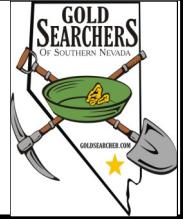


March 20, 2014



# HIGHGRADER

## Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada

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

### Outings and announcements

#### Officers and

#### Standing

#### Committees.....

- \* President-John Roberts
- \* Vice President- Ian Thaler
- \* Treasurer-Mark Hedges
- \* Secretary- Dolores Gee
- \* Membership-Steve Christenson
- \* Claims-John Anderson
- \* Education- Fred Zajac
- \* Librarian-Dennis Johnson
- \* Merchandise-Gary Gallager
- \* Website-Mark Hedges
- \* Newsletter- Dara Thaler

Thank you to all that attended the outing in February. Pot luck lunch was a huge success and thank you to all that participated and brought goodies. We hope everyone had a great time whether you spent just the day or camped for the weekend. We hope you all found some gold!

Summer is coming and anyone going out to the claims needs to take special precaution and watch out for the snakes. Becoming dehydrated in the triple digit temperatures and heat stroke come on suddenly, and without warning. Pack plenty of water. Make sure you plan your digging for early morning. And remember to fill your

holes when you leave.  
**Next Outing is March 22-23** at the "Empty Pockets" claim.

Pot luck Saturday, GSSN breakfast Sunday. Don't forget to RSVP to the President if you are going to be there.

Equipment is available to borrow from the club. A \$150.00 deposit is required at the time of pick up. Bring your ID and Club membership card and your deposit money. The deposit can be in the form of Check or cash. Contact the President for details and availability. Pick up days for the equipment is Tuesday through Saturday. @ 704 Canyon Road, Boulder City, NV 8AM to 5PM

GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA  
 NOTICE OF MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING  
 APRIL 2, 2014  
 6:30 PM  
 425 EAST VAN WAGENEN  
 HENDERSON, NV 89002

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### Equipment list

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 Keene Dry Washer  
 Desert Foxes  
 Blue Bowl  
 Metal detectors  
 High bankers  
 GPS

Library  
 Books, Magazines,  
 Videos

#### Quote for the Day

" I don't care what Todd says, I know where the gold is!!"

Jack from Gold Rush

## SEPTEMBER 2013 MINUTES

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV on Wed., Sept. 4, 2013. President Ian Thaler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM & led in pledging allegiance to the flag. He welcomed all - there were 6 visitors and 59 signed in. Dara gave the Treasurer's Report; Fred made a motion to accept the report as presented, which was seconded by Jim Hanson. George N. announced an informal breakfast club meeting for Wed. at 9AM (Sept. 11, 2013) at the Joker's Wild. He then announced that a 1-day outing would take place on Tues., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Pahrump claim. Anyone interested in either event can contact him. Fred then spoke briefly about this month's featured equipment: a Keene high-banker. John Anderson then spoke on renewing our claims. He mentioned our filing for the small miners exemption & said that we have to file by next Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> for our Mohave Co., AZ claim and by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> for our Nye Co., NV claim.

Paperwork will be filed showing we worked on roads; and he will keep on top of rules that will permit us to file for the small miners exemption in the future as well as explore all options in connection with our keeping our claims relative to BLM's rules that change year to year. Fred then made a motion to donate our old VHS tapes to Basic / Foothill Schools (for their earth sciences depts. - contact is Gail Mayes. Merk Black seconded the motion & the vote was unanimously in favor. The motion carried. Ian then gave the group info about the Pahrump claim in connection with safety concerns. He then announced our monthly outing for September will be on 9/29/13 at the 34 in Meadview. (Saturday is pot luck & Sunday features the regular 10AM brunch, which will be provided by GSSN. The group then watched a short video provided by George N. on gold prospecting using a high banker back about 12 years ago. Frank Calhoun announced that Oct. 17-19 the GPAA will have a metal detecting hunt and we've been invited. There being no further old or new business the raffles were held next. Ian thanked those who made contributions. (See list below.)

