



# Desert Gold Diggers Gazette 2020



The official publication of Desert Gold Diggers Inc. A report of the happenings and business for April, May 2020

*May you always find yellow on the bottom of your pan*



## Monthly Meetings

## Monthly Events

June 2nd 2020 meeting is cancelled due to the Coronavirus scare. See the presidents report for more information. The mayor of the City of Tucson ordered all city buildings to remain closed until June 8. Pima County still hasn't opened the Ellie Town Community Center so that location is out of the question. Kim Ransom has an Zoom telecommunication account that is described on page 6 of this issue by which we can meet online. You will be notified by e-mail and post card when we find out what's going on so please send your updated contact info to [dgdmembership@gmail.com](mailto:dgdmembership@gmail.com)

### Membership Meeting

**1st TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 6:00PM**

Donna Liggins Community Center  
2160 N. 6th Avenue  
TUCSON AZ 85705

If you have any questions please call: David Salars @ 520-490-4154

More centrally located, we're hoping this new location will be a relief from the traffic congestion that will soon result from the 2 year closure of the Ruthrauff/Camino Del Cerro exit on I-10.

Along with the planned convenience the club will be saving \$45 a month as the city's rates for meeting space are remarkable lower than those of Pima County. The new meeting space in a precinct polling location so on the week of the election meetings will be held on Wednesdays.

### June 2020

2nd Monthly Membership Meeting cancelled

7th Hope #1, 7:00 AM Gardner Canyon Road & State Hwy 83 (Sonoita Hwy.)

16th Business Meeting, 6:30PM 4661 N Brightside Drive and through the use of the Zoom application.

### July

7th Monthly Membership Meeting, Hopefully 6:00 PM Donna Liggins Recreation center, 2160 N. 6th Avenue or perhaps with the Zoom application.

11th Outing Shadow Claims, 8:00 AM Caballo Loco Road, 'A' rock.

21st Business Meeting, 6:30PM IHOP, 4187 N. Oracle

### August

4th Monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM Donna Liggins Recreation center, 2160 N. 6th Avenue.

AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> (SUN) Wishful 1 7:00 AM 17180 W. Arivaca RD. at the store.

18th Business Meeting, 6:30PM IHOP, 4187 N. Oracle

### Business Meeting

**3rd Tuesday of Every Month @ 6:30 pm**

TBA

## The President's Corner

For a third month the City of Tucson is keeping their buildings closed forcing us to cancel the June Membership Meeting. Hopefully we can gather at the Donna Liggins Center for the July 7th meeting. We are arranging to hold the meeting online through the Zoom Telecommunications application with the help of Kim Ransom, further information is available on page 6 of this issue.

The outing is **not cancelled** for Sunday June 7th to Hope Claims. I feel that in the open space and fresh air the threat of the disease should be nominal, use your best judgement as whether or not you should personally attend. The group will leave from the usual meeting place at the Gardner Canyon turnoff (.7 miles south of MP 38) on State Highway 83 (Sonoita Highway) at 7:00AM.

For those whose membership is due please mail it with your member number to  
Desert Gold Diggers  
P.O. Box 5215  
Tucson, AZ 85703

Copy and paste the link <http://desert-gold-diggers.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/newest-dgd-application1.pdf> for a copy of the membership application for yourself or a friend who would like to join.

If you are going out on your own please be sure to be mindful of the heat that is on its way and take plenty of water for you and your vehicle. May the bottom of your pan turn yellow.

### Desert Gold Diggers Inc. Business Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2020

Cancelled due to lack of a meeting place

April 21, 2020

Cancelled due to lack of a Quorum.

Regrettably announcing the passing of our dear friend

**Don Noel**

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Life Member Don Noel. He passed away from a heart condition in the early morning hours of April 6th.

We all remember Don working with Howard Cooper at the sign in table for the last couple of years and with Bryan Hackett selling raffle tickets for years.

Don's leaves behind his wonderful and loving wife Elaine and 2 sons, Dwayne and Dean. Don was heart broken with the death of his son Dan August 12th 2010.

Don joined the club in May of 1994 and was named a life member by the Board just a few years ago.



