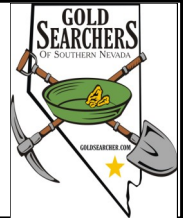


November-December 2014



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Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada

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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 Gallagher
- * Website-Mark Hedges
- * Newsletter- Dara Thaler

The next outing will be the weekend of November 22&23 at the Pahrump Claim. Pot luck on Saturday. Sunday the breakfast will be provided by the club. RSVP

On Saturday November 22, Desert Outfitters will be doing a

demo at 2PM. You can contact Rick at Desert Outfitters for more information.

Tuesday Breakfast
Club will meet on November 11th at the Jokers Wild on the Boulder Hwy at 9AM

GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
NOTICE OF MEETINGS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Next Meeting

December 3 2014

6:30 PM

425 East Van Wagenen
Henderson NV 89002

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Thompson Dry Washer
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Library
Books, Magazines,
Videos

Quote for the Day

"Happiness is digging in the dirt and finding more than just dirt"
Unknown

August Meeting Minutes 2014

Due to the absence of Dolores Gee on August 6, 2014, in lieu of minutes, unsigned handwritten notes (5 pages) were taken but are not publishable. If anyone has specific questions, they can contact the secretary requesting a response.

September Meeting Minutes 2014

On Wednesday, September 3, 2014, the GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV. President John Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed all. There were 9 visitors and 78 signed in. After the pledge of allegiance, John R. asked attendees to say "hi" to the person on their right. He then suggested Sept. 27th for the monthly outing on claim 28. Morris made a motion to formalize the suggestion and Jake seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously. Saturday would be pot luck as usual and on Sunday brunch would be held as usual. A sign up sheet was provided for those interested. Due to treasurer's absence, no treasurer's report was given. George N. then spoke about club activities to keep everyone updated. John R. then announced that the club's prospecting/camping garage sale would be held Oct. 4th starting at 9AM at McCaw School of Mines. Members were asked to volunteer. George N. made a motion regarding the sale which was seconded by Ian. Vote was unanimously in favor. After a short break, Morris Seguin gave an interesting presentation on the Alaska trip (which he had won in 2013) and took in July 2014. The highlights of his trip was interesting and entertaining & was enjoyed by all.

The raffles were then held. Steve Christiansen won the \$15.65 door prize. Mike Westover won the 50/50 in the amt. of \$55.50. Melissa Sullivan won the "lady's gift bag" (a new prize initiated by Frank and Betty Calhoun). Other prize winners were:

1. GSSN T-shirt...Charlie Mitchell
2. Short-handle shovel...Kim Frederick
3. Insect killer/fly swatter...Gail Mayes
4. 4-pc. foam mat set...Mike Westover
5. 3" mini folding shovel...Tom Douglas
6. "NV ghost town trails" book...John Toll
7. 5-gal. Lowes bucket w/classifier...Larry Rutledge
8. Garrett gold panning kit.. Larry Rutledge
9. Knee pads...Gary Toll
10. Tent stakes...Charlie Mitchell
11. Toggle ball elastic cords...Bob Bair
12. Teaser gold dirt bag...Roger Chavez
13. Black scoop & round brujsh...James Bench
14. 3-pc small classifiers...Janet Schelling
15. 2-pc medium classifiers...Bill White
16. 12" blue pan & 8" green pan...Janet Schelling
17. 14" green pan & 8" green pan...Gary Toll
18. Mystery bujcket (w/various useful items) ... Gary Gallagher
19. Long handle scoop...Bill Peters
20. 10" black pan (w/various useful items) ... Chuck Prohaska
21. 14" green pan w/scoop...Tom Douglas

At 8PM George N. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Bill Feity, and the meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee

October Meeting Minutes 2014

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014. Pres. John Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led in pledging allegiance to the flag. There were 6 visitors and 60 people signed in (although a head count showed 75 people were in attendance). John R. welcomed all and then Mark Hedges gave the treasurer's report. Fred Zajac made a motion to approve the combined Sept./Oct. treasurers reports as given and Morris seconded the motion. Vote unanimously in favor. Then Fred conducted the annual nomination of officers. In each case the secretary cast the deciding vote. Nominations were: John Roberts for president; Mike Ameling for vice president; Mark Hedges for treasurer; Dolores Gee for secretary; and Steve Christiansen for Membership Officer. Then George N. made a motion to close nominations and Bill Feity seconded the motion. Votes were unanimously in favor.

