



Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. Highgrader Newsletter



OFFICERS	STANDING COMMITTEES	GSSN NOTICE												
<p>President– <i>Ian Thaler</i> Vice President– <i>John Roberts</i> Treasurer– <i>Dara Thaler</i> Secretary– <i>Dolores Gee</i> Membership– <i>Steve Christenson</i></p>	<p>Audit Committee– <i>Fred Zajac</i> Claims Committee– <i>John Bronstein</i> Education Committee– <i>Fred Zajac</i> Librarian Committee– <i>Larry Clay</i> Merchandise Committee– <i>Al Kraus</i> Newsletter Committee– <i>Nicolas Johnson</i> Outing Committee– Website Committee– <i>Jim Miller</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are looking for an Outing Chairman! Please talk to one of the Officers. • Outing for December, there will not be one, but head out and hit up your Favorite spot. gold is up to \$1,409! 												
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Raffle Winners

50/50 (\$68) - Charlotte Foley



Chair w/ Canopy.....Steve Christenson
 Snowman holding beer.....Gene Altobella
 Utility Shovel Bag.....A.J. Myles
 Flashlights.....Robert Parker
 Thermometer.....George Neideriter
 Cup of Gold.....Morris Seguin
 Christmas Teddy.....Jean Davis
 Pick/Hammer.....John Anderson
 Blanket.....Doug Parker

Indian Doll.....Steve Christenson
 Eskimo Doll.....Robert Parker
 Nativity Set.....Brian Ingram
 Folding Shovel.....Jeff Harper
 Watch.....Guy Sears
 Watch.....John Roberts
 Snake/Sting Kit.....Rick Kasky
 Gold Peacock.....Pam Goulder

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will be welcome. He thanked everyone who donated items for the raffle (Betty Calhoun, Desert Outfitters, Charlotte Foley, Dolores Gee, GSSN, Jeff Harper, & Dara Thaler) and those who helped arrange the festivities. Then he mentioned a potential problem with our new Johnnie Claim in Pahrump - more info will be forthcoming.

Twenty-Four consolation prizes of table decorations were awarded to twenty four lucky recipients as a special bonus thoughtfully donated by Ruth and Fred Hissong.

The evening wrapped up around 8:30pm with a good time having been had by all!

By Dolores Gee
Secretary of the
Gold Searchers of Southern
Nevada, Inc.

Rip Stop Knife.....	John Bronstein
Winchester Knife.....	John Gee
Picture Frame.....	Jeff Harper
Blacklight Flashlight.....	A.J. Myles
“Santa”.....	Morris Seguin
Pull-over.....	Charlotte Foley
Flashlight Magnifier.....	Sherrie Sears
Cup of Gold.....	Jeff Harper
Walking Stick.....	Larry Clay
Mugs/Magnifier/Tweezer.....	John Anderson
Amethyst Braclet.....	Charlotte Foley
Green Glass Braclet.....	Morris Segiu
Cabachon.....	Janet Schelling
Braclet.....	Pam Goulder
Beaded Necklace.....	Carmen Harper
Silver Prospector Charm.....	Charlotte Foley
Mineral Specimen.....	Fred Hissong
Santa Pail.....	Gene Altobella
Candle Magic.....	Fred Hissong
Blue Pan.....	John Bronstein
Alaska Gold Coin.....	Carmen Harper
GSSN T-shirt.....	Rose Marteeny

Christmas Meeting

I have to say this has been a great year for the GSSN Club. Many people turned out for the meeting and a lot of good stories. Betty and Frank Calhoun, Fred and Ruth Hissong, Dara and Stacy Thaler, Dolores and John Gee were all there to set up the tables and decorations. I arrived about a half hour later and had seen the artwork performed. As more people arrived with hot and cold dishes with desert too! (Can't forget the desert!) There was spiral pasta with meatballs, Italian sausage (cut at angles), Iceberg lettuce Salad, Rosemary Chicken, Pumpkin Pie, Brownies, Cake (I believe it was chocolate), Cheesecake, Cherry Cheesecake, cupcake square cheesecake, oh the list could go on and on. But anyhow, the tables were filling up quick by 6:00pm and when 6:30pm came wow the tables were full! And Ian made an announcement with the dinner bell. By the time the line disappeared, it was hard to distinguish that there might have been food there. A lot of people were hungry and happy to share experiences, especially about the new claim over near Pahrump, The Johnnie Claim, most people commented on the ease of getting to it and finding it. There was one person that had an issue with the GPS coordinates but was related to the GPS device and not a user issue. Laughter was a great thing to hear and brought many of the spirits up.

Hearing through the grapevine; Round Mountain, a place called Scorpio Gold (They are from Vancouver, Canada), and Rodchester Mine. These places are located around or near Tonapah, NV..

