

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada



!Highgrader Newsletter!



CALENDAR EVENTS

- No Outings for the Months of: June, July, August
- Check Out Our New Officer for Treasurer!
- GPS Presentation at June 3rd General Meeting! Bring GPS Device!
- Important Notice Page 6!!

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Secretary Minutes As of May 6th, 2009.

On May 6, 2009, the GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV; the meeting started at 6:35 PM. There were 57 members in attendance plus ten visitors. President Nic Johnson led the pledge of allegiance in opening the meeting. He asked if anyone had found gold and some vials were passed around the group, after which time he then introduced vice president Carl Richwine who presented a history of GSSN which was interesting and informative. After Carl read the chronology there were some questions, answers and comments. Then Mike Costa commented afterwards about some concerns he had, especially regarding “members in good standing” and “contested candidates for office.” At that time the group took a brief break to enable Ian Thaler to set up a dry washer he and his brother had built. A demonstration followed the break, and then another short break took place, with the meeting resuming at 7:25 PM.

Nic showed the group a photo of a snake taken at the site of the claim and cautioned everyone to be careful especially in warm weather and also reminded everyone to keep hydrated. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March and April meetings – Fred Zajac made such motions; and Morris Seguin seconded both motions.

Nic commented on the May 16th outing (which will be at section 28) and announced that hamburgers, macaroni and potato salad would be available at 10:30 AM. Barry Kennerley then gave a brief treasurers report. Nic thanked those who helped out at the GSSN booth at the Primm Gold Show. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was so adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Club Officers Of 2009!

President	Nicolas Johnson
Vice President	Carl Richwine
Secretary	Dolores Gee
Treasurer	Dara Thaler
Membership	Marcia Richwine
Education	Fred Zajac
Outings	Morris Seguin
Claims	Carl Richwine
Newsletter	Nicolas Johnson
Webmaster	Jim Miller
Audit	Fred Zajac John Gee Jake Jakl

For Sale

SD2000—Pulse action instead of Full Signal, Comes with Car Charger, 18” Coil, 10” Coil, New Battery (5 hrs.)
Call Trevor @ 702-560-1699 \$600 or B.O.

For Sale

GoldDuster Dry-washer– Replaced with New screen, good hose (3”ID), works great.
Call Dennis @ 928-767-3465 asking \$350 O.B.O.



!!RAFFLE WINNERS CORNER!!

Door Prize (\$5.00) - Richard Walton



Gold Nugget.....John Roberts
 Bag of Gold Sand.....John Neil
 Bucket Organizer.....Ian Thaler
 Small Shovel.....Steve Christenson
 Vest.....Randy Gleason
 Lg Pan, Sm Pan, +Trowel.....Jeff Hayne
 Sm Tub, Pan + Trowel.....RickGleason
 Dust Pan, Brush, Gloves, Mask.....John Neil

Charcoal, hat, Flashlight, Coffee Cup...Dara Thaler
 Picnic Backpack.....Pam Gulder
 Golf Umbrella.....Gene Altobella
 Sm. Hammer, Gloves, Flashlight.....Janet Schelling
 Red—Orange Calcite.....John Bronstein
 Dog Tooth Calcite.....Randy Huffine
 Coffee Mug, Flashlight, Pens.....Jean Davis
 Vials, Dust Pan + Brush.....Jean Davis



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

The GSSN Board met at Panera Bread on Wed., May 20th, 2009. President Nic Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and thanked the Board for coming. (In attendance were: Nic Johnson, Carl Richwine, Marcia Richwine, Dolores Gee, Morris Seguin, Fred Zajac, Dara Thaler, Pete Thaler, Joyce Johnson, and Jake Jakl.)

Fred made a motion to suspend outings for June, July & August. Morris Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of approving the motion and it was so carried. Nic announced that Barre Kennerley sent a letter to him and one to the GSSN Board resigning as Treasurer effective Thursday, May 7th, 2009. Nic then made a motion to appoint Dara Thaler as Treasurer; Fred Zajac seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion & Dara gave a brief thumbnail sketch of her background. The vote was then unanimously in favor of her appointment. Dolores will draw up a letter to have her name added as signatory at US Bank for GSSN accounts.

Nic then made a motion to buy "Roberts Rules of Order" (Cost approx. \$25) which was amended by Carl Richwine to add wording to the motion saying that "said book to be held by president for exclusive use by GSSN Board." Nic then seconded Carl's revised motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of approving the motion and it was so carried.

