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GSSN ANNUAL PICNIC: GREAT FUN FOR ALL

The weather was perfect, the food was good and the contests were fun!

The Annual picnic in Mt. Charleston was fun for the entire family again this year.

Look inside for more photos of the picnic and the contests.



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Any Volunteers Out There?

We are looking for volunteers to help the Club start and maintain a web page on the Internet. We have had some interest from a few members. If you know of a company that would be interested in donating some web space to our organization, please let us know.

Doug

GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER	8	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER	15	DOUG'S PANNING CLASS
SEPTEMBER	18	OUTING TO SECTION 34
OCTOBER	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER	23&24	OUTING TO SECTION 28
DECEMBER	10	CHRISTMAS PARTY AT NEVADA PALACE

**GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
July 7, 1999**

Meeting called to order by Doug Parker, President at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present with the exception of Treasurer, Donna due to an illness. Jeanne Moore was absent.

A motion was made to accept minutes recorded and passed and carried by all. No treasurer report for the month of June, due to the absence of our Treasurer. The outing was successful to all who found gold.

Robyn announced her trip to a ghost town to Delamai on July 17. If you are interested in anything regarding the trip feel free to call her at 645-6571.

All guests and new members were introduced. We welcome you all and we hope you feel free to join in on any of our events or outings.

There was a total of 107 members present, 8 guests and 16 new members.

Jim Graves announced the Convention for the Federation of Metal Detectors to be held on October 22, 23, and 24 at Laughlin. For more info call Jim at 649-6594.

Lorna is organizing our Annual picnic on August 8, at Mt. Charleston. We all thank Lorna for her dedicated efforts to assist with the Clubs events. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Doug also extended an invitation to join in on his panning class. Call him if you are interested. Time and place are printed in the Highgrader.

Sorrowful news was announced about Bob Gilmore, a dedicated Gold Searcher, passed away two

weeks ago. Details and cause of death are not known. We will miss him dearly.

Call Boo-Coo about purchasing patented mining land if you are interested call 458-8588.

Doug gave out some information about the price of gold diving very low. Now is the time to buy and hang on to it until the price goes up.

Dan Green was about to show us a prospecting video, but the machine was not in working order. Better luck next time Dan.

Our little guy called Cameron Coffey was the ticket puller. He pulled out the lucky following tickets. The sign up sheet winner was #90 which belonged to me, thanks Cameron.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gold Nugget- | Fred Zajac
Susan Bengé
S. Corceran
Bill P.
R. Quinence
C. Geddes |
| Pick-Head Phones- | C. Carpenter |
| Sluice- | Boo-Coo |
| Pan- | B. Fiebelboran |
| Spoon- | S. Corceran |
| Shovel- | J. Young
R. Keifer |
| Water Jug- | C. Mason |
| Charts- | E. Geddes |
| Atlas- | H. Leighan |
| Water Pack- | M. Dayton |
| Calculator- | D. Roberts |

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Leilani- Secretary

**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 14, 1999**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Doug Parker, President. All board members were present except J. Moore- Vice-President.

The Christmas party will be held on December 10 at Nevada Palace from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. We are going to find an upbeat band to entertain our members and their families at the party. Non-Alcoholic beverages will be included in the price of the meal.

Dinner is \$8.00 per person. Members will only be charged \$5.00 per person. Alcoholic beverages can be served to you at your expense.

Dan Green has found the problem with the non-functioning video projector. The internal speakers were blown, he has the problem under control, and maybe we will enjoy a nice movie at the next General Meeting.

Coming Events:

December 10- Christmas Party at Nevada Palace

The claim committee is working very hard to locate more claims for the Club. The Club paid the assessment fees for the annual Assessment for the Sections 34 & 28 Club claims.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Leilani- Secretary



**GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
August 4, 1999**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Doug Parker. All board members were present except Jeanne Moore who has resigned, the position was taken over by Roland LeClerc.

