



# HAVASU GOLD SEEKERS

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LAKE HAVASU CITY,  
AZ 86405

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### Base Camp Coordinates

N 34° 38' 30.6"

W 114° 10' 14.4"



# THE PROSPECTOR

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I spoke with Lisa & Amanda from the BLM on May 9<sup>th</sup>. I was informed that we do not have approval to maintain the road.

I would like to start out by saying thanks to all of our members for supporting our club. It's hard to believe that it's the end of our season already and we are headed for our hot summer. For anyone who likes to go out prospecting during the summer, please remember to take plenty of water. I hope that all your roads this summer brings you safe and fun adventures, and great finds. Looking forward to seeing all of you in September.

Johnn Marshall

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### April:

14<sup>th</sup>: Common Dig 7 a.m.

### September: 6<sup>th</sup>:

HGS meeting at the Quality Inn

## MEETING

**Sept. 06, 2011**

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

❖  
**Board Meeting**  
6:00 p.m.

**Membership Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.

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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 - 2010**

**OFFICERS**

President: Johnn Marshall 928-727-2642

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Vice-President: Joe Tommila

Secretary: Kim Marshall

Treasurer: Norb Kiesling 928-854-2661

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James Rixie 928-764-3098

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

HGS Safety Patrol Chair:

Membership:

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SPOT GOLD PRICES	
DATE	PRICE
04/14/11	\$1,465.70
04/21/11	\$1,504.00
04/28/11	\$1,535.50
05/05/11	\$1,511.00
05/09/11	\$1,502.00

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

- ❖ Chris Lopez & Tracy Hicke
- ❖ Fred Brown
- ❖ Carl & Joann Bonnar
- ❖ Cory & DeAndra, Tessa & Casdy Wooldridge

**HAVASU GOLD SEEKERS SAFETY PATROL**

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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.

IF YOU WANT TO TAKE YOUR NAME OFF THE MAILING LIST FOR THIS NEWSLETTER, SEND AN EMAIL TO: [hgsPRES@yahoo.com](mailto:hgsPRES@yahoo.com) STATING THAT YOU PREFER TO VIEW "THE PROSPECTOR" AT OUR WEBSITE: [www.havasugoldseekers.com](http://www.havasugoldseekers.com)

**FOR THE COOKS IN THE CLUB**

**5 MINUTE CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE FOR ONE**

NORB

- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)
- A small splash of vanilla extract
- 1 large coffee mug (MicroSafe)

Add dry ingredients to mug, and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly.

**Pour in the milk and oil and mix well..  
Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla extract, and mix again.  
Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts.  
The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed!  
Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if desired.  
EAT ! (this can serve 2 if you want to feel slightly more virtuous).**

**And why is this the most dangerous cake recipe in the world?  
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## MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING

**MAY 03, 2011**

The meeting began at 7:12pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Johnn Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting. Officers present were: President Johnn Marshall, Secretary Kim Marshall and Treasurer Norb Keisling. Board Members present were: Bob Garver, Roy Lohrengel, James Rixie, and Ron Marshall. Johnn pointed out that James Rixie was the one to see if you needed to join the Club or had any questions. Teresa was selling T-shirts; it was the last chance until September. Johnn said it was good to see Marilyn Kunic at the

meeting. She had a 3-way bypass 6 weeks ago. She says she's doing good, and she looks great too. Joe Merrill explained the 2 drawings, the first one was for \$100 and the second one, was from all the losing tickets people have saved over the past year. The prize for that was a \$50 gift card.

The new members and guests stood up and introduced themselves. Johnn welcomed them to the Club and invited the guests to join. Johnn welcomed Harry back; he's been gone for a while. Johnn reminded everyone that Harry found a nice size nugget (1 lb 9 oz) on our claims.

There was a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes from the last general meeting and was seconded. Norb Keisling gave the treasurers report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. There was a question about the checking balance. A member wanted to know if it was putting us in jeopardy with the IRS. Norb said no we were just fine for a Non-Profit organization

. Johnn explained to the ones that may not of known that the old Pole Barn used to be where we had our dinners and gatherings before we had the Fran Lowell Building. He then explained that at one time we had a fundraiser for the Club to be able to put your nameplate on the bar/counter we used for the food. That bar had been taken down and put aside when the new Fran Lowell Building went up and was sort of forgotten about. Johnn announced that Norb, with Johnns help, was able to put that back up in the back of the building next to the pool table. We'll turn that into a little hang out area. Norb also donated a rock polisher and rock cutting equipment and it is set up and available for anyone who wants to use it. Johnn said if you're out there stop in and check it out.

Johnn thanked Harry Wolfley for maintaining the generators. Johnn reminded everyone that there is no trash service out there; the company that was doing it went bankrupt. The new people that took over decided we were too far out there for them to drive, so we will be hauling our own garbage. Ron Marshall has agreed to do that for us once a week starting in September. We've always cut the garbage service for the summer, so the summer

campers, will need to haul out their own garbage. As they say, pack it in, pack it out.

There was a question about the roads, if we can now drag the roads. Johnn said we've always have been able to do that. There was mention that at one time Joe might get in trouble. Johnn said it was questionable at one time, but we now have permission to do that.\*\*\*(updated information included in the President's Message on page 1.)

