



# Desert Gold Diggers Gazette 2020



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

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



## Monthly Meetings

## Monthly Events

Regrettably the municipal facilities are closed until at least the further notice and then only open to groups of 10 or less. This will continue until at least until the start of the new year. If anyone knows of a place large enough to accommodate a group our size preferably with a sound system let me know, you can reach me by email at Goldgazette45@gmail.com or by phone at 520-490-4154

**If anyone doesn't have internet access feel free to call me for arrangements.**

### Membership Meeting

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

At this time the membership and business meetings are being held through the Zoomtelecommuting software Due to the active concern of Covid-19. Those with online computer access are asked to invite members to their homes if both parties feel safe so they can also join in the meetings. Keep your eyes open for an email message with the link to the respective meetings. The connection is easily made by following the screen prompts. If you have any problem please feel free to contact David Salars or Kim Ransom whose numbers are listed in this Gazette.

A special word of thanks goes out to Kim Ransom who is the holder of the zoom account and Vice President Kay Jenkins who arranges the months speaker.

### Business Meeting

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

TBA

### December

1st Monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM Online through the Zoom Meeting application. If the meeting is to be held at a physical location the members will be advised

December 6th (Sun) Snoozer Claims leaving at 8:00AM from Mile post 7 Ariivaca Road.

December 15 Business meeting, 6:30PM at the Salars home or through the zoom Meeting application.

### January

January 5th Membership Meeting TBA 6:00 PM Online through the Zoom Meeting application. If the meeting is to be held at a physical location the members will be advised

January 9th (Sat) Wishful claims leaving at 8:00AM from the store in Arivaca

January 19 Business meeting, 6:30PM at the Salars home or through the zoom Meeting application.

### February

February 2 6:00 PM Online through the Zoom Meeting application. If the meeting is to be held at a physical location the members will be advised.

February 7TH (SUN) SHADOW CLAIM 8:00 AM CABALLO LOCO RD.  
"A" ROCK

## The President's Corner

Despite Covid-19 and the threat of rain we had a great time at the November Overnight Outing. We all must express a big thanks you to Becky Marihugh who brought the event together, buying and prepping the food Saturdays lunch, cooking bacon for Saturdays breakfast and making a pot of delicious chili for Friday evening's dinner. In the 5 short years the Marihughs have been members both Joe and Becky have become a great benefit to the club, helping out whenever needed.

Jo and Becky set a good example for all the members to follow and in the near future more people are going to need to step up to help as your next president probably wont have the experience in the processes of presiding over the meetings and guiding the club events that I have gained in my 10 years as president. Serving a year longer then I had planned when I took the office in 2017 I am ready to step back and let someone else take the reigns, however when our new president is elected I am willing to help him or her wherever is needed. I plan to run for a 1 year board position and remain as editor of the Gazette for a few more years.

Included in this issue is an announcement for election of officer and board positions and I hope many will take this to heart and choose to give their service to the club. The last 2 pages of this issue are descriptions of the positions up for nomination. Happy prospecting and may the bottom of your pan turn yellow.

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES Sept. 15, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Dave at 6:30 PM

- Members Present: Louis Pill, Edward Madson, Dan Walker, Ralph Montano, Bob Carter, Joe Marihugh, Becky Marihugh, Dolores Salars, Dave Salars, Kay Jenkins, & Sharon Lapp.
- Members Present on Zoom: Kim Ransom, Eric, Tia, Bob, Carl, Hank Howard & Mary
- Motion by Louis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralph to approved the minutes as read of the August 18, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.
- Dolores reported on the membership stating that we have 298 paid members & 2 new members, John Sage & Sean & Leah Markel.
- Erick Ramirez presented the treasurers report
- Dan Walker reported there were 19 members at the outing on September 5<sup>th</sup> at Placer Pond. All nickels were found and some stayed to look for gold but not much was found. The next outing will be at Snoozers. Old Business:
- The November outing plans are well underway. Ralph suggests that everyone bring a bucket of dirt to be used in demonstration of the different equipment. Any gold found will be split between those who brought dirt.
- New Business:

Carl Wruck brought up the getting a new webmaster. Our current website does not have the capabilities to handle what we need done. Several names were suggested and also hiring a professional designers. Dave will send Maria a letter letting her know the board's decision and required her to turn all information & codes to Kim, Eric & Dave. Motion by Kay 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe that this be done. Motion carried.

