The GSN Foundation is pleased to provide this important update ... we are 2 years into a five year fundraising effort focused on raising funds for the Foundation’s endowment account to a minimum of $250,000. Our efforts have been very successful, thanks to so many GSN members, companies, and partners. Over the past two years, the Foundation restricted accounts including the endowment totals over $130,000 – we are ‘better than half-way’ to our goal. Total funds in all of the accounts is closer to $149,000. Thanks to IGT, AIPG, the Echo Bay Library, X-Cal, the Golf Tournament Mulligans, and the Symposium for their respective large donations, and to all of the GSN members and companies who continue to help us with individual donations. It is all adding up, helping us to achieve our minimum goal of $250,000.

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The objective is to get to a minimum of $250,000 in our endowment account, to support the Foundation's current programs. Two of these programs – the K-12 Field Trip Grants and the Nevada University System scholarships – have been very successful in reaching out to many in Nevada's statewide communities. The Field Trip Grants, headed by D.D. LaPointe's and Rachel Dolbier's fine efforts, has reached in excess of 70,000 students statewide, and this year is shaping up to be one of the largest ones to date.

As well, our scholarships program funds UNR, UNLV, and now most recently thanks to Elko's fundraising efforts, Great Basin College scholarships. The Foundation has two other programs that we attempt to fund as well – mapping grants in partnership with NBMG and support for the Keck Museum. Thanks to your donations the Foundation is successfully funding earth science education related programs statewide.

As the year ramps to a close, please remember the Silent Auction/Christmas Raffle coming up on December 13, 2006 – this is a yearly success, thanks so much to D.D. LaPointe and Rachel Dolbier and their hard work and dedication. Please get in touch with D.D. (dlapoint@unr.edu) if you have some raffle items to donate. As well, with the end of the year rapidly approaching, please consider making a charitable donation to the Endowment account to help us get to our goal (it's tax deductible). The GSN Foundation (PO Box 13375, Reno, NV 89507) thanks each and every one who has helped us to hit our ‘better than half-way’ mark.
GSN December 13, 2006 Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2006  
Time: Social-6:00, Dinner-7:00 ($20), Meeting-8:00  
Reservations: 775/323-3500; fax 323-3599, e-mail gsn@mines.unr.edu  
Deadline: Reserve by 1 pm Tuesday, December 12th

Location: Elks Lodge, 597 Kumle Lane, Reno, NV  
Directions: Across (W) from the Reno-Sparks Convention Center (S Virginia St), behind the Les Schwab Tire Center  

DIRECTORY ADS – GOLD PAGES
Deadline—December 15, 2006

It is time to get your advertisements in for the 2006/2007 Membership Directory. Don’t miss this opportunity to reach your clients. The Directory was distributed to approximately 900 members last year and we are projecting over 1,000 members this year. The Directory will be published in January 2007. Prices are as follows:

- 2” × 3½” Business Card – Horizontal $  50
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Please contact Laura Ruud at the GSN Office, 775/323-3500, or Greg French, GSN Membership Chairman, at 775/856-2422 for more information or to obtain a form.
Columbus Gold Corp. announced that it acquired an option to purchase a 100% interest in the Spring, Winnemucca Mountain, Mill Canyon, Del Oro and White Canyon properties from John Prochnau for $27,000 cash and 100,000 shares.  Press Release: September 29

AuEx Ventures Inc. announced that it acquired an option to earn a 100% interest in the Green Monster Property from Mountain Gold Exploration Inc. for $15,000 now and future undisclosed payments.  Press Release: October 12

Midway Gold Corp. announced that recent drill results at the Spring Valley/North Hill Project include 208-220 meters @ 0.014 opt Au (SV06-183); 121-141 meters @ 0.012 opt Au (SV06-185); 97-107 meters @ 0.230 opt Au (SV06-200); 174-198 meters @ 0.275 opt Au (SV06-200); 213-231 meters @ 0.025 opt Au (SV06-201) and 164-197 meters @ 0.016 opt Au (SV06-202). (resource = 10,030,000 tons @ 0.024 opt Au measured+indicated)  Press Release: October 13

Barrick Gold Corp. announced that it would purchase an additional 1,000,000 share units of Midway Gold Corp. to then hold an 8.9% interest in the company.  Press Release: October 5

Quaterra Resources Inc. announced that it acquired an option to earn a 100% interest in the Gray Hills Property from private interests for $15,000 now and future yearly payments.  Press Release: October 3

New Dimensions Resources Ltd. announced that Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. terminated its interest in the Trend Property.  Press Release: September 20

