



## HAVASU GOLD SEEKERS

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H.G.S. Basecamp  
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Base Camp Coordinates  
N 34° 38' 30.6"  
W 114° 10' 14.4"

# THE PROSPECTOR

For those members who have RVs at Basecamp please make sure you have working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers!

Keep your pets on a leash! Coyotes are roaming around day and night in camp!

February's meeting has been canceled by the membership.

February 8, 2026 is super bowl Sunday. Bring your favorite side dish or chili and watch the game.

Please sign up in the Fran Lowe building for the Treasurer hunt. 20.00 per person. Or email [hgsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:hgsnewsletter@gmail.com). thanks very much.

New board members and VP have been voted in. Keith Hendrickson as Vice President, Lisa continues as our Treasurer. Matt, Dennis, Harvey and Woody S., are the new board members. I will continue to serve as your President in 2026.

Mort Allen, President

### NEXT MEETING

March 7, 2026

Fran Lowell building at  
Basecamp

Membership Meeting  
10AM.

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 17, 2026 camp clean up, BBQ chicken lunch.

March 7, 2026 general membership meeting at camp 10am

March 14, 2026 St. Patty's day dinner and treasure hunt.

Check website bulletin board for updates and information.

[HavasuGoldSeekers.com](http://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:

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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 excavated sites on common dig day.  
No metal detecting of dirt piles on Common Dig Day.  
No metal detecting within excavated site until announced open >

### COMMON DIG RULES CONT:

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 - 2025

### OFFICERS

President: Morton Allen  
[hgsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:hgsnewsletter@gmail.com)  
Vice President: Keith Hendrickson 208-521-8059  
Secretary: -vacant-  
Treasurer: Lisa Sterrett 608-632-1676

### BOARD MEMBERS

Harvey Crow  
Matt Christian 928-208-1377  
Woodson "woody" Samual  
Dennis Lusby

### COMMITTEES

Activities:  
Base Camp Chair: Woody Tonini 775-223-8301  
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## Havasu Gold Seekers, Inc. Meeting schedule 2025/2026

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**For Sale:**

Ultra GTA, in a carrying case, \$300.00. Gold Wheel \$250.00. Garrett detector with case 150\$, small gold wheel in case 150\$.  
James Rixie, 928 208-7294.

**For Sale:** 42ft 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel, 2 slides, newer floor at camp. 5k. Contact Ed 928-296-4539

**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

**For sale:** 1988 24' Fleetwood travel trailer with wood deck, 10x12 shed, 6x8 shed, lumber, metal, roofing material and more. Space 2. 10K. Mark (928)486-0564

**For Sale:** Located on spots 38 and 39 of the Havasu Gold Seekers (Franconia Exit) it comes with a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel (2002 Montana), a 2 up 4 wheeler (2008 Cam Am Bombardier), 2 sheds, a he and she. Plus personal items including tools, storage cabinets pots and pans. The 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, and both sheds have independent solar power. Rich 208-918-8950

Call James Rixie at (928)208-7294 to pay your membership.

**For Sale:** MineLab monster 1000 detector 2 coils, headphones. MineLab vanquish 440

10" coil. Tesoro lobo superTraq 10" elliptical coil. Keith 208-521-8059

**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](mailto:hgsnewsletter@gmail.com). Thanks, Mort

**Lake Havasu Coin  
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**SPOT GOLD PRICE**

**\$4520.00 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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## 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**
- Add 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**
- Obtain a used vehicle to tow fire wagon ?
- Build a second fire wagon with a 500 gallon tank and one pump. Keep the original fire wagon in service.
- Add one additional 5,000 gallon water tank near old bathrooms.

- Purchase a large stainless steel BBQ for Fran Lowe building.
- Booster pump at well.
- Add rock around the Fran Lowe building.
- 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. 2 washers/2 dryers
- Provide AED/medical/fire suppression training to interested members.

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NO meetings in May, June, July, August or September (no AC at camp)

3 Jan 2026 HGS General Meeting minutes  
10:08 START meeting  
Silence cell phones, PLEDGE  
Welcome, Mort Introduces himself as President.  
Camp been having wet weather, no dry washing, wet sluicing or metal detecting  
Present: Dennis, Lisa, Matt, and Dee.  
Newsletter went out, any correction to meeting minutes? Email preferred - make sure email is given, some responses received, no corrections.  
MOTION to accept Woody, Kierin Seconds, all in favor, no opposed  
Lisa Treasure report - Debts and credits - Nov 24, 2025 \$8057.49 balance —bills: insurance \$3200, propane \$3200, expenses thanksgiving meal etc, ending balance \$2292.47 mortgage \$455  
- \$1837.47 remaining today 1/3/26. Mort allows questions for finances, discusses some of the things it takes to run the club. Camp spots will start to be collected. Topped off 4 propane tanks, hot showers and hot water for Fran low building. Top off propane once per year. Delivery fee  
\$15 minimal A&B propane supplies. MOTION TO ACCEPT - Financial Report-motion to accept opened, Norm seconds, Matt, all in favor, no opposed.  
New members introductions

Been having problems with well head generator, a member donated a used generator to run well for water, thank you to that member, saves club \$1000. Old generator carbon monoxide sensor overloaded, trying to bypass, works in progress to fix old generators.

