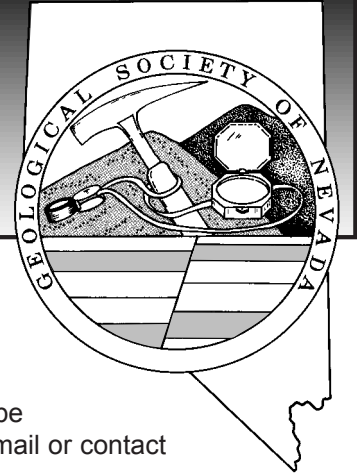


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Clancy Wendt, GSN President 2003-2004

The beginning of the GSN New Year is off to a good start. Due to the increased gold price, many of you are working in the field, selling claims that have long been dormant, and in general, are hard at it in the field. Some of you have even left the ranks of civilian jobs to come back to what we all enjoy doing.

I want to thank Bob Thomas for his terrific effort as President this past year. GSN has been lead by a very enthusiastic, dedicated, and dynamic person. Not to mention a very good editor. (Darn) We are very lucky to have kept most of the officers for the GSN Executive Committee this year and we are very grateful to have them. We want to welcome Leslie Olmstead as our new Secretary and Ruth Carraher as Publication Co-Chair. We also welcome back Gass Brown (Vice President), Cami Prenn (Treasurer), Greg French (Membership Chairman), Rachel Dolbier and D.D. La Pointe (Education Co-Chairs), and Elizabeth Zbinden (Publication Co-Chair). Last but not least, Shannon Fitzpatrick our Office Manager and Laura Ruud our faithful bookkeeper who keep us in line.

We are again offering to put together another full or refresher course for those of you who have not gotten your

MSHA papers. Remember, they will ticket you if you are caught working around a drill rig without them.

Gass Brown is getting the Fall Field Trip put together and it looks like it will be a good one. A trip to the Mineral Ridge area, with both geologic and mineralogical emphasis, is planned.

For all of you out staking claims and rolling paper, you have to have new claim forms. The State of Nevada will take the old ones but fine you \$25 for "EACH" page that does not conform. Go to:

http://www.leg.state.nv.us/72nd/billsSB/SB451_EN.html.

You can download all the appropriate forms and use them for your new claims.

For those who like water, the Nevada Water Resources Association is having a field trip to the Ruby Mountains and upper Humboldt River. The date is August 8th.

Doug Silver will again grace us with his presence on August 19th. The time and location are still up in the air. A good time is expected and his topic will again be a surprise. We expect a good turnout and a good time. I will divulge a new secret about Doug at the meeting.

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News and Announcements

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The picnic is coming up so be sure to save some time on September 28th and we do not have to drive as far. It is planned for the new Rancho San Rafael Park mining exhibit.

Remember to pay your 2003/2004 dues. Also, everyone who told me that they would join GSN the day I became President, now have to pay up.

GSN 15th ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendars!

The GSN'S 15th annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 28, 2003 at Rancho San Rafael Park near the "mine" building from 12 pm-5 pm. Bring your spouse, kids or your friends for an afternoon of adult games, kids games, barbecue, and beer. The GSN Education Committee will provide the meat, snacks, and beverages. We ask that you bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. The price is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. A sign-up form will be in the September newsletter. Call Shannon Fitzpatrick at the GSN office, 775/323-3500, if you need any further information or want to sign up today.

Hope to see you there!

FALL FIELD TRIP

H. Gassaway Brown, *GSN Vice President*

REGIONAL GEOLOGY AND GOLD DEPOSITS OF THE SILVER PEAK AREA

**Mineralization Hosted by
Metamorphic Core Complexes**

October 24-26, 2003

The GSN Fall field trip will visit metamorphic core complexes, structural zones, and gold deposits of the Silver Peak area, Esmeralda County, Nevada. The first full day will emphasize the regional geology of this fascinating area; the second day will focus on gold mineralization at Mineral Ridge. The trip will include two nights and two days, departing Reno Friday evening and returning to Reno Sunday evening. John Oldow will lead the regional geology portion of the trip, and Steve Craig will lead the tour of the gold deposits of Mineral Ridge. Registration information and a sign-up sheet will be included in the September newsletter.

