



HAVASU GOLD SEEKERS

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

NEXT MEETING

May 6, 2025

Aquatic Center
Room 155/156

Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting
7:00 p.m.

THE PROSPECTOR

April 2025

To all HGS members, The board made a vote of no confidence on March 4, 2025 on our club treasurer. We are working on paying past debts and stabilizing our account at the new bank. Information will be provided as it becomes available. Please be patient, understanding and supportive during this difficult time. Any questions please let me know.

The board appointed Lisa as the Treasurer and DeMaris as Co-Treasurer. Both ladies are in the process of transitioning to our new bank account.

The board approved a new meeting agenda for next season. Starting October all meetings will be held at Basecamp on the first Saturday of each month at 10am (Oct-April). We can't meet during May or September because we do not have AC at camp.

A member proposed updating the maintenance fee for lots. The general membership approved 75.00 per lot per month, which is 900.00 per year., starting on January 1, 2026.

Due to our financial instability we have requested all members to donate 50.00 or more within the next 45 days. This will help to pay necessary bills through December 2025. Many members have already contributed. Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to Norb, Havasu Gold and Coin(George & Debbie) and Lisa for donating coins, silver, and gold for the St. Patty's day hunt.

Thanks to all who donated food for the St. Patty's dinner.

Future food gatherings will be "Pot Luck" format. Get those cook books dusted off!!

Mort Allen, President

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May:

06: Monthly meeting at Aquatic Center 7pm, room 155/156
(Losers drawing)
10: common dig

No Meetings in June, July, August, September.

Next season meeting Saturday October 4, 2025 at Basecamp 10am.

Check website bulletin board for updates and information.

Havasugoldseekers.com

Club Information

Havasu Gold Seekers, Inc. is a non-profit gold seekers club in Lake Havasu City, Arizona with 4 gold bearing claims, covering over 80 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!

Yearly individual or family membership dues are \$50 and are due by December 31. Family membership includes family members under 18. The initiation fee for a new membership is \$150. The total cost for new members the first year is \$150 and \$50 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.
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

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Officers, Board Members & Committees - 2023

OFFICERS

President: Morton Allen	951-288-9143
Vice President: Dennis Lusby	928-412-9668
Secretary: -vacant-	
Treasurer: Lisa Sterrett	608-632-1676
Co-Treasurer: DeMaris Raber	928-296-4750

BOARD MEMBERS

James Rixie	928-208-7294
Matt Christian	928-208-1377
Lisa Sterrett	608-632-1676
Aaron Banning	928-766-6462

COMMITTEES

Activities:	
Base Camp Chair: Mike Denny	928-715-4131
Summer Caretaker: Mike Denny	928-715-4131
Claims Chair: Keith Hendrickson	208-521-8059
Membership: James Rixie	928-208-7294
jrixie8@gmail.com	
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Newsletter Editor: Mort Allen	
hgsnewsletter@gmail.com	

Basecamp Maintenance issues or repairs
contact MIKE DENNY Sp.97 or
(928) 715-4131.

Items For Sale

Keiths Korner items for sale.

4 dry washers, Gold Duster, Gold Buddy and 2 Keene dry washers, Mini sluice boxes, shop vacs, picks, shovels, rock hammers, pans, classifiers. Keith Hendrickson 208 521-8059.

Gold Duster Dry Washer, no blower (like new) \$300.00. Garrett AT gold, still in box, \$300.00. Garrett Ultra GTA, in a carrying case, \$300.00. Gold Wheel \$250.00. James Rixie, 928 208-7294.

For Sale: Keene High Banker/Dredge (header Box) combination with sluice box and adjustable stand. Sluice Box 49" long, 14" wide, 3 1/2" high with 2 sizes of punch plate and 14" and 27" long ripples. Header box 25" long, 19" wide, 3" dredge port, 1" water line with spray bars. 3 different grizzly plates. \$475 local pickup. Don Heck. 714 41-3994. sluiceman2@gmail.com

For Sale: 42ft 5th wheel trailer with Kenmore washer and dryer, 3 slides, 56" flat screen, pretty well furnished, home Inverter refrigerator, needs some work but solid trailer. \$5000.00 or make offer. Onan 3.6 propane generator with 160 gal propane tank plus two smaller ones on a trailer approx., 60 gallons of propane in tanks \$2000.00. More for sale I lost part of my leg and it is difficult to use my spot at camp so I am selling what I have, price depends on what you want, all together or trailer only and generator and trailer and tanks only, call me and let me know what your interested in and lets make a deal. Bruce Miller 928 727-6548.

For Sale: 29' Montana 5th Wheel, 2 slides, newer floor at camp. 5k. Contact Ed 928-296-4539

Ads placed in the Prospector will run for three months and be removed unless you let me know to run it longer, Thank You.

