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Ghost Town Hunting Coming on August 19

Ghost Town Robbyn will be conducting a special outing to north central Nevada on August 19. This outing will be to the Lovelock and Rye Patch Res. Area. This is approximately 435 miles from Las Vegas.

We will be setting up a camp in the area when we arrive. Since most of the ghost towns in the area are close to each other, a base camp will be established and then exploration will go to area such as Star City, Rochester, Unionville, etc. Most of these towns all came and went around 1860.

Call Robbyn for information about this outing at (702) 645-6571. She will tell you what you need to bring and where you will be meeting. A

good map or topo map will be very helpful. They sell them at Desert Outfitters. Let's all go and have a great time!



Ghost Town Hunting Returns

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NEWSLETTER

GREG OLSON

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Club is making new strides in our claims exchange agreement pending with the Havesu Gold Club! Soon we will have even more great claims with GOLD!

If you know of another prospecting organization, please pass the name to me so we can share claims with that Club too. Watch our Club grow. Thanks for your support.

Frank Mahoney

GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

JULY	5	GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING
JULY	12	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JULY	22	OUTING SEC 34 CLAIM
JULY	26	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST	5	ANNUAL PICNIC (TENTATIVE)
SEPTEMBER	2-4	OUTING TO LIDA

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2000

President Frank Mahoney called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. There were 87 members, 3 new members and 10 guests to our meeting.

Frank announced that our Secretary Bridget Pope had to take our Vice President to the hospital with a ruptured Esophagus. We hope he is doing well.

Lorna Caldwell took tonight's minutes. There were minutes read because no one had received there High-grader yet. Frank said from now on it will be mailed right after the General Meeting. There was no Treasurer report given.

Willie reported that on the May field trip, gold was found and everyone had a great time. The outing sale raised \$126 dollars, the money will be used for a future outing.

Frank and several others are taking week trips to check out new areas. If you are interested in going, call Frank. They are also working on a field trip to the Viceroy mine.

Greg Olson, the membership and newsletter person, is setting up a claim exchange with other gold clubs. They will be able to use our claims and we will be able to use theirs. A motion was made by Greg to finalize this program. It was seconded by Roland LeClerc and finalized.

A very interesting rock and fossil display along with a slide presentation was given by Doris Currington and Leo Seyller of the Las Vegas Fossil Club. The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada would like to thank Doris and Leo for coming out and showing the slide and displays.

Our next outing will be June 24th at Pahrump. Hot dogs and chili will be served. Call Leilani at 565-2966 for lunch reservations.

BooCoo handed out GPAA magazines to those wishing to join the GPAA. Thank BooCoo for your generous donation for our door prize drawings.

The Trade Co. in Ogden Utah donated several manual jack hammers. We would also like to thank them for their donation.

Bradley Estein won a gold nugget for the gold pick award.

Dorothy Easley won the dry washer that was raffled.

DOOR PRIZES- Tickets were pulled by Erik, who received a nugget for his hard work.

Dorothy Ensley-Belly pack & shovel

Ed Dibble-Manual jack hammer

Sandy Burton-Gold nugget

Gary Cooper-Gold nugget

Janette Reyford-Gold nugget

Fred Zajac- Gold nugget
Norm Frain- Manual jack hammer
Doug Parker- Classifier
Jack Bond- Lantern
Bill Bentley- Gold pan
Bob Burton-Scoop
Wanda Morris- Camp stove
Jean Davis- Loupe
Leo Seyller- First aid kit
Jim Steffers- Magnet
Klinefedter- Fire starter
Mary Keys-Goodie belt
Vernon Erps-Necklace

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Lorna Caldwell

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DANGERS IN AND AROUND ABANDONED MINES

SHAFTS

The collar or top of the mine shaft is especially dangerous. The fall down a deep shaft is just as lethal as the fall from a tall building-with the added disadvantage of bouncing from wall to wall in a shaft and the likelihood of having falling rock and timbers for company. Even if a person survived such a fall, it may be impossible to climb back out.

