

# Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Highgrader



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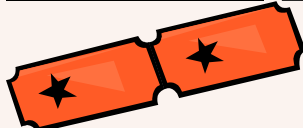
### Secretary Minutes As of March 3rd, 2010.

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson, NV on Wed., April 7th, 2010. The meeting started at 6:35 PM. 63 signed in; there were 7 guests. Ian opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed the group & mentioned that the past-president Bob Shiroky had passed away earlier this month. He then asked for approval of the Feb. 3 minutes as published. Fred Zajac made such a motion, which was seconded by Morris Seguin. No Discussion. The vote was unanimous and the motion was

approved. Dara Thaler gave the Treasurer's Report next. Financially, we're doing well. Next the Highgrader Newsletter was discussed. George Niederiter made a motion to go to an electronic version with provision that anyone who wants a paper copy can have one mailed to them & extra copies will be available at meetings. Doug Parker seconded the motion. There was discussion about the pros & cons of this. A vote was taken and with the exception of one

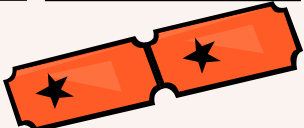
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GSSN NOTICE
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTICE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April Outing is the Gold Show! If you would like to head out to the claims make it an <b>INFORMAL ONE!</b> Have fun with it!</li> <li>GPA and GSSN Outing May 14, 15, 16.</li> <li>Please send in your equipment list you want to sell it. I will have it in the newsletter for 6 MO</li> </ul>



## Raffle Winners

50/50 (\$46.00) - Don Kopp  
 Door Prize (\$15.00) - Carol Griffen



Umbrella.....	Chuck Prohaska
Gloves/Flashlight.....	George Hegie
Shovel.....	Fred Zajac
GSSN mug/gold.....	Chuck Wherry
Mug/gold.....	Janet Schelling
Mug/gold.....	Morris Seguin
Pan/gloves.....	Richard Rue
Pan/gloves.....	Doug Parker
Golf club walking stick.....	B. Calhoun
Golf clock.....	Chuck Prohaska
Fish clock.....	Al Kraus
Knife set.....	Pam Goulder
Salt & Pepper.....	George Niederiter

Grill tongs.....	Dave Haig
Bird Mugs.....	Susan Emery
Billfold/flashlight/screwdriver.....	Doug Parker
Martini Shaker.....	Frank Calhoun
Cheese slicer/flashlight.....	Joyce Johnson
Gold.....	Morris Seguin
Fish sculpture.....	Chuck Wherry
Tool kit/cooler.....	Frank Calhoun
Knee pads.....	Steve Christansen
Big tub/Dust pan & broom.....	John Bronstein
Bucket & organizer.....	Jeff Harper
Black Pan.....	John Roberts
Black Pan.....	Janet Schelling

## Continuzd General Minutes

opposed / abstained all were in favor. The motion was so moved. Members should make sure GSSN emails go into members' **inbox's** so that they're not treated as **spam**. The next Highgrader will alert recipients of this change.

Ian then announced that a suggestion box is and will be at the front door for members to feel free to use. He also set out a sign-up sheet for those wishing to volunteer for the Gold Show at South Point this month. Next Morris S. spoke about outings. He said the 3 day May 14,15,16 outing at Greggs Hideout (co-joint w/ GPAA) is being worked on & he set out a sign-up sheet for those who plan to attend & who might want to volunteer to help out. He said it is so important to get as precise a head count as possible to plan for the amount of food needed. He said he could be contacted by phone or email by the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the outing for last minute people who will be attending. Ian said a potty-type device had been donated to the club.

