



HAVASU GOLD SEEKERS

P.O. Box 3281
Lake Havasu City,
Arizona 86405

Web Page:

www.havasugoldseekers.com

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

MEETING

January 7, 2017

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.

THE PROSPECTOR

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Presidents Message

Meeting went well, lots of good food. "Thank Yous" to everyone that donated food and toys. Group Dig on 12-10-16. Prime Rib Dinner New Years Eve at the Fran Lowell Building (Please prepay if attending). Lots of people have been nominated for office. Please look at the meeting minutes for everyone's names. ELECTIONS in January. Hope to see everyone at the January meeting.

Good Prospecting

Dennis

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January

03: January Meeting
07: Common Dig

February

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11: Common Dig

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Club Information

Havasu Gold Seekers, Inc. is a non-profit gold seekers club in Lake Havasu City, Arizona with 15 gold bearing claims, covering over 320 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 almost 300 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 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 help us pay for club functions, miscellaneous expenses, and fees on HGS 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

The Prospector is published on-line monthly, except for June, July and August. The submission deadline for the next issue is the Saturday after the General Meeting.

Common Dig Rules

PLEASE ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES

- No early birds – No buckets filled before start time.
- 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.
- COMMON DIG AREA IS CLOSED AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT FOR THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OF THE DIG. The area opens at the scheduled time of the dig on Saturday and closes on Sunday at sunset. COMMON DIG AREA IS CLEARLY MARKED WITH PVC PIPE AND FLAGS.

PACK IT IN – PACK IT OUT. - Revised 10-31-15

Officers, Board Members & Committees - 2015

OFFICERS

President: Dennis Lusby	928 706-0758
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Secretary:	
Treasurer: Norb Kiesling	928 854-2661
nkieslin@citlink.net	

BOARD MEMBERS

James Rixie	928 764-3098
Ron Marshall	928 715-5150
Bruce Miller	928 727-6548
Dan DeRouchey	806 340-9996

COMMITTEES

Activities: HGS Board Members	
Base Camp Chair: Roy Lohrengal	925 437-5563
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Membership: James Rixie	928 764-3098
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Meeting Minutes -December 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Lusby. A roll call of officers was held with Board Member Dan DeRouchey absent followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence honoring those lost at Pearl Harbor. There were several new members and guests introduced.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer Norb gave the treasurers report for November and it was accepted as read.

Activities: There will be a New Years Eve Party and dinner held at the Fran Lowell building at base camp. There is a charge of \$12.50 per person which includes a Prime Rib Dinner, an evening of fun, and a breakfast the next morning. There will be a gift exchange with a \$20 suggested gift price for anyone who wishes to participate.

Claims: Ron reported that we would be having a Common Dig this weekend starting at 8:00. Dig will be in the same location. We now have 19 claims.

Base Camp: Roy reported that we now have 11 open spaces at camp. Maintenance fees are due March 1st for those paying on an annual basis. Roy also explained that short term camping is always available at \$2 per day, just see call him or see him when you get there.

Newsletter: Send any ads or interesting items to Bruce. If you want the newsletter emailed to you get your email address to Bruce and he will add your name to the mass mailing. He also has nametags for those people that ordered them.

Membership: James reported that we now have 254 members. He also mentioned that he maintains the club website and all updates and information are posted there as soon as he receives it.

Old Business: The Floor was opened for nominations for the 2017 officers and Board: The following were nominated and accepted their nomination:

President: Dennis Lusby

Vice President: Rudy Andrews, Jim Mayes

Treasurer: Norb Kiesling

Board Members: Dan DeRouchey, James Lunning, Bruce Miller, James Rixie, Ron Marshall, Bob Garver, Bob Gibson.

Elections will be held at the January Meeting Rudy reported that the Turkey dinners that the Club donated to interagency for Thanksgiving were greatly appreciated.

New Business:

Dave W. has a sign-up sheet for Little Delbert Days in January to help kids panning and metal detecting.

Dennis thanked everyone for their generous donations of toys for tots and canned goods. Rudy volunteered to deliver the toys to the Marine Corps League and the food to interagency.

Preacher Jim announced that they will be holding a Pot Luck dinner on Christmas Day at 2:00 at the Fran Lowell building for everyone at camp. Just bring a dish to pass. The 50 /50 Drawing was held. The meeting was adjourned. And everyone enjoyed a delicious meal.

Camp News & Activities

Volunteers needed, help kids pan for BB's and detect for treasure (nickels). This is a great community event. The club now has detectors for this event so you don't have to bring your own unless you want to. Don't miss out on the fun, Sign Up at the meeting or call Dave Walker 928 486-1657, Thank You. Delbert Days Rodeo Saturday & Sunday, January 28-29 10am – 4pm.

Just a reminder, dues are due soon, avoid the rush, pay your dues and space rent now.