NewWest Gold Corp. announced that recent drill results at the Sandman Project include 210-225 feet @ 0.015 opt Au (AK06-1); 245-665 feet @ 0.087 opt Au (AK06-2); 465-515 feet @ 0.070 opt Au (SEP06-93); 130-165 feet @ 0.030 opt Au (SR06-92); 95-120 feet @ 0.019 opt Au (SR06-93); 135-210 feet @ 0.236 opt Au (SR06-100); 265-425 feet @ 0.042 opt Au (SR06-101); 285-320 feet @ 0.063 opt Au (SR06-102) and 60-95 feet @ 0.050 opt Au (SR06-106).  Press Release: October 16

Romios Gold Resources Inc. announced that recent drill results at the Scossa Project include 600-605 feet @ 0.180 opt Au (RGR-20); 910-915 feet @ 0.093 opt Au (RGR-21); 30-35 feet @ 0.065 opt Au (RGR-27) and 595-600 feet @ 0.017 opt Au (RGR-28).  Press Release: October 16

X-Cal Resources Ltd. announced that recent drill results at the Sleeper Project include 145-165 feet @ 0.088 opt Au (RF06-01); 485-490 feet @ 0.230 opt Au (RF06-01) and 185-320 feet @ 0.007 opt Au (RF06-02). (resource = 150,000 tons @ 0.363 opt Au inferred)  Press Release: October 11

Rob McEwen, the largest private shareholder of Goldcorp Inc. announced that he was rebuffed in his attempts to put the proposed Goldcorp+Glamis Gold merger to a shareholder vote.  M.J.: October 6

Centerra Gold Inc. announced that recent drill results at the REN Project include 876.3-880.9 meters @ 0.125 opt Au (RU-105-W1); 874.5-894.4 meters @ 0.032 opt Au (RU-105-W2) and 857.4-860.5 meters @ 0.164 opt Au (RU-105-W3). (resource = 3,028,300 tons @ 0.398 opt Au inferred)  Press Release: October 26

PacMag Metals Ltd. announced that based on recent drill results at the Ann Mason Project, total resources aggregate 891,000,000 tons @ 0.40% Cu. 0.004% Mo inferred while the high grade core aggregates 243,100,000 tons @ 0.51% Cu, 0.004% Mo inferred. (was 495,000,000 tons @ 0.40% Cu inferred)  M.J.: October 13

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GSN Holiday Party

ROCK RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED!!
December 13, 2006

D.D. LaPointe
GSN Foundation Trustee and Education Co-Chair
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It’s time to think about donating items for the Geological Society of Nevada Foundation’s fundraiser “Rock Raffle and Silent Auction” to be held at our annual Christmas meeting on December 13. We are seeking donation of any items suitable for raffle—gift baskets, attractive rock or mineral samples, gems or gemstones, jewelry, wine or other spirits, logo items, geological equipment or publications, commemorative coins, GOLD, or any geology or mining-related items will be gratefully accepted.

Raffle proceeds support GSN’s educational projects, which include grants to Nevada K-12 classes for transportation on earth science related field trips, scholarships to UNR and UNLV geology students, grants to the UNR DeLaMare Library, and grants for geologic mapping in Nevada.

Donors will have their names displayed on signs at the event as well as having their names listed in the January newsletter. The GSN Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity, tax ID # 88-0447867. Please send donated items to D.D. LaPointe at the following address to arrive before the December meeting date, or call to arrange pick-up of donated items if you are in the Reno-Sparks-Carson City area.

Thank you for your support!

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GSN MEMBERS’ PERSONAL NOTES & NEWS

Career Related Moves

▷ Goldcorp Inc. recently completed a friendly merger with Glamis Gold Ltd. Goldcorp welcomed its newly appointed directors, Kevin McArthur, A. Dan Rovig, P. Randy Reifel and Kenneth Williamson. Long-time GSN member Dan Rovig had served as a director and Chairman of the Board of Glamis since November 1998. Before his appointment as Chairman, Mr. Rovig was a director and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Glamis and its subsidiaries from November 1989 to August 1997 when he retired. Prior to 1988, Mr. Rovig was an executive officer of British Petroleum Ltd., including its subsidiaries Amselco Minerals Inc. and BP Minerals America for five years. Congratulations Dan!

▷ Warren Thompson accepted a position with NewWest Gold USA Inc. as Senior Geologist, with the primary task of managing JV exploration and future development of the new Long Canyon gold discovery, east flank of the Pequop mountains.

Members are encouraged to keep us informed about their own career related moves and awards, and deaths of GSN colleagues. Your information needs to be received by Laura at gsn@mines.unr.edu by the 21st of each month.