Fred then brought up the subject of the GSSN membership list, and emphasized that it should be guarded and treated as extremely confidential due to the Privacy Act.

Jake then made a statement that sometimes members need rides or have questions and he suggested that a sign-up sheet be available at meetings so that those who want to can list their names, telephone number and/or e-mail information relative to being contacted.

Carl then showed the Board a quartermaster list in a binder indicating what materials were transferred to each officer upon taking office.

Carl then made a motion for the Audit Committee to meet to go over the Treasurer's books before transfer of same to Dara Thaler. Nic seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved. The Audit Committee scheduled a meeting for Thursday, May 21st, 2009 to insure expeditious transition of financial matters. (Fred Zajac was given Barre Kennerley's attaché case to hold for the time being.)

Marcia then gave a brief report indicating that currently there are 198 active members in good standing; 21 past due and 12 up for June renewals. She said that a check dated 3-3-2009 was received from Bob Shiroky's account in the amount \$3,044.63 representing balance of club's funds for 2008.

Jake then mentioned that a recent GPAA meeting, President DeAnna Costen thanked GSSN President Nic Johnson for his kind letter received in appreciation for the GPAA's support on behalf of the GSSN.

Nic then brought up the matter of Mike Costa's comments of the April 1st, 2009 GSSN Meeting. He asked the Board to make a decision or give suggestions as to what to do in response (or whether to respond). Jake made a motion that we not respond to Mike Costa or to Dana Coffee's letter of 3-31-09 in any manner. This motion was amended to say that any member could submit concerns or question. Morris seconded the amended motion. There were no further comments and the amended motion was

unanimously approved.

Carl then passed out copies of GSSN 2003 Bylaws to be considered prior to presentation to membership for consideration.

At this time Nic made a motion to appoint Joyce Johnson as GSSN Librarian. Carl seconded the motion and Fred Seconded the motion. Jake made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Fred seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.





Here are some of the Outing Pictures from May 16th, 2009!

It was nice to have some water there to help cool off in the summer heat!

Big Thank You to all people who helped people to Prospect!

<———— This lizard here was obliged to have its picture taken and also he wants to be known as Godzilla! King of the Arizona Desert!!!

The board Recommends the following amendments to the Bylaws revised by the Membership July 2003 for consideration at the 06/04/09 General Meeting.

Replace Article 1 with the following

Article 1: Name/purpose

- A. The name of the organization shall be "Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc."
- B. The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. is organized as a non-profit Nevada Corporation exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, more specifically to educate its members and others about prospecting for gold and other precious minerals.

Add to Article 3

- E. To be considered a member in good standing, to retain voting privileges and use the organizations claims, the annual dues shall be paid up to date.
- F. After a 90-day grace period, a member will be removed from the organization's membership and shall pay a new member fee to rejoin.

Amend Article 4 Section C

Change quorum from 20% to 10%.

Amend Article 5 Section B as follows

- B. The elected officers of the Organization shall consist of the President, Vice President at least one (1) Secretary, at least one (1) Treasurer and Membership Officer.

Add to Article 5

- I. Membership officer is responsible for suggesting and implementing methods to attract new members to the Organization.

Add to Article 6

- F. All records shall be transferred to newly elected officers during the month of December. Names of signers on the bank accounts shall be changed in December. Newly elected officers will take office January 1st.

Replace Article 7 with the following

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected Officers.
- B. The Board shall consist of the Executive Committee and the Chairperson of all standing committees. The minutes of its meetings are the official record of the Board and shall be published in the newsletter.
- C. The standing committees shall be:
 - 1. The Executive Committee
 - 2. The Newsletter Committee
 - 3. The Claims Committee
 - 4. The Outings Committee
 - 5. The Library Committee
 - 6. The Education Committee
 - 7. The Webmaster Committee

Duties of Committees

1. The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Organization between its regularly scheduled meetings.
2. The Newsletter Committee shall consist of the Editor and assistance as needed. The Editor shall be responsible for the publication and mailings of the newsletter in a timely fashion.
3. The Claims Committee shall be responsible for the proper marking of all claims, filing of all claims and mapping of all claims for the Organization's use.
4. The Outings Committee shall be responsible for researching and arranging outings for the Organization.
5. The Library Committee shall be responsible for keeping all soft goods, i.e., books, Videos, tapes, maps and other material belonging to the Organization and making this available for the use of the members. The librarian shall also act as Historian for the records.
6. The Education Committee shall coordinate education activities of the Organization.
7. The Webmaster Committee shall update and maintain the Organization's website.
8. The President may appoint other committees from time to time for specific purposes.