At 8:15 PM Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Morris seconded the motion & the meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee

Secretary

Sept. 5, 2013

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Holger Hellman won the 50/50 in the amt. of \$74. John Toll won the \$11.25 door prize.

Other winners:

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| 1. Big shovel...Pam Goulder                          | 13. Gold Book...Mike Westover                |
| 2. Little shovel...Fred Zajac                        | 14. Green scoop/teaser bag...Janet Schelling |
| 3. Walking stick...Bob Martin                        | 15. Desert Outfitters hat...John Bronstein   |
| 4. Bucket & organizer...Morris Seguin                | 16. Large black tub...Bob Bair               |
| 5. Flag/magnifier/truck...John Toll                  | 17. Tea pot...Ken Mack                       |
| 6. Leather pouch...Fred Zajac                        | 18. Briefcase...Holger Hellman               |
| 7. Flag/mini classifier/headlamp...Gary Toll         | 19. Server...Brian Cole                      |
| 8. Yellow classifier/handles...Russ Gladem           | 20. T-shirt...Steve Johnson                  |
| 9. Green scoop/truck/ survival aid...Bill White      | 21. Light...Janet Schelling                  |
| 10. Green pan/vial...John Anderson                   | 22. Magnet...Bob Martin                      |
| 11. Blue pan/vial...Ken Frederick                    | 23. Rain poncho...Ray Chandler               |
| 12. Lg. green pan/vial/toothbrush cover...Jim Hanson | 24. Black GSSN magnet...Morris Seguin        |
|  | 25. Gold GSSN magnet...Bill White            |
|  | 26. Magnet...Fred Zajac                      |

DG:9/5/2013

**OCTOBER 2013 MINUTES**

GoldSearchers of Southern Nevada – October 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President Ian Thaler at 6:30–pm Tuesday, October 3, 2013 at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV. The President led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and then welcomed new members and visitors.

The Treasurer Dara Thaler gave the Treasurer's Report for September 2013. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Report accepted. The President mentioned a donation to the club of a flag by Gary Gallagher that was to be a raffle prize. The President noted that the flag would be of use at the claim sites as the existing one is worn out. A motion to keep the flag and use it at club claims was made, seconded and was passed.

The President recapped the most recent outing at the Broken Step claim. It was discussed that the October outing would be the weekend of Oct 26<sup>th</sup> as not to compete with the GPAA outing on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October in the Dolan Springs area. With a show of hands the outing site was selected; the 20 acre, if Jim can bring his backhoe to dig for us. In the event Jim can't bring the hoe we will have the outing on the 28 claim.

The President discussed the emails that are sent out prior to events. They are sent out a week before the outing, we are not getting the number of kick backs as we used to, but the President noted that you should have your mail program with the membership email address of the club entered as a contact

([gssnmembership@gmail.com](mailto:gssnmembership@gmail.com)) so that your mail server can receive the emails and they are not automatically sent to the junk mail folder. Hopefully this will ensure all members receive the notice. Also be sure that the club has your correct email address.

The President than thanked all those who helped with the setup and teardown at the last outing. George Kilroy gave a summary of the activities of the Sun newspaper reporter and photographer who attended the outing on Saturday. Brian and Lelia took pictures and asked questions for an article in the Sun Newspaper "Around Nevada" series. They stayed for the potluck and then the metal detector hunt. Brian did dig some dirt and George helped him find some gold.

George advised the membership that the Breakfast Club will be held the Tuesday after our general meeting at Jokers Club in Henderson. He will review what transpired at the general meeting for members that were unable to make the monthly meeting.

George reported on the mid week outing two weeks after the last general meeting. He plans on a monthly "day only" outing on the second Wednesday after the general meeting. The next one will be the second Wednesday after the October meeting (Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>) at the Broken Step Claim. November he will try to go to the Eldorado Mine and we include a lunch with those attending. The December day outing will be something small and easy.