Doug introduced Ben Malisen from the Las Vegas Weekly. He was here to do a short article about our club. This should appear in the Las Vegas Weekly this next Wednesday. Hope everyone remembers to get a copy. Treasurer report was given. Motion was made to accept, seconded, passed and carried by all present.

Do to a mix-up, the meeting was held in a much smaller room than the usual area, therefore the meeting was short. Attendance of members, guests and new members-86 total. Nine new members and three guests.

Door prizes were won by the following:

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|---------------|-------------|
| Gold Card- | R. Davis |
| Gold Nugget- | Bill Pash |
| | S. Corcoran |
| | Erbo |
| Water Jug- | B. Burton |
| Map- | J. Sprauge |
| Large Shovel- | H. Leighen |
| Pick- | A Archibold |
| Water Pack- | R. Huffman |
| Ear Phones- | J. Bond |
| Pan- | O. Nelson |
| Atlas- | Noch |
| Small Shovel- | Seyller |
| Necklace- | Sierra |

Sierra was our ticket puller and she received a nice necklace.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Leilani-Secretary

**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
August 11, 1999**

Meeting called to order by President Doug Parker at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present.

Doug introduced Tony Adimy from Sky Biz 2000. His presentation was about running a web-site.

Our September outing will be September 18 at Section 34. Doug's class is September 15. The October outing will be in October 23 and 24 at Section 28. Willie will be present at the October outing at Section 28, he will advise people as to where the gold is to be found. Please don't hesitate to ask him for his advice. Willie will also give out more information at the next General Meeting. Doug Parker will be going on vacation on August 20 through September 6. The next General Meeting will be conducted and held by Roland LeClerc our Vice President.

**Picnic Prize
Winners**

Metal Detecting Game

- Men**
1. Ron Caldwell
 2. Harry Reiter
 3. John Allen

- Women**
1. Marcin Rickwine
 2. Pam Allen

Novice Panner

- Women**
1. Jan Reiter
 2. B. Montgomery

Children's Panning

1. Pam Allen
2. Karlie Brohn
3. Cameron Coffey

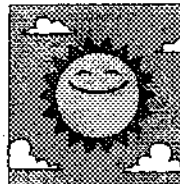
Experienced Panner

- Men**
1. E. Nagmt
 2. H. Reiter
 3. J. Burks

- Women**
1. M. Richwine
 2. Robbyn
 3. M. Melner

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Leilani- Secretary



Picnic Fun

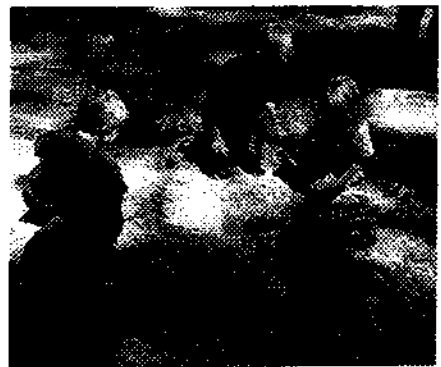


Panning Competition Created A Big Splash

on to panning quickly.

As usual the expert panning contest was over just about as fast as you could yell "Go!"

Lunch was relaxing an delicious.



Greg & Doug's Favorite Event

good nickel hunters.

We all had a great time at the picnic and hope to see each you you next year. Club outings and events are always relaxing and enjoyable. Don't

The Annual GSSN Picnic in Fox Tail area of Mt. Charleston was another great day in the sun. Over 90 members attended the relaxing day in the clean cool mountain air. The morning started with the metal detecting contest. It is amazing how much junk we find buried in the picnic area each year. Many members are still finding pennies from the previous years events.

The kids panning contest was next. This event showed promising talent for future prospectors. They sure catch



What A Great Day For A BBQ



Special Thanks To Lorna Who Made Sure Everyone Had A Good Time

The baked beans and the pasta salad were especially tasty.

After lunch we did the money dive in the wood shavings. If you attended the picnic, you know this is one of the most exciting events ever. A few of those grown-ups get in there and just go crazy (Not naming any names Greg and Doug). Some of those "kids" sure are

forget that the Club's Annual Christmas Party is coming in the beginning of December. There will be more information in next month's newsletter.