After a short break, Dennis Johnson spoke to the group about roads going through our claims where windmills will be built. BLM.gov has links for further info. John Bronstien then spoke on some new finds. He asked members to volunteer to help check out new claim possibilities & provided a sign-up sheet for this important club activity. Next, Dennis Johnson gave two interesting book reviews: (1) "Mines of Silver Peak Range, Kawich Range & other Southern Nevada Districts" by S.H. Ball and (2) "Step in the Right Direction" by D. Geary. He also read an entertaining oldtime oratory, "The Ballad of Rattlesnake Jake." After another short break, George Niederiter spoke to the group encouraging anyone to come out to the claims; help is always available. Ian then asked the group about establishing a

reloadable discretionary fund. After some discussion, it was decided to table this agenda item while the board will work out the language except Fred made a motion that meanwhile we provisionally authorize up to \$400 as a Gold Show discretionary fund for this month and Morris seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor & the motion was so carried.

Next, the Quarter Kitty Door Prize was drawn & the lucky winner of \$15 was Carol Griffen. This was followed by the 50 / 50 and the recipient of \$46 was Don Kopp. 27 items were raffled off next. At 8:40 PM Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Morris seconded the motion, & the meeting ended at that time.

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

## Classifieds

Here is the Classified Section! If you would like to put your equipment for sale here, Please get in contact with me by email ( [gssnhighgrader@gmail.com](mailto:gssnhighgrader@gmail.com) ) or by mailing it in to:

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada  
P.O. Box 96732  
Las Vegas, NV. 89193-6732

Or if you happen to have the phone number for me do not hesitate to call! The only thing I ask is to call between Banking hours! Just kidding! If I do not answer please leave a message with the answering machine.



## !Gold Show Booth!

Wow! What a fun time at the Gold Show. Met a lot of people from our club and others too, that came to help.

### Day 1, Friday Setup!

This was a day that could be explained in two words " Hell Week", I know that this is a foot ball term in High schools and colleges but it did feel like it! Many people came from our club and others to help setup vendors booths and did a great job at it too. They set out some guidelines for people helping out, pretty much on setting up the poles, curtains, footing, tables, and much more. Towards the end of setup for all the booths, there was a man going around and pulling out all the staples in the tables and I have to say "Thank You" because we all know what it is like when leaning on a sharp object! After all the booths were setup, Vendors were allowed in to begin setting up their Booths. As for the GSSN it was pretty quick and easy! Hook the banner up, set out applications, and hand out business cards.

### Day 2, Saturday Rush Crowd!

This was a day that was like the Black Monday after Thanksgiving! From what I heard there was about 3,000 people who came through the door wanting to come and see what the Gold Show had to offer. Our booth was straight down from the entrance. It was so much fun watching people! Especially when they stopped at the Booth. Some people got to talking about claims in Nevada, how to go about prospecting, what do I need to go prospecting? Well, since we are a Educational Club we politely asked them if they would like to join our club and many are wanting to come to the next General Meeting.

### Day 3, Sunday Slow Clean-up!

Sunday was a slow day but many people did show because it was at South Point instead of Primm. This



From left to right: Fred, John R., Ian, Fred Z. and Jake Jakl  
Musical chairs perhaps? Nahh just stretching the muscles!



From left to right: George, Ian, Kenny, and Ken.  
More members showing support for the Booth at the Gold Show!



From left to right: David, John G., Ian, the two guys standing on the outside of Fred were looking into joining and talking up a storm.



More members coming by to say hello! This Gold Show was the HIT of the Town!

was a good time for checking out new products and such. There was a person with a big trommel for what looked like a tractor, another person had the Gold Grabber (Pretty neat machine). As the day came to a close, some people were starting to get antsy. The main thing was to get our booth tore down and then wait for the vendors to tear down their booth and then take down the curtains, poles, footing, and such, they have a pretty good structure set in place. As many of the crew who showed up, also came during the show and the end of it to help out! With a Great Thank You to everyone who showed up and made the booth for us and others a great success! A Sincere Thank You for all your help!

**Nicolas Johnson NL Editor, of GSSN, Inc.**



## Highgrader Newsletter

As your newsletter editor, I introduced a motion for the newsletter to be done in email and for those who do not have an email may receive the Mailed edition of the newsletter, so that we may save on the cost of Printing and Mailing of the newsletter and this was to be done after two (2) Months have passed for all members to read and vote on the motion. Well the motion has passed and now I will be sending out the newsletter via USPS mail to people who would like to have it sent to them and email to members who have it.

