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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 30-GSN FALL FIELD TRIP: PGEs, High-Grade Gold and History:

Oct 1 The Sierra Nevada 2000. Details on page 2.

Oct 7 GSN ANNUAL PICNIC: Bowers Mansion State Park. Details on page 3.

Oct 20 GSN MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Elks Club, Reno, Nevada.

ATTENTION MEMBERSHIP DINNER SPONSORS!

In appreciation of the outstanding support GSN receives from membership dinner sponsors, there will be a new addition to the GSN Newsletter, "Sponsor's Corner." Sponsors will receive free advertising in the newsletter in the month they sponsor the membership meeting. Please contact Donna Bloom at 775/323-3500 for more information.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Cunningham, GSN President 2000-2001

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the membership of the line-up of talks currently scheduled for the fall dinner meetings. On October 20, Teck Resources will give a presentation on the Pogo Project. This is sure to be of interest to those of you who have worked in Alaska, or are currently searching for high-grade deposits. The second meeting of the year will be on Friday, November 17. Nick Fox, Chief Geologist for AngloGold will give a presentation titled "The Implications of a Hydrothermal Origin for Witwatersrand Gold". Nick is out of AngloGold's Johannesburg offices and should also be able to provide insights into the state of affairs of South African gold mining. Finally, on Wednesday, **December 13**, we will be entertained by **Sarah** Andrews. Sarah is a geologist turned mystery writer (career counseling?) and will be signing and selling copies of her newly released novel that concerns murder and gold mining in Nevada. This is sure to be a fun evening for members and

friends. Please note that the December meeting has been moved forward so as not to conflict with the holidays.

The second subject that I would like to address is membership. We have recently seen membership increases throughout rural Nevada, primarily due to the formation of the various chapters. This year's speakers, several of whom are traveling internationally to address our meetings, and the sponsors who host the social portion of our meeting, deserve your support and attendance. I would encourage all current members to renew their membership. I would also encourage the managers of all Nevada-based exploration companies to urge their entire staff to join GSN. So be advised, if you are the manager of a Nevada-based exploration company, you will be contacted by Donna Bloom, GSN's Office Manager. Donna will be happy to provide you with membership forms. I hope to see you on October 20.

News and Announcements



GSN FALL FIELD TRIP

Dave Shaddrick, GSN Vice President, Field Trip Coordinator

This Fall the GSN will make a slight break from tradition and take a "busman's holiday" to the Northern Mother Lode country. The field trip, "PGEs, High-Grade Gold and History: The Sierra Nevada 2000" is planned to be a light hearted adventure in science, history and camaraderie. You will see some great geology, amazing mines and taste some fruit of the vines.

The trip will depart Reno on Saturday, Sept 30, 2000 at 7:30 AM and return on Sunday, Oct 1, 2000 at 6:00 PM.

First we will stop just off I-80 where we will challenge some of your preconceived ideas about the occurrence of, and potential for, platinum group elements. With a few stops along the way, we will get to Grass Valley in the late morning. There we will learn about the geology and vein systems of this fascinating area. We will also have lunch and tour the historic Empire Mine and museum. By mid afternoon we will be in Nevada City where lodging has been arranged at the historic National Hotel (and another place if the group is large). The late afternoon will be spent learning about the liquid gold produced by the local wineries. We will close out the day with a cocktail hour and excellent dinner at the National Hotel.

On Sunday, after a few stops along the way, we will arrive at the historic, and still operating, 16:1 mine. We will tour the underground workings of the mine, partake of a "large" lunch and have an opportunity to view and purchase some very spectacular gold specimens. On the way home we will make a few stops to learn about the geology and ore deposits of the area and stop briefly (planned but not confirmed) to see the functioning stamp mill at the historic Kentucky mine.

The incredibly low cost of this trip is due to the generosity of the following supporters:

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Space will be limited and nearly all rooms will be double occupancy, so plan ahead and be thinking about a roommate (or we'll assign one). The price includes transportation, lunches (Saturday and Sunday), hosted cocktail hour, dinner Saturday, guidebook, snacks, beer and soft drinks, and lodging. Please complete the sign-up form and return with payment as soon as possible in order to confirm your spot on the trip.

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GSN ANNUAL PICNIC



Alan and Chris Coyner were "egg" static to win the egg toss competition for the 2^{nd} year in a row.



Karl Frost, Earl Abbott, and Don Hudson enjoy some B & B (barbecue and beer) at last year's Family Picnic.

Mark your calendars! The GSN's 12th Annual Family Picnic will be Saturday, October 7, 2000, at Bowers Mansion Park in Washoe Valley, in the North Picnic area. The picnic will start at 12:00 noon and will go until 5:00 pm. Bring the whole family for a day of fun and games! What a great opportunity to have fun with your colleagues!

GSN will provide the meat, snacks and beverages. Each family is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share in the potluck style gathering. Please complete and return the sign up form by September 25. Hope to see you there!

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

Once again it's time to renew your GSN membership. We have provided a Membership Application/Renewal form in the Newsletter. It is important to send your renewal as soon as possible in order to avoid any interruption in your Newsletter and listing in the 2000-2001 Membership directory.