Three Kids Mine

Mine has Varied History

The history of Three Kids Mine is as colorful as its present is controversial.

Three middle-aged Las Vegas' with a gift for understatement named the site, 16 miles southeast of Las Vegas, the Three Kids Mine after they discovered manganese ore there in 1917.

The manganese mined from the Three Kids pits, created by ancient volcanoes and lakes, became a national treasure after World War I, World War II and the Korean War as a hardening agent in the production of steel for the war planes and weapons.

The original trio—B.R. Jefferson, B. Edwards and J. Marrs—leased the property to the Manganese Association, which began producing ore for the Pennsylvania steel mills in November 1917. The association earned \$13.20 to 15.20 net profit per ton for a year. The mine produced about 12,000 tons of ore at that time.

It took 20 hours for a truck owned by Southern Nevada pioneer James Cashman Sr. to deliver a load of manganese from the mine to the rail yards, where downtown Las Vegas is today.

Thomas Thorkildsen of Los Angeles took over the war time lease in April 1918. By 1919 the

United States' need for manganese dropped, and the Three Kids operation remained dormant until the next war.

By the time the World War II started, the nation was importing 87 percent of the small amount manganese ore it needed.

To respond to the war needs, the Manganese Ore Co. resumed operation at the mine in 1943.

Processing ore at the sight took millions of gallons of water, diesel fuel and sulfur dioxide. The fine grained sediments from the milling process went into unlined ponds on the surface.

In 1945, a company called Manganese Inc. was formed and led the nation in manganese production at the Three Kids Mine in 1955. After the war, production diminished. When the contract with the Federal Government ran out in 1961, mining activity stopped.

After the mine closed the site changed hands many times until it landed in the ownership of Three Kids Enterprises in 1989, but it hasn't been mined for manganese since.

During its heyday, the mining pits around Three Kids yielded thousands of tons of lead, silver, zinc, and copper as well as manganese.

The original manganese deposits never have been exhausted.

Reprinted from the Las Vegas Review Journal Newspaper

Chopp, John

MEETING

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD AT ORR MIDDLE SCHOOL'S CAFETERIA LOCATED AT 1562 E. KATIE ST. LAS VEGAS, NV ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. ALL GUEST AND PROSPECTORS ARE WELCOMED. THE MAP TO THIS SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THIS PUBLICATION.

GSSN BOARD MEETING

GSSN BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK RE BUILDING ON CABANA DRIVE. MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. TAKE DESERT INN TO CABANA AND TURN LEFT GO 1/4 MILE AND TURN LEFT INTO VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. REC BLDG. IS ON LEFT JUST INSIDE GATE.

CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETING

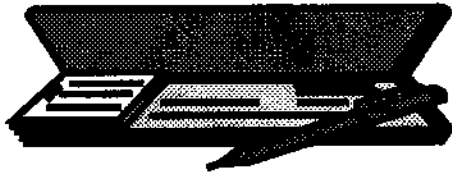
CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. THE MEETINGS ARE AT 8:00 PM. THIS MEETING IS THE SAME LOCATION AS THE BOARD MEETING AND ON THE SAME NIGHT.

THE CLUB'S PHONE NUMBER : 393-GOLD (-4653)

PLEASE CALL TO GET HELP ON ANY MATTER.

THIS IS YOUR CLUB. PLEASE WRITE THE CLUB WITH ANY COMPLAINTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

HIGHGRADER



HAVE YOU SENT YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

HAVE WE RECEIVED

YOUR RENEWAL?

We have not received renewals from the following members. If your name is on this list, please complete the application on the back of this newsletter and send it to the Club with your renewal check payable to Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada in the amount of \$20.00.

