



HAVASU GOLD SEEKERS

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LAKE HAVASU CITY,
AZ 86405

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MEETING

FEBRUARY 07, 2012

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.

THE PROSPECTOR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to everyone,

What a great time we had at the New Year's dinner and party. If you didn't make it, maybe you will next year. I hope this year brings good luck and fortune to all! I would like to thank everyone that volunteers their time and efforts into making this club a fun club to be in. The weather has been perfect to get out there and find some real reassures.

Please be careful and have fun.

Johnn Marshall

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January:

- 14: Ride to Scotts Well
- 28,29: Delbert Days

February:

- 05: Super Bowl Party at Fran Lowell Building
- 07: Havasu Gold Seekers Meeting, Quality Inn
- 11: Common Dig 8 a.m.
- 14: Valentine's Dinner at Fran Lowell Bldg.

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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 400 members. HGS purchased its own land near the claims for Club activities such as family outings, BB'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.
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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 - 2012

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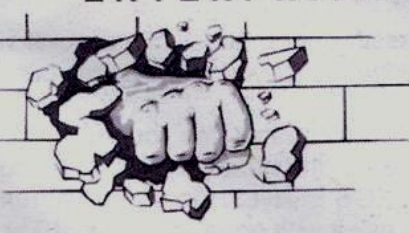
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Dustin & Guy Denekas
- Dennis & Cathy Lundine
- Arlene Tripp
- Thomas & Myrna Wieczorek
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- Bill & Nola Jones
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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.

We are planning a ride to our claims HGS 17 and HGS 18 on January 14th, weather permitting. The route is quite rough and narrow in some points, so a Quad or Ranger type vehicle is recommended. We have been up to Scotts Well in the past with Jeeps and Samuris but haven't been up there in the last couple of months, so not sure of current conditions.

We will depart from the Fran Lowell building at 10:00am and plan on spending a couple of hours exploring the Scotts Wells area and the mining camp above the Wells. The following is information taken from the U.S. Geological Survey done in 1987.

The Scotts Wells is near the head of drainage, locally called Moon Wash. Although there are no



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production records the area is reported to have had significant production from both lode and placer deposits. In the early 1930's, Don Barron recovered an 8.5 oz. gold nugget from a placer shaft in Moon Wash near Scotts Well (Don Barron oral communication, 1980).

Workings in the Scotts Well area consist of 13 adits, ranging from 10 to 130 feet long, and numerous prospect pits and trenches. Most of the workings were cut on faults or fault zones usually containing quartz veins and lenses. The veins are irregular in thickness and discontinuous along strike. Locally they swell or pinch out and contain abundant limonite and hematite and some pyrite, galena, malachite, and sphalerite.

Samples from the area contained as much as 4.0 oz. Silver per ton, 1.7 oz. Gold per ton, 11 percent Lead, and minor copper and zinc.

NEW YEARS EVE

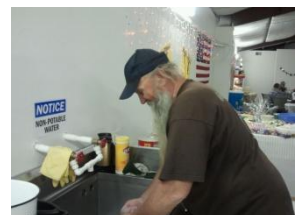
The tables were decorated with a festive flare. There were party hats and noise makers to welcome in the new year. The gift exchange or "Swap" was lively, especially when it came to the gifts of booze. How many times did Jim Cash lose his bottle...4, 5, times? I lost count. Here are some pictures of our great time.

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SUPERBOWL PARTY

Tailgate Party at the Fran Lowell Bldg. Starts at 3:30 Sunday, Feb. 5th. Game starts at 4:30.

We'll have Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, Beans, Potato Salad, etc. Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy the game!!

MY STRATEGY FOR MINING FINE GOLD

MIKE LIPINSKI

If you're after largest gold, such a pennyweight and bigger nuggets, it's worth the time and effort to spend hours digging down to caliches or bedrock with the hope that one or two nuggets at the end of the day will make all your effort worthwhile.

However, if you're in a wash that's known for fine gold (the great majority of GSA washes), you can't afford to spend a lot of effort on random holes that yield only a few tiny flakes at the end of the day. For that reason, I always dig test holes at promising locations where fine gold may have congregated in its journey through floodwater.

I recently began working a wash known to carry mostly fine gold by testing four promising sites in the streambed. One site below a small waterfall looked promising, so I dug two test holes three feet deep and removed about three gallons of classified ore from each hole--enough for six full pans. I then panned this material in water I'd lugged from home. Out of six pans, I found only two small flakes. Not good enough.

The next test site was at the end of a narrow gorge where the left cut bank had been eroded by floodwaters. I again dug two holes and washed this material, but found only three flakes from six gallons of material--better, but still not good enough.

I then tested a side wash that looked really good, with lots of floodwater erosion. However, my two test holes produced not a single fleck of gold.

I then moved down to where the side wash entered the main wash, which had created a fifty-foot wide flood plain of sand, gravel and rocks. I moved about 60 feet down to where I estimated the flood waters fury would have lessened enough to allow fine gold to settle. I dug three holes: one at each creek channel, and one in the middle of the flood plain. This amounted to nine gallons total to be washed.



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The hole at the side channel produced two pinheads (tiny nuggets). The hole at the flood plain produced four gold flakes, and the hole at the main creek channel produced five flakes of various sized. The total was 11 pieces of gold from 9 gallons of classified ore.

I decided to concentrate my efforts in this area because tests indicated about 1.3 pieces of gold per gallon of ore. And since I can usually dry wash about 30 gallons of ore per day, my take should be somewhere around 40 pieces of gold per day.

