



# Desert Gold Diggers Gazette 2021



The official publication of Desert Gold Diggers Inc. A report of the happenings and business for June, July 2021

*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 Zoom telecommuting 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 as Vice President arranges the months speaker or program.

### Business Meeting

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

TBA

### August

August 3rd Membership meeting 6:00 TBA

August 8th (Sun) WISHFUL 1 7:00 AM 17180 W. ARIVACA RD. AT THE STORE

August 17th Business Meeting Business Meeting by Zoom Application or possibly in person, TBA

### September

September 7th Membership meeting 6:00 TBA

September 11th (Sat) BRUISER 1 7:00 AM 1 ST CIRCLE K IN ORACLE

September 21st Business Meeting Business Meeting by Zoom Application or possibly in person, TBA

### October

October 5th Membership meeting 6:00 TBA

October 10th (sun) Tentatively SHADOW CLAIMS 8:00 AM CABALLO LOCO RD. "A" ROCK TBA

October 19th Business Meeting Business Meeting by Zoom Application or possibly in person, TBA

### November

Be prepared for the annual November Overnight Outing. We will be making plans soon, please feel free to volunteer to help out in some way so the event is as great a success as the Overnight Outing last March.

## The President's Corner

Hello to all the Desert Gold Diggers. Hope everyone has been healthy and well.

As the new president of the Desert Gold Diggers, I would like to give Dave Salars a well deserved applause for all the work he has put in for the last 4 years as president.

As for myself I have only been with the club for 3+ years and still learning as we all do every day. With help from all the members this club can prosper and grow.

I welcome all the new members who have joined recently, we should soon be able to have in person meetings. I also thank everyone who has renewed their membership. Lets keep the club going good and strong.

May everyone find yellow in your pan.

Ralph Montano dgdpresident8@gmail.com

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2021

- ☐ The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Board Chair Kim Ransom.
- ☐ David Salars Read the minutes. Becky Marihugh moved and Ralph Montano seconded they be approved as read.
- ☐ Becky Marihugh reported that we had 7 new members all signing up through the web site, bringing the membership to around 350. She picked up 3 renewals at the Post Office.
- ☐ Erick Ramirez presented the Treasurer's report and announced the purchase of a projector to hook up a computer for use at the membership meetings. He also stated we purchased 4 new game cams to monitor the claims. It was stated that we need to get the proper size SD cards for them. A discussion ensued it regards to the purchase of strong boxes or locking straps to protect them.
- ☐ Bob Burgette reported that the only gold we used for the month was for the outing and it is getting time to purchase ¼ ounce nuggets. He stated it would be wise to purchase from the membership as well.
- ☐ Dan walker presented the Outing Directors report stating there were 27 people who showed up for the April outing to the Snoozin' Claims and all but 1 target was found. He stated that June's outing will be to the Hope Claims and the time to leave from the Garner Canyon turnoff will be 7:00AM. It was suggested we start the outings at 7:00AM earlier in the year as the sun is in people's eyes as they drive to the meeting place.
- ☐ Dan Walker gave the Claim directors report stating that some of the old signs can be reused when they are cleaned up and the dents pounded out. Old Business
- ☐ David Salars reported on the elections stating that we are still without a nomination for President, Vice President and Secretary. He stated that there are not so many people running for the 1 year board position so as to exceed the maximum number allowed by the Bi-laws so the election at the June Membership Meeting can be decided by acclamation by a majority vote of the attendees. A discussion was held on how to get people to volunteer, Carl Wruck suggested we ask for volunteers on the website and Facebook page. Kim Ransom stated she will take over the program portion of the membership meetings eventually giving in and volunteering to take the Vice Presidents nomination. Ralph Montano stated that

May 18 2021 Business Meeting minutes continued.

he would accept the nomination as President. David Salars stated he was willing to take the secretary position unless Carl Wruck would like it, at that point Carl Wruck volunteered to run for secretary.

