



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: _____

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 monthly/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**

\$15.00 REQUIRED BADGE, this includes mailing fee _____

\$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) _____ ; _____ ; _____

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: _____

MARCH 2022 OVERNIGHT OUTING AND PROSPECTING CONTEST

March 4th, 5h and 6th

The limited attendance and shortened meetings we have had has stretched the clubs finances to limits. The attendance at the overnight outings have been a great benefit towards helping the club meet it's obligations. We encourage every one to show up at the overnight outing as the increased revenue from the raffles of the past 2 outings and the sales at the club store is important.

We are planning to have the overnight outing near the Wishful Claims this time around, the campsite has yet to be determined but by emails and postcard we will let everyone know the location

We have already begun planning for the March Overnight Outing in which we will have food and a prospecting contest. The prospecting contest is still in the planning stages and the rules will be presented before the event. Be sure to bring your equipment, pans, detectors and cleanup tools. It looks like there will be an entry fee for the participants of \$10.

Due to inflation the board has decided to increase the charge for food at the picnic to \$6.00 and we will still appreciate people bringing a potluck dish. We will need help serving food in a safe manner to prevent any fear of spreading covid and of course we always need help getting the equipment out to the campsite and help setting up, remember the Desert Gold Diggers is your club and your get as much out of it as you put in.

Becky Marihugh is spearheading the event and has great plans for preparing the food so it will be safely prepared and served. The meal will consist of hamburgers, hotdogs, salad and all the fixings. As always we will have some goodies Saturday morning before the events begin.

Friday evening we will have a Chile cook-off. Depending on the weather and wind conditions we may set up a screen and show a movie with the new projector when it gets dark Friday evening.

There will be a raffle for nuggets, store merchandise and other Items to be given away at the end of the day. To defray the cost of the event we will be charging \$6.00 a plate for Saturdays meal.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone there and once again having a meeting. For the sake of the clubs finances we hope for lots of members to attend and lots of raffle tickets to be sold.



Photo from an overnight outing near the Snoozer Claims of the Lady Nuggets who at the time organized all the social events.



< Tom
DiMaggio and
Louis Pill
cooking
hamburgers
and hot dogs
at the
November
Overnight
Outing



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May you always find yellow on the bottom of your pan



Monthly Meetings

Monthly Events

WE ARE HAVING A MEMBERSHIP MEETING LIVE AND IN PERSON

Tuesday February 1st at the Ellie Towne Community Center at 1660 W. Ruthrauff. We will once again have our raffles, a program and get back to the comradery we all need so much.

For questions contact me at Goldgazette45@gmail.com or by phone at 520-490-4154

Membership Meeting

1st TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 6:00PM

The public facilities are starting to open again so we can look forward to having meetings live and in person. Read the announcements in regards to December's meeting at Ellie Towne. We are looking forward to seeing our group get together on a regular basis once again. We hope to continue to be able to continue to broadcast the meeting with the Zoom application so we can catch those folks who can't make it out or can't make it to Tucson.

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

IHOP at 4187 N. Oracle this is the Southwest corner of Oracle and Limberlost and through the Zoom application

FEBRUARY

February 1 Membership meeting 6:00 Tentatively at Ellie Towne Community Center at 1660 W. Ruthrauff.

February 6th (sun) Wishful claims 8:00AM 7180 W. Arivaca Rd at the store.

Feb. 15th Business Meeting IHOP, 4187 N. Oracle 6:30PM

MARCH

March 4th, 5th and 6th Overnight outing

The March overnight outing and meeting will be near the Wishful claims south of Arivaca. We are not set on a campsite yet but we will let everyone know between now and then.

March 15 Business Meeting, IHOP, 4187 N. Oracle 6:30PM

APRIL

April 5th Annual Meeting and Election of Officers 6:00 Tentatively at Ellie Towne Community Center at 1660 W. Ruthrauff.

APRIL 10TH (SUN) PLACER POND 8:00 AM GREATERVILLE RD & HWY 83

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

MAY

May 3rd Membership meeting 6:00 Tentatively at Ellie Towne Community Center at 1660 W. Ruthrauff.