Don and Elaine Noel selling 50;50 raffle tickets at the Christmas Party December 6th 2005

## Desert Gold Diggers Inc. Business Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

Our chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. The agenda was approved and the last meeting minutes were read.

Dolores Salars reported that the club added 6 new members last month. Ted Hoeger, Michael Mahan, Tom & Jill LeDew, Adolf Diaz, and Margarita Manning.

Dan Walker mentioned that 18 members attended the last outing in very windy conditions.

Mash report this month includes Sue Lopez.

Our gold master Bob Burgette reported that members garnered 14 #1 nuggets, 11 #2, and 3 #nuggets last month.

Our treasurer reported that the club was in the black last month.

The DGD Gazette was reviewed and changes noted.

David Salars, president, asked volunteers to help on Friday morning in preparation for our March outing. David will miss this outing due to work obligations.

**Old Business:** Claim status discussion and Web Issues discussion carried forward as well carried forward

**New Business:** Members are reporting broken links with our web site. BOD members will report errors they find at the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:49PM



Photos of Mogollon, New Mexico relating to the Southwest Mining Towns Article on page 7. The photo on the left is the hotel which for years was owned by the Melncrouts as their personal residence and art studio. The photo on the right is one of the buildings that were constructed for the Spaghetti Western, "My Name is Nobody", with Henry Fonda and Terrance Hill.

### Thanks for all the help with the March Overnight Outing

Due to the Coronavirus scare, the Family Picnic/Overnight outing was smaller than usual but according to Dan Walker's outing report it was a huge success. This success is due to people who gave their selfless efforts setting up tables, cooking, directing the common dig and all the duties that go into an event like this.

Regrettably due to my on call schedule my time there was limited, I enjoyed November's Steak Fry and last year's Family Picnic so much I was disappointed on not being there the full time.

The membership should thank the people who are helping out at these events, I give each of them my thanks at this time but am reluctant to name any as I may forget some. It's members like this who stand as a great example of what all the members should be doing in support of THEIR CLUB.

## GOLD PROSPECTING BASICS

### Small Placer Equipment, Its Applications and Abilities

This being the section of the Gazette called Prospecting Basics, what is more basic than which machine to use in certain environments. Hopefully this will be a nice refresher for the experienced gold prospector and a good lesson for the beginner.

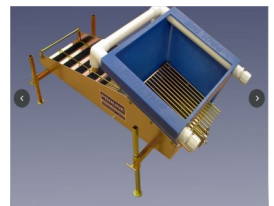
**Sluice:** Sluices are long, narrow "boxes" that water passes through when put in a creek or stream. Sluicing is a method of separating and recovering gold from the placer gravel by the use of running water. Gold is caught or trapped by riffles. Often small diversion dams are built to force as much water through the as possible. The operator must be sure to keep the tailings cleaned away at the downstream end of the sluice so the water flow is maintained and the bottom of the sluice isn't lifted up with debris causing the loss of the optimum angle and rate of flow. A good rule of thumb is to set your sluice at a grade of one inch per foot of drop.



**Drywasher:** The drywasher is basically a short, waterless sluice. It separates gold from sand by pulsations of air through a porous medium. The gold gravitates down to the canvas and is held by the riffles, while the waste passes over the riffles and out of the machine. Drywashers always are most effective when the material being processed is as dry as possible which is typical of the soils of southern Arizona in the heat of the summer. They are recommended when the water sources are limited or unavailable. It is recommended that pay dirt is run through the machine twice to maximize the chances of recovering gold. Lots of the people find that going over drywasher tailings with gold detector when the operation is broken down can lead to the discovery of nuggets.



**Highbanker:** A highbanker, sometimes called a power sluice, is a piece of gold prospecting equipment that uses a pump to force water through a sluice box to mimic the natural flow of a river. Sometimes a hopper box with spray bars and a classifier sieve (or grizzly screen) is employed. As the name implies they are often used when working the high banks of the washes where a normal sluice cannot be placed in the water. Highbankers are great when there is lots of water available and very effective when it comes to recovery of gold. They also are effective in situations where a recirculation system can be set up either through a series of tanks or by lining holes in the ground by which to collect water. The problem with recirculating systems is the fact that it fills up with tailings and must be emptied on a regular basis. It is best to keep the water as clean as possible, if the water becomes very dirty it can actually put the gold particles back into suspension causing them to be lost.