CURRENT

Chopp, John
Cormier, Donald & Christine
Dewey, Albert & Kay
Lescenski, William & Marlene
Ruppert, Robert
King, Bob & Deb
Herpst, Stevan & Lynne
Curamins, Richard & Flo
Peterson, Robert & Dona

ONE MONTH

Williams, Larry & Alma
Greiner, Arthur
Urbansky, Julie
Middleton, Kathleen
Theel, Herman & Judith
Surface, Jerry & Ann
Morris, Roger & Sandra
Desilva, Fred & Anita

TWO MONTHS

Hahn, Larry & Christina
Kendrick, Jack & Betty
O'Connell, Rick & Barbara
Laub, Stanley & Shirley

THREE MONTHS

Savage, Ron
Cherry, Kevin & Annette
Auerswald, Frank & Judi
Wilson, Bill & Joy
Downes, Tom & Deborah

LAST CALL

Doss, Tony & Margie
Blair, Michael
Headman, Deloris
McMackin, Bobby & Emma
Denaro, David
Carlo, John C. & Frances

If you know any of these members, please encourage them to send in their renewal as soon as possible.

Call Greg Olson, Membership Committee at 313-2600 with questions related to dues.

Thank You!

Please send in your renewal as soon as possible so you don't miss out on any of the Club's exciting events.



Map Dowsing & Remote Viewing

by Dr. P.F. Kuypers

The obvious link between dowsing and remote viewing has not yet been the subject of experimental inquiry, and perhaps it is now time for this. The two activities seem to complement each other like two sides of the same coin.

Whereas with map dowsing, the object to discover the location of a satisfying gold deposit or something else, remote viewing involves describing what the location looks like. While dowsing usually relies on a question and answer procedure, remote viewing occurs as a series of fleeting mental images, which can be compared with psychometry. It is possible that

a combination of dowsing and remote viewing techniques would be irresistible for most dowsers. I know, because I have used remote viewing all along.

There is another aspect of scientific experiments that suggest a new way of looking at map dowsing. In June 1972, when two scientists started their experiments with a renowned psychic, Ingo Swann, the early tests were much the same as those that which dowsers have been subjected to over the centuries; objects were placed in a locked, thick-walled wooden case, and Swann was asked to identify them by remote viewing. He was extremely successful at this in front of many

witnesses. He said: "I see something small, brown, and irregular, sort of like a leaf, or something that resembles it, except that it seems very much alive, like it's even moving." Inside the box, the hidden target was indeed a small live moth, it's coloring and shape much like a leaf.

But one day Swann announced: "I'm tired of these institutional experiments, they're so boring. Why don't we do something exciting? I did some experiments at the American Society for Psychical Research in which I moved my viewpoint to some remote location and described what was there. That was fun to do and statistically significant. I think that I could look anywhere in the world if you just gave me some coordi-

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nates, like longitude and latitude. Let's design an experiment around that!"

Although skeptical, as are most people when confronted for the first time when someone says that they can dowse from maps, the two scientists agreed to set up a series of tests, gradually increasing the controls until, they arrived at a super cautious procedure built into the remote viewing experiments. On the way, it turned out that Swann was absolutely correct; usually he had no difficulty giving an immediate and correct response when given no more information than two coordinates.

Telephoned by a scientist challenging the test, he at once described a small island with technical equipment such as radar on it, and traced the outline of the island: promontories, jetties and a wharf. The coordinates turned out to be an island in the south Indian Ocean, used jointly by France and Russia for meteorological research. And by any standards the similarity between Swann's coast outline and the actual map of the island is astonishing: both the basic shape and the specific details are accurate.

Nor was this an isolated success. On dozens of other occasions, Swann was able to describe precisely the geo-

graphical features of the point crossed by the two coordinates, even when the places chosen were deliberately difficult and unexpected; a lake in the otherwise arid desert, a town in the vast Siberian forest, and so on. Compared with sophisticated controls and statistics on the later remote viewing experiments, Swann's achievements with map coordinates are no more than circumstantial evidence. But they throw fresh light in the validity, the technique, and the scope of map dowsing.

Swann's performance is unaffected by distance, or time. Above all it's fascinating to see how careful modern scientific research is confirming what dowsers have been telling each other for decades: that nearly all of us are capable of perceiving things beyond the grasp of the five senses and that we can improve with practices.