May 7th SNOOZER CLAIMS 8:00AM ARIVACA ROAD MILE POST 7

May 17th Business Meeting, IHOP, 4187 N. Oracle 6:30PM

The President's Corner

Hello Happy New Year to all Desert Gold Diggers hope everybody did well in the past year. I know sometimes we have had a few bumps in the road. Time to look forward to a excellent year to come.

Now that real winter is here in Southern Arizona kinda. Hopefully will have more winter rains which will bring the gold out of them their Hills for you to find.

Your outings have been well-attended and helpful to the new members and finding a little gold too it's nice to see yellow in your pan.

With the cold weather plan to keep warm it can get pretty cold out there in the Hills. And it's best to stay as dry as possible.

I don't like to let everyone know that there's a few items coming up. Our March outing will be the overnight outing location can be determined. Also there will be an election in April with a few positions open. Anyone who is interested in running for the board or one of the officer positions that myself or any of the board members now. The election will be held at the April membership meeting. Let's keep the club going in a positive direction.

Wishing everyone a look and find some yellow stuff and having fun at it.

Happy Digging Ralph Montano

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES , December 21, 2021

Kim Ransom, Board Chairman noted a quorum present and opened meeting at 6:42pm. The board approved the agenda and Carl Wruck, Secretary, read last months minutes that the board approved.

- David Salars reported that the next Gazette is on schedule and solicited any ideas that may be of interest to members.
- Becky Marihugh, Membership Director, reported that the Desert Gold Diggers now has 371 gold loving members.
- Dan Walker's e-mail report regarding the December outing He reported that Shawn, Ted, Seth, and Ken found the gold nuggets. Ken and Shawn found the \$2 bills. Shawn found the two sets of 40% Kennedy Half Dollars. The targets still outstanding are one \$2 bill and one set of 40% Kennedy Half Dollars. After the metal detector hunt, most of the members went below the barbwire gate and the rest continued up to the dam and upper claim. The weather was 24 degrees in the morning but warmed to 70 degrees in the afternoon.
- New Business; Inventory is to take place January 9 at 9:00am. Ralph requested volunteers to help.
- We currently send the Gazette to about 90 members. This is becoming quite costly. The board has voted to remove the Gazette by mail option due to high cost. Bob Clark will contact Valerie to remove this option from the membership application. Bob will contact Valerie. We will continue to snail mail those members already enrolled in the Gazette mail option.
- Ralph gave a preliminary report on various strategies discussed at the December 14 meeting.
- Ralph discussed the need to start thinking about the March outing. He would like to have even more members volunteering to help.
- We will be doing a bylaws review at the January meeting.

We adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

Carl Wruck, Secretary

Business Meeting Minutes November 16, 2021

- Kim Ransom called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. observing a quorum was present she presented the agenda for the evenings meeting. Carl Wruck read the minutes of the previous months that the board approved.
- Becky Marihugh, membership director, reported that 14 new members and renewals. There are currently 358 members in our club. Bob Clark, web person, had Valerie make timely changes to our home page and our outings calendar while our treasurer, Erick Ramirez reported that our monthly balance sheet saw a positive result.
- On-line reports by Bob Burgette, gold master and Dan Walkers, outings director were reviewed and approved by the board.
- Ralph noted that we need a more robust attention to our historical records. He also reported having several complaints regarding pets, smoking and alcohol. He suggested that: (1) the members consider not smoking in the immediate area of our camp. (2) That members keep dogs on leashes and (3) members are discrete drinking alcohol. Ralph reported that the county would not allow us to have food at our December meeting at Ellie Towne Community Center. There will be some special prizes including a real cool trail cam, a top of the line pin pointer, and we will have the popular 50/50 drawing. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5:30pm- 7:30pm.
- David Salars will be hosting a special meeting December 14 to discuss User accounts, passwords, by-laws, and club assets. He also reported that we would be doing an inventory in January.

