

## MARCH 2023 OVERNIGHT OUTING FAMILY PICNIC

March 24th, 25 and 26th

We have pushed the March overnight outing back a few weeks in hopes to catch some warmer weather

We are planning to have the overnight outing north of Arivaca this time around, directions to the campsite are listed below.

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 Pot Luck Crockpot 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.

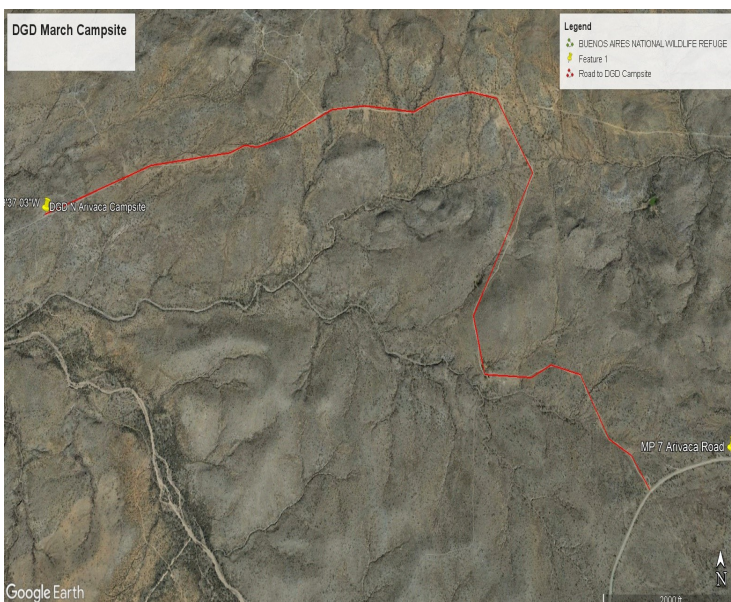
The campsite longitude and latitude coordinates are: 31°39'19.73"N 111°19'37.03"W

To travel to the campsite use the following directions:

Travel west from the Village of Amado (Arivaca Junction), at I-19 Exit 48, along Arivaca Road to a point ¼ (.25) miles west of Mile Post #7.

Travel north on the dirt road 1.5 miles, staying to the right at the windmill to Los Guijas Road.

Turn left and travel west 1.6 Miles to the campsite Ralph Montano (520-993-0945) and the Marihughs (520-304-0125 or 520-369-0112) will be at the campsite Thursday 3/3/22. The road has recently been repaired and travel to the campsite should be easy



View from the hill above the campsite at November's overnight outing.



# Desert Gold Diggers Gazette 2022



The official publication of Desert Gold Diggers Inc. A report of the happenings and business for Dec. '22 and Jan. '23

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



## Monthly Meetings

## Monthly Events

**Membership Meeting , February 7th and March 7th at Ellie Towne Community Center**

It looks like we will have a speaker at both meetings and wont have to resort to a video. As usual we will have the nugget raffles to bring in a bit more income to the club so that we are able to pay for the claim fees coming up this summer. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there, as usual the address for Ellie Towne is 1660 W Ruthrauff it is easily accessed off of I-10 from prince and north on Romero or from the Ruthrauff/Camino Del Cerro exit.

### Membership Meeting

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

The public facilities have opened again so we can look forward to having meetings live and in person. 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 . At the time we are without a Vice President so if you have any ideas for a speaker contact any officer or board member. The board of directors voted in the past to reimburse any speaker up to \$300 for travel expenses.

### 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 7th Membership Meeting 6:00PM Ellie Towne Community Center at 1660 W. Ruthrauff.

February 12th (Sun) Outing PILGRIM'S PRIDE 8:00 AM ARIVACA RD. MILE POST 7

February 21st Business Meeting 6:30PM IHOP at 4187 N. Oracle at the southwest corner of Limberlost.

### March

March 7th Membership Meeting 6:00PM Ellie Towne Community Center at 1660 W. Ruthrauff.

March 21st Business Meeting 6:30PM IHOP at 4187 N. Oracle at the southwest corner of Limberlost.

March 24th, 25th and 26th Overnight outing to the North Arivaca claims . See the front page of this gazette for directions and a map.

### April

April 4th Annual Meeting and election of officers 6:00PM Ellie Towne Community Center at 1660 W. Ruthrauff.