**Trommel:** A trommel is a rotating cylinder with many holes of a given size, the holes act as a classifier, letting only the material smaller than the holes fall through while the rest of the substrates flow on out the other end of the trommel. Trommels are great for working the high banks and alluvial areas. If the pay dirt is compact or much consolidated trommels are useful in breaking it down to be sluiced. There are 2 methods by which the broken down, classified material is concentrated; one is by feeding it into a sluice, the other is through a reverse helix screw to push the heavier material through the barrel surrounding the classifying screen to the top of the trommel for recovery.



**Rocker Boxes:** Popular in the old mining camps because of their simplicity, rocker boxes (cradles) are easy to make from lumber. They can be used with a limited water supply, often no more than a large puddle will suffice. They consist of 3 parts; the body which acts as a sluice, a classifying screen (often made of punch plate) and an apron. The material is classified through the screen into the inclined apron with a low spot or sag to catch the black sands. The riffles in the sluice section catch the remaining gold. It is best to set the rocker box up so the tailings flow off the without sliding back under the front rocker causing the box to tip backward and clogging up the sluice section.





## New meeting location for Desert Gold Diggers

Beginning with the membership meeting of February 4, 2020 the meeting will be held at 2160 N. 6th Avenue in Tucson at the Donna R. Liggins Recreation Center. It is located 2 blocks east of Stone Ave. just south of Grant Road. The meeting time will remain the same.

This move will give the club a savings of \$540 a year on fees to Pima County Parks Department. The director of Ellie Towne Community Center also re-ports that a renovation will soon be taking place and the facility closed for an undetermined amount of time.

It is a nice spacious facility with lots of parking and it is centrally located for easier access for especially with the upcoming closure of the Ruthrauff Road exit off of I-10.



**June 2nd, 2020 membership meeting  
is cancelled due to Coronavirus.**

The status for July's meeting is yet to be determined.

## Zoom Meeting Option for July Meeting

On July 7<sup>th</sup> we are going to have our monthly membership meeting on Zoom which is a computer teleconferencing software. It is SUPER easy to use Just click on the highlighted link in the meeting announcement email, then join Zoom and download it. It is free and our meeting will be held using secure protocols. You can also dial into zoom. The phone numbers will be in the announcement. If you have a smart phone you will be able to see everyone, but if not, you will still be able to talk and hear everyone.

And here's the really cool thing..... If you are out of state for the summer, you can still attend! So Welcome back to our winter visitors.

We realize you would rather meet in person, but we just can't right now. Our meeting is too large to social distance properly for your safety (required by the county) and it's just too hot outside. We are still having outings and we are hoping that we will be able to have a regular meeting soon.

I will be available for you to log early if it's your first time and you need help. Also, you can call me direct at 520-333-8651 if you need help or have any questions.

Time: 6:00

Date: 7 July 2020

DGD General Membership Meeting

Contact me for questions or send me your email if we don't have it to:

kransom6a@gmail.com



Kim Ransom

### Guests on the club claims

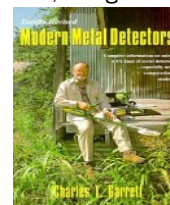
With the ongoing restrictions caused by the recent pandemic and our inability to have a meeting I encourage the members to take anyone they know is interested in gold prospecting out to the claims as a guest and to the outings. The general rule is to allow people on the claims as a guest once so if you see they have an interest in the club please direct them to the website or give David Salars a call at 520-490-4154



## Book Review: Modern Metal Detectors

By Charles Garrett

Charles Garrett has been well known in the detecting and prospecting field since the mid 1950's with his advancements in detector technology. About 40 years ago he and Roy Lagal developed the very efficient pan the Garrett Gravity Trap which has now become standard in the industry from amateur prospector to professional miner and geologist. This book is a basic guide and recommended reading for everyone interested in detecting. It gives advice on purchasing detectors as well as how and where to search. Originally published in 1985 and revived since then it is still in print and available through Amazon.com, Google Books and at the Gold Shows.