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AIPG NEVADA SECTION 2006 REPORT

The 17th Annual Mineral Exploration Roundup will be held December 12, 2006 at the Skyroom, Holiday Inn on 6th Street in Reno, beginning at 6:00 P.M for cocktails. Dinner is at 7:00 and the program starts at 8:00 P.M.

The speakers are:

Ekund Drilling is sponsoring the cocktails and is subsidizing the student attendees (students pay $5). Mark Stock, Global Hydrologic Services, is sponsoring the crystal specimen door prizes. Cost of the Dinner Meeting is $40.00, cash or check please. The Skyroom holds about 100 people, so get your reservation in early. Last year we had 107 and that is about the maximum we can put in the place. Contact Kel Buchanan at 786-4515; fax 786-4324 or SummitCrk@aol.com.
FALL FIELD TRIP WRAP-UP
Gregory Hill, GSN Vice President

The 2006 GSN Fall Field Trip was a great success with 50 participants along for visits to Bald Mountain mine, the Lookout Mountain deposit south of Eureka, and the East Archimedes deposit at the Ruby Hill mine. Field trip leaders Keith Bettles, Dave Mathewson, and Kevin Russell each provided an excellent tour and Alan Chamberlain gave an interesting and well received talk on the structure and stratigraphy of the Pinon Range. Each of the field trip leaders provided new information that is included in the guidebook, Special Publication 43. In addition to the articles by the field trip leaders, Greg Arehart provided a new paper on apatite fission track and isotope geochemistry at Bald Mountain.

A common theme was new discoveries in old or established districts. Bald Mountain is a good example of this as reserves have quietly grown to 3.3 million oz gold. Measured and indicated resources add another 844,000 oz gold in the district. The Lookout Mountain deposit is another example of a new discovery in an established district. Utilizing a deposit model based in part on certain Carlin type deposits, Staccato has been successful in defining new mineralization containing 201,000 oz gold using a 0.10 oz Au/st cutoff or 619,000 oz gold using a 0.01 oz Au/st cutoff. The West and East Archimedes deposits at the Ruby Hill project also represent significant discoveries in an old district. Prestripping of the East Archimedes zone began in July 2005 and first gold production is forecast for January 2007.

The trip was a great opportunity to make new friends, get reacquainted with old ones, and see some great geology along the way. Barrick and Staccato Gold Resources were very generous in providing access to these properties and we thank them. Generosity was also provided by our sponsors, Boart Longyear, Agnico Eagle (USA) Ltd., and Enviroscientists, Inc. Thank you all for supporting GSN.

WINNEMUCCA CHAPTER
DECEMBER 14TH MEETING ABSTRACT

THE HISTORY, DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND EXPLORATION POTENTIAL OF THE BOREALIS GOLD PROJECT, MINERAL COUNTY, NEVADA
Steven D. Craig, Gryphon Gold Corporation

The Borealis gold project is located on the Aurora-Borealis trend in the Walker Lane gold belt of western Nevada. Gryphon Gold Corporation is in the predevelopment stage of mine construction and is concurrently conducting an exploration drilling program to expand gold resources.

Houston Oil and Minerals Company made the original Borealis gold discovery in 1978. The Borealis mine was put into production in 1981 by Tenneco Resources as a low-cost heap-leach mining operation. Tenneco and its successor, Echo Bay Minerals, Inc., produced a total of 10.7 million tons of ore at an average grade 0.059 ounce per ton gold for about 630,000 ounces of gold from eight separate pits. After mine closure in 1991, Echo Bay joint ventured the project with Shell Billiton and later with Santa Fe Pacific Gold. Both conducted additional exploration and development on the property. In 1997, J. D. Welsh and Associates acquired the lease from underlying owners and they entered into a joint venture with Cambior Exploration for two years. Golden Phoenix Minerals acquired the rights to the project in late 1998. They managed the project until it was joint ventured in 2003 with Gryphon Gold Corporation.

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Gryphon gained complete control of the project in early 2005.

In 2006 Gryphon obtained all operating permits and completed a positive feasibility study for an open pit heap leach operation. The company is currently in the process of obtaining $15.4 million of project financing, which will allow it to construct and operate the new mine. The company projects an annual production rate of 60,000 ounces per year with the first gold pour targeted for completion within 8 months of securing financing. The cash flow from this mine is expected to fund the exploration programs required to fully assess this large multi-target gold property and participation in other opportunities.

The Company has developed an exploration model based on geological and geophysical characteristics of the high sulfidation hydrothermal systems found at Borealis. This model includes the integration of aeromagnetics and IP/resistivity gradient array surveys, geologic and structural interpretations, and the presence of gold within permissive hydrothermally altered rocks. Current work has modeled and expanded the Graben deposit, with exploration drilling efforts now focused on multiple new targets previously untested within the district.