April 11th Outing PLACER POND 8:00 AM GREATERVILLE RD & HWY 83

April 18th Business Meeting 6:30PM IHOP at 4187 N. Oracle at the southwest corner of Limberlost.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS, APRIL 4TH 2023**

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 also is responsible for filing the claim paperwork and updating the claims packets to the members.

Newsletter editor produces the bi-monthly Gazette.

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

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

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



## The President's Corner

Recently some of our members have been caught prospecting on some of the Gold Prospectors of Tucson (GPAT) claims near Arivaca without being a member of that group. If this happens let it be known that mineral trespass is a violation of the law and GPAT is entitled to take legal action against anyone they catch. If someone is caught in such a violation Desert Gold Diggers will not be able to offer any assistance.

The best remedy for this problem is knowing where our claims are, all the members have been provided with claim maps with directions that are easy to follow and proper legal descriptions of the locations of the club claims. Although a claim sign may turn up missing from time to time our claims are clearly marked. If you need a new set of claims maps contact the membership Director at DGD [membership@gmail.com](mailto:membership@gmail.com), if you have any trouble reading the maps in the claims packet feel free to contact Dave at [goldgazette45@gmail.com](mailto:goldgazette45@gmail.com). If enough people contact me in regards to the maps we may put on a class on map reading.

Another remedy to keep people out of trouble with GPAT is to join their club, many of the members of Desert Gold Diggers are also members of GPAT and we have had a good relationship with their group for over a quarter of a century.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Dave at [goldgazette45@gmail.com](mailto:goldgazette45@gmail.com) or Ralph at [dgdpresident8@gmail.com](mailto:dgdpresident8@gmail.com)

### Trail Life Scouting Panning Demo and Outing

January 7th we accepted an invitation from the Trail Life Scouting Troop #747, which is sponsored by Calvary Chapel Tucson, to give panning demonstrations as part of their "Hobby Month". Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered, boy-focused mentoring program that engages boys in service & outdoor adventure to develop godly & courageous leaders.

Darrell Marihugh, Ed Madson and David Salars. met the boys and gave a short presentation about gold prospecting before breaking them up into groups and giving them hands on panning lessons.

January 7th they joined the club for it's monthly outing to the Wishful Claims where they got the chance to prospect with the guidance of several members. They seemed to have a good time and found some gold.



## **November Business Meeting Minutes**

The Business Meeting minutes from November were lost in the computer so the following is a synopsis of the meeting from memory.

Due to the cold weather It was decided that the Fall outing will be moved to the first weekend in October for 2023 and the Fall outing be pushed back to the end of March as the 1st weekend in April is Easter.

The Christmas Party was discussed, It was decided that the club will provide ham and sweet potatoes and side dishes and deserts would be pot luck from the member. The Board decided to gie a special raffle prize ticket to those who bring a pot luck dish. It was decided to hae the 50:50 raffle as usual as well as giving the gift cards left over from the November outing. The Classifiers donated by a member will also be raffled away.

It was announced that we have been invited to give panning demonstrations to the Trail Life Scouting troop at Calvary Chapel, February 5th and invite them along to the January outing to the Wishful claims at the January outing.

## **Business Meeting Minutes**

December 20th business meeting

Kay Jenkins called meeting to order at 6:30pm

Darrell Marihugh read previous minutes for the November business meeting, Joe Marihugh motioned to approve, Dave Salars seconded. The motion passed.

Dave Salars is coming along with the gazette. He going post about elections in August, and post about spring outing. April 7, 8 and 9 is Easter weekend so we will move to last week March 24, 25 and 26 for warmer weather at end march instead first week March.

Becky Marihugh gave the Membership report stating on there are 4 new members, 10 non renewals, some late renewals so still at 306

Erick gave the Treasure's report. Some deposits weren't labeled. 3,871 income but lots expenses and late balances to clear so not as high as it looks. Christmas party was a good for income.

Erick might have start doing his program differently as the bank has changed program formats.

Dan gave the outing directors. The group met at mile post 7 at 8am. 3 nuggets, three 2 dollar bills, 16 coins. Someone donated silver coins .26 members showed up and found nice gold.

Dan claims director talked about claims and above Greaterville on 50:50 land that can't be claimed.

Mary gave the historian report. She was trying get ahold of someone on history of the Sutter's Mill.

Someone asked if we pay speakers; we can if they traveled far for gas and stay but not local speakers. Ralph Montano got Martin geology in January. Kim Ransom and Ralph may speak on conquistadors in February. Mary wants talk lady of the Sutter's family for a guest speaker.