☐ Carl Wruck suggested we ask for volunteers for the club events on our Facebook page and on the website.

☐ Dan Walker suggested we look for speakers from the Tohono-O'odham Reservation

☐ Ralph Montano suggested we make arrangements to have store items at the outings. He also suggested that we start changing the start times for the outings earlier in the year so people aren't blinded by the sun during their travels to the outing. It was suggested we provide events for the kids at the outing in light of the fact that there are more and more attending.

☐ Becky Marihugh moved and Louis Pill seconded we adjourn the meeting. It was adjourned at 7:39PM

### Business Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2021

- David Salars open meeting at 640PM and recognized a quorum present.
  - Dave read the BOD meeting minutes from last month.
  - Becky's membership report noted a total of five new members and three renewals.
  - Webmaster, Bob Clark added the most recent newsletter to the DGD website.
  - Erick's treasurer report revealed a loss last month. Kim mentioned that a number of purchases would hit account soon.
  - Dan Walker, outings director, counted 26 members at the Hope claim in addition to guests and visiting parents of members. Members found a bit of gold. Next outing will be at the Shadow claims. Dan Walker, claims director, purchased a number of trail cams and SD cards to monitor our claims.
  - Ralph discussed fire restrictions, which includes no open fires, smoking or gas powered equipment. Ralph also repeated our need to keep our holes filled and our trash cleaned up. He would like to see more volunteers and add a forum to our website. Bob Clark said he would check up on the possibility with Valerie.
  - Dan Walker created a new claim steward form.
  - Erick reminded the board that our claim fees are due in September and that the board should make a decision soon.
  - Kim is having difficulties with MLRS system.
  - Ed Madson asked the board to consider the possibility of a club outing in Prescott, AZ.
- Meeting adjourned 7:36 PM.



Female Sonoran Desert Tortoise found at the east side of the Shadow Claims. The sex of Desert Tortoises can be determine as to whether an indentation in the bottom of the shell towards the animals rear is present. The presence of the indentation shows that it is a male. On this tortoise it was missing.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

### Membership Meeting

June 1, 2021

- David Salars opened the members zoom meeting for the final time as our president. Dave recognized members birthdays and anniversary
- David asked for a motion to elect those nominated to the officer and board positions to be elected by acclimation. Becky Marihugh moved and Louis Pill seconded we do so. The motion passed by a majority those present and online.
- Ralph Montano will be taking over the reins as our next president next meeting. Kimberly Ransom will be our new vice president, Carl Wruck as Secretary, and Erick Ramirez remains our treasurer. David also announced that Dan Walker will remain our outings director and Mary Garcia club historian. One year board members are Kim Ransom, Ed Madsen, Kay Jenkins, Bob Barns, Darrell Marihugh and David Salars.
- Kim presented a video demonstrating the differences in mountain prospecting versus desert prospecting.
- Ralph, filling in for Dan, reported 26 members at our last outing at the snoozer claim and noted not all the coins were located at the opening coin hunt. The June outing is to be held at the Hope claim in Greaterville and members are to meet at 7:00AM at the Gardner Cannon Rd.
- David announced the City of Tucson will open community centers this fall when the school season starts, Hopefully we will be able to hold are meetings together again. David asked that members be sure the club has your correct e-mail address.
- Our incoming president, Ralph Montano, closes meeting with a warning that level two fire restrictions are in place. Open fires, gasoline engines, and smoking are not allowed in our national forests.

