



# 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

**November 1, 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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## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### November

- 01: November Meeting
- 05: Common Dig
- 19: Thanksgiving at Base Camp (Gobble Gobble)

### December

- 06: December Meeting
- 10: Common Dig
- 31: New Years Bash at Base Camp (Great Prime Rib)

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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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### BOARD MEMBERS

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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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## Meeting Minutes -October 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 except VP Rudy but he showed up later. Following the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag new members and guests were 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 September and it was accepted as read.

**Activities:** 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.

There was a discussion concerning rides or group exploratory trips to interesting sites in the area. There was a suggestion of taking a ride Nov 12<sup>th</sup> to the McCracken Mine. Dan and Norb volunteered to investigate the area and report more at the next meeting. Suggestions for other activities were requested.

**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 still do not have BLM permit on the new site.

**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.

A rattlesnake was found under a trailer at camp and was dispatched, so be alert.

**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 renewing.

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

**New Business:** 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 appears that this construction will be ongoing for a couple of months at least.

Dennis thanked Roger A. for procuring new Fire Extinguishers for all of the buildings and vehicles and for providing a large extinguisher in the new area of camp. He also thanked Roger for updating all of the First Aid kits.

Dennis thanked Tom W. for installing a culvert across the road by the pole barn.

The drawing for door prizes was held.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Camp News & Activities

Roy Lohrengal had triple bypass surgery plus one stent, and he is doing great and will be returning to camp soon, our best wishes to Roy.

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

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.

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

**Paul Gauthier, Bret LoPresti, Charles King & Stan King, Bill & Martha Colwell, Thomas & Beverly Glover**

### 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.

**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.



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**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 October 22, 2016

**\$1267.50**



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.



**Photos from the exploratory trip to the McCracken Mine**



**Photos from The Common dig**





