



HAVASU GOLD SEEKERS

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Lake Havasu City,
Arizona 86405

Web Page:

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

MEETING

September 6, 2016

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 May 2016

Group Dig went reasonably well. Small turnout, about 15 people. It's getting hot out, seeing snakes out at Base camp. Relocating or removing as encountered. Next meeting will be Sept. 6th, see you there.

Dennis

Note from Norb: Thanks to all who helped when I came down with the flu the morning before the dig. Thanks to Scotty and Matt for getting all of the food and equipment to the dig site, thanks to Mike and Connie for helping with the lunch (and Koda for warning everyone about the approaching rattlesnake). Thanks to Roger for helping supply dirt Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September

06: September Meeting
10: Common Dig

October

04: October
08: 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

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Meeting Minutes – May 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Lusby. A roll call of officers was held with all Officers and Board Members present. A head count verified that there was a quorum of members present. Following the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag new members and guests were introduced.

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

Activities: There are no activities scheduled for this month.

Claims: Ron mentioned that the weather forecast was for rain this week but we would try to do a dig if the members wanted one. Ron said that he would not be here for the dig but that someone would be available to dig dirt.

Base Camp: Roy reported that there are 14 spots available at camp. He also mentioned that the maintenance fees for camp spaces are past due. Dan mentioned that we were going to start enforcing camp rules. Maintenance fees are due March 1st. If they are not paid the board will notify you and after 2 months the space will be considered available. A suggestion was made to post a map of Base Camp showing the campsites and the occupants. The suggestion was tabled to the December meeting.

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 240 members. He also reminded people to check the bulletin board on the website for updates.

Old Business: Roger provided a quote for Fire Extinguishers and signage for all of the buildings and vehicles for \$635.44. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to proceed with the purchase. The membership thanked Roger for his work in determining the needs for and the sourcing of fire extinguishers. They also thanked him for providing the new First Aid Kits for all of the buildings.

New Business: Rudy volunteered to be available for the summer to show any new members or guests around camp while Roy is away.

A suggestion was made to provide a Fueling system for the tractors to make the refueling process easier and safer. Norb volunteered to pursue this issue.

A suggestion was made to erect the lean-to on the side of the Pole Barn to give some protection for some of the vehicles. The metal for the lean-to was provided by Johnn a couple of years ago and is laying on the ground next to the Pole Barn.

The 50/50 drawing for was held.

After a short break the Annual Losers Drawing was held with winners: Bonnie B. 3 ounces of Silver, Paul S. 2 ounces of Silver, and Mike J. one ounce of Silver.

The meeting was adjourned.

Camp News & Activities

Just a couple of things for base camp, you are responsible to keep your camp site clean, and you need to have permission from the base camp manager (in advance) to move your trailer to another site.

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.

There are 4 spaces available at base camp, and there are also some space maintenance fees not paid yet, please get with Roy or Norb, 2016 space fees were due March 1st.

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

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: Two Honda 2000i generators, one with 10 hours, one with 80 hours, \$650 each. Rudy, 928 706-5383.

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

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
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SPOT GOLD PRICE

May 15, 2016

\$1275.40



Base Camp Campsites

Payment for campsites is due March 1, and late on March 31. Currently, there are 11 campsites potentially open so the board has agreed to extend the deadline to May 30th. Members may have actually vacated the lot without letting the Campground manager know of their departure. If this is you, or you know of any lot in question, you need immediate attention and action to remain current. May 30th the campsites become available for immediate occupancy

The following campsites are vacant and have yet to pay this year's rent; in addition, the Membership has yet to be paid, therefore making the person ineligible to rent. 43, 56, 83.

The following campsites are vacant and have yet to pay this year's rent.
46, 61, 67, 71.

The following campsites are vacant and available for immediate occupancy
87, 97, 99, 100, 102.

Other concerns:

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.)

Names are withheld to avoid potential member embarrassment.



**Here are some photos from the
Common dig April 9th**





Koda the wonder dog. She saved many a miners life at the common dig today. She found the rattlesnake not 15' from where miners were dry washing. She jumped and somehow narrowly missed the snakes strike.



Road Work up by the common dig area