You will notice a few changes in the Membership form this year. In response to membership input and consulting inquiries at the GSN office, we have added the ability to list if you or your company accepts consulting assignments. If you are interested, an asterisk will appear in the directory and the new **web membership page**.

The new web membership page should be up and running when the new directory is published in January. **This is an optional service to the membership!** Please fill in the appropriate line on the renewal form if you want your free directory listing on the special web page. In

addition, we are looking at creating expanded web listings for those who wish to emphasize their specialties. Look for details in an upcoming newsletter.

Thanks for your cooperation, and we look forward to seeing you during the 2000-2001 membership year. There are some interesting talks lined up for the coming months at the Reno and local chapter meetings. Please plan to attend.

Gregory McN. French, GSN Membership Chair, 2000-2001

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MEGA-THANK YOUS!!!!

The Geological Society of Nevada Foundation's first fundraiser was the Rock Raffle and Silent Auction held at the symposium's "Big Party". The event netted more than \$4,700 to further the educational programs supported by the GSN Foundation. This was possible due to the combined efforts of many members and the generous donations of the following people, companies, and organizations:

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Bob Felder of PNGC, winner of the coveted gold splatter, GSN Foundation's fund-raising raffle held at the GSN Symposium 2000 in May.

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The Premier Gold Symposium and Short Course of this Decade

November 10–11, 2000, in Reno, Nevada. The course will be given at the Cal-Neva resort hotel, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, prior to the GSA Annual Meeting. Organizers: Steffen Hagemann and Phil Brown.

COURSE TOPICS AND PRESENTERS ARE:

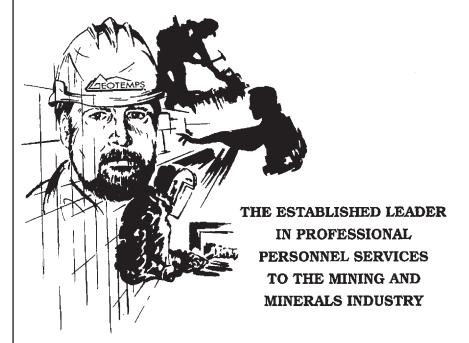
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Sept 8-10 Nat'l Assn of Geoscience Teachers Conf, Geology & Tectonics of the Northern Sierra NV, 7 field trips planned at Blairsden, CA. CA State Univ, E Brooks, 530/862-0415, ebrooks@csuhayward.edu

Sept 10-14 WGA 51st Annual Field Conf at Casper, WY. Classical WY Geol in the New Millennium. 307/268-8466, akfgeol@caspers.net

Sept 20-22 AHS Symposium 2000, Environmental Technology for the 21st Century at Phoenix, AZ. Ahs2000@urscorp.com

Sept 30-Oct 1 GSN Fall Field Trip, PGE's, High Grade Gold and History: The Sierra Nevada 2000. 775/323-3500

Oct 5-8 National Drilling Assn, Nat'l Drilling Clinic & Trade Show, San Diego, CA. 800/445-8629.

Oct 6 Well Construction Workshop, Peppermill Hotel & Casino, Reno, NV. Sponsored by the Nevada Water Resources Assn & the American Water Works Association 775/626-6389, donna30@sprynet.com

Oct 7 GSN Annual Picnic at Reno, NV. 775/323-3500, qsn@mines.unr.edu

Oct 9-12 MINExpo Int'l 2000, Las Vegas, NV. www.minexpo.com

Oct 20 GSN Membership Meeting in Reno, NV. 775/323-3500, qsn@mines.unr.edu

Nov 6-8 Applied Geologic Remote Sensing Integrated Solutions for Real World Problems in Las Vegas, NV. 800/582-2228, www.alexispark.com/roomres.html

Nov 7 Denver Prospect Fair & TechnoFest, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO. 303/446-2253, Dapl2253@aol.com

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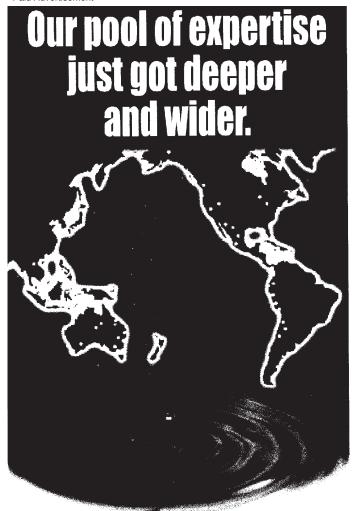
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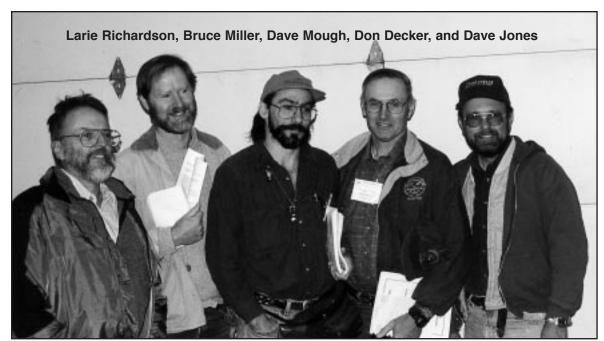
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Ken Cunningham, GSN President, 2000-2001, had them standing in line for his 1999 fall field trip to North Peak, Trenton Canyon, Buffalo Valley Mine, and Marigold.