Kim called for a motion to adjourn and it adjourned at 7:55PM

Carl Wruck Secretary

ELECTION OF OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBERS

APRIL, 5TH 2022

Everyone is encouraged to come to the April Membership meeting for the election of officers, 1 and 2 year board positions. So far we have lots of the officers willing to hold the positions they're in but any club member is always encouraged to run for any of the positions if they feel the need to serve or they don't like the direction the club is going.

Kim Ransom is stepping down as Vice President so that position is open.

Carl Wruck is stepping down from the secretary position, Darrell Marihugh has volunteered to step up to run for his position.

I will be calling the One and Two Year Board members to see if they are wanting to run for those positions again.

The descriptions of the officers duties are listed on page on page 15 of this issue of the Gazette.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Membership Meeting December 7, 2021

- The December meeting was, shorten to 2 hours by the Tucson city administration. We did not have the traditional Christmas Dinner but members did enjoy a metal detecting presentation and a prize-filled raffle.
- Ralph Montano, Club President welcomed members at 6.00PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ralph offered members a fifteen-minute opportunity to buy raffle tickets.
- Ralph thanked all the members that help make our November outing a great success and he recognized members with birthdays and anniversaries.
- Dan Walker, outings director, announced that the monthly outing would be at the Snoozer Claim. Members are to meet near milepost 7 on the Arivaca road at 8:00 am Sunday December
- Kim Ransom, Vice President shared a Chris Ralph video on successful metal detecting techniques.
- The nugget raffles were held.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM December 7, 2021

Carl Wruck, Secretary

Membership Meeting Minutes January 4, 2022

- President Ralph Montano, started the abbreviated January meeting with the pledge of Allegiance. Ralph welcomed new member and guests and recognized those with anniversaries or birthdays.
- David Salars announced the passing of lifetime member Mary Schultz. Mary and her husband Jerry, who preceded her in death were long time DGD members (membership 009) and very active in our club.
- Dan outlined details of the weekends outing at the Wishful Claims. Members are to meet in Arivaca at 8:00 am. Do not block private drives.
- We are looking for members to run for executive office and one and 2-year board members. The election will be in April. We also need a volunteer to help with the club store.
- Kim Ransom presented a YouTube video featuring Bisbee Arizona and the famous Copper Queen Mine and the Copper Queen Hotel.
- The nugget raffles were held.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Carl Wruck, Secretary

Mohs Hardness Scale

The resistance in which a smooth surface of a mineral offers to scratching is its hardness. Determining the hardness of a mineral is one of the first techniques in determining the type of mineral in question. In 1824 Friedrich Mohs chose 10 common minerals by which to compare the hardness of any mineral, they are as follows.;

1—Talc	2—Gypsum	3—Calcite	4—Fluorite	5—Apatite
6—Orthoclase	7—Quartz	8—Topaz	9—Corundum	10—Diamond

Sets of these minerals can be purchased at stores that specialize in the sale of scientific items or assembled by following the list above.

Southwest Mining Towns

Copper Creek, AZ

Roughly 10 miles east of Mammoth on the west side of the Galiluro Mountains sits the Bunker Hill mining district which is also known as the Copper Creek Mining District. Ore was produced as early as 1863 in the area at the Blue Bird mine and shipped as far as Wales in Great Britton to be processed. It was 20 years later when William Miller, Ely McDaniels and Theodore Peters Exploited the Lead/silver deposit shipping the ore to Wilcox and eventually to Winkelman by a narrow gauge railroad to be processed.

Roy Sibley came to what was at the time mining camp of Galiluro to manage the mining interests of his brother and formed the town of Copper Creek, his wife Belle became the first postmistress in 1907. In order to make an impression on visitors whom he hoped to invest in the project he began construction of a mansion. The building's stonework is said to be remarkable with 2 tall towers and over 3000 square feet of living space. When the family abandoned the mansion it was scavenged of all its useful building material for homes in Mammoth.