Carl Wruck Secretary

### Membership Meeting

July 06,2021

- Desert Gold Digger's President, Ralph Montano, open the meeting via Zoom at 6:00 PM. Ralph welcomed members and recognized birthdays and anniversaries.
- Kim Ransom presented a video featuring Chris Ralph discussing the geology of gold. There was a lively discussion regarding the video following the video.
- Dan Walker reported that members using highbankers had some success at the Hope claims last month and this months outing will be at the Shadow claims this Saturday. Members are to meet at the A Rock at 7AM.
- Ralph reminded the Members about water, heat and snakes. He announced that the Business Meeting will be held on Zoom July 20th at 6:30 PM.
- Ralph closed our meeting at 7:14 PM

Carl Wruck Secretary

## Southwest Mining Towns

### Total Wreck

Upon John Dillon discovery of silver in the Empire Mountains southeast of Pantano, AZ in 1879 he decided to name his claim after the description of the blocky and bouldered ridge of quartzite at which it lay, thus the name Total Wreck. When asked by a friend what the claim will be named Dillon stated, "I don't know, but it's a big ledge, and the whole hill is a total wreck with big quartz boulders of ore scattered all over the hill side." When the town is formed under the same name it is any but a total wreck being very neatly laid out.

Just after the time John Dillon made his discovery he partnered with Walter Vail and John Harvey to stake the claims. John Madden and Pat Sullivan were hired to do exploration work and maintenance on the claims. The prospectors underhandedly petitioned the court in Tucson to declare the property theirs by way of a quit claim deed, Dillon not being able to pay his attorney in full was forced to deed his share of the property to the attorney Benjamin Morgan who later sold out to Anna Vail, the wife of Nathen. Eventually the lawsuits were dismissed.

At first values of the mine were disappointing but as excavation continued the discovery of silver chlorides (horn silver) and silver carbonates made proof that the mine would make a good profit. Out of concern of the mine employees and local assayers plotting together to highgrade the ore Ed Vail learned to assay so they would know what the production values should be.

The post office opened August 12, 1881. The town's population soon grew to 200 with 5 saloons, 3 general stores, a butcher, shoemaker and Chinese laundry. A militia of around 90 men was formed to deal with the troublesome Apache in the area.

In 1880 a large 70 ton milling operation was constructed but as with any mining operation the lack of water proved to be a problem. There were no springs in the area so a pump station and 2 fifty thousand gallon redwood tanks were built about 2 mile to the southeast along Cienega Creek and a 6 inch pipeline to the millsite, this pipeline also supplied water to the town. A steam boiler and pressure tanks still remain at the pump site but much of the 6 inch pipe was scavenged when steel prices rose in World War 2. The only remains of the water tanks are some steel bands on what is called Tank Hill. Before the pipeline was constructed water was hauled in with the use of mules pulling tank wagons.

The silver values in the mine decreased with depth but fortunately the copper values increased with depth. Walter Vail, brother of Edward Vail (founder of the town of Vail) became one of the major stock holders forming the Total Wreck Mining and Milling Company. A 600 foot tram was built to deliver the ore to the mill. Mining decreased around 1890 decreasing the town population eventually causing the closure of the Post Office that year.



An old photo of the mill at Total Wreck from the Arizona Historical society.

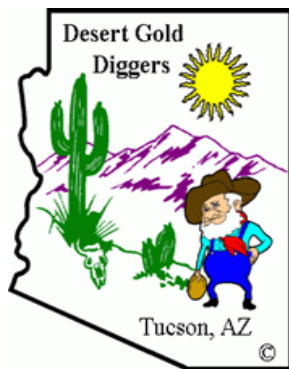
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Google Earth Photo of Total Wreck today. The millsite was at the top of the photo.

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## DESERT GOLD DIGGERS, INC.

P.O BOX 5215 TUCSON, ARIZONA 85703

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### *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

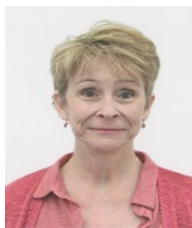
On August 3rd and September 7th we are going to have our monthly membership meeting on Zoom which is a computer teleconferencing software. It is SUPER easy to use Just click on the highlighted link in the meeting announcement email, then join Zoom and download it. It is free and our meeting will be held 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: August 3rd, 2021 and September 7th, 2021



### DGD General Membership Meeting

The zoom link to enter the meeting is

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

The access code is 609708 or 266446

## MASH REPORT

With the greatest sorrow we announce the passing of Margaret Melzer, the wife of Pioneer member Bob Melzer. Our Prayers are with you Bob.

