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#### **MEETING**

October 4, 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.

Welcome Back to all, looking forward to another year with Gold Seekers.

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### October

04: October Meeting08: Common Dig

#### November

01: November Meeting

05: Common Dig

22: Thanksgiving at Base Camp (Gobble Gobble)

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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

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#### **Meeting Minutes -September 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 not a quorum of members present. 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 Kiesling gave the treasurers report for the Summer and it was accepted as read.

Activities: There are no activities scheduled for this month.

Claims: Ron mentioned that the weather forecast was for over 100 degrees this week so we will not do a dig. The dig site will be open for the weekend but there would be no support. He also reported that the paperwork for all 19 claims has been filed.

Base Camp: Roy will not be back until early October so in the meantime see Ron with any questions or problems.

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 244 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: Dennis announced that the purchase of a new generator for the Fran Lowell building has been put on hold. Norb read a letter from UniSource Energy stating that they intend to install a single phase overhead power line from the I-40/Franconia power sub-station to the top of Crossman Peak and that it would run

through our property. They were requesting permission to access our property to survey for the line. After discussions with the representative for UniSource it appears that we may be able to get a drop to power the well, Fran Lowell building, and Pole Barn.

New Business: Dennis thanked Dan DeRouchey for purchasing 4 new kids metal detectors for use at Little Delbert Days held in January.

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 send them letters. to 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 Mark & Tawny Adams

# 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, \$650. Rudy, 928 706-5383.

<u>FOR SALE</u>: 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.



## SPOT GOLD PRICE September 22, 2016

\$1343.55



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.