



# THE PROSPECTOR

## HAVASU GOLD SEEKERS

P.O. BOX 3281  
LAKE HAVASU CITY,  
AZ 86405

### Web Page:

[www.havasugoldseekers.com](http://www.havasugoldseekers.com)

Base Camp Coordinates  
N 34° 38' 30.6"  
W 114° 10' 14.4"



### MEETING

**May 03, 2011**

Quality Inn  
Havasu Room  
271 S. Lake Havasu Ave.  
Lake Havasu City, Az

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Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a really good meeting. A big thanks goes out to all of the members who really make it happen each month. I was disappointed as I'm sure many of you were also that we had to cancel the dig once again due to the weather, maybe we needed that rain to wash in some good nuggets for the last dig of the season in May. Remember if you go out there, take plenty of water and watch for snakes.

Johnn Marshall

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MAY

- 03: HGS Meeting at Quality Inn
- 07: Common Dig Info at HGS Meeting or Check w/ Ron

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- 05. Treasure Hunt Sponsors, Meeting Minutes
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## CLUB INFORMATION

Havasu Gold Seekers, Inc. is a non-profit gold seekers club in Lake Havasu City, Arizona with 20 gold bearing claims, covering over 3200 acres.

The Club was started in early 1991 when a small group of Lake Havasu City residents got together for the purpose of recreational gold prospecting in the desert near Lake Havasu City, Arizona. The Club started with about 20 men and women and grew slowly until February of 1992 when Captain Dan McCarty and seven other members formed an association and filed four placer claims totaling 640 acres. At the very next club meeting the Club elected officers and adopted by-laws. The newly elected President, Dan McCarty, Vice-President, Denny Craig, and Secretary, Elaine Babb, had the tough job of making things work well for the benefit of all club members. From that point on the Club has grown to over 350 members. HGS purchased its own land near the claims for Club activities such as family outings, BBQ's, camping and of course, GOLD PROSPECTING!

From September through May, the Havasu Gold Seekers, Inc. meets in the Havasu Room at the Quality Inn & Suites Motel on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Board Meeting precedes the general meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Yearly individual or family membership dues are \$40 and are due by December 31. Family membership includes family members under 18. The initiation fee for a new membership is \$100. The total cost for new members the first year is \$140 and \$40 thereafter. The dues are used to send out a monthly newsletter, pay miscellaneous expenses, and pay the fees on all of the Club's gold claims

Anyone wishing to join the Havasu Gold Seekers must fill out a Membership Application and a Hold Harmless Agreement. Take your application and agreement to a Club meeting or mail it along with your check to:

**Havasu Gold Seekers, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 3281**  
**Lake Havasu City, Az. 86405-3281**

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## COMMON DIG RULES

### PLEASE ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES

- No early birds – No buckets filled before start time.
- No equipment within marked area.
- Hand tools such as shovels, picks and buckets in dig holes only.
- NO METAL DETECTORS ALLOWED IN DIG HOLE AT ANY TIME
- No metal detectors or dry washers inside dig area
- Form one line with two buckets per person only.
- Private holes 10x10 OK to claim giving right of way to digger.
- Dirt piles OK for 72-hour private claim, but not in common dig holes.
- Do not cut tree roots or cactus, and as always, leave access open to where equipment is classifying for dirt removal.
- MEMBER'S GUEST NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMON DIGS.
- **PACK IT IN – PACK IT OUT.** - Revised 10-09

## OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEES - 2011

### OFFICERS

President: Johnn Marshall 928-727-2642

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Secretary: Kim Marshall

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Bob Garver 928-486-2135

Roy Lohrengel 928-437-5563

Ron Marshall 928-566-4122

### COMMITTEES

Activities Chair: Kathy Tommila

Base Camp Chair: Joe - Tommila

Base Camp Caretaker Ron Marshall 928-715-5150

Claims Chair: Ron Marshall 928-566-4122

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### HAVASU GOLD SEEKERS SAFETY PATROL

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|---------------|--------------|
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| John Fetz     | 928-680-4994 |
| Bob Garver    | 928-486-2135 |
| Delores Homan | 928-208-9551 |
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| Joe Tommila   | 928-2087098  |
| Dave Walker   | 928-486-1657 |

The safety patrol monitors CB radio channel "14". HGS Base camp coordinates: N34° 38' 30.6" W 114°10' 14.4"

We are here for your safety. If you have questions about the safe way to do something in the field we will do our best to get answers for you

If you have a problem in the field such as a flat tire or car trouble we will do our best to help with that also. If the problem is of a medical nature we will call 911 for you.

