#### The Prospector

April 2023



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# THE PROSPECTOR

#### April 2023

It's the gold! That's why we are here! Thank you to all who participated in this month's Common Dig. Let me share with you a few factors that contributed to the successful day. The weather was definitely on our side...not too hot with gentle breezes throughout the day.

Temperature within the 80-degree range...who could ask for more? One thing to remember...weather changes. As the temperatures rise our gold season will naturally slow down, so let's enjoy digging while we can.

It was great to see our gold seekers working together while engaged in light-hearted conversation and laughter. This makes the job of finding gold much sweeter when people come together to work and have fun. Let's keep this up! Lunch was brought to the site before noon and boy was it delicious! A big shout out to Esther and Diane for their hard work and dedication to feed the seekers! We enjoyed the Sloppy Joes, sweets, and drinks. Thank you for shopping, preparing, and serving the meal. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all! The dig was successful because no one was hurt! I encourage all of you to keep digging and watch for snakes. Safety first!

#### Mort

# SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May: 02: Monthly Meeting at Aquatic Center room 155 06: Common Dig

September: 05: Monthly Meeting at Aquatic Center room 155

# WHAT'S INSIDE

## NEXT MEETING

May 2, 2023

At Aquatic Center Room 155

Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## **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 at the Aquatic Center room 155, 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

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#### Common Dig Rules PLEASE ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES

No early birds - No buckets filled before start time. No equipment within 10 feet of piles or dig hole on common dig day.

No metal detecting of dirt piles on common dig day. No metal detecting of dig holes until announced open No claiming of space in common dig area or dig hole at any time.

Common dig area is open to members only (no guests) from the day of common dig until Sunday sundown.

New dig piles and new holes are off limits until after common dig each month.

Private dirt piles can be held for 72 hours but no claiming common dig piles or holes.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT - NO TRASH Revised 2/1/2019

## Officers, Board Members & Committees - 2023

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Havasu Gold Seekers General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2023 Lake Havasu Aquatic Center

Meeting called to order by President Mort at 7:00. Pledge of Allegiance. All officers and board members present. Newsletter of March, 2024 meeting presented, noted correction. Newsletter accepted.

**Treasurer Report** 

- Copies of the report are available up front if you would like one. Septic and propane were large expenses this month. We now have four propane tanks. Approved and accepted.
- Thank you everyone for the Treasure Hunt!
- George and Debbie with the Gold donated 1/10 ounce of gold. Thank you!
- Dave and Aaron won and donated back the gold for the Treasure Hunt next year. Thank you!

• Thank you to the kitchen crew!

President

- Thank you to Keith for hauling trash this winter.
- May meeting there will be the Losers drawing at the Aquatic Center. Remember to bring your old drawing tickets.

Esther

- There will be a Common Dig this weekend. Sloppy Joes with macaroni and potato salads will be served. Drinking water will be available. 11:00. Hand raising of intended attendees to Saturdays Sloppy Joes indicated about 10 planning to attend.
- Easter Potluck Ham will be provided in the Fran Lowell Building at 2:00.

Claims

- There is a lot of dirt left at the dig site. The Grizzly has a lot remaining in it.
- This is the last meeting this season for Dan, Claims. Bring any new ideas to the October meeting. There will be no new processes until February.
- At the November meeting, representatives from Keen Mining Equipment will be present. They will bring out their smallest commercial grade dry washer, King 210, to the common dig. It is a large washer.

**President/Vice President** 

- We need bathroom volunteers because people are not cleaning up after themselves.
- Camp dues are due tonight. There is a \$25 late fee if not paid tonight.

- Mark worked on the portable generator, and it runs. We will be getting a new standalone battery for it.
- Spray your weeds at camp.
- We will be getting new sanding belts for the equipment.
- There are 3 bags of gold dirt for tonight's drawing.
- There is a new water spigot going into Whiskey Flats. It can fill containers very fast. It is non potable water.
- Thank you, Aaron, for cleaning up the chimney pipe in the pole barn.

Harvey

 There are gigantic holes at the Common Dig. Not good! Be mindful and fill in holes before you leave. Turtles get stuck in them along with other issues.

#### Matt

• The Emergency Access Road near the main gate is for pedestrians and ATV's only. In case of emergency, other motor vehicles can then use.

Bruce

• More badges are ready.

James

- There are currently 194 members.
- Check website for any updates.

Don

• The new gate is solar powered and operating. It operates on one battery, but there is space for another if we find it necessary.

President Mort called a 10-minute break. Drawing

• The winners this month are Aaron, Dan, Lily, Bruce, Ron, Cristy, Mark and Steve.

The next meeting will be held at the Lake Havasu Aquatic Center on 5/2 at 7:00.

Common dig is this Saturday at 7:00 a.m. with lunch at 11:00. Potluck Sunday at 2:00.

Watch out for snakes and scorpions!

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00.

# New Members Conrad Octavio, Andrew Canada, Michael & Deborah Doty

## For Sale or Trade

Gold Monster 1000 \$800.00, Gold Cube \$250.00, Garrett pan \$10.00, Finishing pan \$10.00, 1/4"

Classifier \$15.00, 1/8" Classifier, \$15.00, Hammer Drill/chisel 110V \$75.00. Call James 928 514-0411

Tesoro Lobo Super Track metal detector \$300.00 includes headset. See Dan. (space 39), (806) 340-9996.

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.

<u>HELP NEEDED:</u> 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.



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SPOT GOLD PRICE April 14, 2023

## \$2004.00 bid price

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.)

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Or

Call James Rixie at (928) 208-7294 and make arrangements with him.

BRING YOUR TICKETS FOR ALL MEETINGS THIS YEAR, BIG DRAWING FOR SILVER ROUNDS.

Correction to last months newsletter:

Gold coin was donated by Chris & Rob, not what was in newsletter.

\* Raffle - Thank you for the donations. Greg and Todd donated a gold coin that Steve walked away with!

On the following pages find photos of HGS activities. Thanks to Mort Allen and Dan DeRouchey and others for the photos.















