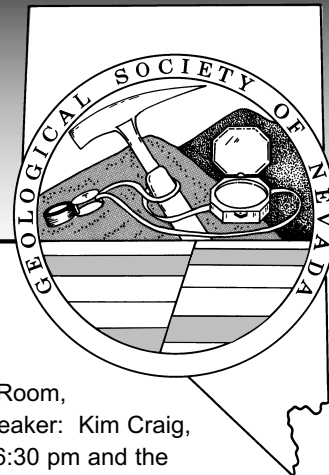


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A REMINDER—This could be your last newsletter if you have not RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP. Membership deadline for the GSN Directory is December 31, 2003.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Clancy Wendt, GSN President 2003-2004

The winter is upon us and we have had our first snow and our first big accident. If you have not heard, King Earl Abbott was injured in the field a few weeks ago and will be laid up for a few months. Please give him a call to encourage him.

We want to congratulate Ann Carpenter for becoming the Chairperson for the GSN Foundation. This is a big job and Ann needs all your help to do it.

We want to thank **Boart Longyear/Lang Exploratory Drilling** for their generous sponsoring of the November meeting. It is companies like this that make GSN what it is. Please remember the sponsors of GSN events when you are considering using contractors.

A big thank you to **ALS Chemex** for their sponsorship of the Christmas HAPPY hour.

If you have items for the annual raffle and silent auction, please get them in to D.D. LaPointe as soon as possible. This is a big fund raiser for the organization.

We had a great talk by Bob Clark at the November meeting and I want to thank Gass Brown for filling in for me. They both did a very good job.

Our speaker for the Christmas Dinner will be John Tyson. His talk is titled "Leave Rural Nevada Alone, Because No One Wants To Go." John is an international speaker on Nevada and I know everyone has seen his T.V. travel logs on different historic mining areas in Nevada. This will be a talk that everyone will enjoy so bring your wife or significant other.

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It is again the time of the year to consider gift giving. So if you have geologic books you are considering giving away please contact Clancy. GSN and the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society gave over 5,000 books last year to the University in Zacatecas. This is a tax deductible item so anything you have will be greatly appreciated as these Mexican Universities have very little in the way of texts.

We want to thank Kinross Gold for their generous gift of the Echo Bay Library to the GSN Foundation. These books were sold at auction and the proceeds used for the Foundations Education Fund. Thank you Kinross.

Remember to make your reservation early as we need an accurate count for the dinner.

ROCK RAFFLE REQUEST

It's not too early to be thinking about donations for the Geological Society of Nevada Foundation's fundraiser "Rock Raffle and Silent Auction" to be held during our annual Christmas meeting. 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, or any geology or mining-related items will be gratefully accepted.

The raffle proceeds will be applied to the GSN Foundation's unrestricted fund to benefit 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.

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!*

D.D. LaPointe

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FALL FIELD TRIP WRAP UP

Gassaway Brown, GSN Vice President

The 2003 Fall Field Trip to the Silver Peak Area on October 24-26 was enjoyed by 40 attendees during a week-end of absolutely flawless fall weather. **Dr. John Oldow** led the regional geologic tour on Saturday with a number of excellent stops and wonderful descriptions of the structural geology. The next day, **Steve Craig** led participants through a fascinating examination of gold mineralized zones at and near Golden Phoenix's Mineral Ridge mine. GSN extends its warm appreciation and thanks to John Oldow, Steve Craig, Golden Phoenix Minerals, and the numerous participants who provided provocative comments and conversation during the field trip. Some opposing viewpoints from Stan Keith on Sunday morning again provided some interesting topics of discussion.

GSN is once again indebted to many fine sponsors for their support of the society's field trips. We want to thank **ALS Chemex** for sponsoring refreshments and snacks on the vans during the trip, **American Assay** for providing the Saturday lunches and Saturday evening beverages, **BSI Inspectorate** for sponsoring the Sunday lunches, and **Eklund Drilling** for covering the Saturday evening dinner at the Tonopah Convention Center. Special thanks are also extended to Eric Ruud, representing American Assay, for covering some late night dinners Friday evening and breakfasts Saturday morning. Mike Beatty and his crew from the **Full Moon Saloon** provided an excellent BBQ dinner at the **Tonopah Convention Center** Saturday night. The convention center was the perfect venue for this dinner – thanks to the staff for making it a success. **Peg O'Malley**, thank you for your skill and patience in typesetting the guidebook.

The cooperation and sponsorship of these organizations and people, combined with the active participation of the field trip attendees, are the reason this field trip was such a success. Thanks, again, to everyone who participated.



Thanks to Boart Longyear/Lang Exploratory Drilling for hosting the November meeting.