Please come to the meetings and talk to me (Nicolas Johnson) or Mail a letter to me (Nicolas) so that we can send out your Newsletter! I will have a List with people that DO NOT have an email address. Just come up to the front and see if you are on the list or if you would like to be put on it.

Sincerely,  
Nicolas Johnson  
Newsletter Editor  
Gold Searchers of Southern  
Nevada, Inc.



## The Double D

The first hints of the day-break were brightening the eastern sky as the old pickup towing a single horse trailer pulled off the two-track.

Jack and Boone jumped out and unloaded Dumbo, a sturdy burro, affectionally named for his huge ears.

Jack grabbed the panniers, one loaded with camp-food, a frying pan, a few utensils and water, the other with sleeping bags and mats, a small tent, a change of clothes for both men and some other odds and ends.

Boone hung the panniers on Dumbo's pack saddle, strapped on the drywasher and frame, added a pick, two shovels and two gallons of gas. He strapped the leaf blower and drywasher hose to his pack frame.

Jack's pack was loaded with snacks, toilet paper, a small first aid kit, binoculars, a map of the area, a gold pan, several cloth bags for their concentrates, more water and two collapsible canvas buckets.

With everything loaded, they each rolled a smoke with well practiced fingers, lit up and leaned against the

truck.

The last time they were here, prospecting around the base of the mountain, Dumbo had chewed through his tie rope and wandered off during the night. After tracking for hours, they found him near a hidden spring hole further up the mountain and stumbled across a small plateau.

The trek to the small plateau was about two miles, all uphill. They smoked in silence, comfortable with each other, and watched the sky beginning to color. A small sliver of sun was just appearing over the hills to the east.

Finishing their smokes, Boone fished a carrot out of Jack's pack and offered it to Dumbo, while Jack strapped on his Colt Woodsman loaded with snake shot. He also carried hollow points for bigger varmints.

They shouldered their loads and Jack led off with Boone and Dumbo bringing up the rear. Dumbo was Jack's burro but he seemed to like Boone and was a little more cooperative with Boone leading him.

They walked in silence, enjoying the quiet broken only by the calls of birds leaving their roosts. A startled jackrabbit bounding off the trail earned chuckles from both men. With less than a quarter of a mile to go, Boone tied Dumbo to a Joshua tree. They each grabbed a collapsible bucket and walked about a hundred yards off the trail to a small rock outcropping where they filled their buckets in the hidden spring hole. When they returned, Dumbo drank from his bucket as both men drank from their water bottles.

Boone untied Dumbo, they each picked up a bucket of water and started off on the final leg of their journey.

The small plateau interrupted a steep wash that came down off the mountain. The last time they were here, time permitted only digging a few samples. The samples were surprisingly rich when panned. A few pickers and a good showing of small coarse gold excited both men and they were anxious to spend a few days drywashing their new spot. They reached the plateau,

hobbled Dumbo and unloaded the equipment. Jack set up the drywasher while Boone organized their camp and pitched the tent.

Jack was already swinging the pick into the rocky ground when Boone joined him. The silence of the high desert was shattered when Boone fired up the blower motor and started shoveling. They worked for an hour, shut off the blower and cleaned out the drywasher. The concentrates went into one of the cloth bags but Jack took a few handfuls in his gold pan over to camp. Boone got their water bottles and a couple of apples. Dumbo gazed longingly at Boone until an apple was tossed his way. Jack had the concentrates panned down to black sand and had a big grin on his face. Boone peered into the pan and saw a couple of small nuggets emerging from the black sand and an increasingly bigger crescent of coarse flakes along the edge. Jack pulled his snuffer bottle from his shirt pocket and sucked up all the gold from the crescent. Twisting off the cap he added the nuggets and gave Boone a high five. After eating their apples, having a drink of water and a quick

smoke, they headed back to work.

By noon, they would have to slow down. It would be too hot for the hard work of drywashing. For now they would just move dirt, knowing they were into good color. Sample panning could wait. Hourly cleanups of the drywasher, a bottle of water and a quick smoke would be the only breaks from the hard, hot, dusty work.