- Kay emailed the Wilson Brothers to get as speakers for one of our members meetings but has not had a reply yet.
- Our next Business meeting will be Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Our November Members meeting will be held at the November outing.
- Becky has volunteered to help Dolores with the Membership.
- Motion by Kay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Respectfully Submitted  
Sharon Lapp, Secretary

## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES October 20, 2020**

Members live: Louis Pill, Becky & Joe Marihugh, JR Smith, Kay Jenkins, Dan Walker, Ed Madson, Ralph Montano, Sharon Lapp

Members via Zoom: Mary Garcia, Hank, Bob Clark, Eric Ramirez, Carl Wruck, Kim Ransom, Bill Wards, Amber Clark

- Motion by Ed, seconded by Becky to approve the minutes as read. Motion Carried
- Membership Report: We have 6 new members; Kenneth Dinius, Aaron Gilbert, Brian Lutz, Clay Albright, Robert Mitts & James Turner. Total membership 307
- Treasurer Report was given by Eric Ramirez
- Gold Master Report Given
- Dan Walker, Outings Director reported on the last outing to Shadow Claim, there were 21 members, all but 3 nickels were found. In the future only dimes will be used.

Old Business:

- Website is a mess and we are looking at GoDaddy as a possible to overhaul our website which would be a cost of \$1500.00 and then \$500.00 to maintain. Bob Clark to be liaison between the webmaster and the board. This was tabled until the November outing.
- Nov 6, 7 & 8 is the outing, plan on 60 – 65 people. Bill & Gayle Thompson to hold our spot. Ralph will bring horseshoes and corn hole games. Ralph & Joe will do demo's with different equipment. We will have a swap meet.

New Business:

- December outing to Snoozers will be our Christmas outing & everyone should bring a White Elephant gift to exchange.
- Our March outing will be a common dig.
- Motion by JR, seconded by Becky to adjourn the meeting at 7:54

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Lapp, Secretary

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 6, 2020**

Members present: Louis Pill, Ralph Montano, Kay Jenkins, Dolores Salars, Ed Madson, Sharon Lap

Members present through Zoom: Craig Pratt, Mary Garcia, Carl Wruck, Kim Ransom, Dan Walker, Bob and Amber Clark, Jake Wollhart, Aimee and Noah Poleski, Marrion Vittetoe, Michael, Larry

- October 6, 2020 Anniversaries: Daphine & Ed Madson
- We watched a Chris Ralph Video
- Dan Walker gave a Claims Report and the next outing will be at the Shadow Claims on Sunday.
- Dan was nominated to be Claims Steward with Joe Marihugh being appointed as assistant to Dan. Motion Carried.
- Discussion continued on updating our website and Carl Wruck said it needs to be a professional and not a friend or relative of anyone in the club.
- When the website is updated we will be able to pay dues on line, there are forum areas & Rallyup.Com is a raffle based website.
- Aimee reminded everyone to bring dues to the outing.
- Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Lapp, Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

- The meeting was called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ after lunch at the overnight outing by President David Salars.
- David thanked Becky and Joe Marihugh for all the work and time they did put in bringing the over-night together.
- Guests, birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.
- It was announced that the board has decided to enter into a contract to have the website completely rebuilt. It will include the ability for members to pay their dues and for people to join online.
- Dan walker gave the outings report stating that the outing on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> will be to the Snoozing Claims and we will leave from the a point just west of Mile Post #7 on the Arivaca Highway at 8:00AM.
- Dan Walker stated the board decided to drop the Hope #1 claim as it wasn't showing any profitable gold. He stated the claim signs have been removed.
- David thanked Bob Burgette, Kathy and Ron Smith for selling the raffle tickets and tickets for the days lunch.
- The raffles were held, Kim Ransom donated a very nice piece of jewelry for the raffle. After holding on to it for a year due to the inability to hold meetings the 49ers Gold Nugget Bucket was given away. David announced the winners of the speed panning contest.
- The meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_

### GOLD PROSPECTING BASICS

In the last Gazette types of equipment and tools were discussed, this time around I decided to are tools that should be taken along for basic survival and in case an emergency arises.

The old time prospectors had the time to search the areas but lacked the resources to stay out weeks or months a time so they recruited benefactors to help them with the necessary supplies to allow them to eat and stay warm, this was called a Grub Stake.

We can never forget that this is the desert in the dead of winter as well as the heat of summer. Drinking water is always needed in the desert as the dryness will cause one to become dehydrate year round. If you are planning a day out be sure to drink lots of water the day before so you are properly hydrated for the outing you have planned.