### FOR THE COOKS IN THE CLUB

Elaine's Overnight Salad

- 1 head lettuce torn in bite size pieces
- 1 head cauliflower ( florets thinly sliced)
- 2 C. Mayonnaise
- 1/2 red onion thinly sliced
- 2 jars Hormel bacon bits
- 1 C. Shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/3 C. Sugar.

Layer all ingredients in the order listed. Refrigerate covered overnight. Toss and serve.

Thank you, Elaine Babb for the recipe.

### FIG'S GOLD



Irving aka "Fig" sent me some nice pictures of his recent gold finds. Check out the nice pile of gold. in his

pan. Nice work, Fig.

### TREASURE HUNT March 2011

A big thank you to all of the participants for coming out to make our Treasure Hunt a success. There were 1,931 coins for a value of \$603, 2.5 penny weight of Gold, 2 - 1 ounce Silver Rounds, and 54 prize tokens buried in the hunt area for the 45 participants to find with their metal detectors. After the one hour hunt was completed the kids were turned loose with their parents or grandparents metal detectors to clean up all of the coins missed by the seasoned detectorists.

After all of the prized were handed out we enjoyed the now famous HGS Corned Beef and Cabbage feed put on by Kathy Tommila and her band of Leprechauns.

Thanks to Joe & Kathy's Grandkids Cody and Michael and to Joe Merrill for the help burying all of the coins and tokens.

Thanks to all who helped with the dinner.

Thanks to Kathy, Jody and Phyllis for rounding up all of the prizes.

A Special Thanks goes out to all of the Merchants who donated prizes, remember them when you are in need of any products or services that they offer.

Norb

Thank you, Mike Puckett, for the great pictures.





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### MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING

4-5-11

The meeting began at 7:10pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance. Johnn Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting. Officers present were: President Johnn Marshall, Secretary Kim Marshall and Treasurer Norb Kiesling. Board Members present were: Bob Garver, Roy Lohrengel, James Rixie, and Ron Marshall. There was a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes from the last general meeting and was seconded. Norb Kiesling gave

the treasurers report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The new members and guests stood up and introduced themselves; John welcomed them to the club and invited the guests to join. John thanked Debi Smith for selling the tickets for the drawing. John thanked Joe and Yvonne for helping with the drawing. He also thanked Norb for doing the treasure hunt out at the Camp. Norb thanked everyone for coming out and participating. We had 45 participants. We had 54 prize tokens, buried \$603, 2 ½ pennyweight of gold, and 2-1oz silver rounds; most of that was found. After the hunt was over the kids took over and found a bunch more of what the seasoned detectors missed. Norb thanked Kathy and her bunch of Leprechauns for providing the corned beef and cabbage dinner. Thanks to Joe and Kathy's grandkids, Cody and Michael and also to Joe Merrill for helping plant all the coins. Thanks to Kathy, Jody and Phyllis for rounding up all the prizes, also a big thanks to all of the merchants in town for providing the prizes. Ron Marshall gave a claims report. There will be a common dig 8a.m. on Saturday; weather provided. There were no volunteers to do lunch so it was decided on bring your own lunch. Ron announced that there was going to be a new thing. We are going to be closing off the hole at the common dig site at dusk, Sunday after the common dig. It will be off limits until the next common dig. John announced that there would be stiff penalties if caught in the hole; he said it could mean your membership. John said the reason is so that the people that can't get out there Monday through Friday will still have a chance at the next common dig. There was a question on the vacuums. John said that as it stands right now the rules say electric only in the hole; you can use gas outside of the hole. John said there are plenty of delinquent rents on trailer spaces, so if your trailer is delinquent you need to take care of it. They were all due March 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a question about the road. John said that we do have the easement request from BLM. We did get it okayed, however we don't have the ok to get it graded by the County, and therefore the County

will not grade it. There is an issue right now between the County and the BLM. The County will grade anything if they have a 50' easement, but the BLM will only give us a 34' easement. So right now they are having an argument over whether it is big enough, but we do have the right-of-way to go ahead and get it graded ourselves. We will probably be doing that closer to September when the coaches start rolling in and we get the common digs going again.