In the words of two scientists, Harold Puthoff and Russell Targ, who tested Swann in many experiments about remote viewing, "We have found remote sensing to be a robust phenomenon in which experienced and inexperienced subjects are able to describe in words and drawings, both the location and activities of experimenters placed and undisclosed sites at varying distances from the subjects."

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Mining Executive Says Outlook Is Grim For Gold Price Recovery

ELKO- Gold prices won't be on the rebound any time soon, so World Gold Council Chairman John Wilson is telling miners they have to eke by with the metal's current depressed value.

"We have to do a far better job in anything we're doing, and then we'll come through as generations of miners have done before us," he said at an Elko Mining Expo luncheon.

Wilson, who also is president and chief executive of Placer Dome Inc., told Friday's gathering that the key to gold coming back is the weakening of the U.S. dollar.

"I for one don't see it happening for some time, so I cannot be bullish and say we will come out of this quickly," He said.

Gold prices are at 20-year lows, and Wilson said in terms of inflation, they are significantly lower than they were 20 years ago.

The spot gold price closed Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange at \$259.80 a troy ounce, off 50 cents from Friday's close.

The price had already fallen roughly \$100 over two years when Great Britain announced on May 7 that it would sell 415 metric tons of gold from its reserves over several years. That announcement produced another \$30 hit on the already low price.

Wilson said two good things came out of the aftermath of the disclosure, however central banks will think twice about doing the same thing in the future, and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan issued an assurance that the United States is not selling gold.

Meanwhile, the World Gold Council is continuing its effort to convince central banks their practice of lending gold to bullion banks that in turn lend gold to speculators and mining companies is "putting great pressure on the market," the Elko Daily Press reported on Saturday.

What central banks do is important because they hold roughly 34,000 metric tons of the 130,000 metric tons above ground in the world today. The central bank reserves rep-

resent 14 years of production, Wilson said.

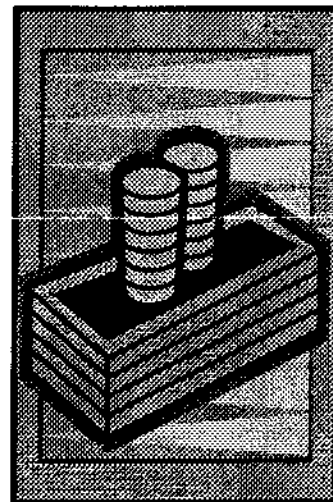
He also said the World Gold Council opposes the proposed International Monetary fund gold sale to aid 41 depressed countries.

Such a sale may hurt the gold prices but do little to help the poor nations, especially those that mine gold, Wilson said.

Looking to the future, Wilson said he believes "a day of fiscal reckoning is coming, and we will need assets like gold."

Placer Dome operates three mines in this state-the Pipeline Mine in Lander County, Bald Mountain Mine in White Pine County and Getchell Mine in Humboldt County.

Recopied from Associated Press



Surface, Jerry & Ann

HIGHGRADER

Who has the Mining Claims?

Based on the information obtained from the BLM, there are, as of July 1, 1998 approximately 138,000 active mining claims in Nevada. The number of active claims constantly varies as new claims are staked and some claims are dropped. The BLM data shows a total of 7,333 claimants however the actual number is a little smaller. This is because the BLM's computers would count, for example, J. Doe and John Doe as two claimants when they are the same.

While most of Nevada's mineral production is the result of the efforts of the large companies, most of the claimants hold relatively small numbers of claims. Over 65% of all claimants (4,776) hold between one and ten claims. An additional 1,022 claimants (14% of all claimants) hold between eleven and twenty claims. Thus nearly 80% of the claimants hold between one and twenty claims. The BLM records show that collectively the nine largest claimants hold over 36,000 claims. In addition to holding claims in their own name, most of the mining companies also lease claims held by others. Thus, the larger companies actually control more claims than they control themselves.

According to the results in the Division's survey of 1997 exploration activity, 18 companies each controlled more than 1,000 claims with nine of those companies each controlling over 5,000 claims.