There was a question about our new common dig rule of closing the hole on Sunday at dusk until the next common dig. The question was since this will be our last dig for the summer if that meant that it would be closed over the summer. Johnn said yes that means the common dig hole will be closed and off-limits over the summer until we have our September common dig. There was a question if the dig had been moved. Johnn said no, not right now but we will be looking into moving it to Gold Hill where we've dug many years before in that area. Over the summer we'll be looking into what it'll take to put up a bond for that.

Norb shared with us that BLM is holding a public meeting to discuss trails on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Aquatic Center starting at 6pm. He said that the paper had said May 10<sup>th</sup> but it's actually the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Johnn reminded everyone that goes out to the Camp about the bathrooms. The new bathrooms in the Fran Lowell building need to have the generator on before you flush for water pressure. If you flush the toilet and the pressure drops then it will continue to run forever. Also the bathrooms down below have timer switches for the water and timer switches for the lights. So when you go in make sure you turn on the switch for the water that is next to the sink. When you're done and before you leave, turn the timer off and make sure the water stops filling in the toilet. We had a situation a couple weeks ago where the timer switch had stuck on and the toilet had kept running and drained 1000 gallons of fresh water from the well overnight and it takes a full day to recoup that water.

We had the first drawing for the \$100 prize so all the non-winners could then put their names on

the back of their non-winning tickets for the second drawing.

Johnn announced that Walt Nickelson had a stroke and had been in the hospital but is home now.

Ron Marshall announced that there would not be a common dig this weekend. The dig is scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am. Norb volunteered to do lunch.

There was a question regarding status of the contractor that built the bathrooms in the Fran Lowell building. Johnn said the paperwork has been filled out and we are going to file with the Registrar of Contractors and we'll go from there. There was another question of what was left to be done. Johnn said there's not a whole lot. There is just some trim work on the dividers and there is an issue in the women's room. One of the stalls does not have a door because the distance in not correct and the trim work on the base and some sealant around one of the windows needs to be done. Johnn said it is not a major deal but it's just one of those things that we just want it completed.

Johnn asked if anyone has found any gold. Teresa went to California and found some. Norb said that Carl found some and Mark found some.

Johnn thanked Kathy Underwood for doing the newsletter. We had our last drawing from all the non-winner tickets. There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Secretary Kim Marshall

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## HUMOR

A man is stopped by the police at midnight and asked where he's going.

"I'm on the way to listen to a lecture about the effects of alcohol and Sex abuse on the human body."

The policeman asks, "Really?"

And who's going to give a lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies "My wife".

## SAGUARO

When we are traveling the backroads I have always wondered about these majestic cactus that seem to tower over the desert landscape.

This plant grows very slowly and can live to be over 200 years old. At the age of 10 years old this cactus will be only 1.5 to 6 inches high. The plant has a growing spurt at around 20 years old, growing up to 2 inches a year. Blossoms are produced in late spring with red fruit in summer when the plant reaches the age of 30-50 years old. These flowers open at night and close up during the hotter days. The flowers are pollinated by our local bees, bats and birds.

These cactus depend upon the summer rains to obtain the necessary moisture to thrive. The water is stored in their large trunks and can make the plant weigh 3200-4800 pounds. One of their roots will go 2-3 feet into the ground; their tap root. The remaining root system is very shallow, only 4-6 inches deep, but they radiate out as far as the plant is tall.

As they age, some of the Saguaro produce arms or limbs. These arms bend upward and plants have been known to produce over 25 arms!

In their later years these cactus can reach up to 75 feet in height.

This is our largest cactus in the United States. The flower of this cactus is the state flower of Arizona.



Saguaro cactus blossoms by Rael B on Flickr



Mature five armed Saguaro cactus in bloom in late May. Photo by Leonard G./Wikipedia

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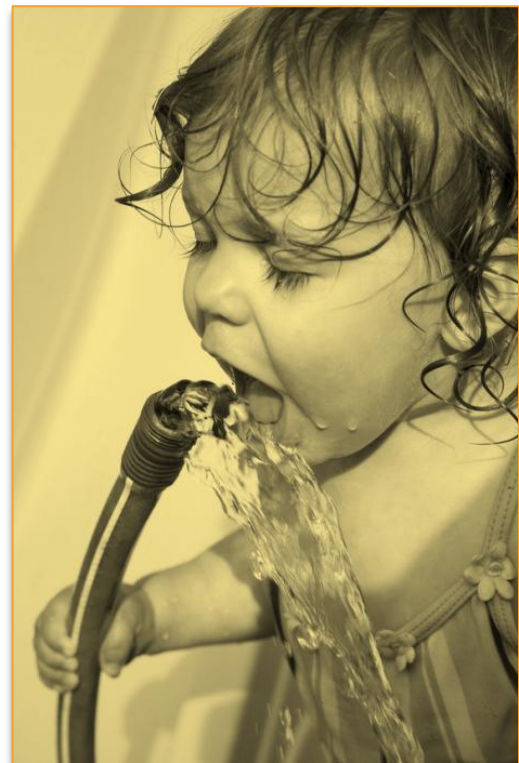
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**HELP NEEDED:** If you have any news about gold finds, camp news, pictures, jokes, recipes or anything that you would like to see in this newsletter, please send them to me at: [hgsnews4u@gmail.com](mailto:hgsnews4u@gmail.com) .Please identify as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

**HAVE A WONDERFUL  
SUMMER Y'ALL!!!**



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