The September "day outing" was at the Phrump claim and a number of the Phrump club members visited. George also cautioned our members that the "day outing" are BYOE, "Bring Your Own Everything."

The President thanked Dale Riddle, a longtime member who donated mining type melters for our raffle. Thank you Dale.

Fred advised that we would not be doing a feature on "equipment of the month", he used that time for the newest information on Government Regulations that were printed in the monthly GPAA newspaper. The government has withdrawn 303,900 acres from new mining claims. For the next twenty years there will no longer be any new claims, this land will be set aside for solar power. The land in question is in Az, Utah, New Mexico, the Grand Canyon to Zion. Fred would like all of us to contact our representatives and speak out against this legislation. The only way we can acquire new claim land is to purchase the land. Let's get the word out about this. Please see the article in the latest GPAA Gazette.

The club received notice of two members or relatives of members that passed away this month. Guy's mother Julie Quinn passed away since the last meeting and Ed Locke from Lake Havasu City also passed away. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

The President advised the membership that he did not intend to seek reelection to the Presidency. He has served for four years and would like to have someone else assume the Presidency. He recapped the progress the club has made in the past five years and felt that although it has been a pleasure being President he would like to step back and let someone else fill the position. He advised that he would stay aboard and help with whatever needs to be done, but that he feels the club will continue on as it has been, the claims are in good order, Ian feels nothing has been left undone.

Fred will serve as the chair person for the nomination Committee, Morris Sequin, Frank Calhoun and Leslie Burns will serve as members. The nominations begin now and will be completed by the next meeting. The election will be in November and the installation of new board members will be in December. Fred Secured nominations from the floor:

Ian nominated John Roberts (the current Vice President) for President, John has accepted the nomination. Fred called for additional nominations, there were none.

George nominated Ian for Vice President, Ian accepted, there were no other nominations.

Ian called for nominations for Secretary, Dolores Gee was nominated and although not present has tentatively accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

George nominated Steve Christensen for membership pending Steve's acceptance.

There were no other nominations from the floor,

The President thanked the Nomination committee.

End of Old Business membership may take a fifteen minute break.

The President called the meeting back to order at 7:18 pm

Ian and George presented a slide show on the Berlin State Park in upstate Nevada. Berlin is home of the Ichthyosaur fossils as well as a functioning silver and gold mine in the late 1800s. Between 1897 and 1910 \$849,000 of gold and silver were mined from the town. Not much by today's standards but enough to warrant a town that had 250 people at its height and only three people by 1912.

New Business:

The President requested a committee to put on the Christmas Party. It was decided that Dara would head up the committee. It was further suggested that the club would provide chicken, but the members would supply the pasta, spaghetti and all side dishes included the deserts.

The raffle was held see the list for the winners.

The President entertained a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Diana Mack

Acting Secretary

October 2, 2013

**NOVEMBER 2013 MINUTES**

GSSN minutes: Wed., Nov. 6, 2013

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson on 1--6-14 and was called to order by Pres. Ian Thaler at 630 PM. He led in pledging allegiance to the flag. Ian welcomed all - there were 4 visitors and 72 signed in. The Oct. outing was discussed and Fred talked briefly on the upcoming Nov. 23-24 outing (at Sect. 28). Sign-up sheets were provided. Ian thanked all who helped out and encouraged more members to help out as well. Ian mentioned some items for sale (contact him for info). Ian mentioned that Al (our American Legion friend and liaison) has passed and asked all to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Next the Christmas party was discussed. It will be held on Wed., Dec. 4th at our regular monthly meeting. There will be a special raffle of 5 items and a regular raffle of purchased and donated items. A sign-up sheet was provided for members to indicate what they'd like to bring. The club will provide turkey, pasta, ham, bar-b-q, etc., similar to last year's gathering. Morris made a motion to purchase some gold nuggets (up to \$200) which was seconded by Fred. Discussion followed. The vote was unanimous & the motion carried.

