

Desert Gold Diggers Gazette 2021, '22

The official publication of Desert Gold Diggers Inc. A report of the happenings and business for Feb/March 2022

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 April 5th and May 3rd 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 cant 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

APRIL

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

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

April 12 Meeting for members interested in being Claims Stewards IHOP, 4187 N. Oracle 6:30PM

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

MAY

May 3rd Membership meeting 6:00 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

June

June 7th Membership meeting 6:00 at Ellie Towne Community Center at 1660 W. Ruthrauff.

JUNE 5TH (SUN) HOPE 1 7:00 AM GARDNER CYN RD. & HWY 83

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

The President's Corner

A Great Thanks to everyone that came out to the over night outing Thank you all . A special Thanks to all that helped out with putting together the event. To many to name thanks. I was happy with how it turned out . Members were able to converse with each other intermingle and give each other ideas, and shoot the breeze, unfortunately It was very windy prior to Saturday, it was not to bad on Saturday during the festivities. Everyone seem to have a good time. Gold was found out in the field & raffle. The food and sides where great. Lets make the next over night outing great also

Happy digging

A reminder the April membership meeting is the board & officers elections, There is also a claim stewards meeting at the IHOP at Limberlost & oracle. At 6:30 pm, if would like to volunteer and help out come out to the meeting'
President Desert Gold Diggers

Ralph Montano

Business Meeting, 01/18/2022

- The January board meeting was called to order at 630 pm by Kim Ransom, board chairman. The monthly agenda was approved and the minutes from our last meeting read by David Salars.
- David noted that the next gazette is progressing on time. Becky announced that we now have 372 members.
- Board members agreed on a motion to discontinue mailing the Gazette to reduce costs Members currently receiving the Gazette will be Grand fathered in. The printed membership applications and our web site require updating. Bob Clark will get with Valerie to make the web changes.
- Kim Ransom, delivered the treasurers report that the board approved.
- Dan Walker, our outings and claims director, stated that the January outing at the Wishful claim was attended by 26 members. The coin hunt was successful with 21 of the 24 coins found. The club members then dug gravel from the 2 Wishful claims. Joe and Becky found some of the best gold with some nice fines and a few pickers. Dan says the February outing will also be at the Wishful claims. Dan also mentioned that the Bruiser claim requires a bit of brush removal.
- Amber Clark announced that Member Bob Burgette's mother has passed away. The club also lost Mary Shultz, the husband of the late Jerry Shultz (member 0009) Life Member.

Old Business:

- Ralph has been clean the clubs storage locker and now has a better idea of what we have in inventory.

New Business:

- The March outing and Members meeting will be held at the Wishful claims with overnight camping available near Arivaca Lake. Plans are underway now and volunteers are needed.
- Ralph requested that we reevaluate the amount of gold we hand out every month based on current membership attendance caused by the covid crisis and the high price of gold.
- The annual club election will be held at the March meeting. Bylaws discussion held over to next month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Carl Wruck

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES , February 15, 2022

- Kim Ransom called the meeting to order. A quorum was present and last months minutes read by Carl Wruck, secretary.
- Becky Marihugh, membership chair reported that we now have 351 members adding 13 new members last month.
- Bob Clark, reported that he sent the new outings schedule to Valerie for posting on the web site.
- Dan Walker, outings director, said that 35 members attended the February outing. Gold was found and members had a great time.
- Kim provided the treasure's report for Erick which indicated a slightly positive monthly outcome.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The location of the march combined member's meeting and outing will be held at Arivaca due to government bureaucracy obtaining the permit for state land use. The Arizona permit requires 4 months to complete. ?????

NEW BUSINESS:

- The board approved plans for the march outing. Hamburgers and hot dogs will only be \$6.00. Members are urged to bring a dish to pass. There will be a coin hunt on Saturday. There will be games and a raffle. Prices will include both gold nuggets and/or gift cards.
 - There will be a claim steward meeting on April 12th. Further details to come.
 - The growing cost of printing and mailing the Desert Gold Diggers Gazette has grown considerably so the board discussed raising the cost of mailing the Gazette to \$20.00 annually.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:33PM. 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. Hank Bassaraba and David Salars are running for 1 year board positions

The descriptions of the officers duties are listed on page on page 5 of this issue of the Gazette.

DESERT GOLD DIGGERS ELECTION APRIL 5TH 2022

NOMINEES FOR OFFICER AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS

President—————Ralph Montano. Ralph has been a member of the club for about 6 years and was gracious enough to step up as president in the 2021 nomination process and lend his good ideas and leadership qualities. Although not a member as long as many he cares about the direction of the club.

Vice President—————**Position open for nominations.** With Kim Ransom stepping down from the position this leave one of the most important roles of leadership open. Please consider running for this spot that the club may continue to operate smoothly.