Food and snacks are important, a person may have plans to hit a restaurant on the way back from the claims but get so involved in their prospecting activities loose track of time. It is also necessary if you should get stuck or break down and have to stay later then planned.

First aid supplies should be part of the prospecting gear that you keep ready to go along with bug spray and sunscreen. Items that can be used in case of minor insect stings are a paste of baking soda or aspirin, a touch of liquid ammonia can often eliminate the pain of a sting. A utility knife blade is useful to remove a bee stinger after a sting, simply scrape the stinger and venom pouch away rather then grabbing the top and pulling as that will inject more venom into the skin.

As common sense dictates be sure to let someone know where you are headed and when you plan to return.



# DESERT GOLD DIGGERS, INC.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Forms may be taken to the Membership Director  
at our meetings or you may send it to our address.

Official use only: MTG MAIL

M# \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/money order

New packet given/sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge or'd \_\_\_\_\_ Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

MList \_\_\_\_\_ Acct list \_\_\_\_\_

### *Please circle what is need: New Member Annual Renewal Update Information Badge Order*

Thank you for your interest in our club! We are a family orientated club with members from across the country! You must be over the age of 18 for an individual membership or we have a family membership that consists of you, your significant other and any children under the age of 18. (If you are under the age of 18 and are able to drive to claims you must have a guardian present or present a notarized waiver signed by parent/guardian to the membership director.) After payment of dues you will receive a new member packet with one ID Card; claim maps and claim information and your DGD name badge will be ordered. At least *one adult name badge is required* with membership. Other family name badges are optional and can be ordered for additional charges. Each membership entitles you access to all club claims, outings, socials and our club bi-monthly gazette. Your membership is good for one year from the date that you joined and *must be renewed* on your anniversary date listed on your ID card. All are invited to join our club however we reserve the right to cancel or revoke your membership for any circumstances deemed warranted by the DGD Board of Directors. DGD recommends that members never visit a club claim alone. We advise going with a partner or group and always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

#### Pricing: Please choose one:

**\$45.00:** includes membership packet, shipping fee, **emailing of the gazette** \_\_\_\_\_ **NOTE: BADGE IS REQUIRED**

**\$5.00:** includes USPS mailing fee of the **gazette (no charge if received through email)** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$15.00 REQUIRED BADGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$15.00** each for OPTIONAL badges this includes mailing fee

\_\_\_\_\_ =total due. We accept cash, check or money order. DO NOT SEND CASH IN MAIL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Main phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on **primary** badge **required:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to appear on **optional** badge(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your claim maps on: paper \_\_\_\_\_ CD \_\_\_\_\_

**Disclaimer/ Release:** BY AFFIXING MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PROSPECTING AND PROSPECTING LOCATIONS CAN BE DANGEROUS WITH NUMEROUS NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL HAZARDS. BY SIGNING UP, AS A MEMBER OF THE DESERT GOLD DIGGERS INC. , I / MY SPOUSE / MY FAMILY / AND/OR MY GUESTS AGREE TO RELEASE THE DESERT GOLD DIGGERS INC., THEIR OFFICERS OR ASSIGNEES AND / OR PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER ( S ) FROM ANY LIABILITY INCURRED DURING PROSPECTING OPERATIONS / OUTINGS. I FURTHER AGREE TO HAVE ANY GUESTS ACCOMPANYING ME TO ONE OF THE " CLUBS " CLAIMS , ON A PRIVATE OUTING, TO SIGN A " CLUB " WAIVER PRIOR TO THE OUTING. If I am under the age of 18 and visit the claims without a guardian, a notarized waiver will be given to the membership director and I will carry a copy with me at all times while on club claims.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT DGD? \_\_\_\_\_ DGD Form Revised:  
11/13/2019

## Zoom Meeting Option for December Meeting

On December 1st 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.

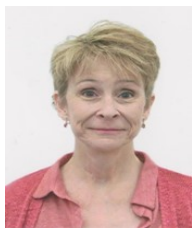
And here's the really cool thing..... If you are out of state for the summer, you can still attend! So Welcome back to our winter visitors.

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: December 1, 2020

DGD General Membership Meeting



The zoom link to enter the meeting is

<https://zoom.us/j/99549264713?pwd=bTNvSzk2cVpoVjZUdmzRWWpGUlczd09>

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

to: [kransom6a@gmail.com](mailto: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

### GOLD! GOLD! A beginners Handbook and Recreational Guide

By Joseph E. Petralia

This book tells the basics of the basics, It is possible one of the easiest guides for the beginning prospector I have found. While it basic it can be useful for the veteran prospector as a reminder of things that are taken for granted and forgotten over time. If anyone getting a friend involved in the hobby and gifting them with pans and other simple equipment I recommend this book be part of that gift. Thanks to Louis Pill for giving me this book to include as a review in the gazette.

