 1st, 2010**

**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.