There was some club news notifying members about a Proposed wild horse and burro preserve near Johnnie. They had a meeting the night of our December get together. The article has more information on what they are doing there, here is

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the web address:
www.pahrumpvalleytimes.com .
Or you can pickup the newspaper Pahrump Valley Times and the article is right on the front page at the bottom. PLAB: Preserve for wild horses and burros discussed.

To change the subject, I do have pictures here from the meeting, check this way —>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nicolas Johnson
Gold Searchers of
Southern Nevada, Inc.

From Left to Right:
Pasta Spirals, Meatballs,
Chicken Legs, French Bread
Slices and to the right that cannot be seen is Beans they were in the crock pots. Best part is giving thanks to all who



A lot of People got up and had seconds there was plenty of food to go around!



Many more members enjoying Christmas dinner and



Raffling off for Christmas Dinner! Those are some Cool Looking Gifts!

Too bad I didn't turn in my Santa list, I was asking for a table full of NUGGETS!!



Uhhhh Look at all those Deserts!! They also disappeared as quickly as being put on the table.



There was salad, desert then the Pasta! Save the best for last!



Classified Ads

The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. is selling T-shirts, Hats, and other items at the General Meeting. If you would like to get one, Please contact the **Chairman of the Merchandise Committee Mr. Kraus**. He is there at the General meetings sitting at the back table with shirts laid out on the table or hanging up. We have small to XXL. If you have questions! Please ask. It is always better to be in the know than to not know.

Front side



Back side



If you are a member of the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. and need a little help to add some space at home let us know and you can have an AD placed here for Six (6), Yes that is

right, six months, FREE OF Charge. Now on the other hand for NON-members will have to pay \$20.00 for 6 Months. The only thing that is asked for your Classified AD is that the picture or AD to be 2 x 3.5 inches.

“An inch of time is an inch of gold, but you can't buy that inch of time with an inch of gold”

Chinese Proverb

“Everything has its limit - iron ore cannot be educated into gold”

Mark Twain

“No gold-digging for me... I take diamonds! We may be off the gold standard someday.”

Mae West

“Make new friends but keep the old ones; one is silver and the other's gold”

Unknown

I thought this would be neat to find some quotes about gold. Some of the quotes make you think, some sound funny, some are political. But I have saved the Best for last...

“If it cannot be grown, It must be mined”



Dog's Creek

"Dad gummite, another empty trap." Since first light, Ezra had checked 4 traps. All of them empty.

He had headed west after the war and had been trapping in these mountains neigh onto 5 years. Life was good for the first few years. His traps were full more often than not and game was plentiful. But now it was different. Beaver were few and game was getting scarce. Maybe he'd head north to Canada. He'd heard tell of creeks full of beaver. He added fresh castor to his baitstick and headed upstream.

The sun was just warmin the valley floor on what was fixin to be a beautiful autumn day. A breeze stirred the aspen and a few golden leaves fluttered to the ground. Snow would be comin soon and with it a long cold winter cooped up in the dugout cabin tryin to stay warm till spring.

Dog trotted ahead scoutin the way. Upstream a ways, a small feeder stream joined the river he was workin. Ezra thought he might explore a little bein such a nice day. The stream looked too shallow for beaver so he had never ventured up it. Dog ranged ahead always eager to explore new territory.

A ways up the creek, they came to a small pool. Ezra

pulled his fishin line and hook from his possible pouch, cut a willow switch for a pole and dug around with a stick till he found a worm. Maybe he could catch a fat trout for breakfast. Castin his offerin into the pool, he sat on a boulder and packed his pipe. Dog stretched out on the warm rock beside him. Flippin the worm up to the head of the pool and letting it slowly drift down didn't seem to interest any trout. So he decided to try danglin the worm down beside the boulder. There just might be a fish layin in the shadow. A good tug on the line told Ezra he might have his breakfast. Peerin down into the pool, he saw a nice fat trout fightin the hook and zig zaggin near the bottom. Jumpin down off the boulder, Ezra pulled his prize into the shallows and grabbed his meal. Startin a small fire, he skewered the trout onto his fishin pole and hung it over the fire to cook. Fresh trout was mighty tasty. Dog wolfed down his share and sat hopin for more. Finished with his meal, Ezra knealt by the pool for a drink. As he raised his cupped hands to his mouth, he noticed a golden ribbon of sand, near the bottom of the pool, shinin in the sun.