## **Southwest Mining Towns**

### **Campo Bonito**

Usually reserved for mining towns, such an interesting place as Campo Bonito is hard to ignore in this article. All that remains is a couple foundations at the location of the old club claim Bruiser 1.

One of several mining camps in the Old Hat Mining district, Campo Bonito was the largest. A major draw to the area were the legends of a lost Spanish city and the Iron Door Mine. Interest in these legends soon fell to the wayside in light of the gold deposits that were found in the area. By the 1890's the gold boom in the area was at its height attracting even more people to the area.

In December of 1880 there were enough people in the area to justify opening a post office, it was known as the American Flag Post Office mastered by Peter Loss. The Richardson Company purchased the American Flag Mine in 1881 which fell into obscurity within 10 years, after that the owner became discouraged and opened the American Flag Ranch.

Bill Neal who owned the large freight company that hauled ore from the mines at Mammoth to the rail-heads at Tucson allowed only his friend and fellow former military scout Buffalo Bill Cody to transport the gold ore. Eventually Neal encouraged Buffalo Bill to take up the search for the Iron Door Mine, a legend from the times of Spanish control of the area, which led to his involvement in the area mining operations.

Cody's company based its operation out of the Campo Bonito site. It is reported they controlled 36 claims including the Southern Bell Mine. A 10 stamp mill was erected in the area. Many of the claims were originally staked by J.L. Clark and Fritz Ewe in January of 1887, in 1891 they received patents for those properties. Cody was extremely happy with the ore and levels of production on the properties.

**This article will be concluded with the next Gazette. It is incomplete due to the my busy schedule and the troubles that have recently occurred with the water leak under the foundation and the drunk smashing into the house and totaling my truck.**



## OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

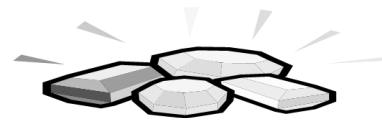
### DGD October 11th 2020 OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

Sunday October 11th we met at 8:00 AM at Caballo Loco Road "A" ROCK, for the Stevens Shadow Claims Outing. We had a turnout of 21 members including our newest members Amy and her son Noah.; the weather was sunny and cool. We started by signing in and having the metal detector hunt. I planted targets (24) nickels 4 Liberty nickels and 20 Buffalo nickels. Buffalo's were worth a dollar coin of which there were (20). Liberty's were worth gold nuggets. All but (3) nickels were found. The nuggets were found by Ken Holtz, Bob Ecker (2), and Monica Grijalva.

After the detector hunt our caravan of vehicles proceeded to the Shadow Claims. A few members went metal detecting, and the rest of us went below the mine in the center of the claims. All the members were finding a few specks of gold.

In conclusion everyone seemed to be having a good time visiting each other and enjoying the day away from the city.

Thanks to all for their attendance.  
Happy Hunting till next month. Dan



### DGD November 7th 2020 OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

Our outing for November 6-8 2020 started Friday after noon at our usual camping spot on FR163. Campers started coming in early to get there favorite camping spots. The members were setting-up and visiting. Later on the tables and chairs were set-up and Dolores and Becky cooked up some chili, and someone brought cornbread. There was no campfire because of the wind. Everyone turned in early Friday because of the cold.

Members brought in gravels from several claims to be processed by the members on Saturday, to be shared with the children.

Saturday started out cold, warm, windy and rainy in that order. We started with a good breakfast of pancakes, bacon, pastries, donut holes and coffee. After breakfast we set up prospecting equipment to run our gravels and plant (50) dimes for the detector hunt. The dimes were marked with numbers "but some numbers were smeared". Next time I'll use different means. I used a random number generator to assign the prizes. David Salars and I added more prizes donated by the club and individuals.

While we were busy with the detector prize list Ralph Montaña told a couple of stories the one of the 'The burning bushes', and " The headlights in the sky ".

Around 11A.M. Becky Marihugh and Louis Pill started cooking lunch and I had to run off and get my drywasher legs I forgot at home. I was promised lunch when I returned. When I returned I was surprised by our newest members Amy and Noah to find they had made miners cup cakes and Noah made the picks with pretzel sticks and black fondue.