Trail Life Scouting kids (former boy scouts) will be at our January 7th outing at wishful claims.

It was decided we will still have the March Membership Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> before the late March spring outing.

JR Smith said that some old members want to rejoin that had problems with former club administration, but we don't mind if they join as long as they follow the clubs claims rules.

Lewis Pill motioned end meeting, ended at 7:27 pm.

## Membership Meeting Minutes

December 6th membership meeting

Dave Salars opened with pledge of allegiance.

He Asked for birthdays ,anniversaries, and illnesses .

He introduced new members and guest .

It was announced the monthly outing will be at snoozing at 8 am at mile post 7.

Thanks to Becky for preparing the food and everyone else that helped set up and prepare and brought food.

We started serving food and ate.

We started raffle.

raffle winners December 6th

50/50 came out to \$795 split with winner Joe Johnson

January 3rd membership meeting

Ralph brought meeting to order at 6:05pm. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ralph thanked everyone who helped and attended the Christmas party.

Ralph introduced all new members and guests, asked if any birthdays or anniversaries this month. Ralph added an issue at last outing at snoozing. Someone though they were on Pilgrim's pride claim but was on the GPAA aa claim Polaris which is ok if you're a GPAA member .so members need to be sure which claim there on, our claim will have a yellow sign with desert gold diggers on it and claim name..

Dan Walker claims director next outing is at wishful claims, Meeting at the Arivaca store at 8 am.

That Saturday outing we will also have the trail life kids group with us showing them how to look and pan for gold. Any members that will be there is welcome to help.

Kim did a presentation on the conquistadors help put together by her and ralph on how they came across this part of America. After that we did raffles.

Meeting ended at 730pm.



< This view of the snow capped Santa Rita Mountains show the reason we are moving t he over-night outings to different months

Using a modified highbanker with the sluice extended to reduce the chance to loose gold >







## 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**

**\$20.00 REQUIRED BADGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$20.00** 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 February and March Membership Meeting

On February 7th and March 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: February 7th and March 7th DGD General Membership Meeting

The zoom link to enter the meeting is



<https://zoom.us/j/98580781387?pwd=TS9TdGNNOUh2VndJTkZlbd4RmVkJUT09>

If it doesn't work try

<https://zoom.us/j/99549264713?pwd=bTNvSzk2cVpoVjZUdmzRWWpGUlczdz09>

The access code is 266446

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

## USEFUL CONVERSION TABLE FOR WEIGHTS USED IN MEASURING PRECIOUS METALS

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 15.4324 GRAINS/GRAM         | 480 GRAINS/TROY OUNCE                      |
| 31.1035 GRAMS/TROY OUNCE    | 1.5552 GRAMS PER PENNYWEIGHT (DWT)         |
| 20 PENNYWEIGHT/TROY OUNCE   | 1.09714286 OUNCES (avoirdupois)/TROY OUNCE |
| 12 TROY OUNCES/1 TROY POUND | 28.3495 GRAMS/OUNCE (avoirdupois)          |
| 907185 GRAMS/1 TON          | 14.5833 TROY OUNCE/POUND (avoirdupois)     |
| 4 ½ BIG WHEEL BARROWS/TON   | APPX. 22 5 GAL. BUCKETS/1 CUBIC YARD       |
| 6 #2 SHOVELS/CUBIC FOOT     | 162 #2 SHOVEL SCOOPS/1 TON                 |

## 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.



## OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

### DGD OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

#### DECEMBER 2022 DGD OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

##### Snoozin Claims Outing

Our December Outing started Sunday morning December 11 at 8:00 AM near MP 7 on Arivaca Road.

There were 26 members and guests in attendance. We began by having our metal detector hunt. We planted 24 one peso coins, matched to a randomly generated list. The prizes were 3: gold nuggets, 3: \$2 Bills, some Silver coins, and 17: \$1 Coins. After the metal detector hunt, we spread out over the claims. I have prospected these claims for over 25 years so I helped members to help find some gold. Every member found some gold.

Thanks to all for their attendance.

Happy Hunting till next month. Dan



## OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

### JANUARY 2023 DGD OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

##### Wishful Claims Outing

Our January 2023 outing started where we met at the Arivaca Mercantile at 8:00 AM. We had two groups for this outing our members with 44 members and a scouting group size unknown we arranged to teach to pan for gold lead by our club president.