## Southwest Mining Towns

### Mogollon, New Mexico

An old mining town further east than the towns I have been telling of, one can't ignore Mogollon, New Mexico when speaking of these matters. If someone has the time to take a day trip or take a 3 day weekend camping in a cooler climate Mogollon is a great place to go see.

In the late 1860s cavalry soldier, James Cooney, made a discovery of a high grade gold seam in what is now Mineral Creek. At the end of his enlistment he returned to mine the deposit and founding the town which bore his name. Although he was run out of the area by Apache he returned in 1878, his mining activity led to a great increase in prospecting in the area.

In 1880 after leaving the reservation Chief Victorio's band of Apache moved into the area raiding and stealing cattle. One of the area settlers, John Keller, in the area grew tired of the raids baited and attacked a group of the Apache raiders killing several, one of them was chief Victorio's favorite son-in-law Toribio (who the local settlers called Trouble). This killing greatly enraged and set forth to drive all the settlers and miners out of the area. During the attacks in the San Francisco river (Frisco) Valley 41 settlers and miners were killed. Many of the settlers made their way to the fort at Alma also known as Roberts Cabin giving them the chance to survive. Of the 21 people who made it to the fort only one was killed when he poked his head up to long. James Cooney was killed while traveling to Fort Bayard near Silver City to alert the troops for assistance.

After the Apache raids ceased. Lots of deposits in Silver Creek were discovered, the largest of which was to become the Little Fannie Mine bringing about the establishment of Mogollon in 1889. The post office was established in 1890 as well as the jail, within 2 years a school was opened. By 1909 the town's population rose to 2000 supporting 5 saloons, two restaurants, 4 general stores, two hotels and several brothels. There was a constant train of freight wagons from Silver City, some of which consisted of four wagons being pulled by fifty mules.

The heavy traffic from Silver City led to the rise in population of the towns of Gila, Cliff, Glenwood and Alma New Mexico. When flood waters were high during heavy monsoons and spring runoff the Gila river between Gila and Cliff would become impassable leading to the construction of "Salars Ferry" by W.E. "Pop" Salars.

There were several fires that swept through the town dating to 1904, 1910, 1915 and 1942 and large floods in 1910, 1915 and 1942 bringing devastation to the town. As late as September 2013 flooding stranded 18 people in Mogollon a year after a huge forest fire swept through the area. With the rise of technology and World War I the town's population diminished to 1500 in the late teens ultimately dropping to around two hundred in the 30's. A small boom occurred in the late 30's when demand for gold rose again but diminished with the onset of World War II.

In 1973 the spaghetti western, "My Name is Nobody", with Henry Fonda and Terrance Hill was filmed in Mogollon causing a great disruption in the town. Without letting any of the residents know the filming company covered the paved road with dirt and put tarps over several cars and trucks to hide them during filming. They also built a 'general store' building and saloon for the filming which still stand today.

The road to Mogollon can be treacherous as it decreases to 1 lane in 2 directions with a drop off on one side and a rocky cliff, but seeing the town and experiencing the cool summer air make it well worth the trip.

## Gold, silver, and copper values December 2019 to February 2020

Gold values:

Feb. Close/March open \$1585.78 March Close/April Open 1578.93 April Close/May Open 1688.23

Silver values:

Feb. Close/March open \$16.637 March Close/April Open 14.97 April Close/May Open 14.97

Copper values:

Feb. Close/March open \$2.546 March Close/April Open 2.24 April Close/May Open 2.354

These metal values can be found and the daily price of gold can be tracked at Kitco.com. Base metal values can be found at kitcometals.com

## Nominations for Office and Board positions.

With the cancellation of the April Membership Meeting we will hold the election at the next Meeting.

President:\_\_\_\_\_David Salars

Vice President:\_\_\_\_\_Kay Jenkins

Secretary:\_\_\_\_\_Sharron Lapp

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_Erick Ramirez

Outings Coordinator:\_\_\_\_\_Dan Walker

Historian:\_\_\_\_\_Mary Garcia

Board positions:

1 Year Member: Ed Madson, Bob Barnes, Kim Ransom, Bob Carter, Bob Melzer, Marion Vittetoe, Kay Jenkins

2 Year Member: Joe Marihugh, Becky Marihugh, Carl Wruck, Sharron Lapp

3 Year Member: Howard Cooper, Louis Pill, JR Smith, Ralph Mantano

If you asked to run for an office or Position on the Board of Directors and don't see your name on this list or wish to be removed please give me a call so the ballot for the election will be accurate.