Noah has the same birthday as mine and he brought me a new Estwing Miners Pick suitable for framing, thanks again Noah.

The wind was around 45-50 miles when we started to put away our tables and chairs and then it started to rain.

Sunday November 8th the weather was better and some members did some prospecting nearby.

I want to thank all the officers and board members for another successful 3 day overnight outing.  
Until next month keep hunting Dan



Dan Walker >



# 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)

Dolores Salars

Membership Director

520-247-2877

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

## **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

Ed Madson, Bob Barnes, Kim Ransom, Bob Carter, Bob Melzer, Kay Jenkins

## TWO YEAR BOARD MEMBERS

Joe Marihugh, Becky Marihugh, Carl Wruck, Sharron Lapp

## THREE YEAR BOARD MEMBERS

Howard Cooper, Louis Pill, JR Smith, Ralph Montano

**\*\*CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Kim Ransom**

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.

The Board of Directors has voted to enter into a contract with Wowzers Web Design to rebuild and modernize the Desert Gold Diggers Website. The members will be able to pay their dues online and new members will be able to join the club through a secure link. Keep you eyes on the website for the upcoming changes.

**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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Dues are \$45.00/year/family when the Gazette is sent via e-mail and \$50.00/year/family if the Gazette is sent via regular mail., included in Membership Packet is One Name Badge and Claim Maps Dues should be paid within 30 days of your anniversary month of joining Desert Gold Diggers. Check your Membership Card for expiration date. Renewal fees are \$45 for Emailed Gazette, a \$5 if the Gazette is Mailed , or

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

### MARCH OVERNIGHT OUTING

March 5th 6th and 7th

Some minor planning has been started for the March Overnight outing. We will have it at the camp site we've been using the last few years on forest road 163 on the way to Kentucky Camp. We are looking at cooking barbeque since we are unable to have a Christmas Party this year. We will keep everyone posted in regards to developments of the outing. Please be sure to contact me at 490-4154 or goldgazette45@gmail.com if you would like to help out.

### UPCOMING ELECTIONS AT THE APRIL MEETING

It is time to think about stepping up and participating as an officer or Board Member once again, the club is only as strong as we make it. One Year Board positions are open but all the office positions are open for nominations. The last 2 pages include descriptions of the duties so be sure to check that out. After serving 4 years as president I am stepping down so someone will be needed to take my place. Without leadership the club will fail. Thanks for considering taking one of these positions.

## 2020 2021 OUTINGS

DECEMBER 6th (SUN)	SNOOZER CLAIMS	8:00 AM	MILE POST 7 ARIVACA HWY.
JANUARY 9TH (SAT)	WISHFUL CLAIMS	8:00 AM	17180 ARIVACA ROAD AT THE STORE
FEB 7 <sup>TH</sup> (SUN)	SHADOW CLAIM	8:00 AM	CABALLO LOCO RD. "A" ROCK
March 5th, 6th, 7th Overnight outing at the campsite on Forest Road 163 near Kentucky Camp. There will be a common dig at this outing. The planning stage will start soon.			

## November Raffle Winners

In November we finally having the opportunity to have a live meeting and raffles bringing in some needed revenue and getting some gold into the hands of the members. We were planning the raffle for 2:30 but had to hold it earlier due to the approach of the storm. Thanks to Kathy and Ron Smith for selling tickets and taking the money for the dinner, they traveled all the way from Oracle to make this outing. Also thanks go out to Bob Burgette for selling the tickets for the 1/4 nugget and Gold Nugget bucket

Regular Nuggets: Don Rogers, Dirk Zimmerman, Bob Ecker, Mike Prevenas

\$5 gift certificate to store: Mark Offermann

Handmade jewelry donated by Kim Ransom: Robert Burgette.

Special nugget: Becky Marihugh

1/4 nuggets: Don Rogers

Gold Rush Nugget Bucket: Bob Ecker

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

Gold values:

August close/Sept open \$1967.80 Sept close/October open \$1878.9 October close/Nov open \$1878.90

Silver values:

August close/Sept open \$28.14 Sept close/October open \$23.36 October close/Nov open \$23.65

Copper values:

August close/Sept open \$2.995 Sept close/October open \$3.0285 October close/Nov open \$3.0435

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

### NOVEMBER 2020 OVERNIGHT OUTING

Back in July we recruited Becky Marihugh to handle the details of the outing and she did a fabulous job. The lunch Saturday, with Tom and Louis cooking was a huge success. A great thanks has to go out to all those who helped serve the meal.