Add Article 11: Code of Ethics

- A. Respect the rights of all members at meetings and activities. Those failing to be respectful of others will be asked to leave the meeting or activity.
- B. Before searching or prospecting sites or lands, always check on laws, ordinances or regulations that govern your search area.
- C. NEVER Trespass! Always get permission when searching or prospecting on private land.
- D. Never leave open holes. Try to leave the area as it was. Fill in and or level your prospecting holes and piles. Leave flora and fauna alone.
- E. Anyone not filling in their dig holes when detecting or drywashing will be banned from club claims.
- F. Report the discovery of any item of significant historical value to the local historian or museum.
- G. If you discover live ammo, explosives, detonators, or lethal object, DO NOT touch it. Mark the site and notify Police at once.
- H. Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your activities. You are an Ambassador of the Club and a pastime we want to protect. We will be judged by how we act and respond.
- I. Do not litter! Pick up your trash and some extra, Please.
- J. All gold found on our claims belongs to the finder.
- K. Access to the claims is on first come, first serve basis. There are no reserved locations. Leave a ten-foot space between you and the next member when any members are present and working the same area.



!! Important Notice to ALL Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. Members!!

On pages 7,8,9, and 10 are the Bylaws. Please cut out these pages and Staple/attach them to your Membership Booklet with the yellow cover. The Bylaws that are being sent out in the Highgrader is your copy! Please read to be informed and take care of these Bylaws!

Thank you for your Support!!

7/02/03

By-Laws of Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada

ARTICLE 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be "Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada",
This is a not for profit organization.

ARTICLE 2: Objectives

- A. Protect the rights given us under the Mining Law of 1872.
- B. To educate, exchange information and knowledge in prospecting, milling, mining safety, and operating a small mining organization.
- C. To obtain enjoyment and success from prospecting potential mineral bearing areas.
- D. To locate, lease and/or purchase claims for the use of the organization.
- E. Exchange ideas with other like or similar organizations.

ARTICLE 3: Membership

- A. Any individual eighteen (18) or older, wishing to participate in and further the objectives of the organization are eligible for membership.
- B. Members will be required to pay the annual dues which are set by the Organization.
- C. Each member in good standing shall have one (1) vote in matters voted upon at the General Meetings.
- D. Non members or guests may attend a maximum of two meetings and/or one outing Prior to joining. Any person exceeding these limits during a calendar year may be Asked to leave any meeting and/or outing by any officer.

ARTICLE 4: Meetings and Quorum

- A. There shall be at least one (1) General Meeting each month.
- B. The General Meeting in November shall be designated as the Annual Meeting at which time the election of Officers shall be held.
- C. A quorum for the General Meetings of the Organization, for the transaction of business, shall be 20 percent of the membership in good standing.
- D. The Executive Committee shall designate the time and the place for the General Meeting and the Executive meetings.
- E. Any officer who misses three (3) consecutive meetings (without approval of the Executive Board) may be considered for removal from office.

Article 5: Officers and Duties of Officers

- A. All officers shall be "members in good standing" and shall remain so during their terms of office.
- B. The elected officers of the organization shall consist of the President, (at least one (1) Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, and one Member at Large.
- C. Additional elected officers of the Organization may be created by the Executive Committee, as the need arises.

Revised by Membership July 2, 2003.

President

Robert Shiocky

7/02/03

Article 5: (Cont)

- D. The President shall be the executive officer of the organization and shall preside at all meetings of the organization. He/She shall recommend committee chairpersons to the Executive committee for appointment.
- E. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the organization when the President is absent. He/She shall carry out all duties as appointed by the President.
- F. The Secretary shall take the minutes at all General Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings. He/ She shall be the holder of the Corporate Minutes Book and Seal.
- G. The Treasurer shall receive all the funds of the organization and disburse only such funds as are authorized by the Executive Committee, and shall keep financial records of the organization in a manner acceptable to the Executive Committee. He/She shall be present at all audits of the books.
- H. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall be authorized to assign Other duties to the Officers as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