The Bylaws allow for a maximum of 15 Board Members, If the number of people running for these positions don't increase a vote will be taken at the Membership meeting on election night to elect them by acclamation.



A small but dedicated group had a good time at the Family Picnic and overnight outing. The weather was nice and the comradery was fantastic.



## OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

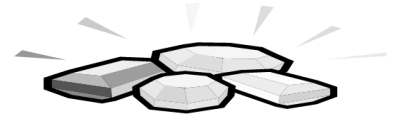
### APRIL OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

Placer Pond Claims Outing April 11 2020

The April Outing was held at Placer Pond 1 and 2 claims. On Saturday morning at 8:00 AM at the Greaterville turnoff from Highway 83; 12 members and our mascot Scar met and caravanned to Placer Pond 1 for the metal detector hunt. I planted 24 nickel targets 20 Buffalo nickels worth a dollar and 4 Liberty nickels worth a gold nugget (3) or (1) 2 smaller nuggets. All the targets were found after more than an hour. I took the advice of members and made the search area larger this time.

After the metal detector hunt the members went off to high bank and use recirculation equipment with the available water on the claim on for sluices and trommels. There were also members metal detecting and visiting each other since it has been awhile since they had been out in the hills. The weather was great and outing successful. until next month keep digging.

Dan



### MAY OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

Snoozin Claims Outing May 9 2020

The May Outing was held at the (5) Snoozin claims. On Saturday morning at 8:00 AM at mile post 7 on Arivaca Road; 21 members met and caravanned to the metal detecting area for the metal detector hunt. I planted 24 nickel targets 20 Buffalo nickels worth a dollar and 4 Liberty nickels worth a gold nugget. nineteen buffalo nickels were found and 3 liberty nickels. There are two unclaimed nickels a buffalo nickel worth a dollar and a liberty nickel worth a gold nugget. If you find these nickels? Email me at digger.dan@juno.com.

After the metal detector hunt the members went to the claims to drywash, high bank and pan. There were also members metal detecting and visiting each other since it has been awhile since they had been out in the hills. The weather was hot but the outing successful. Our best gold found was by Joe and Becky Marihugh, their first time on the claim. until next month keep digging.

Dan



Dan Walker



<Chris digging towards bedrock.

Working a pair > of mini Highbankers



In 1792 Congress passed the Coinage Act, establishing the first national mint in the United States beginning a silver-gold standard monetary system. The established value of a dollar is set to 24.75 grains of pure gold or 371.25 grains of pure silver. The Mint currently operates production facilities in Philadelphia, San Francisco, Denver, and West Point, and a bullion depository at Fort Knox.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**ATTN: MEMBERS,**

I have been coming across a lot of members stating they are not receiving their bi-monthly gazettes, come to find out they changed their email address. Please send me an email with your new email address so we can get the gazette out to you. Please send to [DGDmembership@gmail.com](mailto:DGDmembership@gmail.com)

Please keep in mind that all above dues are for family memberships which include two adults and anyone under the age of 18 years.

Only one membership card

Dolores Salars

Membership Director

520-247-2877

## **Membership is as follows:**

- **\$45 a year**
- **\$5 mailing fee for the Gazette there is no charge if Gazette is received by email.**
- **\$15 for required name badge**
- **\$15 for any extra or replacement name badge**

## **RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Remember to check the date on your membership card—or you can e-mail the **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR** at [goldmembership45@gmail.com](mailto:goldmembership45@gmail.com) for your membership expiration date.

Dues can be mailed to  
**DESERT GOLD DIGGERS**  
**PO BOX 5215**  
**TUCSON, AZ 85703**

**IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMAIL PLEASE CONTACT**  
**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

You can also pay your dues at any membership meeting. Renewal Dues are \$45.00/year/family if your receiving your Gazette by E-mail and extra \$5.00 will be charged to have the Gazette mailed to your home.