Quick things:  
Weeds from rain coming, keep lots weed free as best as you can, it is going to get bad. Club will buy weed spray for around buildings to keep weeds down. Members can use club sprayer if needed. Burning weeds by campsite do not burn while wind is blowing etc.

Meeting in Feb 2026 changed to super bowl Sunday Feb 8th, allowing members to decide on meeting, open for discussion, moving meeting to March and canceling, member wants events addressed first - see below.

Camp clean up Jan 17th, rotisserie chicken and potato salad - 9 am meeting at Fran Low - list of things to clean up.

February 8th Super Bowl Sunday March 14th 11am treasure hunt and dinner around 1pm- St Patricks Day \$20 treasure hunt and food - signup for gathering to ensure club is not over buying food - corn beef and cabbage, potatoes - Woody can do Sam's Club Run for food.

MOTION - Woody motions, member seconds, all in favor

2 opposed - Harvey and Dave. - FEB 2026

**MEETING CANCELLED**

8C claim BLM will refund bond money, waiting for refund to hit account, will be rolled over to another claim or on 12A or 13A. Same price depending on claim area.

Tractor being serviced by Keith, working on things around camp. He is on vacation and will return to finish project.

Woody Samuel asking if any follow up on prosecution of previous board member, Board has not heard back on it, waiting for holiday time to be over. Members concerned about statute of limitations.

2026 Voting - explained write in on secretary and co-treasurer, write in board member - Kierin Johnson

Dennis explains town members wanted to have meetings in town, looking at next year, something to think about, members to come up with ideas and looking into ideas to for in town meetings alternating months.

Mort asking for Dick, Esther, Greg, Dee and Don burns to help count votes - ballot counters.

Dee asking for everyone running for board position to stand, introduce and give a brief synopsis of selves and intentions on the board so members can better decide on choices — Ron strand, Matt Christian, Woodson "Woody" Samuel, Harvey Crow, Dennis, Lisa, Kierin, Mort, unopposed Keith - not present today. Mostly keeping camp operational, trying to save money for right now but trying to stay afloat, clean and organized. Maintenance fee \$500 or \$900 vote to decide - Per Year per space.

5 minute break before vote.

Ballots and writing utensils distributed, voting takes place... voting interrupted due to dispute on ballot.

Board members want to discuss nomination for co-treasurer as a board member position and secretary position due to opposition. Mort calling order on nomination, new board can appoint a member. Confusion on co-treasurer position someone was nominated and they revoked nomination, Kierin stepped up to be write in, nominations are Nov and Dec prior to ballots being made, Kierin would be a write in, New board nominates her at board member, co treasurer and secretary, need to nominate in bylaws co-treasurer as a board member as a position. Club

members can decide and still write in for secretary and or co-treasurer. Worded to ways in bylaw it is technically two positions. New board would have to nominate the write in choice(s). Changing bylaws is complicated process. Voting proceeds and is turned in for counting, ballots counted and reported and meeting wrap up:

**PRESIDENT:**  
Mort: YES

**VICE PRESIDENT:**  
Keith Hendrickson: YES

**MEMBER SECRETARY (NON MEMBER):**  
Write in: YES (to Kierin - contingent upon vote at new board member meeting)

**TREASURER:**  
Lisa Sterrett: YES

**CO TREASURER (NON MEMBER):**  
Write in: no appointed

**BOARD MEMBERS:**  
Ron Strand: NO  
Matt. Christian: YES  
Woodson "Woody" Samuel: YES  
Harvey Crow: YES  
Dennis Lusby: YES

**MAINTENANCE FEE:**  
\$500: YES  
\$900: NO  
Constitution bylaws reviewed, board of directors positions, no co-treasurer position. two positions  
secretary and treasurer are positions on board in bylaws. Two officers and their duties stated in bylaws sections 9.2.3 and 9.2.4. Co-treasurer was appointed to happen after crisis April 2025 embezzlement by previous treasurer. Board of directors no less than 3 and no more than 15 board members appointed at one time - open to questions, no questions.  
Lot fees can be broken up into two payments due March 1st, 2026.  
Payments can be made at the NEXT MEETING March 7, 2026.  
Member had a question on club expenses until next meeting March 2026:  
Cam clean up food, St. Patrick's day food and treasure hunt, and two more \$455 payments of

land fee  
Secondary treasurer will need a bond (could be a board member), currently bonded is Mort, Dee and Lisa, bonded up to 100,000, previously cost \$300 for all three bonded. Club is not currently in crisis unless something breaks. Congratulations to new board members! New board member meeting taking place after this stick around.  
**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motioned, second, and all in favor, no opposed  
Board meeting adjourned 11:35 am



Gate repair, thanks to Harvey



New LED lights for restrooms, thanks Nick



Gate repair