The rock at the surface is often decomposed. Timbers may be rotten or missing. It is dangerous to walk ANYWHERE near a shaft opening-the whole area is often ready and waiting to slide into the shaft, along with the curious.

A shaft sunk inside a tunnel is called a winze. In many old mines, winzes have been boarded over. If these boards have decayed, a perfect trap is waiting.

WATER

Many tunnels have standing pools of water which could conceal holes in the floor. Pools of water also are common at the bottom of shafts. It is usually impossible to estimate the depth of the water, and a false step could lead to drowning.

LADDERS

Ladders in most abandoned mines are unsafe. Ladder rungs are missing or broken. Some will fail under the weight of a child because of dry rot. Vertical ladders are particularly dangerous.

CAVE-INS

Cave-ins are an obvious danger. Areas that are likely to cave often are hard to detect. Minor disturbances, such as vibrations caused by walking or speaking, may cause a cave-in. If a person is caught, he can be crushed to death. A less cheerful possibility is to be trapped

behind a cave-in without anyone knowing you are there. Death may come through starvation, thirst, or gradual suffocation.

TIMBER

The timber in abandoned mines can be weak from decay. Other timber, although apparently in good condition, may become loose and fall at the slightest touch. A well-timbered mine opening can look very solid when in fact the timber can barely support its own weight. There is the constant danger of inadvertently touching a timber and causing the tunnel to collapse.

BAD AIR

"Bad air" contains poisonous gases or insufficient oxygen. Poisonous gases can accumulate in low areas or along the floor. A person may enter such areas breathing the good air above the gases but the motion caused by walking will mix the gases with the good air, producing a possibly lethal mixture for him to breathe on the return trip.

Because little effort is required to go down a ladder, the effects of "bad air" may not be noticed, but when climbing out of a shaft, a person requires more oxygen and breathes more deeply. The result is dizziness, followed by unconsciousness. If the gas doesn't kill, the fall will.

EXPLOSIVES

Many abandoned mines contain old explosives left by previous workers. This is extremely dangerous. Explosives should never be handled by anyone not thoroughly familiar with them. Even experienced miners hesitate to handle old explosives. Old dynamite sticks and caps can explode if stepped on or just touched.

RATTLESNAKES

Old mine tunnels and shafts are among their favorite haunts-to cool off in summer, or to

search for rodents and other small animals. Any hole or ledge, especially near the mouth of the tunnel or shaft, can conceal a snake.

DON'T VANDALIZE

Fences, barricades, and warning signs are there for your safety. Disturbing or vandalizing them is dangerous. Mine owners have constructed these safeguards at their expense for your protection. Please cooperate with their efforts.

Those who remove tools, equipment, building materials, and other objects from mines and buildings around mines do not go home with souvenirs, but with stolen property. Many mines that look abandoned are private property-they are only idle, and waiting to be re-worked.

RESCUE PROBLEMS

NO INEXPERIENCED PERSON SHOULD ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE VICTIM OF A MINE ACCIDENT! CALL THE COUNTY SHERIFF. He is in the best position to organize a rescue operation. Attempting to rescue a person from a mine accident is usually difficult and dangerous for both the victim and the rescuer. Even professional rescue teams face death or injury, though trained to avoid all unnecessary risks. It makes no sense to kill one person to rescue another. Anyone, adults as well as children, should consider the extreme dangers even to highly trained rescue teams, when tempted to enter mines for any reason. **THERE IS ONLY ONE SAFE WAY TO DEAL WITH ABANDONED MINES-**

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This is a Joke?

An astronaut in space was asked by a reporter, "How do you feel?"

"How would you feel," the astronaut replied, "if you were stuck here. On top of 20,000 parts each one supplied by the lowest bidder?"

A mother complained to her doctor about her daughters strange eating habits. "All day long she lies in bed and eats yeast and car wax. What will happen to her?" Eventually" said the Doctor. "she will rise and shine!"

Hello, and welcome to the Psychiatric hotline. If you are obsessive-compulsive, please press 1 repeatedly. If you are co-dependent, please ask someone to press 2. If you have multiple personalities, please press 3, 4, 5 and 6, If are paranoid-delusional....