Secretary—————Darrell Marihugh. Darrell is a good and learned prospector. He along with his family members are great assets to the club and enthusiastic about its success. Carl Wruck has stepped down from the position because he is having shoulder surgery, he as always had a great interest in the well being and success of the club.

Treasurer—————Erick Ramirez. Erick has a great wealth of knowledge of financial and fiscal matters as he has been involved with accounting for years. His knowledge of tax matters is indispensable.

Outings Coordinator————Dan Walker. Dan is the office holder that has been a member longer then any other, his knowledge of the clubs claims in impeccable as he was instrumental and onsite when the club acquired the claims we have.

Historian—————Mary Garcia. Mary's enthusiasm for this position is remarkable. She has always shown a great interest in preserving and sharing the clubs history. Covid has continued to impede her work in getting files resolved but soon she will lead the way in that department.

This year the 1 and 2 year board positions are up for election. The Bi-Laws state that there shall be no fewer then 6 and no more then 15 people serving on the board at the same time.

The 3 year board members who are not up for election are:

Howard Cooper, Louis Pill, JR Smith, Kim Ransom

The nominees for 1 year board members are:	David Salars	Bob Melzer	Ed Madson
	Darrell Marihugh		Kay Jenkins

The nominees for 2 year board members are:	Hank Bassaraba	Joe Marihugh
	Becky Marihugh	Sharron Lapp

Even though someone is running for a majority of the positions don't be discouraged to step up run for any of these as all the members are eligible to act as an officer or board member. Competition is always welcome from the people who hold these positions from anyone who has a care for the club and good ideas to make it run better, our first concern is the betterment of The Desert Gold Diggers. If a office strikes your heart and you think you will benefit the club by stepping up and running feel free to give David Salars a call at 520-490-4154 or email at docsalars@prodigy.net I will continue taking nominations until april 4th, the day before the meeting.

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.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Desert Gold Diggers Members Meeting, February 1st 2022

- President Ralph Montano, opened our meeting leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ralph welcomed guests and recognized members with anniversaries and birthdays. Ralph announced that DGD member Wayne Shirley passed away recently.
- Kim Ransom introduced the evening's speaker Rebecca A, President of the Arizona State Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs (ASA4WDC). Rebecca said the main purpose of ASA4WDC is to promote ethical use of motorized vehicles on public lands and prevent legislation that imposes restrictions on four wheeling. Rebecca answered numerous questions regarding the legal aspects of off road riding and left printed materials for the members to read.
- Dan Walker, Outings Director, announced that the February outing will be Sunday February 6 at the Wishful claims. Members are to meet prior to 8:00 AM at Arivaca General Store. The coin hunt will be just inside the National Forrest boundary and members will then disperse to the Wishful claims. Dan also requested that if anyone should find a GPS that he lost in this area please notify him.
- David Salars reminded members that our election is being held next month and we need volunteers to run for all offices and board members.
- Ralph also mentioned we need volunteers for the upcoming March overnight outing and members meeting.
- The nugget raffles were held. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 Carl Wruck, Secretary

Membership Meeting Minutes , March 5th 2022

- The March member meeting was close to our claims near Arivaca Arizona. A number of members made it a weekend event, camping through the weekend.
 - The meeting started about 200 pm after a day of activity. Becky and her crew had coffee and pastries waiting for the members while they got their gear out for Dan Walkers coin hunt for nuggets and dollars. Members did their thing until lunchtime. Some went hunting for gold while others stayed in camp to socialize. Becky, Tom, Rose and Louis set up and cooked lunch for the rest of us.
 - Ralph started our meeting about 200 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ralph welcomed guests and thanked all the people who got this party started. The planners, ticket takers, cooks and all the members that helped set up this event.
 - Dan Walker announced that the April outing would be at Placer Pond Sunday April 10. Members are to meet at the Greeneville Road prior to 800 am.
 - Dave Salars reminded members that our club election would be at our next meeting in April. If anyone would like to run for any office, notify Dave or Ralph.
 - There will be a special claim steward meeting at the IHOP on Oracle and Wetmore Tuesday April 12. To volunteer to be a steward notify Dan Walker
- Carl Wruck, Secretary



PROSPECTING BASICS

Who Owns What?