It was after noon. Their hole was about 3 feet wide, 4 feet long and 2 ½ feet deep. As Jack shut down the blower to do a cleanup, Boone scampered out of the hole, went to their camp and returned with a whisk broom and small dust pan. Bedrock was exposed on the bottom of the hole and was begging to be cleaned. Their first bag of concentrates was almost full. Boone put his bedrock sweepings into another bag and they took a break for lunch. While Boone got the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, trail mix, water, apples and a carrot for Dumbo, Jack tied a rope between two trees and attached a small tarp for shade. It felt good to get out of the sun.

After lunch, Boone took the sweepings and began panning. Jack was awakened from his siesta by Boone's whoop of glee as he held up a marble sized nugget. Boone's metal detector was added to their list of things to bring on their next trip.

They went back to work but at a slower pace with frequent breaks in the shade. More sample panning told them they were still in good gold.

As the sun slid behind the mountain, the small plateau became shaded and although they were both tired, hot and dirty, neither wanted to quit working. When twilight settled on the plateau, Jack shut off the blower and did the last cleanup of the day. Boone was on his knees sweeping the recently exposed bedrock, when Jack grabbed a canvas bucket, filled the gold pan with water, topped off Dumbo's bucket and headed to the spring hole. Boone started a fire and broke out a couple of cans of Hormel chili, salines, cheese and cookies for supper. When Jack returned with more water, he found a towel and washcloth and

managed to wash off most of the dust using his gold pan as a wash basin. He changed into his clean clothes and took over the cooking duties so Boone could get cleaned up.

They sat by the fire eating and talking about their find. They had prospected together for several years and usually found a little gold but nothing like this. Prospecting was an adventure and the the flash of a little gold in the pan always excited them but they never made much more than gas money.

They decided to lay claim to the plateau on Monday.

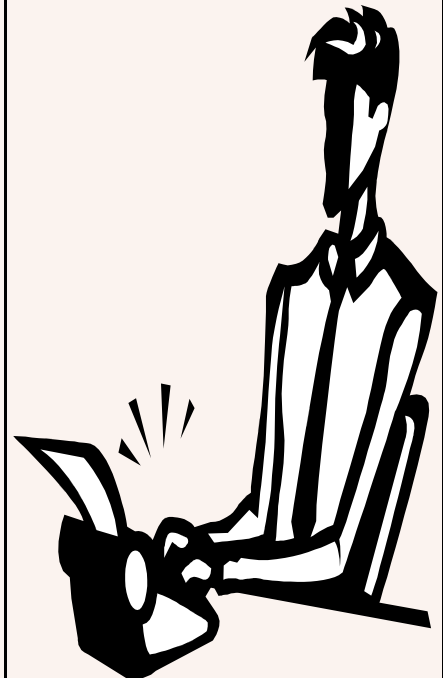
The still night was interrupted as a chorus of coyotes sang out, probably three or four animals sounding like a dozen or more. The stars looked close enough to touch.

Sleep came easy but they were both up at first light eager to gather more concentrates to pan at home. Breakfast was pb and j sandwiches, apples, water and a carrot for Dumbo.

The blower came to life as the first rays of sunlight hit the plateau. Morning passed quickly as they filled most of another bag with concentrates. At noon, Jack cleaned up the dry washer as

Boone swept the bedrock. They broke camp, loaded their equipment and took the hobbles off Dumbo. He was happy to be free and kicked up his heels, but a carrot and a few words from Boone calmed him down. With Jack leading the way, they headed down the mountain to the truck. With everything loaded in the truck, they started for home. Both men were hot, dirty and tired but excited. They vowed to meet the next day, file their claim, which they named Dumbo's Discovery, pan their concentrates and plan their next trip to the Double D.

By Steve Christenson  
Gold Searchers of  
Southern Nevada, Inc.



Application To : Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

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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.

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

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**Next General Meeting, 6:30 P.M.**

**May 5th, 2010.**

**June 2nd, 2010**

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