Why are seagulls called seagulls? Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be called bagels!

How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb? Only one, but the light bulb has to WANT to change.

If you pull the wings off of a fly, does it become a walk?

Three convicts escape from prison. They make it to a nearby town but are confronted by a policeman. "Hey, aren't you those three escaped convicts?", asked the policeman. Thinking on his feet the first convict looked around him and said "no, I'm Mark, Mark Spencer", the second followed his lead and said "My name is William, W H Smith". The third said "My name is Ken..... Tucky Fried Chicken."

If you are AMERICAN when you go to the bathroom and you are an AMERICAN when you come out of

the bathroom...What are you WHILE you are in the bathroom? EUROPEAN...of course!

Why is 6 afraid of 7? Because 7 ate 9.

There were these two friends, best of buddies. One was quite the party type who owned a parrot, the other was not (matter of fact he was quite polite, non-swearing type.) One day the owner of the parrot came to his buddy and announced that he had accepted a job overseas, and to his dismay, he would not be allowed to take the parrot with him. He asked his buddy if he could care for his parrot while he was gone. Reluctantly, his buddy said yes (knowing the parrot's bad habit of using foul language on a regular basis). On the first day, all was well. The parrot was happy and kind. On the second day...the buddy asked the parrot how he was feeling. Immediately, the parrot let out a string of expletives that would make a truck driver blush. Since this was not acceptable behavior, the buddy became very angry and put the parrot in the kitchen cabinet to teach him some respect. After a few minutes of wing flopping, then screaming, then silence, the buddy let the parrot out. He asked the parrot if he had learned his lesson. The parrot replied again with another slew of expletives. The buddy (being aggravated himself) decided to out the parrot in the freezer, hoping he would learn his lesson. After 5 minutes of non-stop wing beating and squawking, the parrot fell silent. The buddy opened the freezer and the parrot quietly climbed down his arm. When asked if he had learned his lesson, the parrot replied "Oh Yes Sir", very politely. "But...Sir, may I ask you but one question?" "Why of course" replied the buddy....The parrot answered with "What did the chicken do?"

MEETING

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD AT NEVADA PALACE HOTEL & CASINO 2ND FLOOR LOCATED AT 5255 S. BOULDER HIGHWAY, LAS VEGAS, NV ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ALL GUEST AND PROSPECTORS ARE WELCOMED. THE MAP TO THIS LOCATION IS LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THIS PUBLICATION.

GSSN BOARD MEETING

GSSN BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK RE BUILDING ON CABANA DRIVE. MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. TAKE DESERT INN TO CABANA AND TURN LEFT GO 1/4 MILE AND TURN LEFT INTO VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. REC BLDG. IS ON LEFT JUST INSIDE GATE.

CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETING

CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. THE MEETINGS ARE AT 8:00 PM. THIS MEETING IS THE SAME LOCATION AS THE BOARD MEETING AND ON THE SAME NIGHT.

THE CLUB'S PHONE NUMBER : 393-GOLD (-4653)

PLEASE CALL TO GET HELP ON ANY MATTER.

THIS IS YOUR CLUB. PLEASE WRITE THE CLUB WITH ANY COMPLAINTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS



HAVE YOU SENT YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

HAVE WE RECEIVED YOUR RENEWAL?

We have not received renewals from the following members. If your name is on this list, please complete the application on the back of this newsletter and send it to the Club with your renewal check payable to Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada in the amount of \$20.00.

CURRENT

AUGUST 2000

Chopp, John W
Cormier, Donald & Christine
Ginter, George & Joyce
Horan, Gary & Betty
Lescenski, William S & Marlene
Pingree, Stu
Montgomery, Monty & Bev
Miller, James A
King, Bob & Deb
Cummins, Richard
Peterson, Robert & Donna
James, John & Valeri
Bernard, Roger & Elizabeth
Schmidt, Wayne & Kuemany
Strother, Raymond & Debbie
Hubbard, Ron & Fran
Sgambato, Mark & Cyndi