Sue Lopez received some broken ribs while on a scuba diving trip.

Ken Herholz is going in for surgery.

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



View of Kitt Peak from the Shadow Claims



The caravan of members traveling to the Shadow Claim from 'A'rock at the July 2021 outing.

## OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

### June Outing Directors Report Hope 1 & 2 Claims June 6 2021

The June Outing was held at the Hope 1 & 2 Claims. On Sunday morning at 7:00 AM at Gardner Canyon Road ; 28 members met and caravanned to the metal detecting area for the metal detector hunt. We planted 24 1 peso Mexican targets. I had generated a random number list for the prizes. The prizes were 4 gold nuggets 3 \$2 bills and 17 one dollar coins. There is three unclaimed targets one worth a \$2 dollar bill and two worth a \$1 coin.

After the metal detector hunt the members went to the claims to metal detect , high bank and pan. There were also members that were visiting with the new members. Aimee's parents were visiting from Indiana, Kim Ransom camped overnight in her new motor home and brought the items from the club store. The weather was mild and the outing was successful and gold was found.

We headed back to town around 1:00 PM. The next outing will be to the Shadow Claims we will meet at 7:00 AM Saturday July 10 at Caballo Loco Rd. "A" rock.

Until next month keep finding more gold.

Dan

Dan Walker >



## DGD July 2021 OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

Saturday July 10th we met at 7:00 AM at Caballo Loco Road "A" ROCK, for the Stevens Shadow Claims Outing. We had a turnout of 19 members; the weather prediction was **HOT**. We started by signing in and waiting for the Claims Director to arrive the director mistakenly thought the outing was on Sunday.

Afterwards a few members Becky and Joe went onto the Stevens Shadow claims as did Ralph Montano and some new members having limited success. The rest of the group went to the Wishful Claims and all found some gold.

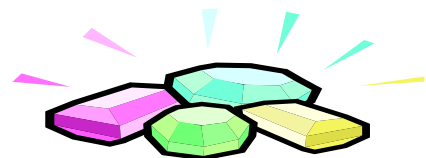
Maybe we might consider realigning the schedule to align with the weather. Just a thought to be considered by the board.

The August outing will be Sunday August 8th at the Wishful Claims we will meet at 7:00 AM at the Arivaca General Store 17180 W Arivaca Road.

Thanks to all for their attendance.

Happy Hunting till next month.

Dan





# 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)

Becky Marihugh  
Membership Director  
520-304-0125

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 [dgdmembership@gmail.com](mailto:dgdmembership@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.

## DESERT GOLD DIGGERS OFFICERS 2019 – 2020

### **-CLUB PRESIDENT**

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### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Kim Ransom

### **CLUB SECRETARY**

Carl Wruck

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The Board of Directors has taken over the responsibilities for the social events. To participate in the planning of these events please attend the Business Meetings the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

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### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

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### **CLUB HISTORIAN**

Mary Garcia

### **DGD CLUB STORE**

Kim Ransom

### **GAZETTE EDITOR**

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### **CHIEF CLAIMS STEWARD**

N/A

## DESERT GOLD DIGGERS BOARD MEMBERS

### **ONE YEAR BOARD MEMBERS**

Ed Madson, Bob Barnes, David Salars, Darryl Marihugh, Bob Melzer, Kay Jenkins

### **TWO YEAR BOARD MEMBERS**

Joe Marihugh, Becky Marihugh, 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.