The town itself consisted of about 50 buildings housing 200 miners and their families. As with most mining towns the ore ran low and the mines closed in 1917 however the post office remained open until 1942. In 1933 there was a revival in the area when a rich molybdenum deposit was discovered. This period of mining led to the production of 37 million tons of copper, lead and silver.

In the late 60'S and 70's Engineer and famed balloonist Maxie Anderson along with the Ranchers Development Company (who previously only took mineral royalties from the properties they served) performed a large scale blast at the Old Reliable Mine for the purpose of in-situ leaching. This project took years of planning and development and at one point was producing 19,000 pounds of copper cement a day ultimately to produce around 12 million pounds of cement copper which was short of the 30 million pounds for which they hoped . An interesting video of the project details got to Google and enter **Old Reliable: Technology's Mining System, Today.**

The town can be reached by following Copper Creek Road east from Mammoth to find written on the old dam, 'COPPER CREEK'. Redhawk Copper Company owns about 29 miles of land in the area and has claims over most of the BLM controlled property in the area. Although many of the roads are still open in the area, metal detecting and prospecting in the area are done at the risk of trespassing without permission of the land and claim owner.



The sign on the damn at Copper Creek. ^

Ore loader at one of the mines in the district. Extending from the point of this structure are tracks crossing the wash. >



The leach ponds and area of the Rancher's ^ Development Company's large scale blast and in-situ leach operation.

Zoom Meeting Option for February Meeting

On February 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: February 1st, 2022

DGD General Membership Meeting

The zoom link to enter the meeting is

<https://zoom.us/j/98580781387?pwd=TS9TdGNNOUh2VndJTkZlYld4RmVkUT09>



If it doesn't work try

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

The access code is 266446

Contact me for questions or send me your email if we don't have it
to: kransom6a@gmail.com

MASH REPORT

Life member Mary Schultz passed away January 1st. Her husband Jerry, who passed in 2005, was president of the club for 11 years.

Bob Burgette's mother passed away.

Linda Hartmann long time GPAT treasurer passed away

Wayne Shirley passed away

If you have an illness, injury of death in the family please contact Amber Clark at amclark4691@gmail.com



Jerry Schultz with his beloved Jeep CJ5 at the club outing to post the corners for the Diggers Delight Claim in December



Mary Schultz Watches as Jerry cleans up his concentrates.

OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

-December 2021 OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT Snoozin Claims 1 thru 5

On Sunday December 12th we met South of mile post 7 on Arivaca Road at 8:00 A.M.

Twenty-six members were in attendance. We then proceeded to caravan to our metal detector hunt area. The targets for the hunt were 24: 1 peso coins with numbers 1 thru 24 which matched a random number generated list. The prizes were 4 gold nuggets, 3 \$2 bills, 3 sets of 40% Kennedy Half Dollars donated by Ken. The gold nuggets were found by Shawn, Ted, Seth, and Ken. The \$2 bills were found by Ken and Shawn. The 2 sets of 40% Kennedy Half Dollars were found by Shawn. The targets still outstanding are 1 \$2 bill and 1 set of 40% Kennedy Half Dollars.

After the metal detector hunt most of the members went below the barb wire gate and the rest continued up to the dam and upper claim. The weather was 24 degrees in the morning but warmed to 70 degrees in the afternoon. The outing was successful.

Thanks to all for their attendance.

Happy Hunting till next month. Dan

Dan Walker >



OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT Wishful Claims Outing January 8, 2022

The January Outing was to the Wishful Claims South of Arivaca on Ruby Road. We met Saturday January 8 at 8:00 AM at the Arivaca General Store, with 26 members in attendance. We then caravanned to the Yellow Jacket Mine Road for our metal detector hunt.

I hid 24 Targets, with random numbers from 1 to 24 matching prizes 4 worth gold nuggets, 3 worth \$2 bills and 17 worth \$1 Coins. There were 3 targets not found.

We then went to Wishful 1-2 claims to continue the Outing. There was running water on the claim for wet processing of the gravels. The best gold being found by DGD members Joe and Becky Marihugh a few nice pickers and fines as usual. We did have a very successful outing.

Until next time continue finding the gold.