Following is my total so far in gallons/piece: 15/15, 12/25 (1 nugget), 18/18, 7/5, 18/29, 12/9 (1 nugget), 12/11. This totals 74 gallons of ore yielding 109 pieces of gold, or about 1 1/2 pieces of gold per gallon of ore. I may decide it's not worth the effort and move my operation.

However, two factors would dramatically alter my opinion on the gal/gold ratio. The first is PICKERS! From six washings I've retrieved two pickers--gold nuggets. Though smallish, they still dwarf the largest gold flakes in the vial. The second is the fact that I have not yet cleaned the ore off the caliches layer. My gal/gold ratio should soar when I scrape and vacuum this hard gypsum/gravel layer.

But the ultimate factor for me will be the amount of enjoyment and satisfaction mined from my operation. Right now, I'd vote to stay put and be satisfied with the status quota.

JANUARY DIG 2012

It was a beautiful day for a Dig. Some of our members found some nice pickers. Jim U. found a 4 grain nugget with his metal detector. Chef Norb grilled hot dogs with all the fixins. Thanks, Norb. Here are some pictures of our great day.

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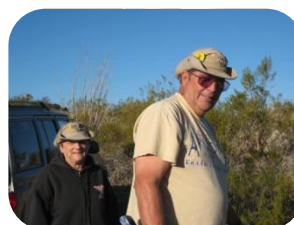
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seconded. Norb Keisling gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

The new members introduced themselves. Johnn welcomed them and also welcomed the guests.

Johnn gave thanks to all of the New Year's Eve helpers who made the New Year's Eve dinner and party a success. We all had a great time.

Johnn announced that we had some newsletters returned in the mail, so if you did not get your newsletter, please check up front.

Johnn said that the activities for January include the common dig on Sat., Jan. 7th at 8 am. Norb will be having a ride scheduled for Saturday, January 14th for those who want to ride up and see Scotts Well HGS claims 17 and 18.

Dave Walker discussed Delbert Days and that it will be held on Jan. 28th and 29th. Dave said he has a lot of volunteers already but has a list if anybody else would like to sign up to help the kids pan for BB's and detect for nickels. Johnn thanked those who have volunteered for their help.

Norb announced that the canned food and the toys that we collected for the Toys for Tots went to the Desert Hills Fire Department. Norb said they were very pleased to receive the food and toys. Johnn thanked everyone for bringing in the toys and food at our December Cheer meeting.

Norb went over the ride he has planned. He said that they will be leaving the Fran Lowell building at 10am and that the road is a rough ride and narrow in spots. Norb said that you need to bring a lunch and plenty of water.

Ron Marshall went over some new rules for the common dig; whatever is bonded by the club will be off-limits to the club except on dig weekends. After Sunday night it will be closed. This way it will be fair for everyone.

Some members stood up and offered items for sale and they will be in the newsletter for those interested.

Johnn reminded everyone that mailing the newsletter is a huge expense to the club and that it is very easy to download it off of our website. There is also the option of having it emailed to you.



VALENTINES DAY

DINNER

WHEN: February 18TH

TIME: 6 p.m.

WHERE: Fran Lowell Building

MENU: Spaghetti

BRING: Desert, Salad



MEETING MINUTES

January 03, 2012

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Johnn welcomed everyone to the meeting. Officers present were: President Johnn Marshall, Vice President Rudy Andrews, Secretary Kim Marshall and Treasurer Norb Kiesling. Board members present were: Ron Marshall, James Rixie, Jamal Aweidah and Bill Carson.

Johnn said that we will have a guest speaker next month; his name is Mike and he will talk about snakes.

There was one correction to the minutes from the last general meeting. The name of our Vice President is Rudy Andrews, and not Judy.

There was a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes from the last general meeting and was

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Rudy Andrews stood up and explained the new procedure for the nametags. All new prospectors will need to pay a \$5.00 charge for co-prospectors, which need to be paid in advance.

Johnn went over a few things for February. The dig will be February 11th and we will have a Valentines Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 18th. Please bring a dessert and a salad type dish.

Johnn announced that we are in need of a new Safety Officer and a Safety Committee. Alvin Allen has been in charge of this position in the past, but is no longer available. We need volunteers. It was discussed that this would not replace 911 emergencies, but would help if you are the first person on scene. As a Safety Officer we would need to list your phone number in the newsletter for those who might need help when out in the desert (lost, flat tire,...) There was a motion for the club to pay for CPR training and was seconded. Rudy Andrews had volunteered to check with the fire department for the next scheduled class.

The tickets were drawn and there was a motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Secretary Kim Marshall



FOR SALE, WANTED TO BUY HELP NEEDED!

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WANTED: 50 caliber bullets and shell casings. Please bring any you can spare to the February or March meetings. My two sons and I are 50 BMG shooters. These would be much appreciated. Paul Fee.

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FOR SALE: Dry Washer. 12V Sealed Motor. \$450.00 OBO. Joe Ballistrea 928-232-0250

FOR SALE: 1988 Itasca Motor Home w/ 100 lb. propane tank. \$2800.00 OBO. Teresa 928-208-8892

**HELP NEEDED: If you have any news about gold finds, camp news, pictures, jokes, or anything that you would like to see in this newsletter, please send them to me at: hgsnews4u@gmail.com. Please identify as HGS. All help is appreciated. Thanks.
Kathy Underwood**

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