The election will be at the Nov. 2014 meeting. Then Pres. John R. discussed the Sept. outing. Some said they found gold. Everyone enjoyed the pig roast very much -- the heavy rain wet dirt not so much. The next outing will be held at the Claim #34 (Broken Step) and it was hoped that the heavy rains dislodged a lot of gold, bringing it closer to the surface and therefore easier to find.

Next agenda item was the upcoming camping/prospecting garage sale to be held Sat., Oct. 4th at McCaw from 9AM - 2PM. Frank Calhoun briefly provided pertinent info and asked for volunteers and donations. A sign-up sheet was provided. John said T-shirts and hats were available; and Janet said she had badges for pick-up. After a short break, George N. gave a presentation on "DeWalt gold crevicing with a wet/dry shop vac. Afterwards, the group wished Fred a belated Happy Birthday on the fourth anniversary of his 21st birthday. Then the raffles were held. See list of winners below.

At 8PM Betty Calhoun made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Pam G. The meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee
Secretary
10-2-14

John Anderson won the \$12.25 door prize.
Frank Calhoun won the 50/50 \$44.50
Merilyn Zajac won the Ladies Gift Bag.

Other winners were:

1. GSSN t-shirt...Merilyn Zajac
2. Black tub...Richard Gonzalez
3. Short handle shovel...Mike Ameling
4. Yellow flashlight w/battery...Richard Harding
5. Teaser bag...Mike Ameling
6. Folding shovel...Gary Gallagher
7. Mystery bucket...Hank Householter
8. "Placer Gold Deposits" book ... Gary Gallagher
9. Bucket scoop...Chris Grayston
10. Measuring tape...Carla Stone
11. 7' x 9' blue tarp w/clips...Carla Stone
12. 5-gal. bucket w/lid ...Bill White
13. 1/8th " bucket classifier...Tom Douglas
14. 12" blue gold pan w/brush & containers...Morris Seguin
15. 2 pc. 6" round classifiers...Gary Gallagher
16. 14" gold pan w/gold magnet & magnifying glass...Hank Householter
17. Walking stick...Janet Schellingh

dg/10-2-14

November Meeting Minutes 2014

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV on Wed., Nov. 5, 2014. President John Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM & led in pledging allegiance to the flag. There were 3 visitors and 72 people signed in. John welcomed all and then Mark Hedges gave the Treasurer's Report. Fred made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given & Richard Harding seconded - motion was unanimously approved. Then it was mentioned that funds of 503C non-profit corporations were now capped at \$50,000 whereas previously the limit was \$25,000). Fred agreed that this be tabled until it was researched. Then George N. voiced a concern with the October minutes (that had been emailed to the membership by the president). George wanted the minutes changed to reflect that nominations for office were still open. At that time Ace Hunt made a motion to reopen nominations and Morris Seguin seconded Ace's motion. After some discussion, a vote showed a majority of the members were in approval with reopening nominations (with two opposed and four abstaining). At that time John Anderson was nominated for President by Ron Raduenz & Morris seconded - there being no further nominees, nominations were closed. Other candidates were: Mike Ameling for VP, Mark Hedges for Treasurer, Dolores Gee for secretary, and Steve Christenson as Membership Officer. As requested by Fred Zajac, at this time Dolores Gee, as Secretary, cast the majority vote nominating these candidates for office at the election to be held imminently; while Mark Hedges, as Treasurer, cast the majority vote placing Dolores Gee's name on the slate of officers as Secretary. Frank Calhoun at this time asked John Roberts and John Anderson to briefly state their reasons for wanting to run for President. Then Jake made a motion to close nominations, and Betty Calhoun seconded the motion - nominations were then closed, and the election was held. A 3-person election committee (consisting of Fred Zajac, Morris Seguin and Frank Calhoun) counted the written ballots. Out of the 69 written ballots for president, 58 were in favor of John Anderson, 10 were in favor of John Roberts, and one ballot was blank. GSSN officers for 2015 are: John Anderson, President; Mike Ameling, Vice President; Mark Hedges, Treasurer; Dolores Gee, Secretary; and Steve Christenson, Membership Officer. At this time Fred Zajac made a motion to have the By-Laws gone over and fine-tuned, and Ron Raduenz seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor and the motion carried.