GSN December 17, 2003 Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2003

Time: Social-6:00, Dinner-7:00 (\$20.00), Meeting-8:00

Reservations: 775/323-3500; fax 323-3599,
e-mail gsn@mines.unr.edu

Deadline: Reserve by 11 am Tuesday, December 16

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

Speaker/topic: John Tyson, "Leave Rural Nevada Alone, Because No One Wants To Go"

Mr. Tyson is a international well-known speaker, newscaster, and Nevada Historian. This will be a very interesting presentation, not a general geologic talk, so bring your wives, significant others, or anyone that might enjoy an entertaining evening.

DIRECTORY ADS — GOLD PAGES

It is time to get your advertisements in for the 2003/2004 Membership Directory. Don't miss this opportunity to reach your clients. The Directory was distributed to approximately 875 members last year and we are projecting at least the same number of members for the current fiscal year. The Directory will be put together in December 2003 and advertising rates are the same as last year. Deadline for payment and ad copy is **December 31, 2003**. Prices are as follows:

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As in the past, the first complete payment received in the GSN office for a requested location will be assigned that location. Please contact the GSN Office, 775/323-3500, or Greg French, GSN Membership Chairman, at 775/856-2422 for more information or to obtain a form.

THE END OF THE TAX YEAR IS NEAR!

Please remember the GSN Foundation with your tax deductible donation. CHECK, STOCK or OTHER ASSETS are greatly appreciated. The Foundation will be happy to collect donations of all sizes from anyone, of course, but those \$5 to \$250 contributions basically allow the Foundation to accept larger donations without violating IRS rules.

Thanks once again to Echo Bay and Kinross for donating the library and congratulations and thanks to Newcrest for their successful bid. This donation into the Foundation has helped ramp our efforts forward. Ann Carpenter, *Chairman, GSN Foundation*.

AIPG NEVADA SECTION

14th Annual Exploration Roundup Dinner and Symposium

Thursday, December 11, 2003

Please join the AIPG Nevada Section, as they hold their 14th annual Exploration Roundup Dinner and Symposium at the Holiday Inn. Invited speakers from nine mining companies and three service companies.

Please make reservations as early as possible so that we can have an accurate count.

Time: 6:00 pm, cocktails (hosted by Eklund Drilling)
7:00 pm, dinner
8:00 pm, program

Place: Holiday Inn, 6th St., Reno, NV

Cost: \$25.00 for AIPG, GSN members, and spouses (cash or checks only)
\$30.00, others
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 1st-5th – NORTHWEST MINING ASSOCIATION'S 109th ANNUAL MEETING: Exposition and Short Courses. Red Lion Hotel At The Park, Spokane, WA. For more information contact Pat Nelsen 509/614-1158 or pnelsen@nwma.org

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Jan. 26th-29th – Roundup 2004, Vancouver, British Columbia, website www.chamberofmines.bc.ca, general inquires 604-689-4800.



*Merry
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*to our GSN members
and friends*

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The Partnership for the West is a new and rapidly growing alliance of Western interests – a broad-based alliance of Western leaders from hard rock mining, oil & gas, coal, agriculture, timber/wood products, small businesses, utilities, construction, manufacturing, property rights advocates, education proponents, and recreational access advocates. As well, many county government advocates, and local, state and federal elected officials have joined in this effort.

At a Capitol Hill news conference on October 21st, the Partnership, along with Members of the U.S. House and Senate, unveiled its plans to organize a sophisticated, region-wide grassroots issue advocacy campaign. Primary objectives of the Partnership is to support public policy goals such as increased multiple use of public lands; increased energy and mineral development; reform of the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act and other laws; better management of water resources; economic growth initiatives; and greater state and local control.

The Partnership issued a joint public statement in Washington, DC recently with western Members of Congress. The full text, and the specific signatories, can be seen here:

http://www.partnershipforthewest.org/DC_statement.htm

The membership list of the Partnership can be found here:

<http://www.partnershipforthewest.org/ourmembers.asp>

General information on the Partnership can be found here:

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Please consider adding you name and support to this new and growing alliance.

MISCELLANEOUS

◆ The **Mackay School of Mines** gave special recognition to the Geological Society of Nevada for the Scholarship Program.

◆ Volunteers are needed for the **NWMA**. If you are interested in stopping by the booth and working for an hour or so, please contact Shannon at the GSN office.

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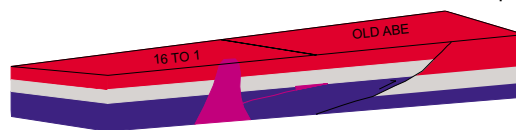
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