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: hgsnewsletter@gmail.com. Thanks, Mort

Lake Havasu Coin Gold & Silver

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Tuesday-Friday: 9AM - 5PM
Saturday: 10AM - 4PM
CLOSED Sunday-Monday

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For sale: 1975 Chevy 20' open road class c, 350 cid, w/350 turbo trans, 85k miles, runs perfect less then 1000mile on new tires, two working Acs, 13 solar panels, 16 batteries, 24v sys, 60amp energy rover controller, outhouse style shed, w/shower built in tank, jets style trailer, 55g water storage containers, military style single axle utility trailer, new generator used once. Lot 16, 5500 OBO, John 928-208-1757

SPOT GOLD PRICE

\$3170.00 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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Call James Rixie at (928) 208-7294 and make arrangements with him to pay your membership.







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Year 2022-2030 future ideas/projects

- Construct a building (tuff shed) with a metal roof for Well generator. 8' x 10'.
- Paint the interior and exterior of the new bathrooms- - **-Exterior Completed 11/2022**
- Purchase two water tanks for fire suppression. 2-275 gallon - **-Completed 4/2024**
- Replace the propane tank at the Fran Lowell building with a 500 gallon tank. Move the old tank to the pole barn for future use- - **-Completed 3/2023**
- Purchase a new propane generator for the Pole Barn— **-Completed 11/2023**
- Replace/repair tires on dump truck and fire wagon- - **- Completed 3/2023**
- Purchase a used vehicle to tow fire wagon ?
- Build a second fire wagon with two tanks and one pump. Keep the original fire wagon in service - **-Completed 4/2024,** using Mort's truck on loan.
- Add one additional 5,000 gallon water tank near old bathrooms.
- Purchase one large stainless steel BBQ for Fran Lowe building.
- Booster pump at well.
- Add more rock around the Fran Lowe building, and to roads in camp.
- Add one 1 1/2" water riser for fire truck(s) and for camp water- - **-Completed 3/2023**
- Perimeter fencing around Basecamp to identify our boundary.
- Electric gate at main entry point- - **-Completed 3/2023**
- 3" water line from new water tank for fire truck filling with 2.5" NH male end.
- Build a deck on the west side of Fran Lowe building.
- Construct a five bay equipment barn. 14' high doors.
- Add Citizen Band (CB) Radios to Fran Lowe and Pole Barn, solar powered.
- Electric gate for South entry/exit.
- Add 1.5" water line into Whiskey Flats- - **-Completed 5/2023**
- Build two water catchments for wet sluicing.

- Upgrade the solar system on the Fran Lowell Building.
- Add security camera system to interior/ exterior on Fran Lowell Building.
- Add solar system to Pole Barn to include security camera system.
- Increase the maintenance fee on campsites at Basecamp. Year 2025 increase to 350.00 per year — — **Completed 12/2024 members voted yes.**
- Maintenance fee increase to 900.00 per year starting 1/1/2026. — **-Completed 4/1/2025, membership voted yes.**
- Year 2028 evaluate income and expenses.
- Annual membership increase year 2025, 50.00 per member per year — **Completed 12/2024 members voted yes.**
- Summer campers 2025, charge \$25.00 per campsite June, July, August.
- Summer campers 2026, charge \$30.00 per campsite, June, July, August, yearly.
- Paint the exterior of the Fran Lowell and pole barn buildings coyote tan.
- Paint the interior of Fran Lowell building
- Build a laundry facility. 3 washers/3 dryers

- Provide AED/medical/fire suppression training to interested members.

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Meeting schedule 2025/2026

October 4, 2025	10am Fran Lowell building
November 1, 2025	10am Fran Lowell building
December 6, 2025	10am Fran Lowell building
January 3, 2026	10am Fran Lowell building
February 7, 2026	10am Fran Lowell building
March 7, 2026	10am Fran Lowell building
April 4, 2026	10am Fran Lowell building

Board meetings will start at 845am

NO meetings in May, June, July, August or September.

HGS Board Meeting 4-1-25

Meeting called to order by
President M. Allen at 6:22 pm.

Board members present: Mort
Allen, Dennis Lusby, James Rixie,
Aaron Banning, Lisa Sterrett, De
Raber.

Board member(s) Absent: Matt
Christian

Also in attendance: Mike Denny,
Keith Hendrickson

Discussion and status report:

- Current finances
- Shed from lot 66 - waiting for more information
- Dump truck donation - waiting for title
- Letter sent to 4 members regarding current camper/ vehicle registration - 2/7/25 deadline
- Possible donation to club of campers on lot 94 - consensus if no title, the club will not accept the donation
- Propose no meetings in September 2025 and May 2026. All meetings October-April to be held on the first Saturday of the month. Board at 8:30 am, general membership at 10:00 am.
 - All Aye
- No animals in the Fran Lowell building except authorized service animals - must answer

the 2 questions we are allowed to ask correctly.