ONE MONTH

JULY 2000

Corcoran, Stephen
Desilva, Fred & Anita
Gubachy, James & Elizabeth
McCoy, David & Terri
Morris, Roger & Sandra
Theel, Herman & Judith
Middleton, Kathleen
Seyller, Leo
Slaughter, Butch & Janet
King, Richard

Carns, George & Arlene
Reinbolt, Bill
Orozco, Manny
Urbansky, Julie
Cox, Lea
Mirando, Vincent
Pung, Matthew
Richmand, Margie
Williams, Larry & Alma
Werner, Pat & Flo
Obole, Tim & Rebecca
Chapulin, Loren
Edwards, Lewis J & Dee

TWO MONTHS

JUNE 2000

Spratley, David
McWeeney, Theresa
Ayers, Rich & Jennifer
Powell, William & Kelly
Campbell, Wayne G.
Hahn, Larry & Christina
Wagner, Reid & Elaine
O'Connell, Rick
Strickler, Terry & Jan
Kendrick, Jack

THREE MONTHS

MAY 2000

Norris, Joe
Parker, Denise & Cary
Downes, Tom & Deborah
Wilson, Bill & Jay
Huffman, Rodney & Star
Auserwald, Frank & Judi
Mahoney, Chris & Georgine
Warren, Robert & Sally
Baker, Bruce H.

LAST CALL

APRIL 2000

Ess, Ken & Barb
Woodward, Todd
Hull, Robert
McCachren, Ron & Elizabeth

Klier, Gene & Mary
Bradbury, Harold
Denton, Ada
Blair, Michael
Davis, Brian & Gwen
Pooler, Bruce & Sam
Headman, Deloris
Burke, Rudy & Kerrie
Bradley, Harold & Debra
Abromowitz, Tony & Kristie
Haws, Jack & Dee
Gedrites, Rick

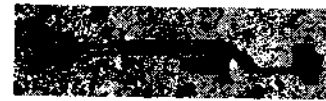
If you know any of these members, please encourage them to send in their renewal as soon as possible.

Call Greg Olson, Membership Committee with questions related to cues.

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Lost Indian Mine

Sometime in the 1870's, when settlements in northern Nevada were few and far between, a pioneer named Job Taylor opened a trading post just over the California state line in Indian Valley. Since this store was the only one for miles around, for years he was able to sell supplies to many residents of northwestern Nevada, Indians and whites alike. Money was nearly as scarce as stores in those days, so the customers in Taylor's often paid for their purchases with furs, other goods, and on occasion gold specimens. Even so, he was quite Surprised one day when a young Indian came shopping and paid for his supplies with gold nuggets "as large as hen's eggs." When questioned about the source of his wealth, the Indian hurriedly gathered his purchases and left, giving no answer whatsoever to Taylor's inquiries.

More than a year later the Indian returned for more supplies. Again the trader questioned him about the gold. Just as before, the Paiute paid for the goods with nuggets, said not one word about their origin, and hurried away as soon as he could.

Once again, the following year, the Indian returned to the store, but this time changing tactics Taylor began win-

ning the man's confidence. Eventually, in return for a certain amount of supplies from the trading post, the Paiute agreed to show him to the spot where he gathered the gold. Elated over this turn of events, Taylor contacted Captain Wetherell, a veteran Indian fighter, and the three men started east into Nevada. As the Paiute described it, their destination was a mountain stream, lined in places with trees and filled with gold nuggets as well as trout. After passing through Susanville, the three-man party stayed on the old Honey Lake road and finally made camp one night at Deep Hole

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It is a local, non profit, Las Vegas Club comprised of members from all walks of humanity. Be it young "Greenhorns" or "Seasoned Prospectors." Some members are experts in such fields as Geology, Mineralogy, and even Mine Engineering. Some are Couchpotatologists. But most of all, members have a common love of their freedom to explore the "Great Outdoors."

GOLD FEVER spurs a lot of us to get out and extract enjoyment out of our mother earth, and learn more about her hidden wealth. There's a wealth of knowledge to be obtained, and friendships to be made. Lest we forget, the wealth of excitement in finding that beautiful, yellowish metal called **GOLD!**

Though finding **GOLD** is not our sole priority (we do public service for the mining industry, such as teaching scouts, and public school

students how to pan gold), it is, however a lot of what we are about.