Next George N. talked about the GSSN breakfast club (to be held on Tues. morning at 9AM at the Jokers Wild in Henderson. All are invited. (Contact Geo for info.) An outing will be held on Wed., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at the El Dorado Mine. The mine tour is \$12 and George will provide food. Those attending should meet at the mine entrance at 9AM. (Also contact Geo. for info.) Since the minutes haven't been published and read by the membership, they will be voted on at a future meeting. (There will be no January 2014 meeting due to the New Year's Day holiday on the first Wed.)

Ian then brought up the subject of the GSSN's purchasing a trailer for outings. Jake volunteered to chair the committee. Morris and Frank Calhouns will act as co-chairpersons for the Trailer Committee. Ian reminded all that camping out is limited to 14 days in a 28-day period, then campers must move at least 25 miles from the original camp site in accordance with Federal law regarding camping on public land. We can camp on our claims - and Sect. 28 is reported to be just about the best for gold prospecting.

After a short break the elections were held. Fred Zajac (head of the nominating committee) facilitated the election process and reviewed the slate of candidates. The following officers were voted into office. The secretary cast the deciding vote in each case. John Roberts: President; Ian Thaler, Vice President; Mark Hedges, Treasurer; Steve Christiansen, Membership. Dolores Gee was reelected Secretary, and President John Roberts cast the deciding vote.

After a 5-minute break, we saw a short video following which Fred made a motion to end the meeting, which was seconded by Morris Sequin. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Dolores Gee, Secretary  
November 7, 2013

## FEBRUARY 2014 MINUTES

GSSN minutes: Wed., Feb. 5, 2014...

The first regular membership meeting of the GSSN for 2014 took place on Wed., Feb. 5, 2013 at the American Legion Hall in Henderson. President John Roberts called the meeting to order at 630 PM. He led in pledging allegiance to the flag and welcomed all there were ten visitors and 72 signed in.

John let the group know about Al Shook's passing and he was remembered by a moment of silence.

Next Mark Hedges gave the Treasurers Report (for Nov. 2013, Dec. 2013 & Jan., 2014). Pam made a motion to approve the Nov. report as given & Rick Young seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. Morris made a motion regarding the Dec. report, which was seconded by Pam; and Pam made a motion to approve the Jan. report, which was seconded by Richard Harding -- both were also unanimously approved. George N. then spoke briefly on the breakfasts and midweek outings he heads up and said there would be no Fed. midweek outing. Anyone interested can contact him for info. The regular Feb. monthly outing will be Feb. 22-23 at "Empty Pockets." Usual food plans will prevail. Next a straw poll was taken and it was decided that the GSSN will not have a booth at the GPAA Gold Show in April at the South Point; instead the GSSN will participate in the Scout Expo. Details TBA. Those who helped out at the Pahrump outing were thanked and then the purchase of a trailer was discussed & then the subject was tabled. Following a short break, Bill Durbin of the NV Division of Minerals gave an interesting presentation on mine safety (the abandoned mines program) -- "Stay Out & Stay Alive." A Q & A followed. Afterwards, the raffles were held. (See below.) At 8:30PM Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Rick Young. The meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee  
Secretary  
2-7-2014

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Kathy Gonzalez won the 50/50 in the amt. of \$67. The door prize of \$15.25 was won by Joe Wagner, and he donated it back to GSSN.

Other prizes were:

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| 1. Big shovel...Jerry van Muyden   | 9. Small pick...Larry Schlickennayer               |
| 2. Small shovel...Larry Schlickennayer   | 10. Bag of dirt & bucket handle...George N.        |
| 3. Walking stick..." "   | 11. Blue pan & snuffer bottle...John Toll          |
| 4. Black panning tub...Gary Toll   | 12. Green pan & " " ...Taylor Hooper               |
| 5. 1/8 <sup>th</sup> inch metal classifier...John Anderson                         | 13. Knee pads & brush...John Anderson              |
| 6. Long Magnet...Gary Toll   | 14. Mini folding shovel... Melinda Woolman         |
| 7. "Finding GOLD in the Desert" book, lupe<br>& small pocket knife...Robert Colvin | 15. Sml. hand shovel & flashlites...Chuck Prohaska |
| 8. Desert Outfitters hat...Carla Stone   | 16. GSSN t-shirt...George N.                       |
|  | 17. Arm-rest organizer...Gary Toll                 |