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# DESERT GOLD DIGGERS BOARD MEMBERS

## ONE YEAR BOARD MEMBERS

Carl Wruck, Mary Garcia, Marion Vittetoe, Ed Madson, Bob Barnes, Kim Ransom

## TWO YEAR BOARD MEMBERS

J.R. Smith , Louis Pill, Bob Melzer

## THREE YEAR BOARD MEMBERS

Sue Lopez , Allen Shea , Ron Breault, Dolores Salars and Howard Cooper

**\*\*CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Marion Vittetoe**

See the Club Store to get COLOR, laminated, full size maps, with driving directions and GPS coordinates for all the claims! If you prefer, grab the DVD and print out your own maps and directions.

These are just \$5.00

# Club Store



Stop by our Club Store for a nice t-shirt, hat or maybe you are in need of a scoop. We carry laminated maps, pins and many other items. Our shirts make great gifts.

NOW—at the DGD Club Store....

All the maps on DVD!!! For the small price of \$2.00—you can take home a DVD that contains the color topo maps, GPS coordinates, directions to the claims and other useful information. You can print out what you need, when you need it!!

We also have more laminated maps back in stock—\$2.00 for each map or the complete set of 5 for just \$9.00. These have the color maps on one side and the GPS, directions, etc. on the other side.

We also have polo shirts, t-shirts, hats, visors, patches, license plates and laminated maps of all the claims and also CDs of all maps.

Come out and support the club with purchases from our club store.

## WEB MASTER REPORT

THE WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED



Thanks,

Maria Hansen

<http://desert-gold-diggers.org>

Remember to have your badge and your membership card with you when you are on the claims. Take plenty of water—and drink at least 8 oz. every hour—if you wait until you feel thirsty, then you are already dehydrated!

Thanks for helping keep the claims clean and filling in the holes that you see.

## Message from the Gold Master

At the moment we are not buying any gold. When we do we are looking for the size gold that we raffle off at the Membership meetings. If you have some contact us via email at [v\\_1robu1@hotmail.com](mailto:v_1robu1@hotmail.com). And let us know the size and approximate amount. Thanks  
Bob Burgette, Gold Master

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e-mail [DGDMembership@gmail.com](mailto:DGDMembership@gmail.com) and request your due date. Dues should be mailed to the Membership Director, Desert Gold Diggers, PO BOX 5215, Tucson, AZ 85703

# DESERT GOLD DIGGERS

## Upcoming Events

Tentatively July 7th depending on restrictions due to Coronavirus

**Desert Gold Diggers Annual Meeting**

**Election of Officer and Board Members**

With the cancellation due to the closures of the public buildings we are not quite sure when we will have another meeting and thus the election. The nominees for the office and board positions are listed on page 8. Hopefully we will have a meeting in July to resolve the issue.

**November Meeting will be moved to Wednesday the 4th.**

Donna Liggins Rec. Center is a precinct polling location so the facility is not available for our regular Tuesday meeting. It seems a bit early to mention this but to be fore-warned is to be for-armed

**Summer Heat is on the way.**

Remember to drink plenty of water and always take more water into the field then you think you may need. Policy for firefighters is, "if you are thirsty you are already becoming dehydrated."

### 2020 OUTINGS

JUNE 7TH (SUN)	HOPE 1	7:00 AM	GARDNER CYN RD. & HWY 83
JULY 11TH (SAT)	SHADOW CLAIMS	7:00 AM	CABALLO LOCO RD. "A" ROCK
AUGUST 9TH (SUN)	Wishful 1	7:00 AM	17180 W. Arivaca RD. at the store.
SEPT. 5TH (SAT)	BRUISER 1	7:00 AM	1ST CIRCLE K IN ORACLE
OCTOBER 11TH (SUN)	SHADOW CLAIMS	8:00 AM	CABALLO LOCO RD. "A" ROCK



## DGD Winners

Come and join us at the next meeting and you, too, could be a winner!! Come **early** and get your tickets—**Special Raffle (\$2.00) - Nuggets (\$1.00/buy 20 and you get an extra ticket for the 20:1 Nugget drawing for 'free')** and just wear your hat, shirt and badge and get 3 FREE chances!!!!