Our members first met at the Yellow Jacket Mine Road for the metal detector hunt. I planted 24 numbered 1 peso coins matched to a random list redeemable for (3) gold nuggets, (3) \$2 dollar bills and 18 \$1 coins. All coins were found.

The scouting group prospected on Wishful 2 while the Members prospected on Wishful 1. There was water on the claims making for good high banker and recirculation system processes. Gold was found by everyone and the weather was sunny and warm.

The outing was a complete success and we look forward to the next outing at the Pilgrim Pride Claim Sunday 12th 8:00 AM.

Keep finding the yellow stuff, Dan

Dan Walker >



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**ATTN: MEMBERS,**

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

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**
- **\$20 for required name badge**
- **\$20 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](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**

# DESERT GOLD DIGGERS OFFICERS 2019 – 2020

## CLUB PRESIDENT

Ralph Montano  
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## VICE PRESIDENT

At this time we have no one serving as Vice President. If you are interested in filling this important position give Ralph a call.

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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

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# 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, Hank Bassaraba

## THREE YEAR BOARD MEMBERS

Howard Cooper, Louis Pill, JR Smith, Kim Ransom

**\*\*CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Kay Jenkins**

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, Wowser's 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). Carl Wruck 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 [carlwruck06@comcast.net](mailto:carlwruck06@comcast.net)

**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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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](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

Be sure to visit the club website at [desertgolddiggers.com](http://desertgolddiggers.com)

## Claims Stewards

### Santa Catalina Claims

BRUISER #2 Ray Darragh(480)652-0648

BRUISER #3 Ralph Montano 993-0945

### North Arivaca Claims

PILGRIMS PRIDE #1 Joe Marihugh 369-0112

PILGRIMS PRIDE #2

SNOOZIN #1 Jerry Smith 520-248-2028

SNOOZIN #2

SNOOZIN #3 Darrell Marihugh 245-6775

SNOOZIN #4 Jerry Smith

SNOOZIN #5 Jerry Smith

### Greaterville Claims

HOPE #1 Jim Gacey 520 777-6118

HOPE #2 Jim Gacey 520 777-6118

HOPE #3 Hank Bassaraba 520-495-9209

HOPE #4 Hank Bassaraba

PLACER POND #1 Ray Darragh (480)652-0648

PLACER POND #2 Ray Darragh

### South Arivaca Claims

WISHFUL #1 Bed Rock Bob 520-429-7956

WISHFUL #2 Bed Rock Bob

WISHFUL #3 ??

WISHFUL #4 Larry Weaver (423)609-0136

If you see any problems on any of the claims please contact the Claim Steward assigned to that claim.

## DESERT GOLD DIGGERS

### Upcoming Events

Look for updates for meetings of the Claim Stewards at the IHOP at the SW corner of Oracle and Limberlost. We will be discussing the possibilities of acquiring new claims and reviewing status of the claims and any problems the Claims Stewards may be having with the claims they are assigned. If you would like to participate as a Claims Steward it would be wise to attend.

## 2023 OUTINGS

February 12th (Sun) Outing PILGRIM'S PRIDE 8:00 AM ARIVACA RD. MILE POST 7

March 24th, 25th and 26th The board of Directors has decided to push the spring Overnight Outing back to March 24th, 25th and 26th to try to capitalize on warmer weather hopefully giving us a larger turnout. The campsite will be near the claims north of Arivaca.

APRIL 9TH (SUN) PLACER POND 8:00 AT GREATERVILLE RD & HWY 83

MAY 6TH (SAT) SNOOZER 11 8:00 AM ARIVACA RD MILE POST 7  
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## MONTHLY NUGGET WINNERS

Hat: Grady Debs ,Lewis Pill

Badge: Kathy Smith, Lewis Pill

Shirt: Carl Wruck

Regular LM Tipping, John Stutz, Joe Johnson, Carl Wruck, Shawn Mosley(2), Dave fuller, Robert Main

Red Ticket: Joe Smith, Hank Bassaraba, Terry Becklund, Kurt. , Chuck Johnson

Kevin Cantera donated Denver Proof mint sets : john Stutz, Becky Marihugh, Ray Darragh, Kurt

Special Nugget: Kim Ransom, L.M Tipping

50/50 795 split. Joe Johnson

Classifiers donated by Grady: Joe Johnson

gift cards May Manning, Mike Kurpiewski ,Richard Smith(2) pro panning set. Don Albro

nugget for side dishes Sheila Powell, Dan Walker

**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 October 2022 to January 2023

#### Gold values:

Oct. close/Nov. open \$1633.42 November close/December open \$1773.48 December close/January open \$1823.86

#### Silver values:

Oct. close/Nov. open \$19.13 November close/December open \$22.35 December close/January open \$23.96

#### Copper values:

Oct. close/Nov. open \$3.4535 November close/December open \$3.7295 December close/January open \$3.8055

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.