DG/2-7-2014

**MARCH 2014 MINUTES**

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV on Wednesday, March 5, 2014. President John Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM & led in pledging allegiance to the flag. Then he welcomed all -- 59 signed in and there were ten visitors. Several people indicated they found gold at the last outing. The next outing scheduled for March 22-23 at the 34 (Broken Step) was discussed and Ian suggested going back to Empty Pockets (where gold was found) to fill baggies with dirt to take to the April outing (Boy Scouts Expo) on April 26 to let the boys pan for gold. A show of hands was in favor of Ian's suggestion and it was unanimously agreed to change the March outing to the Empty Pockets. Any members who want to attend the Gold Show at South Point would then be able to do so on Sunday, 4/27/14. Next Mark gave the Treasurer's Report. Morris Seguin made a motion to accept the report as given & Frank Calhoun seconded the motion. Motion carried. Then George N. invited all to his breakfast club gatherings (next week on Tuesday (3-11-14) at Jokers Wild at 9AM) and to the midweek outing (Wed., March 19<sup>th</sup> @ Pahrump). Anyone interested can contact him.

When the president asked for a chairperson to head up a committee for the Boy Scout Expo, Taylor Hooper volunteered. Ace Hunt & Ian agreed to assist. Then Rick Borders made a motion to accept the committee and Rick Young seconded the motion. Vote was unanimously in favor and the motion carried. Next Ian spoke briefly on an item previously tabled: a trailer. He said a 6x12, tandem axle w/electric brakes would require at least a half-ton pick-up to tow it. A discussion ensued and then Doug Parker made a motion to again table the item until the May meeting, which was seconded by Brian Cole. The group agreed. Then John R. made some announcements. In regard to picking up equipment, he said the schedule to do so is Tuesdays through Saturdays (from 8AM - 5PM) in Boulder City with a \$150 deposit (driver's license Cash or check) required. Link is on website to contact John Roberts, who will contact the equipment chairperson. Mark asked that photos be sent to him to include in our newsletter, the HighGrader. (FYI--the GSSN website is: [www.goldsearchersnv.com](http://www.goldsearchersnv.com)). After a short break, some of the club's equipment was demonstrated and the items generated a lot of interest. Then the raffles were held. (See list below.) After the drawings, Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8PM, which was seconded by Rick Borders & the meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee, Secretary  
March 6, 2014

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**FINANCIALS OCTOBER 2013-FEBRUARY 2014**

## October Checking Account

Beginning Balance with interest \$17,332.27

Total income \$1,553.75

Balance \$18,886.32

Expenses \$669.59

Balance \$18,216.43

October Saving Account \$5,000.16

## November Checking Account

Beginning Balance with interest \$18,217.19

Total income \$2,038.50

Balance \$20,255.69

Expenses \$755.80

Balance \$19,499.89

November Savings Account \$5,000.20

## December Checking Account

Beginning Balance with interest \$19,500.67

Total income \$2,055.00

Balance \$21,555.67

Expenses \$1,192.74

Balance \$20,362.93

December Savings Account \$5,000.23

## January Checking Account

Beginning balance with interest \$20,363.77

Total Income \$900.00

Expenses \$135.00

Balance \$21,128.77

January Savings Account \$5,000.27

## February Checking Account

Beginning Balance with interest \$21,129.64

Total Income \$1,867.25

Balance \$22,996.89

Expenses \$914.87

Balance \$22,082.02

February Savings Account \$5,000.31

**FEBRUARY OUTING PHOTO GALLERY**





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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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