Dan Walker



Chris Lespron builds a temporary dam to supply water for his high-banker.

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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

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
will be issued per family.

Membership is as follows:

- **\$45 a year**
- **\$15 for required name badge**
- **\$15 for any extra or replacement name badge**
- **The exorbitant cost of producing and mailing the Gazette is leading the club to eliminate the USPS option.**

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS

Remember to check the date on your membership card—or you can e-mail the **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR** at 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

DESERT GOLD DIGGERS OFFICERS 2019 – 2020

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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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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, Kim ransom

****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. 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

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. 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. 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 e-mail 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

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

Ralph Montano at dgdpresident8@gmail.com

David Salars at goldgazette45@gmail.com

2022 OUTINGS

FEBRUARY 6TH (Sun)	WISHFUL CLAIMS	8:00 AM	17180 W. ARIVACA RD. AT THE STORE
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MARCH 5TH (SAT)	WISHFUL CLAIMS	8:00 AM	RUBY ROAD CAMP SITE TBA
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APRIL 10TH (SUN)	PLACER POND	8:00 AM	GREATERVILLE RD & HWY 83
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Beverly Holmquist



Mark and Judy Paris



Bryan Hackett

MONTHLY NUGGET WINNERS

Hat: Ralph Montono, Mike Kurpewski, Chris (?)

Badge: Joe Johnson, Al Brown, Steve Crawford

Shirt: Mike Prevenas

Regular Nuggets: Don Rodgers, Joe Vasko, Kay Jenkins, Brad Karber, Marion Vittitoe, Randy Gruss, Ken Her, Carl Wruck, Mike Karber, Bill Vasko Kay Jenkins, Radtike, Mary Garcia

Special Nugget: Laura Daily, Erick Ramirez, and JR Smith

Big Nugget winner: Beverly Smithwick, Randy Gruss, Bob Ecker, Marion Vittetoe, Kathy Smith, Jim Bradley, Dick Smith

December special raffle items;

50/50 Chuck Nagy

Pin pointer Bob Ecker

Trail Cam Brad Karber

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 August to November 2021

Gold values:

Oct close/Nov Open \$1783.59 November close/December open \$1772.68 December close/January open \$1829.05

Silver values:

Oct close/Nov Open \$22.10 November close/December open \$22.80 December close/January open \$23.32

Copper values:

Oct close/Nov Open \$4.074 November close/December open \$4.277 December close/January open \$4.469

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

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 and expensive plan of operations.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, APRIL 5TH 2022

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.

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.

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 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. Unless someone runs for this position the Board of Directors takes 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.

The Historian is responsible for keeping the club records, including minutes, financial reports and copies of the Gazette. He/she also holds the club's 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 is also 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.

Website Liaison acts as a go between The Board of Directors and our web creator to submit information for publication to the website.

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



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not included \$600

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b.bardes@hotmail.com

by email at

Allen Eckert's disability has put him out of action in the prospecting department so he's selling his Minelab Equinox 800 which he paid \$949 for, he is asking \$700
Along with the detector he has lots of miscellaneous tools and equipment he is willing to make a deal on. He is willing to take payment in cash or precious metals. 480-773-8403 or by email at alraeco1940@yahoo.com



2 contiguous patented mining land claims in Pima County surrounded by Tohono-O'odham Reservation in the Cababi Mining District.

Golden West 18.93 Acres Pima County parcel #402-01-2080

Golden Cross 18.93 Acres Pima county Parcel #402-01-2090

they are located about 9 miles NNW of Sells

A patented claim gives **the miner the right to both the minerals and the land itself**. Since the government approved a patent request, it transferred property title to the miner. At that point, the miner can explore, extract the minerals or build permanent mining structures and a home.

To see the public information about these claims go to:

<https://gis.pima.gov/maps/landbase/parsrch.htm> and enter the parcel number into the parcel search window which you will take you to Assessors information. To see their location on a map scroll down and click on Pima Maps Main. The owner, Shiela Powell is asking \$50,000 each for these claims,
She can be contacted at 520-578-4976