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Did you find your name in this month's HIGHGRADER? If so you are a winner of 7 free door prize raffle tickets!!!!

There are 5 names hidden throughout the newsletter.

This is what you do..... locate your name in The HIGHGRADER next locate Greg Olson at the meeting and tell him, "Greg! Guess what I won the 7 free door prize raffle tickets!" Then he will kindly give you what you deserve a chance to win any of the raffle prizes on the table!! Wow! That's deal!

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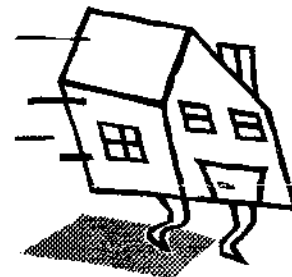
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*What is the Gold Searchers
of Southern Nevada?*

It is a local, non profit, Las Vegas Club comprised of members from all walks of humanity. Be it young "Greenhorns" or "Seasoned Prospectors." Some members are experts in such fields as Geology, Mineralogy, and even Mine Engineering. Some are Couchpotatologists. But most of all, members have a common love of their freedom to explore the "Great Outdoors."

GOLD FEVER spurs a lot of us to get out and extract enjoyment out of our mother earth, and learn more about her hidden wealth. There's a wealth of knowledge to be obtained, and friendships to be made. Lest we forget, the wealth of excitement in finding that beautiful, yellowish metal called **GOLD!**

Though finding **GOLD** is not our sole priority (we do public service for the mining industry, such as teaching scouts,

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and public school students how to pan gold), it is, however a lot of what we are about.

We are a fun-loving bunch that welcomes new members, and we gather together on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45 PM, at the ORR MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1562 E. Katie, Las Vegas.

We voice our opinions as one on such matters as land use, and mining laws. Also, to help others who have become aware of our recreation or livelihood. We teach how to use mineral rights without abusing them, and work to protect our rights to continue in our prospecting interests. The majority of our members own a Metal Detector. Our Club plans field trips where such an instrument could help unearth that precious metal. Others in our Club put more trust into known gold extracting equipment, such as Dry Washers or Recirculating Sluices. Some of their equipment is handmade, and some of it is store bought. Being in a local Club, such as ours, can help you to see and use a variety of mining equipment first hand in a location known to produce **GOLD.**

Our Club is open for your inspection. You may attend

King, Richard & Janet

TWO GENERAL MEETINGS and/or go one **FIELD TRIP** with the **GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA** free of charge. After that, simply join the Club for a mere membership fee of \$35.00 for the first year and \$20.00 each year thereafter. This is a "**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**" which includes all your immediate family. Once you join, you receive the Club's monthly newsletter, **THE HIGHGRADER.**" The **HIGHGRADER** contains news from the general and board meetings, upcoming field trip information, articles relating to prospecting, and you may even submit your own articles or place an ad in the Free Classified section for publication. We would love to have you join our Club! A membership application is in this issue for your convenience. Simply complete and enclose your check for \$35.00 then either bring it to our next meeting or mail to us at:

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**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR INTEREST**

**WHERE'S THE GOLD?
TIPS AND TECHNIQUES**

In this column each month we will try to give newcomers to our hobby some valuable tips and techniques which may help them get more enjoyment out of recreational prospecting and mining. Who knows, it may even help them find GOLD!



Willie Biron is an active member of the Gold Searcher's of Southern Nevada and a successful metal detector user. Look for his next detecting class at an upcoming outing.

There are many metal detectors out there, but if you want to find that yellow colored metallic type called GOLD you must get a detector that will work on those deep tiny pieces. It seem every-one is making detectors today and its tempting to go for the cheap one. My advice is do not skimp on the basic design. Sure you can pick up a quarter a bottle cap, or a nail with a treasure hunter special, and its really appreciated by those who use good sensitive equipment; because that's less trash we are going to see when we dig a bit deeper for that gold.

You may say well that is all I've got and it is better than nothing! I say have a ball and enjoy the outing because your chances of leaving with gold is slim to none.