Bob Garver went over the camp fees again for those who needed it explained. It's due March 1<sup>st</sup> for yearly and 6 month payers. He said that after April 15 there will be penalties; \$25 for the first month, \$25 the second month and your trailer will be moved. There was a question about if you want to stay just a night or two. Bob explained that there is a box on the bathroom wall with envelopes and Ron Marshall would be the person to talk to on where you can stay. Bob reminded everyone that all trailers need to have a current license on them. There was a question about why some people have more than one trailer. It was said that there are not supposed to be 2 RVs on a space and that they need to bring that issue to the board and we will take care of it. There was a question about Quads needing to be licensed. Bob said not unless it is street legal. It was mentioned that you do still have to pay for the off road sticker but Bob pointed out that that he paid the off road sticker and his license fee went down. Someone mentioned that her license will expire after she leaves. She was told to mail her stickers to the post office box with her space number and one of us will put it on for her. Jan Garver announced that Marilyn Kunick had a 3-way bypass. She is home from the hospital recovering and doing ok. John said that you need to see Rudy if you're expecting a name tag or if you need one. John presented a life time name tag to Elaine Babb, one of our founding members. John announced that we had a guest that donated a copper nugget from up on the Upper Peninsula in Michigan to the drawing. We all gave him a round of applause. John said that we have an issue with the garbage. The garbage service that we had out

there has gone bankrupt. The company that bought them out was going to bring us a dumpster and take over the route. They decided it was too far out and they are going to refund our money. We bought 10 more cans and we will be hauling our own trash. We will be looking for volunteers here and there to bring garbage into town. Johnn said that it has to be brought to the dump and of course the club would reimburse you. We don't have all of the details worked out just yet but we're working on it. There was a comment that if you go out there for just the weekend then please take back your own trash. Johnn said yes please do what you can to help us out. There was a comment about the bathrooms, Johnn said that right now the contractor left them incomplete and we have tried to contact him several times. As it stands right now the Board has decided to go to the Registrar of Contractors and bring them out to see what we've got and go from there.

Norb went over the road closers. BLM has all of the comments in and they are reviewing them in April and the date it goes to the contractor is in May. They will host informal informational meetings in May sometime, so we will have to keep an eye on the website for when that will be. They will review the summaries in September and October and then a 30-day comment period will follow. There was a comment about the Havasu off roaders, which is a Jeep club., They had collected a bunch of signatures, from people that did not want the desert to be closed. BLM would not allow groups to make comments. Johnn announced that at the last meeting or meeting before someone had a guest coming and they were turned away at the door. He reminded everyone that if someone comes to the door and are guests then of course they are welcome. Johnn reminded everyone that it's that time of year to be careful of snakes. If you go out this time of year you need to bring plenty of water; more than you think you are going to need. For any CB users out there we use channel 14. Johnn reminded everyone to keep your losing tickets for a special drawing at the last meeting in May. The tickets were drawn and there was a motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Secretary Kim Marshall

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## BLM UPDATE

Here is an update on Havasu's TMP comment letters that were written to keep our OHV access.

Mike Henderson said they will be reviewing the comments in April, the data goes to the contractor in May. BLM will host informational meetings in May. The contractor will return the review summaries in Sept or Oct & the 30 day comment will follow. THEY ARE VERY AWARE THEY DO NOT WANT TO HOLD THE OPEN COMMENT PERIOD UNTIL FALL.

Norb

## DESERT SURVIVAL

### FINDING WATER IN THE DESERT

When in a survival situation it is important to ration sweat, not water. Stay in the shade, if possible, during the hottest part of the day. Your activities should be done during the cooler parts of the day or night. This will greatly extend your chances of survival.

Water can be located in a number of ways. Look for patches of green vegetation. You might need to dig to find water here. Ripe cactus fruit can be eaten for rehydration. Cut a cactus open, such as a Hedgehog cactus. Peel down the outer

layer with a knife, chop off the top of the cactus and chew the slimy middle part for rehydration. The needles can also be cut off with a knife or by peeling. If a fire is available, cactus needles can be removed by singeing them .