New publications on Nevada from the USGS:


USGS OFR 2006-1299 - Inversion of gravity data to define the pre-Cenozoic surface and regional structures possibly influencing groundwater flow in the Rainier Mesa region, Nye County, Nevada, by Hildenbrand and others, free on the Web at <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1299/>


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 1 – NV PETROLEUM SOCIETY HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY (door prizes but no speaker). Austin’s Restaurant, 7671 South Virginia St, Reno, cocktails at 6:30 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm ($17 for members; $19 for non-members). Contact Diane Phillips for reservations. 775/267-4663, email: trailsend@pyramid.net.


Dec. 4-8 – NORTHWEST MINING ASSOCIATIONS 112th ANNUAL MEETING, Exposition and Trade Show will be held at John Ascuagas Nugget Casino-Resort in Reno, Nevada. For information, please see the home page on this website or call Pat Heywood at the NWMA office in Spokane, WA at 509/624-1158. Email: pheywood@nwma.org, http://www.nwma.org.

Dec. 7, Thursday (Note Change) – ARIZONAGEOLOGICALSOCIETYDINNERMEETING. Speaker: Steven D. Craig, Gryphon Gold Corporation. Topic of talk, “The History, Development Plans and Exploration Potential of the Borealis Gold Project, Mineral County, Nevada”. The Martin Hotel, W Railroad and Melarkey Streets. Meeting will begin at 6 pm instead of the usual 6:30 in order to enjoy finger-food and drinks provided by the Martin Hotel and sponsored by ALS Chemex. Talk will begin at 7 pm as usual. Contact Ivan Johnston (Chapter President) at 775/635-4292, Ivan.Johnston@newmont.com for more information.

Dec. 10 – NORTHWEST MINING ASSOCIATIONS 112th ANNUAL MEETING, Exposition and Trade Show will be held at John Ascuagas Nugget Casino-Resort in Reno, Nevada. For information, please see the home page on this website or call Pat Heywood at the NWMA office in Spokane, WA at 509/624-1158. Email: pheywood@nwma.org, http://www.nwma.org.

Dec. 13, Wednesday – SO NEVADA CHAPTER MEETING: Speaker: Steve Scott, Clark County School District. Topic: “Neotectonics of the Tahoe Basin: Implications for Landslides and Tsunamis”. Reno Elks Lodge, 597 Kumle Ln, Reno, NV. Drinks-6 pm, dinner-7 pm, program - 8:00. Ten speakers from a variety of mining and exploration companies will give a short presentation on their plans and programs. Cost: $40.00, Students, $5.00. Reservations: Kel Buchanan, 786-4515, fax 786-4324, email: summitcrk@aol.com.

Dec. 15, Friday (Note Change) – ELKO CHAPTER MEETING. Speaker: Kevin Downey; topic – Caves. Western Folklife Center, 501 Railroad Street, Elko, NV. Drinks at 6:00 pm with the talk at 7:00 pm. Contact Richard Reid (Chapter President) at 775/778-3912, Richard.Reid@newmont.com for more information.


Warning Signs of a Fanatical Geologist

1. You judge a restaurant by the type of decorative building stone they use rather than their food.

2. You manage to turn any conversation into a discussion of geology, as in:
   “What did you think of that World Series game last night?”
   “I must have missed that conference. Who sponsored it? Geological Society of America?”

3. The only thing you notice about attractive members of the opposite sex is the stone in their jewelry.

4. You refuse to let nightfall stop your field excursions and continue looking at the outcrops using the headlight of your field vehicle.

5. You like rock music only because it’s called “rock” music.

6. You name your children after rocks and minerals.

7. You’re not sure if you have children.

8. You view non-geologists as subhuman.

9. You own more pieces of quartz than underwear.

10. Your rock collection weighs more than you do.

11. Your rock garden is located inside your house.

12. You can pronounce the word “molybdenite” correctly on the first try.

13. You don’t think of “cleavage” the same way everyone else does.

14. You have ever uttered the phrase “have you tried licking it”, with no sexual connotations involved.

15. You think the primary function of road cuts is tourist attractions.

16. You find yourself compelled to examine individual rocks in driveway gravel.

17. You’re planning on using a pick and shovel while you’re on vacation.

18. The baggage handlers at the airport know you by name and refuse to help with your luggage.

19. You have ever found yourself trying to explain to airport personnel why the stone they use rather than their food.

20. You have ever taken a 22-passenger van over “roads” that were really intended only for cattle.

21. You consider a “recent event” to be anything that has happened in the last hundred thousand years.

22. You have ever had to respond “yes” to the question, “What have you got in here, rocks?”
Merry Christmas