If you are really serious about finding gold, you will need a metal detector that has been specifically designed for that. The following list of detectors is where you should start. Designed specifically to help you find gold, some have a better reputation than others. You have to do your homework.

First talk to someone that has one that you think may do the job...ask him to show you the gold found with it! Next you should try to rent or borrow one for a test drive.

There are used detectors for sale. I recently found some while browsing the web. Talk to club members about their likes and dislikes and maybe they are upgrading their detector and the old one is up for grabs. Chances are you can pick up a good detector from someone who hasn't found gold yet and is tired of trying!

Finding gold isn't easy and you have to really be in tune with your equipment to pick it up, as long as its a good unit, it doesn't have to have all the latest bells and whistles. The following list is provided as a starting point to finding gold...

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- \$699 White's Gold Master
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Where's The Gold
 "Metal Detectors" by Willie Biron Continued

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There are a wide variety of detectors out there on the market that may or may not be right for you.

If you are looking for a good gold detector then you might want to go with a Minelab or a White's Goldmaster. The Goldmaster is an affordable detector that is functional. It is one of my personal favorites. The fancy upgraded Goldmaster 4 retails for approximately \$749.00.

You can try a variety of these detectors by stopping by *Desert Outfitters* in the shopping center on Decatur and Oakey near Trader Joe's. Rick rents detectors so you can give them a try before you decide which detector to buy. Happy Prospecting!!!

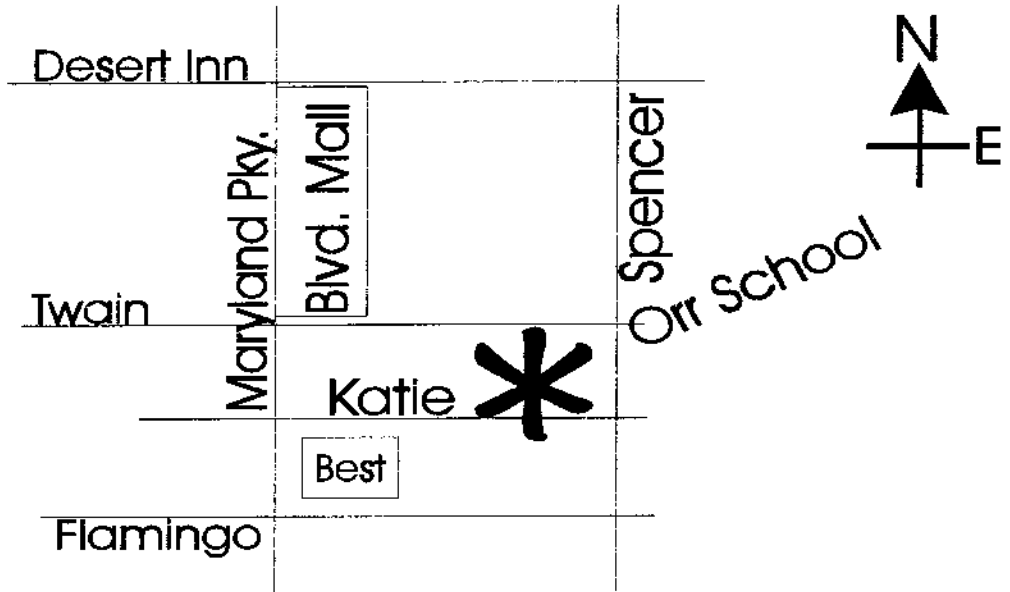
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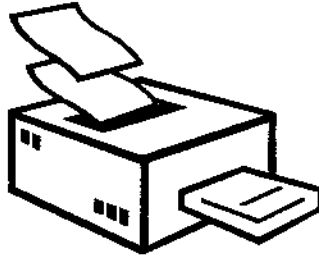
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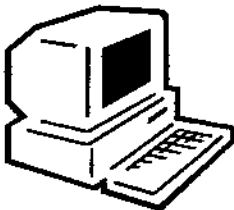


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