We are a fun-loving bunch that welcomes new members, and we gather together on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45 PM, at NEVADA PALACE HOTEL AND CASINO, 5255 S. Boulder Highway, Las Vegas We voice our opinions as one on such matters as land use, and mining laws. Also, to help others who have become aware of our recreation or livelihood. We teach how to use mineral rights without abusing them, and work to protect our rights to continue in our prospecting interests. The majority of our members own a Metal Detector. Our Club plans field trips where such an instrument could help unearth that precious metal. Others in our Club put more trust into known gold extracting equipment, such as Dry Washers or Recirculating Sluices. Some of their equipment is handmade, and some of it is store bought. Being in a local Club, such as ours, can help you to see and use a variety of mining equipment first hand in a location known to produce **GOLD.**

Our Club is open for your

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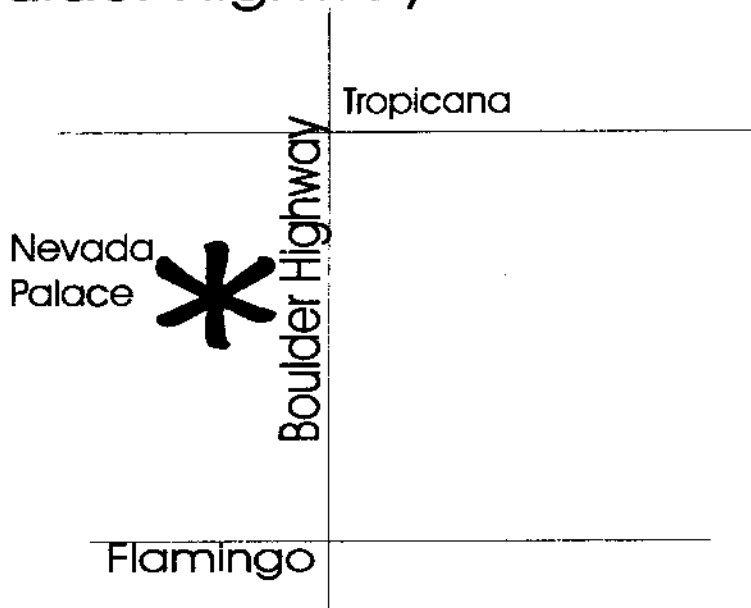
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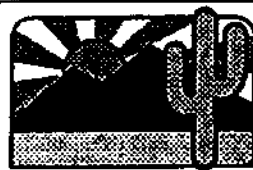
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Lost Indian Mine (Continued)

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Spring, eight miles northwest of present Gerlach. At the same time Old Winnemucca, chief of the Paiutes, was holding council on Granite Mountain adjacent to Deep Hole. Taylor's Indian guide, who was also carrying a message from his people in California to the Paiutes in Nevada, took an extra day to meet with the old chief. When he returned to the camp at Deep Hole he apologized, but stated that Winnemucca had been very angry when he found out where the Indian was leading the two whites and absolutely forbade him to continue. He even went so far as to promise certain death if they did not immediately turn back to California. Under these conditions there was no alternative but to retrace their steps to Indian Valley.

Whether Winnemucca frightened him or whether he simply had no cold to trade, the Indian never returned to the store. But the following summer a Paiute boy came to buy supplies and made his purchases with similar nuggets. Taylor quickly, made friends with the boy and had no trouble getting him to talk. 'While the boy knew all about the -old-filled stream, he had never actually seen it. He said he did know an old exiled Indian living near Deep Hole who might be induced

to guide them to it.

Again Taylor and Wetherell, with the boy, journeyed east until they reached Deep Hole. There they found the old Paiute, but while considered an outcast he was still loyal to the tribe. He refused to lead the whites to the gold under any conditions whatsoever. I This time, though, the two men refused to give up. They demanded that the boy lead them as close as possible to where his elders gathered their nuggets. Frightened, but with no other choice, he claimed it was only "two sleeps" east of Deep Hole, and the), continued on.