John Roberts announced that the next outing will be Nov. 22 - 23, 2014 at the Pahrump claim. On Sat., Nov. 22nd there will be a demo at Desert Outfitters at 2PM for those interested. Rick can be contacted for further info. The Christmas party will be held December 3, 2014 and the group will have it catered. Mike Ameling and George N. offered suggestions. Jake made a motion to utilize Mike's suggestion, which was seconded by and Frank Calhoun seconded the motion. After some discussion, the vote was in favor of Mike's suggestion and the motion carried. Frank Calhoun announced that there will be special Christmas raffles. Sign-up sheets were provided. At this time, John Anderson spoke about GSSN's claims in NV and AZ. The subject of the club buying a 40-acre claim in AZ was discussed at length; then Ian made a motion to table this & Jake seconded the motion. After some discussion the vote was in favor (with one member abstaining). Then, Mark Weiss gave an interesting presentation on BLM Resource Management Plan / the US National Mining Act of July 26, 1866 (HR 365) - after which the raffles were held. (See list below.)

Dolores Gee, Secretary (11/6/14)

Door Prize: \$15.25...Tom Douglas -- 50/50: \$50.50...Brian Cole -- Ladies gift (jewelry)...Pam Goulder

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| 1. Mystery bucket...Tom Douglas | 10. Large ¼" Classifier...Kelly McCall |
| 2. Short handle Shovel...Ken Quick | 11. 3-pc Classifiers...Janet Schelling |
| 3. Cooling bandana, etc. ... Ken Quick | 12. "A guide to treasure" Book...Hank Householder |
| 4. Knee pads...Len Froistad | 13. 18" Machete...Gary Toll |
| 5. Solar spot light//Morris Seguin | 14. Hat...Gary Toll |
| 6. Compact binoculars...Rick Borders | 15. 4-pc Foam mat...John Toll |
| 7. Foldable Shovel ... Phillis Harding | 16. Folding knife & loupe...Richard Gonzalez |
| 8. Yellow flashlight ... Len Froistad | 17. GOLD magnet...Ron Raduenz |
| 9. Elastic tie-downs...Bob Marra | 18. Telescoping magnet, etc. ...Ron Raduenz |

DG:11/6/2014

CHRISTMAS PARTY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 3RD

6:30

Dinner will be served at 6:45

On the menu:

Glazed Ham with Raison Sauce

Green Beans and Mushrooms

Mashed Potatoes (plain) and Mashed Potatoes with Cranberries

Tossed Salad

Red Velvet Cake and Pie

Please RSVP if you are coming and please let Mike know the number in your party to:

jroberts@goldsearchersnv.com

ithaler@goldsearchersnv.com

General announcements

Any one interested in selling prospecting equipment and would like to place an ad in the newsletter, contact

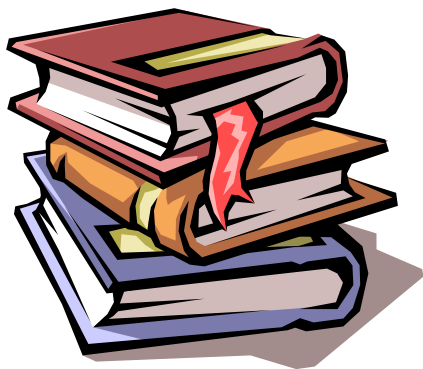
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dthaler@goldsearchersnv.com

wwwgoldsearchersnv.com



IF anyone has library books or videos checked out of the Gold Searchers Library can you please contact Ian Thaler ithaler@goldsearchersnv.com with a title and an inventory number. The Library is being re-inventoried and that information would be very much appreciated.



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P.O. Box 96732
Las Vegas NV, 89193 – 6732
Supporting Website:
www.goldsearchersnv.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 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.

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