With the guidance of Carl Wruck, Wowzers Web Design is building a new Desert Gold Diggers Web-site. The members will be able to pay their dues online and new members will be able to join the club through a secure link. The new address is [desertgolddiggers.com](http://desertgolddiggers.com). Bob Clark is the liaison between the web designer and the club. If you have any questions about the site or would like to see some additions contact him at [bc5391@gmail.com](mailto:bc5391@gmail.com)

**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**

## 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

### NOVEMBER OVERNIGHT OUTING

It's time to start thinking about our big overnight outing and cookout again. We want to encourage as many people as possible to help out this year, we have all found that the more you participate in club events the more you get out of the club.

The location has yet to be determined. We are thinking of having the event near the Wishful Claims. The clearings near Kentucky camp have served us well the past couple of years but it was decided we would have a change of pace as to where we are digging and conducting the nugget shoot. If you would like to help out please contact us.

Becky Marihugh at [dgdmembership@gmail.com](mailto:dgdmembership@gmail.com)

Ralph Montano at [dgdpresident8@gmail.com](mailto:dgdpresident8@gmail.com)

David Salars at [goldgazette45@gmail.com](mailto:goldgazette45@gmail.com)

### 2021 OUTINGS

AUGUST 8TH (SUN)	WISHFUL 1	7:00 AM	17180 W. ARIVACA RD. AT THE STORE
SEPT. 11TH (SAT)	BRUISER 2	7:00 AM	1ST CIRCLE K IN ORACLE
October 10th (SUN)	Tentatively SHADOW CLAIMS	8:00 AM	CABALLO LOCO RD. "A" ROCK TBA
November 5th, 6th & 7th Overnight Outing	Location and events are to be announced. Keep your eyes open for information in the August/September Gazette and look out for email messages.		

## MONTHLY NUGGET WINNERS

When we get to have our meetings again we will once again be able to enjoy our nugget raffles. The number of regular nuggets we give away depends on the number of tickets sold at \$1 each and the value of gold at the time. If you buy 20 regular nugget raffle tickets you get a red ticket for a special larger nugget. We also have a raffle of, at a price of \$2 a ticket, a nugget that approaches 1/4 ounce. Sometimes we have equipment up for raffle.

For many years Kathy Smith, Jim Bradley and Bob Burgette have been selling the tickets and deserve our appreciation. Thanks to you all.

### Gold, silver, and copper values February 2021 to April 2021

Gold values:

April close/May open \$1768.91 May close/June open \$1908.16 June close/July open \$1768.26

Silver values:

April close/May open \$25.91 May close/June open \$28.08 June close/July open \$26.09

Copper values:

April close/May open \$4.479 May close/June open \$4.6825 June close/July open \$4.2965

These metal values can be found and the daily price of gold can be tracked at [Kitco.com](http://Kitco.com). Base metal values can be found at [kitcometals.com](http://kitcometals.com)

## FILL YOUR HOLES!!!!!!

It's happening again, there are holes being left open on the claims. The Forest Service has just mounted a huge gate at the entrance to the wash at the Bruiser 2 claim and there is no doubt they are looking for an excuse to close it, we can't afford to give them that excuse! The level of activity our club is involved in requires the holes to be filled and other restrictions are in place so we don't have to develop an expensive plan of operations.

If this behavior continues we will be forced to place game cameras in the area and expel offending members from the club. We've done it before.

### 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





# 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)

## PLACER CLAIMS FOR SALE NEAR GREATERVILLE

4 Contiguous placer claims are for sale on Ophir Gulch near Greaterville, AZ. These claims are next to GPAA claims. There are 2 20 acre claims priced at \$4000 each and 2 40 acre claims priced at \$6000 each all 4 can be yours at a lump sum of \$14,000. This claim group are located around T19S R15 and 16E sections 25, 28 and 29. For more information you can contact Ed Madson at 520-250-9626

**Keene Dry Washer W/Hose for sale. Does not include blower. Used only a few times. Like new. Asking \$500. Contact Billy Clark 520-203-3807**



Various homemade picks made from leaf springs . Make an offer. Approx 29" tall and 11" heads.