After two days of traveling the three made camp. According to the young Indian they were still quite a distance from the area of the stream. That night, as Taylor and Wetherell lay in their blankets, they discussed the prospects of finding the gold. Believing that the boy was asleep, Wetherell said that the little Indian had better be true to his word if he knew what was good for him. The tone of voice frightened the boy more than anything else did and, when dawn broke, he slipped away and soon was long gone.

The two men continued to search for a while but eventually they turned back

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My home phone number is 70

We hope to see you at an outing soon.

Dan Boone

WHO HAS THE MINING CLAIMS?

by Doug Driesner (from Update March 1999. State of Nevada, Division of Minerals)

Based on information obtained from the BLM, there are, as of July 1, 1998, approximately 138,000 active mining claims in Nevada. The number of active claims constantly varies as new claims are staked and some claims are dropped. The BLM data shows a total of 7,333 claimants however the actual number is a little smaller. This is because the BLM's computers would count, for example, J. Doe and John Doe as two claimants when they are the same.

While most of Nevada's mineral production is the result of the efforts of large companies, most of the claimants hold relatively small numbers of claims. Over 65 percent of all claimants (4,776) hold between one and ten claims. An additional 1,022 claimants (14 percent of all claimants) hold between eleven and twenty claims. Thus, nearly 80 percent of the claimants hold between one and twenty claims. The BLM records show that collectively the nine largest claimants hold over 36,000 claims. In addition

to holding claims in their own name, most of the mining companies also lease claims held by others. Thus the larger companies actually control more claims than they have staked themselves.

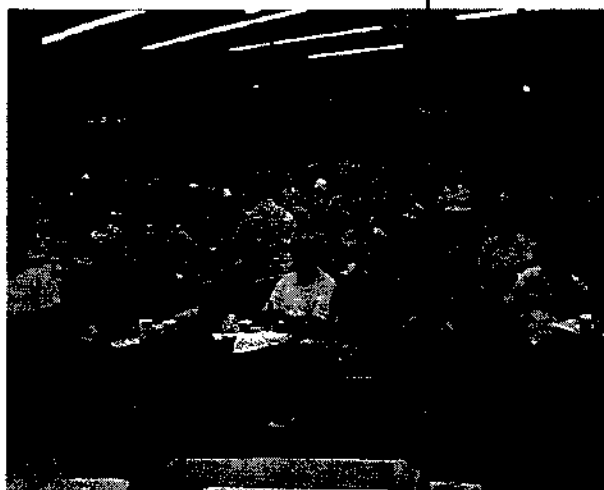
According to the results of the Division's survey of 1997 exploration activity, 18 companies each controlled more than 1,000 claims with 9 of those companies each controlling over 5,000 claims.

The Division of Minerals is happy to assist anyone needing information on mining claim staking or filing procedures. The Division's Carson City and Las Vegas offices each have the necessary forms for filing with the County Recorder's offices.

GSSN Claims Committee Has A New Chairman

We are pleased and excited to report that Dan Boone has volunteered to chair the claims committee.

Dan has offered his time and efforts to research new claim locations for the Club and to go out into the desert and see if these potential locations have any gold on them before the Club stakes a claim. Dan will also answer members questions relating to claim locations, directions and also conduct a mid-week outing for members who are



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unavailable on weekends for the regular outing.

Thanks Dan!
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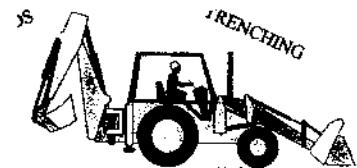
without success. Many times thereafter Taylor traveled the country "two sleeps" beyond Deep Hole, searching canyon after canyon for the right stream. Eventually he felt that the nugget-filled canyon was the one located just south of Virgin Valley.

Legend has it that Indians had worked this canyon before white men ever settled the area. Another legend infers that the canyon is in reality the site of the lost Blue Bucket gold of Oregon fame. The canyon is now nearly impassible except on foot, and if gold is there it will be a long time before it will be found.

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