Keep in mind that if your water supply is low you should avoid eating. Eating causes the body to use up its body fluids for digestion.

Watch the sky for bird flight. Flocks of birds will circle over a waterhole. Listen for their sounds. Quail are usually found near water. Doves flock near water spots in the morning and evening. Look for animal trails. that join and point in a particular direction. Most animals will feed near a water source.

You can also dig for water in dry creek and river beds. Dig below the cutbacks at the outside bends in the lowest spot of the creek. You can also dig for water below cliffs. Also look for windmills and water tanks built by ranchers.

### SOLAR STILL FOR WATER

Another alternative is to make a solar still, but they do not put out enough water for long-term survival.

Before deciding to dig a solar still you need to decide if the effort will be worth the sweat and activity involved to build it. If you sweat more in your effort to build it than you gain in water, don't put out the effort.

#### MAKING A SOLAR STILL

- Dig a hole about 3 ft. across and 2 ft. deep in the moistest soil you can find.
- Place a container in the bottom to collect the water
- Line the hole with vegetation or wet it with dirty water (ex: car radiator water, urine)
- Line the hole with a clear plastic sheet.
- Secure the plastic sheet with dirt, rocks, around the edge.
- Place an object in the middle of the bottom of the plastic sheet to weigh it down and form a cone with about 30 degree sides. (Ex: smooth stone)
- When the sun shines through, the plastic will evaporate water from the soil and vegetation on the still bottom.

- This will give you about a cupful of water in about 8 hours.

## PURIFYING & DISENFECTING WATER

Never drink water directly out of a stream, lake or stream bed even if it looks clean. Water from lakes, streams or stream beds should be filtered if dirty. Filter the water through several layers of cloth or wait for the contents to settle. This does NOT kill the germs.

There are two organism in our wilderness water *Giardia lamblia* and *Cryptosporidium*, that you want to avoid. These organisms are transferred between animals and humans by excreted fecal matter. When this matter gets into the water, perhaps by rainwater runoff or untreated sewage, the water is infected.

These organisms in humans can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headache, and low grade fever.

Boiling the water is a good way to kill parasites and make your water safe to drink. In lower altitudes, boiling the water for 2 to 4 minutes should be enough time. In altitudes 10,000 ft. and over, boil the water for a minimum of 15 minutes to make it safe to drink.

There are several additional methods of disinfecting your water if boiling is not an option or a preference. Chlorine tablets can be used as a disinfectant. For each quart of water use 5 chlorine tablets. Once the tablets have dissolved, wait 30 minutes before drinking the water. Also, household bleach can be used. Add 2 drops (4 drops if water is cloudy), and wait 30 minutes before drinking the water. Two iodine tablets or a 2% tincture of iodine solution can be added to a quart of water as another method of disinfecting water. Wait 20 minutes before drinking this time.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Lisa and Bill Gagne
- Bob and Joyce Skoien

## WEATHER JOKE

A couple had been living in Payson, Az for the last 68 years of their marriage. They claimed that Payson had the healthiest climate in the United States. The husband had never needed to see a doctor. They attributed their good health to an agreement that they had made early in their marriage. They agreed that if they had an argument, she would go into the kitchen and he would go outside and sit on the porch. He attributed his good health to all those years spent outdoors.

Dear God, my prayer for 2011 is for a fat bank account & a thin body. Please don't mix these up like you did last year. AMEN.

## What To Do When It Snows In Minniesnowta

One winter morning in Minneapolis a husband-Ole and wife Lena were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today.. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." So the good Lena went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." Lena went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park....." Then the electric power went out. Lena

was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to a good woman have, Ole replied,

"Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time."

## FOR SALE, WANTED TO BUY HELP NEEDED!

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**HELP NEEDED:** If you have any news about gold finds, camp news, pictures, jokes, recipes or anything that you would like to see in this newsletter, please send them to me at: [hgsnews4u@gmail.com](mailto:hgsnews4u@gmail.com) .Please identify as subject HGS; otherwise it might be overlooked as junk mail. All help is appreciated. Kathy Underwood.



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**"End of Rainbow"  
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