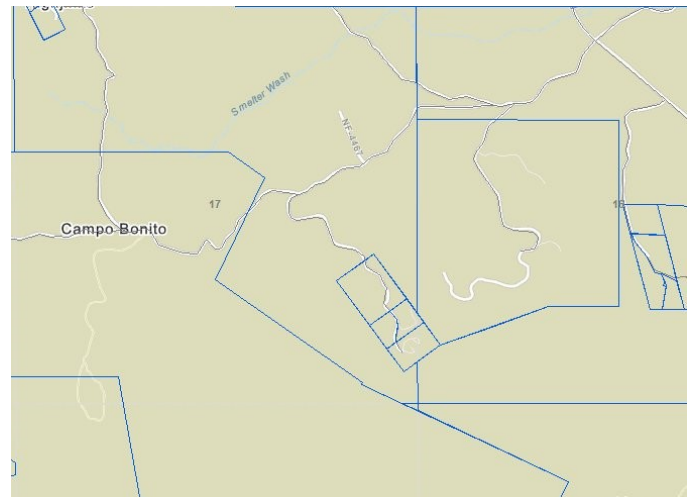
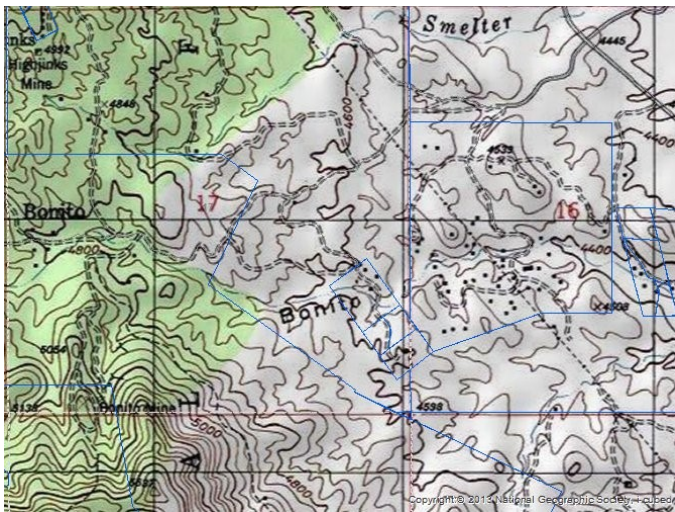
There are now Global Positioning System applications for smart phones that will allow a person to view private and public land ownership maps road maps and let you bring up topographic maps. Some of these apps are free but only have limited features, to get more precise data like roads and trails they require you to pay for an upgrade. As with all smart phone features they require some access to the internet either by Wi-Fi (which will most likely be unavailable out in the hills) or a cell phone connection which can be easily lost. Many of these apps are set up so the data can be saved for the area desired as those who produce them know that cell service can be sketchy.

Most county assessor's offices have made access to their parcel ownership status maps online with global information systems such as Mapguide and Esri ArcGIS programs. Accessing these maps can show the accurate ownership status in an area to which you wish to go exploring. They have the ability to zoom into a specific township range and section and show the general property boundaries and with just a click of the mouse the ownership can be determined.

It is beneficial to have a USGS topographic map on hand when using the assessor's parcel maps so you can see the area of interest and record the status of the property on the map itself. Depending on the features each individual county decides to provide, there may be a layer in the program that will bring up a USGS topo map or an aerial photo of the area in which you are looking. Different features can be added to the maps parcel numbers, lot lines roads, township and section information.

BLM has developed its MLRS (Mineral and Land Records System) system which is a bit easier to use the LR2000 system. It has the ability to provide all the mining claims, both closed case and active by particular sections or even the entire township. This information paired with the county Assessor's map can be a great aid on what area are open to claims.

The internet has made such great improvements in the ability and ease to do research on ownership. It wasn't long ago when hours would be spent in the county court house walking back and forth between the assessor's office and the county recorder's office to find who owns what.





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 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 _____

\$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: _____

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

Zoom Meeting Option for April and May Membership 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

Carl Wruck is not running for Secretary as he will be laid up after his shoulder surgery

Erick Ramirez was bitten by a dog and was forced to seek medical treatment

Bob Clark underwent elbow surgery

Sharron Lapp underwent a medical procedure

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



Photo of a rock wall to a shelter or corral on the Pilgrim's Pride claim. This claim has lots of historic ruins



Classifying material and the Pilgrim's Pride claim at the March outing.



Example of an Arrastra used for grinding ore and processing with mercury. The grinding stones were dragged by donkeys and mules.

OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT Wishful Claims Outing February 6th 2022

The February Outing was to the Wishful Claims South of Arivaca on Ruby Road. We met Sunday January 8 at 8:00 AM at the Arivaca General Store, with 35 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 6 targets not found. Two for \$2 bills and four for \$1 coins.

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 Chris, he found a nice picker, Andrea and Max, found some little pickers and fines as usual. The weather was nice and we did have a very successful outing.