The BLM has proposed eliminating the SMALL MINER'S WAIVER for those of us who own ten (10) or fewer mining claims. This could be extremely costly and we are the only ones who can stop this. Here is the wording that I have cut-n-pasted from the BLM's information: "The proposal also increases the annual maintenance fees under the General Mining Law of 1872 and eliminates the fee exemption for miners holding ten or fewer mining claims." So, what we need to do is contact our members of congress and specifically ask that this be removed from the BLM budget. Get everyone you know who wants to save the small mining community to do the same. Explain why you are doing so. Write original letters, send them to your representative's district offices AND to their offices in DC. Call them if you can. This has to be stopped and only we can do it. The more it costs to hang onto our legitimate claims the less they are worth. While most of us cannot operate our claims full time, we should be able to keep them without paying more and more in fees. The small miner's waiver was created to protect the "little guy" and now the BLM is trying to get rid of it so we must protect ourselves and our most powerful weapon is the written and spoken word - directly to our elected officials.

Please check out the web site bulletin board for updates to rules and dates of activities and other club information.

Please make sure the tags on your RV are current, there are some that are not in camp.

There will be a mining equipment swap meet at the Spaghetti Feed in February next year.

New Members
Dennis & Trudi Renner
Dick & Esther Kaiser
Daniel Ticker

**For Sale, Wanted to Buy &
Help Needed**

Ads placed in the Prospector will run for three months and be removed unless you let me know to run it longer, Thank You, Bruce.

FOR SALE: Honda 2000i generator with 10 hours, \$750. Rudy, 928 706-5383.

FOR SALE: Trailer at Base Camp space #1, approx 25ft, needs work, \$575.00. Bill Carlson.

FOR SALE: Keene Blower \$ 200.00.
[\(928\) 764-3098](tel:9287643098), James Rixie.

FOR SALE: 1" square iron box frame for parking or shade. 30' long 10' wide 7' high. Dave Walker 928 486-1657 leave text message.

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: hgsnewslettereditor@gmail.com. All help is appreciated. Thanks. Bruce.



The Gold Lady
WE BUY GOLD
Retta Atkins
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3582 E. Gordon Drive ♦ Kingman, AZ 86409
goldlady6@yahoo.com ♦ www.thegoldladyonline.com
Store Hours: Mon - Fri 9am to 4pm ♦ Sat 9am to 2pm

Prospecting Supplies Including:
Gold Magic / Keene ♦ Dry Washers / Blue Bowls
Metal Detectors By:

 Fisher	 Garrett	 Minelab	 Whites	 Tesoro
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SPOT GOLD PRICE

December 24, 2016

\$1136.97



Members must be current in membership status and those members with a campsite must be current to participate in any club activity (Dinners, Common dig, Treasure hunt, etc.)

2017 DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 01, 2017

Name: _____

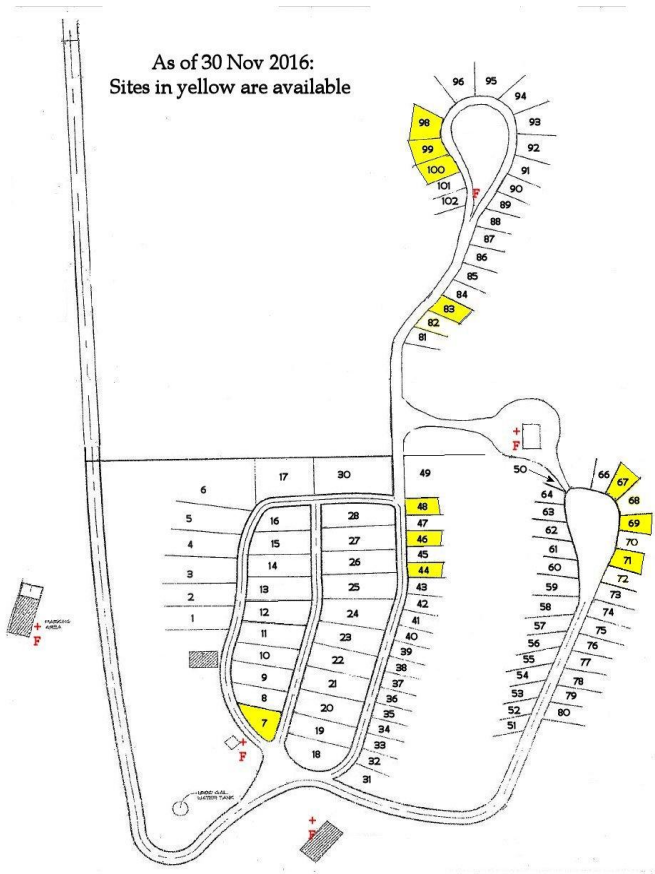
Address:_____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Please fill out this form and submit it along with your check or money order for \$40 to renew your membership with Havasu Gold seekers, Inc. Dues received after February 3, 2017 will be delinquent, thus subjecting you to a payment of \$140 new membership fee. Please make check out to Havasu Gold seekers, Inc. Then mail it and this form to:

Havasu Gold Seekers, Inc.
P.O. Box 3281
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405

Please direct questions to:
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Here is a map of our base camp, the spaces indicated are vacant. Thanks Dan DeRouchey for drawing the map, some spaces may have been filled.

Here are some photos of our Thanksgiving Dinner at Base Camp.





Photos from our Christmas Dinner





Photos from the 2nd McCracken trip