Article 6: Election of Officers

- A. Nominations for election of Officers shall be declared open at the October General Meeting, with the Election taking place at the November General Meeting. Nominations may be made by any member, in good standing at such meeting. Any member in good standing may be nominated or appointed to any office. No member may be nominated for or appointed to any office without his or her consent. The names of the nominees for each respective office shall be published in the organizations newsletter following such meeting.
- B. An election/nominating committee of not less than three members, none of whom shall be a candidate for election, shall volunteer or be appointed by the Executive Committee to supervise and conduct the election.
- C. After any nominations have been made from the floor, a motion shall be in order to cast a majority ballot for all non-contested offices; After such motion has been made, seconded, and passed, such nominees shall be declared duly elected. Contested offices shall then be elected by written ballot.
- C. No elected Officer may hold the same office for more than two and a half (21/2) terms. However, He/She may run for a different office, if so desired, at the end of the two and a half (21/2) terms.
- D. If any office is declared vacant for any reason, the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint another Officer to carry out the duties until an election can be held to fill the vacancy.

Revised by Membership July 2, 2003
President Robert Shiocky

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ARTICLE 7: Committees, Standing and Others

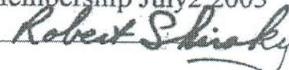
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 3. The Claims Committee
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- D. 1. The Membership Committee is responsible for suggesting and implementing methods to attract new members to the Organization.
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3. The Claims Committee shall be responsible for the proper marking of all Claims, the filing of all Claims and the mapping of all Claims for the use of the Organization, and providing same for Claims Booklet.
4. The Outings Committee shall be responsible for researching and arranging the outings for the Organization. They shall also be responsible for the Equipment pertaining to the Organization, and making it available for the use of the members.
5. The Library Committee shall be responsible for keeping all soft goods, ie. Books, Videos, tapes, maps and other material belonging to the Organization and making This available for the use of the members. The Librarian shall also act as historian For records of this Organization.
6. Other committees may be appointed by the President from time to time for specific purposes.

ARTICLE 8: Amendments to the By-Laws

- A. A motion to amend the By-Laws may be made by any member in good standing at any General Meeting. A written copy of the proposed amendment must be presented to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. The proposal must be seconded. The proposed amendment must be published in the newsletter prior to the next General meeting. At the next General Meeting after publication, the proposed amendment shall be discussed under "New Business". The final form of the amendment must be published in the next edition of the newsletter and the President shall place the proposed amendment on the agenda for the next meeting. It shall be taken up in "Old Business" and requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at such meeting. If adopted, it shall become effective immediately.

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President



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- B. The Executive Committee may introduce any Amendments as a group, and cause the Editor to publish the first draft of such proposed change. The amendment procedure Will then proceed as though submitted by an individual member, as fully described in Section "A" above.

ARTICLE 9: Parliamentary Guidance

- A. Roberts Rules of Order are hereby adopted for parliamentary usage at the meetings of the organization.

ARTICLE 10: Dissolution of Organization

- A. Any member may make a motion to dissolve the Corporation at any General Meeting of the organization. If such a motion is made, seconded and passed, it will be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at the next General Meeting of the organization under "New Business". Announcement that such motion has been made shall be published in the newsletter.
- B. The motion to dissolve the Corporation will then be acted on at the next General Meeting under "New Business". If two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing approve the motion to dissolve, the Audit Committee shall then meet and perform an audit to verify the remaining balance in the treasury. They shall research and submit the names of at least two (2) non-profit educational organizations which support mining and individual mining rights in Nevada.
- C. All assets of the Corporation shall be liquidated at reasonable value and the funds shall Be added to the treasury.
- D. The Executive Committee shall select those organizations from the ones submitted by The Audit Committee and determine the amount each is to receive.
- E. At the next General Meeting, the report of the Audit Committee shall be presented immediately after the Presidents opening remarks. The members present shall discuss the report and modify it or adopt it as recommended, by a simple majority vote.
- F. The Treasurer shall allot a sufficient sum to pay all authorized and outstanding bills and Report the balance in the treasury. The President will then call for an immediate vote on the dissolution of the Corporation. A vote of greater than three-quarters (3/4) of the members in good standing shall be necessary for dissolution. If the vote to dissolve is passed, it shall be effective immediately, and the Treasurer shall write and post the amounts allotted to past due bills and current authorized expenses, and shall write and post the amounts in the designated percentages to the educational groups as voted upon by the Executive Committee. This action shall deplete the treasury to a zero balance, checking account to be closed and the Corporation shall be considered dissolved.
- G. Notification of dissolution is to be sent to the "Secretary of State" of the State of Nevada.

Revised by Membership July 2, 2003 -
President _____

Robert Shinsky

Application To : Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

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Www.goldsearcher.com

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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.

June 3rd, 2009.

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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.