Joe Marihugh, Ralph Montano and Dan Walker ran lots of buckets and bags of material through different machines giving the members a look at how these different machines worked.

This year we were able to bring in some needed revenue when Bob Burgette, Ron and Kathy Smith stepped up to sell raffle tickets and Kim Ransom opened the club store.

In spite of the threats the weather was giving us we had lots of help from everyone present setting up and tearing down. It was great to see the members working for the betterment of their club.

### PROPERTIES OF GOLD

Due to its high value, most gold discovered throughout history is still in circulation. However, it is thought that 80% of the world's gold is still in the ground.

Seventy-five percent of all gold in circulation has been extracted since 1910.

### SPEED PANNING CONTEST WINNERS

After David Salars the lead shot and sand for the contest Carl Wruck was able to bring some #8 shot with him on Saturday morning so we could go ahead with the event. The winners were:

Bedrock Bob with 19.98 seconds  
Joe Marihugh with 23.05 seconds  
Gary Pucket with 24.84 seconds  
Louis Pill with 33.31 seconds

# 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: 1. Desert Fox Spiral Wheel barely used. Compact unit has everything minus battery. \$250 obo  
2. Various homemade picks made from leaf springs. Make an offer. Approx 29" tall and 11" heads.  
3. Older sluice made of strong plastic. Needs matting. Is approx 4ft x 10" w x 5" deep. Make offer  
Contact Adolfo @ 520-954-5604

**Keene Dry Washer W/Hose for sale. Does not include blower. Used only a few times. Like new. Asking \$560.** Contact Billy Clark 520-203-3807



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



The Desert Gold Diggers is a club that is dependent on the participation of its members. Every year the members are asked to step forward and run for election to the various offices that are responsible for handling the club business. Over the years I've found that the best way to get the most out of the club is by participating as an officer. It is your chance to direct the club in a direction you see fit. The following is a simple list of the duties of the officer positions that are up for election at the April Membership Meeting. Several of the people who have held these positions for years are stepping down due to other obligations and some have grown tired and ready to sit back for a few years, this is a great chance for new people to get involved. All the members are eligible to run for officer and Board positions, however anyone with a felony conviction cannot be in a position in which money is handled according to the laws of the State of Arizona.

I encourage everyone to get involved in these offices by giving up a little time and a couple evenings each month. The club cannot run without your help and guidance. All the officers and board members receive a free membership during their time in service.

### **Elected officer positions and duties:**

**The President** is the principle executive officer of the club responsible for presiding over the Membership Meetings, signing contracts, deeds, or other instruments authorized by the Board of Directors, and presiding over the meeting of the Board of Directors in the absence of the Board Chairperson.

**The Vice President** arranges for the program or Speaker at the Monthly Membership meeting and steps in for the President when the President is unable or unwilling to do his/her duties.

**The Secretary** keeps minutes at the membership and business meetings, prepared and sends notices under the bylaws and keeps the Corporate Seal for sealing official documents as directed by the Bylaws or Board of directors.

**The Treasurer** is responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation. He/she handles the banking duties for the club and presents financial reports to the Board of Directors. Kim Ransom has been the treasurer for several years and is stepping down but will train the new treasurer to do the job. This is a good opportunity for a person to learn the principles of accounting for someone with years of experience.



**The Outing Coordinator** arranges and directs the monthly outings and prepares the schedule of outings to be published in the monthly Gazette.

**The Social Events** coordinator with the assistance of the committee known at this time as the Nuggets organizes, directs and implements all social functions. There are 3 major social events each year; the family picnic which in the past several years has been held in conjunction with the March outing, the annual Steak fry, held in conjunction with the November outing and the Christmas Party at the time of the December Membership Meeting.

**The Historian** is responsible for keeping the club records, including minutes, financial reports and copies of the Gazette. He/she also hold the clubs video library.

### **Board appointed positions:**

**The Claims Director** coordinates and leads the search for potential areas in which to stake placer claims for the club. He/she also is responsible for filing the claim paperwork and updating the claims packets to the members.

**Newsletter editor** produces the bi monthly Gazette.

**Public Relations director** is a Goodwill Ambassador and disperses information about the club to the public.

**Membership Director** is responsible for the list of members, taking the applications and payment of new members and, handling the renewal of memberships.

### **Board Members:**

There are three classes of board Members; 1, 2 and 3-year positions. This year the all board positions are open for election. The board members are responsible for deciding the direction of the club and meet the third Tuesday of each month; these meetings seldom last over an hour.