Before the war, Ezra had heard of the rush to California for gold. Could this be gold? He raced Dog back to the cabin for his shovel and a gold pan he'd

won in a poker game in town last spring. He'd never panned for gold but had heard how it was done and that gold was heavy and would settle to the bottom. Back at the pool, he scooped up a shovelful of the golden gravel off the bottom of the pool and filled his pan. Sittin on a rock at the edge of the pool, he swirled water around in the pan and picked out the rocks. He kept a swishin and a swirlin until he had washed most of the sand and gravel out of the pan and there right in the bottom was some shiny golden metal. Ezra emptied his tobacco pouch into his shirt pocket and scraped the gold and the remainin sand into the pouch with his finger. After panning 8 or 10 shovels full of gravel, the golden streak disappeared but he noticed that as he dug deeper he seemed to find more gold.

The day passed quickly and he started makin a plan as he and Dog headed back to the cabin. He'd head for town tomorrow. He needed supplies and he wanted to talk to his friend, Ben Walker, who owned a small ranch just outside town. Ben had fought in the war too. They never talked of it much but somehow it bound them together. Ezra trusted Ben and

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Ben might know for sure if Ezra had struck it rich. Maybe he'd buy some lumber and build a sluice box. Ben might have some advice about that too.

Ezra started a fire and put his beans to cookin, moved the cold coffee pot closer to the heat, emptied the contents of his soggy tobacco pouch onto a tin plate and placed it and the pouch near the fire to dry. The plate contained more blonde sand, small pebbles and flakes. He would have to get the gold cleaned up better but first he needed to know if it really was gold. His dreams that night were filled with trout and beaver of solid gold swimming in Dog's Creek.

At first light, he headed down the mountain toward Ben's spread and town with Dog leadin the way. Ben was workin on a new fence near the barn. Ezra tied his horse to a fence rail and walked over to where Ben was diggin a post hole. He picked up a pointed metal bar and used it to loosen the dirt at the bottom of the hole so Ben could shovel it out. Finishin plantin that post, Ben said good morning and commented on the fair weather. After plantin 3 more posts, they stopped for a dipper of spring water and Ben asked how Ezra knew he needed help diggin post holes. Ezra grinned, mopped his face with his ban-

dana and said they had better get back to work, winter was comin.

Lunch was cold roast beef on bread. After eatin, they moved to the porch and filled their pipes. Ben said, "I'll appreciate your help with the holes Ezra, but what brings you down the hill?" "Ben, I need some advice and I'd ask you to keep what's said between the two of us." "Good as done, Ezra. Now what's this about?" Ezra pulled his pouch from his pocket and dumped some of the contents into his palm. "Is this gold, Ben?" Ben looked at the small pile in Ezra's hand, pushed it around a little with his finger and said, "My God Ez, where did you find this!"

Ben had been to California before the war and had seen the 49ers pannin and sluicing for gold. He gave Ezra some pointers on pannin to get the gold cleaned up a little better and with a stick, he drew a picture in the dirt of how to build a sluice box.

Thankin Ben for lunch and the chance to plant a few posts, Ezra rode off toward town. At the general store, he bought a box of shells for his Winchester, tobacco, beans, coffee, flour, sugar, salt, nails, candles, a couple of books and the lumber for his sluice box.

As he rode past, Ben was plantin the last post. They waved, Dog barked and Ezra started up the hill.

Ben would be up in a couple of days to help with some shovelin and try some pannin.

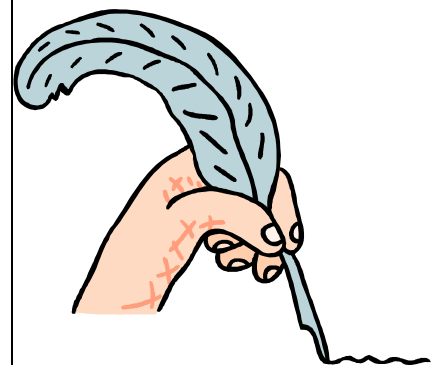
Winter was comin but it was goin to be a golden autumn on Dog's Creek.

Story By Steve Christenson

Gold Searcher of Southern Nevada, Inc. Member and Membership Officer



If you happen to pick up a pen and paper or get on the computer. Make sure to send any articles you want to see in the GSSN Highgrader and I will put it in! But I may hold it for next months issue.



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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Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 bylaws. I can also use club equipment by appointment and check out books and videos from our 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 domestic 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 ____/____/____

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I/we will volunteer to assist in the areas checked. Please check at least one area.

COMMITTEES

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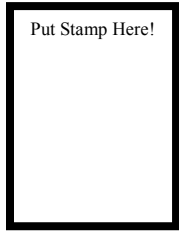
DUES ARE PAYABLE ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY DATE.

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 you for assisting your club with procedure!

General Meeting is the First Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30PM

Located @

425 East Van Wagenen Street

Henderson, NV. 89002-9111

Do a little Website Prospecting @

www.goldsearcher.com

Our Supporting Website!

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.