Until next time continue finding the gold. Dan Walker

Dan Walker >



OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT March 5th 2022

Our outing for March 5-6 started with Thursday March 4 preparations, Ralph took out outing equipment on Thursday morning. There were several camps already set up. Bill Thompson and his wife set up camp Tuesday. Joe, Becky and Darrell set up on Thursday. Also Chris, Kay and Sharon were there with several others. On Friday morning those that were there went out looking for spots to work. Joe found a nice place he found a nice picker, I call it a small nugget. Ralph showed up mid-morning Friday and we started setting up the tables and the barbecue the following day.

Friday evening we had a potluck chili dinner there were 4 different types they were all very good. After dinner everybody went to their respective camps it was a little nippy and windy both Thursday and Friday was windy; very windy.

Saturday started out cold we had 54 members. We started with a breakfast of donuts pastries and coffee. After breakfast we had our metal detector hunt. Fifty nickels were hidden. I used a random number generator to assign the prizes. The prizes were (4) gold nuggets, (1) \$25 gift certificate to Walmart, (4) \$10 gift certificates to Walmart, (1) 1944 silver half dollar, donated by Joe Marihugh, (3) 2 bills, and (38) \$1 coins. All of the targets were found. After the metal detector hunt several members went to the claims to prospect before lunch.

Around 11:00 AM preparation for lunch began. We had lunch at 12:00 P.M. with 54 members in attendance. After lunch we had our monthly meeting with prize raffles afterward.

I want to thank all the officers and board members for another successful over night outing.

Until next month keep finding gold.



Joe's nice picker

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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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

Be sure to visit the club website at desertgolddiggers.com

DESERT GOLD DIGGERS

Upcoming Events

Claims Stewards Program

Claim Stewards are members who volunteer to care for and monitor the clubs claims. Their duties are to clean up garbage off the claims or organize a group outing if there is too much to handle, report on any bad behavior on the claims like members leaving holes open or non members committing mineral trespass by prospecting on the claims. Ultimately we would like to have 2 stewards for each claim and work together and cover the duties safely.

Another duty and benefit for the claim Stewards is to meet together and search for new claims. We would like to arrange at least 2 special outings a year for the Claims Stewards with the guidance of the Claims Director to find, evaluate and post new claims.

Anyone interested in being a Claims Steward should come to the special meeting at the IHOP at the SW corner of Limberlost and Oracle Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30PM.

2022 OUTINGS

<u>APRIL 10TH (SUN)</u>	<u>PLACER POND 8:00 AM</u>	<u>GREATERVILLE RD & HWY 83</u>
<u>MAY 7TH (SAT)</u>	<u>SNOOZER 1 8:00 AM</u>	<u>ARIVACA RD MILE POST 7</u>
<u>JUNE 5TH (SUN)</u>	<u>HOPE 1 7:00 AM</u>	<u>GARDNER CYN RD. & HWY 83</u>
<u>JULY 9TH (SAT)</u>	<u>BRUISER 2 7:00 AM</u>	<u>1 ST CIRCLE K IN ORACLE</u>
<u>AUGUST 7TH (SUN)</u>	<u>WISHFUL 7:00 AM</u>	<u>17180 W. ARIVACA RD. AT THE STORE</u>

MONTHLY NUGGET WINNERS

Hat: Tom Martin, Wayne Blake Badge: Bob Burgette, Bill Austin, Chuck Nagy Shirt: Hank Bassaraba

Regular , Ken Herholz, Bob Karneto, L.M. Tipping, Tod V, Dave Reilly (2), Bill Vasco, Max Offermann, Dave Solran, Joe Johnson, Max Offermann, Chuck Johnson (2), Bob Becker, Robin Randall

Special Nugget: Max Offermann, Dave Reilly , Ralph Montano, Kay Jenkins, Sharon

Hangover Nugget Winners: Joe Johnson, Ralph Montano, Bob

Coin Proof Winners: Carl Wruck, Mike Prevenas Classifier Winners: Ken Herholz, Stephanie Rodriguez

\$10.00 Gift Certificates: Gacey, Abi Boudreal, Bill Thompson, Chuck Johnson, Mike P, Brad Gulnyou (2), Joe Johnson

\$25.00 Gift Certificates: Hank Bassaraba, Darrel, Ralph Montano

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:

December close/January open \$1829.05 January Close/February open \$1797.92 February close/March open \$1906.41

Silver values:

December close/January open \$23.32 January Close/February open \$22.48 February close/March open \$24.42

Copper values:

December close/January open \$4.469 January Close/February open \$4.318 February close/March open \$4.445

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

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



Keene Highbanker/dredge combo
with venture and hoses, pump is
not included \$600

Big Orange black sand magnet \$10
Contact Bill Bardes

812/720-0400 (phone or text) or
by email at b.bardes@hotmail.com

Allen Eckert's disability had put him out of ac-
tion in the prospecting department so he's sell-
ing 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 520-578-1976