When the raffle is over—**DON'T throw** out those tickets! Sign the back of the gold tickets and put them in the **HANG OVER Nugget Jar!** (located at the front of the room) Once a quarter we award 3 more nuggets drawn just from that Jar. So—you get another chance to win!!

**Without the meetings we are unable to have our nugget raffles which are a major fund raiser for the club. Please be sure to purchase lots of tickets because these are the funds we use to pay for the claims, picnics and meeting space.**

When you buy your raffle tickets please be sure to write your name on them legibly and be sure to deposit the non winning tickets in the jug for the hangover drawing.



### GOLD RUSH NUGGET BUCKET RAFFLE



While liquidating some equipment David and Maria Hansen gave the club a good deal on a Gold Rush Nugget Bucket which we are now raffling off. The companies website bills it as: *"The Gold Rush Nugget Bucket offers a breakthrough design for a gold panning kit! All the equipment you need to find gold, as well as gems, cool rocks and artifacts, is neatly organized inside."*

*This patented kit concentrates the smallest of gold particles, gold dust, into a small bowl. When ready, simply take the bowl out and dump it into the gold pan that comes included and start the gold panning process! The process is made to be easy: scoop in dirt, pour in water and let gravity do all the work!"*



### PROPERTIES OF GOLD

Gold is one of the few elements to occur in a natural state. It is found in veins and alluvial deposits. About 1500 tonnes of gold are mined each year. About two-thirds of this comes from South Africa and most of the rest from Russia.

Seawater contains about 4 grams of gold in 1,000,000 tonnes of water. Overall this is a huge amount of gold stored in the oceans but, because the concentration is so low, attempts to reclaim this gold have always failed.





## MASH REPORT

Please pray for the comfort and guidance of these members and their families

Marion Vittetoe continues his suffering from kidney stones

Carl Wruck was hospitalized for a staph infection

The passing of Don Noel is reported on earlier in this issue of the Gazette.

Lots of thanks goes out to Amber Clark for taking these notifications and getting cards out to everyone who is ailing and in need.

If you have an illness, injury of death in the family please contact her at [amclark4691@gmail.com](mailto:amclark4691@gmail.com)

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Just a few memories of club activities years ago



The Group that assembled for the Highway Cleanup  
September 27, 2008



Readying for the Nugget Shoot September 27 2008



Mark and Judy Paris, Steak Fry 2006 at Silverbell Park



Arizona Black Rattlesnake Taken by Doug Mcdow



# The DGD Market Place



Free 'FOR SALE OR WANTED' ads are on a **one month basis** and are for **DGD members only**.

Deadline for the ads is the **15th of the month**. If the space is limited, we must limit each ad. **Please send your carefully worded ad to the Gazette editor at [Goldgazette45@gmail.com](mailto:Goldgazette45@gmail.com)**

**For Sale:** 3 stack Gold Cube, includes stand, pump, AC to DC power converter, 2 water tubs with tub flange, large and small classifiers, gold pans, \$300. Gold Bug-2 detector with headphones, \$400. Call Vince at 520-240-5191 or email: [guerrier@email.arizona.edu](mailto:guerrier@email.arizona.edu)



Makro Racer Metal Detector w/ standard 56kHz 10" DD coil and 5" GR13 coil w/ carrying bag and headphones.



Keene DW 212 Bellows Drywasher. Operates with 12 volt battery or with hand crank. Carrying platform included cost new is \$849.

For sale for \$350 Bob Barnes  
520-742-6710



Lightly used whites MXT with standard coil and whites 300 LTD coil \$450 Call Henry Selfridge  
529-296-1478



Tote Goat All Terrain Bucket Hauler  
Desert Gold digger Members \$95 plus tax  
Non Members \$125 plus tax  
Lifetime warrantee except for wheels.  
Available for pickup at the Membership Meetings.  
There are 8 available. Bob Carter 512-627-9646



Ed Madson Has 2 Keene Gold Dredges for sale one 2 inch and the other 3 inch. There is a 5 HP pump with a Briggs and Stratton engine and the 3 inch dredge has a compressor for a Hooka. \$900  
He can be contacted at 250-9626