- Seasonal campground starting the summer of 2026. Camp will be open to members September - May. Campground Host/ Maintenance person will stay in camp year round.
- Arizona Corporation Commission filing asks if any Board Members have a felony in the past 5 years. It was decided that if Board members want to run next year, they will have to pay for their own background check.
- Treasurers are to be bonded, once funds are available to do so. Estimated to be \$262 per person.
- The Base Camp Committee will consist of Aaron Banning, Mike Denny, Rick Raber, Gifford. Main purpose of the committee is to check lots for cleanliness and current vehicle registrations.
- Thoughts on earning income:
 - Pay Showers
 - Pay for water use
- The Club will no longer provide trash bags for individual members to use.
- Membership will remain at \$50. Discussion on possibly having 3 membership types, Individual, Couple and Family.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Membership Meeting called to order on 4/1/25 at 7:08 pm by President Mort Allen.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Board Members:

Vice-President, Dennis Lusby; Treasurer, Lisa Sterrett; Co-Treasurer, De Raber; Board Members James Rixie, Aaron Banning. Board Member Matt Christian was absent.

Motion/Second by Mike Voss/Keth Hendrickson to approve March meeting minutes. All Aye
General announcements:

- Club now uses Foothills Bank, there is \$525 left in the Wells Fargo account.
- Club members should not go on the 49's Claim, per email from Claim owner.
- George and Debbie have offered to allow club members to prospect on their claims.
- Donation of dump truck by Franklin McCulloch, Mike D. will work on it. No major repairs to be done until finances improve.
- RVs not registered by 2/7/25 received letters of non-compliance. Waiting on response from 2 members.

- The HGS campground is designed as a seasonal campground. COVID affected this as no one could leave due to the lockdown. Effective May 31, 2026 the camp will be closed except for the Camp Host/Maintenance person and 1 other camper to be determined.
- Next meeting will be at the Aquatic Center on May 6. Bring your raffle tickets with your name on the back for the Losers Drawing.
- Meeting schedule update:
 - All future meetings will be held at base camp on the 1st Saturday of the month.
 - General membership meeting will be at 10:00 am, Board will meet at 8:30 am.
 - Meetings will be held October - April, as it is too hot to meet at base camp during the other months.
- No animals except Service Animals in the Fran Lowell building due to state and county rules regarding food service. Animals are OK in the Pole Barn
- AZ Corporation Commission filing asks if any board

- members have felony convictions in the past 5 years. It was determined that anyone willing to serve on the Board will need to provide a background check, or Club provide and member reimburse the club for the background check.
- Bonding of the Treasurer - will be done when we can. Current quote is approximately \$262 per person.
 - The Base Camp Committee will consist of Aaron Banning, Mike Denny, Rick Raber, Gifford. Main purpose of the committee is to check lots for cleanliness and current vehicle registrations.
 - Keith will be taking the trash trailer in on Friday. De and Rick will also have a trailer at camp on Saturday to help clean up lots. No scrap metal in the trash trailer, there is a place by the Pole Barn for scrap metal.
 - March Treasure Hunt - 3 pieces of gold waiting for the November Hunt. Havasu Gold and coin donated a piece of gold and some silver coins. 2 members donated other silver coinage.
 - Club will no longer provide trash bags for members personal use.
 - Future ideas to raise money:
 - Charge for showers
 - Charge for water
 - A member suggested a Go Fund Me page
 - A member suggested prospecting at the common dig or other club claims and donating proceeds to help the club
 - 8c has been reclaimed. The original work done didn't meet BLM inspection. Keith used his mini-excavator to do a lot of the work. Aaron B, Randy O, Don H, Ken W, Dave G, Woody T, Dennis, Tom K, Don S and Lisa S raked and scattered brush to help finish the job.
 - Currently we have 157 members, this is down from the past.
 - Discussion on ways to increase membership/awareness of the club
 - Swap meet
 - White Sheet - posting Club meeting dates/times
 - London Bridge Days Float
 - Quartzsite Gold Show

- Delbert Days - panning and metal detecting for kids
- Informational Program at the Library about the Club
- We had a confidential donation of \$2,000.00 and \$300.00.

Mort introduced De Raber and Lisa Sterrett to discuss Club finances and the need for additional funds to get the club through the end of 2025.. De and Lisa shared information and answered questions from the membership.

- A \$50 per member emergency special assessment was mentioned. Discussion ensued about donations vs. mandatory assessment. No motion made regarding assessment.
 - Donation was the consensus over emergency assessment by the members present due to logistics and opportunity for tax deductions since the club is a 501(c) organization.

A 15 minute break occurred, where a number of members donated to the club to help finance club bills through December, 2025.

After the break, there was additional information/discussion on Club finances and future needs of the Club.

- Raising camp maintenance fees was discussed, \$50/month and \$75/month were mentioned.
- Motion/Second by Rick R./Woody S. to raise camp maintenance fees. Much discussion on the topic. Motion/Second amended to raise maintenance fees to \$75/month effective January 1, 2026. 32 aye, 5 nay - motion carried.
- Camp maintenance fees will now be \$900 per lot per year, \$75 per month and daily rate is to be determined.

General raffle winners were: Lily, Don H, Gifford, Gifford, Aaron B, Doug H, Randy O, Kieran, Don S, De R, Cathy M.

Special Raffle winners were: Mark - Pay Dirt, Randy O - Metal Detector (donated back to club)