

# The Dusty Shovel

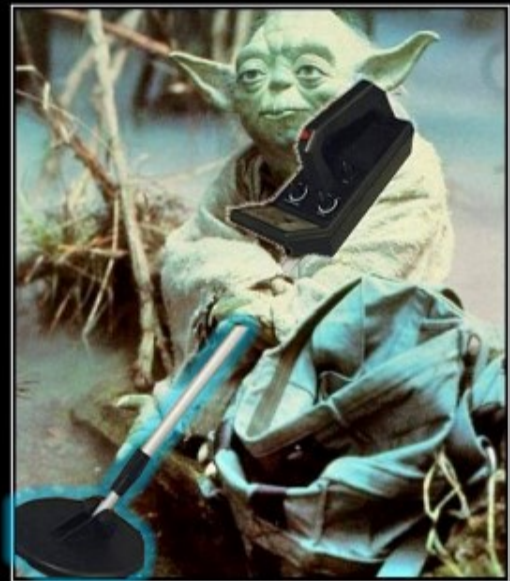
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# Happy New Year!



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# OLD BUSINESS

- Not a lot of old business to start the year
- Work continues on the 501-c-3 paperwork

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## NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The club made it into the "Havasu News"! They featured us in a nice article about the club and our upcoming event at the Havasu Library.
- The Member's Area login problem has been solved. Instead of protecting the area on the website, Bryan has password-protected the individual files. We will be sending out a mass-email with the password as soon as the member database has been updated
  - *Contact Bryan for the current password.*
- We are looking for members to volunteer for the Pioneer Country Event Show and tell outing. It will be a long event, taking 2 days, and we need

## JANUARY EVENTS

- 1/12/19 - Lake Havasu Library Show & Tell
- 1/19/19 - 1/20/19 - New claim search
- 1/29/19 - Pioneer County Events
- For mor information or questions, please contact us.



## RAFFLE WINNERS

- Cast iron pans - Chris M
- First aid kit - Joe W
- Dry hand cleaner - Shawn B
- Cooler jug - Stuart T
- Canopy chair - Wayne T
- Camping chair - Sam K
- Camping Chair - Jane W
- Bucket/shovel Chris M
- Hiking bag - Eric B
- Dash Cam - Chris M
- Gold Claw set - Rick N
- Walkie Talkies - Pete D
- Ruger knife - Heather G
- Knife - Jim
- Drinking cup - Mark
- Panning tub - Pete D
- \$20.00 Gift Certificate - Dennis
- Small paydirt bag - Terry D
- Small paydirt bag - Bonnie N
- Magazine racks - Richard S



**COIN  
BRYAN M**



**NUGGET  
ERIC S**



**STEVE C  
\$81.00**

**DONATED BACK TO THE CLUB**



## Finders Keepers

Prospecting club to visit Havasu and explain how to find gold in the desert

By PAM ASHLEY pashley@havasunews.com Dec 27, 2018

Some people never tire of exploring the open desert. The scenery is breathtaking, the views are unspoiled and it can be a quiet place for reflection.

On the other hand, some people want something to do while they're out there communing with nature. For many people, looking for gold is the perfect activity.

Prospecting clubs are popular, especially for families who want to give their youngsters a healthy alternative to technology distractions.

To introduce more people to the hobby, the Mohave Prospectors Association is hosting an interactive get-acquainted session at the Mohave County Library in Lake Havasu City on Jan. 12 at 10 a.m. Club members will be on hand until around 4 p.m. that day, said the club's secretary Brian Murphy.

The group will share its knowledge about recreational prospecting and explain how to search for gold safely and legally, he said. There will also be opportunities to pan for gold. The dirt that guests can sift through originated from one of the Prospectors Association's claims and is quite likely to contain gold.

"We had a similar event in Chloride, and we sold the dirt for \$5 per scoop," Murphy explained. "In that dirt, a young girl found about \$30 worth of gold. She and her family joined our club right then and there."

Gold prospecting is an inexpensive hobby. A starter kit costs around \$15. The club has dry washers that members can use, keeping personal expenses low. In addition to prospecting equipment, members on outings bring along a shade cover, camp chairs, sun protection, a picnic and "as much water as you can carry," Murphy said.

The Mohave Prospectors Association has about 240 members. Annual dues are \$35 and covers immediate family members. The group's next meeting is Jan. 3 at the Kingman Community Foundation at 7 p.m. The address is 2985 E. John L. Ave.

Murphy said members reside all around the region, including Havasu, Bullhead City, Las Vegas and Flagstaff. Club members look forward to rain, he said, because it displaces the gold in Mohave County's mineral-rich sand. That makes the precious metal easier to find.

"If there's one thing we've learned, it's that nature keeps providing," he said.

For details about the association, visit [mohaveprospectors.com](http://mohaveprospectors.com).



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