## HIGHBANKERS vs. DRYWASHERS

Both highbankers and drywashers are useful pieces of equipment that have been highly successful in finding gold for generations, they have their limitations and benefits I will try to point out in this article.

Over time many modifications have been made to drywashers. Fan driven vibrators help keep the material loose and flowing over the fabric allowing the lighter material to escape more readily. These devices are attached to the blower box consisting of fan that is driven by the blower, they have a heavy object attached to one of the fan blades to cause it to spin out of balance causing the vibration. It has been discovered that an electrostatic charge builds up in the blower box of the drywasher, that charge is capable of grabbing on to the gold particles and holding them in place on the cloth. This charge can be diminished when the drywashers hopper and blower box are contacting one another through a conductive material so many designers have started using plastic or leather to connect the 2 pieces.

Highbankers are nothing more than sluices on stands with water pumped into them and have come a long way in their development as well. Although it is functional the days of using burlap or animal hide are long over. When I started prospecting the best sluices were using either ribbed rubber matting (Volkswagen Mat) or ribbed carpet. Both work great as long as a steady stream of water is flowing over them, the stream of water actually holds the gold particle in place. The development of miners moss was led to greater recovery, its disadvantage is that it clogs up easily. Hungarian riffles are in the process of being replaced with preformed rubber riffles, Dream Mat and Vortex Drop Riffles. Some of the basic designs of the highbankers have changed as well with the elimination of the grizzly hopper box.

Drywashers are nice because no water is needed to operate then thus reducing the amount of water a person needs to haul into the mine site but dry material is a must if the material is too moist it must be run twice, if too wet it can't be run at all.

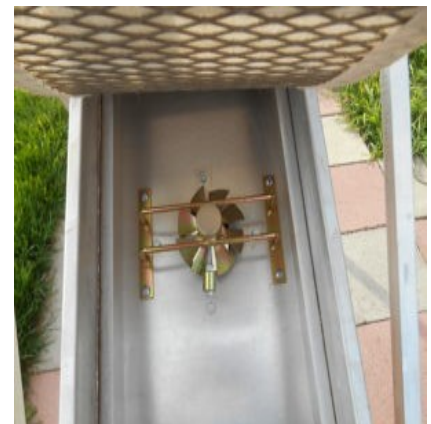
Highbankers usually have a better rate of recovery than drywashers but require a water source. During the rainy season or on a permanent stream they are great but still require a pump to draw the water into the box.

As a person's interest and experience increases they very often end up with both types of machines and use them in the appropriate seasons. It is always good for those new to the hobby to hang out with those who are more experienced so when they upgrade their equipment the new-comer can get a good deal on a proven machine.



< Andrea is shown here using a gold Buddy Highbanker. They are nice machines as they are self contained and set up to recirculate the water. Machines like this are nice as they are compact and easily transported, useful for a fun day prospecting.

This photo shows a good view of fan driven vibrator to allow the blower box to shake and keep the material loose and flowing. >



# The DGD Market Place



Joshua Davis is selling off a large part of his coin and silver collection. He has a list and photos of the items up for sale. This may be a good chance to invest in some unique items. He can be contacted at 520-345-0423 [joshualeedavis1979@gmail.com](mailto:joshualeedavis1979@gmail.com)

From Wayne Ivey. I am selling my like-new Minelab GPX 4500 detector and all of my coils, some new & some that have had very little use. Prices are less than any price on the internet or on Craigslist. My phone number is 509-713-6004. My address is 620 West Limberlost Drive #22, Tucson 85705. Thank you. Wayne



Gold Buddy dry washer for sale. The model is 5727 and is in good condition. It comes with a TroyBilt 4 cycle leaf blower which operates the dry washer. The blower is also in good condition. Asking \$400.00 for both. Steve. 218-590-0567 or [stevepeterson.retired@gmail.com](mailto:stevepeterson.retired@gmail.com)



## 2 contiguous patented mining load 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 \$40,000 each for these claims, She can be contacted at 520-578-1976