



## **HAVASU GOLD SEEKERS**

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

### **Web Page:**

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

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

### **MEETING**

**December 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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## **Welcome Back!**

Last Month I missed giving a greeting in our newsletter. Lots of things are happening this month.

Group dig on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, Field Trip to McCracken on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and Christmas Cheer at our December Meeting, Please bring a unwrapped gift for donation to The Marine Corps League any food donated will go to Interagency, any donation is appreciated.

Hope to See You There!

Dennis Lusby

## **SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

### December

06: December Meeting and Christmas Cheer

10: Common Dig

31: New Years Bash at Base Camp (Great Prime Rib)

### January

03: January Meeting

07: 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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Vice President: Rudy Andrews	928 706-5383
<a href="mailto:hgsVICEPRES@yahoo.com">hgsVICEPRES@yahoo.com</a>	928 453-5383
Secretary:	
Treasurer: Norb Kiesling	928 854-2661
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### 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
Base Camp Caretaker Ron Marshall	928 715-5150
Claims Chair: Ron Marshall	928 715-5150
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## **Meeting Minutes -November 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were no new members or guests.

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

**Activities:** Dan announced that we will be leading a tour to the McCracken mine and Signal town site on November 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Golf Ball house at the Alamo Rd. exit in Yucca at 9:00 on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>. The trip from the Alamo Rd. turnoff to McCracken Mine Rd. is 37.5 miles. We are recommending hauling your Quad to the McCracken Rd. turnoff and off loading there if you are bringing a quad. The mine is accessible by high clearance 2 wheel drive, but there is a lot more to explore on a quad.

The Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Turkey and all the fixins will be provided, just bring either a dessert or a salad.

Next meeting is our Christmas Cheer. Food will be provided, just bring a new, unwrapped toy and a non-perishable food item. The toys will be collected for the Marine Corps League and the food will be donated to Interagency.

Dennis reminded everyone that there will be a swap meet held at base camp on February 11<sup>th</sup> on the day of the spaghetti feed for everyone to buy, sell, or trade their used equipment.

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

**Base Camp:** Roy is still convalescing in California so in the meantime contact Ron for any camp related issues. There are currently 9 campsites available.

**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 246 members. He also mentioned that he now has the 2017 Membership cards and window stickers for anybody that wants to beat the rush.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

### **New Business:**

There was a motion made, seconded and passed to donate 5 complete Turkey Dinners both for Thanksgiving and for Christmas to Interagency to distribute to families in need during the holidays. Rudy volunteered to handle the arrangements with Bashas and Interagency.

Dennis asked for a volunteer to be equipment manager to keep track of maintenance on all the machinery at base camp.

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

Marilyn K. gave a report on the meeting she attended regarding the Power Line that is proposed to pass through camp. Uni-Source Energy is requesting comments from the public regarding the proposed route. Norb will have comment sheets. For more information go to <http://www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Environment/Pages/Crossman-Peak-Communications-Facility-Project.aspx>

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

**Treasurer: Norb Kiesling**

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

Dennis warned everyone that there is road construction on I-40 and the exit from eastbound I-40 to Franconia road is blocked, forcing you to go all the way to Santa Fe Ranch road (Exit 20) and turn around there and head westbound on I-40 back to Franconia. It's been reported that there is a \$250 fine for taking the cut across by the Franconia road exit. It appears that this construction will be ongoing for a couple of months at least.

The drawing for door prizes was held

The meeting was adjourned.

## **Camp News & Activities**

Rudy Andrews called and talked to Roy Lohrengal and he is doing well, he misses us all, and should be back here in three weeks, the doctors are checking him over to make sure he is well. Hope you come back Soon!

Volunteers Needed, Little Delbert Days at the Rodeo Grounds at Sara Park, Saturday January 28th and Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 10AM to 4PM. Help kids pan for gold (BB,s) & detect for Treasure (Nickels). This is a great community event. The club now has 6 metal detectors, you don't need to bring your own. Sign up at the December meeting or contact Dave Walker 928 486-1657.

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 Rodney & Charleen Lazard**

## **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.

**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](mailto:hgsnewslettereditor@gmail.com). All help is appreciated. Thanks. Bruce.



**The Gold Lady**  
 WE BUY GOLD  
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 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

November 11, 2016

**\$1229.70**



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.)

## November 5<sup>th</sup> Common dig Photos













## ***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:  
James Rixie (928) 764-3098  
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**Here are a few photos from the  
McCracken Mine ride**



**The photos in this issue are from Mike  
& Connie Puckett, Great Photos!**