SPRING FIELD TRIP 2003 WRAP UP

The Spring Field Trip to Goldfield, Midway and Thunder Mountain was held May 17th-18th and was a great success. The theme of the trip was "Gold Deposits of the Goldfield, Midway, and Thunder Mountain Areas". We spent Saturday visiting the Goldfield, McMahon Ridge and surrounding areas. Saturday night we traveled to Tonopah, and were treated to a fantastic barbeque put on by the Tonopah Museum staff. Sunday was spent looking at the mineralization and alteration in and around the Midway discovery along with the discovery outcrop. The Thunder Mountain area was also examined which is along strike from the Midway area. Many thanks to Bob Hawkins, Bob Bennett, Peter Chapman, Geoffrey Goodall, and Tom Callicrate, our field trip leaders. We really benefited from the many years of study that they and their colleagues have put into these three areas. Many people's years of work and dollars were distilled into two information-packed days.

We had 72 attendees on the trip, which made it a very large herd to manage. For most of us who have held on to the hope for gold, it was nice to see new discoveries and properties being developed. A great deal of thanks is also due to the volunteer drivers and helpers, Ron Parratt, Clancy Wendt, Gass Brown and Tom Callicrate.

We were once again fortunate to have many sponsors, which really helped keep the costs down. Thanks to ALS Chemex, American Assay Labs, Eklund Drilling, and Barrick Gold Company.

Thanks also to the folks who prepared material for the Spring field trip guidebook: Tom Callicrate, Steve Ristorcelli, Neil Prenn, Geoffery Goodall, Mike Lechner, and Clancy Wendt.

LOCAL GEOLOGIST GOES TO THE HILL

(the one in Washington D.C.)

Many GSN members know Kathy Benedetto who once worked and wandered the hills of Nevada in her career as a geologist. Well, she's recently wandered onto a Hill of a different sort – Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. Kathy was recently named to the professional staff of the House Resources Committee, Subcommittee on Energy & Mineral Resources.

You might also remember that Kathy was one of the founders of the Women's Mining Coalition and made many trips to Washington in support of WMC's mission; providing members of Congress and other policy makers with facts about the modern mining industry and the importance of mining to the U.S. economy and our daily lives.

We congratulate Kathy on her appointment and look forward to a voice from industry being heard on the Hill, the one in Washington D.C.

GSN GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT

The golf tournament was held on June 21st at Washoe Golf Course and was again a huge success thanks to the continuing generous support of Eklund Drilling Company.



Team Eklund, Marty Dennis, Dale Johnson, and Lance Eklund, enjoyed a gorgeous day of golf and everyone else enjoyed the BBQ and great prizes that Eklund provided!

This was the 10th consecutive year of Eklund's sponsorship of the event. We had about 30 golfers and 8 guests for the barbeque, which was catered by Aunt Sticky's. The food was delicious and plentiful, and nobody went home hungry. Beer for the event was provided by **Mine Development Associates**.

The tournament results are as follows: First place went to the team of Pat Highsmith, Ken Cunningham, Tom Kilbey and Glenn Marshall. In second place was Sam Monteleone, Gary Hagy, Bob Thomas and Tom Troutman, and third place went to Michael Cassiday, Dan Kappes and Rene Von Boeck. Congratulations to these winners! Also, the long drive contests were won by Paul Muto and Jody Cleveland, and closest to the pin went to Tom Troutman and Paul Muto.

Thanks to all who came out and made it a successful event. And thanks also to Eric and Laura Ruud for donating their time and to Paul Muto for suggesting the handicapping and scoring system.

FIRST LADY TO HOST "TIN CUP TEA"

Fourth Annual Fundraiser for Nevada's Historical Museums, Saturday, September 13, 2003

On Saturday, September 13, 2003, First Lady Dema Guinn and Governor Kenny Guinn will host the fourth annual "Tin Cup Tea & Chuck Wagon BBQ" fundraiser to benefit the Nevada State Museum and the W.M. Keck Museum of the University of Nevada, Reno. The "Tin Cup Tea & Chuck Wagon BBQ" will be held on the Mansion grounds in Carson City from 5pm to 9pm and tickets are

\$45.00 per person. All members of the Geological Society of Nevada are invited and encouraged to attend.

The theme of this annual event is a "Celebration of Nevada's Western Heritage" and the evening will feature the music of the Comstock Cowboys, Nevada's official band; historic fashions from the Nevada State Museum, a silent auction of unique Nevada items; the opportunity to tour the Governor's Mansion and view the Mackay Tiffany Silver; the Guns & Gals of old Virginia City and the delicious food and drinks provided by Boomtown Hotel & Casino and Capital Beverages. Each guest will additionally receive a "gen-u-wine" tin cup embossed with the State seal in which to enjoy libations. These tin cups remind us of the mining camps that embodied Nevada's first communities as miners settled in the Comstock and throughout the state in search of their fortunes.

Last year's Tin Cup raised \$15,000 for each museum, providing critically needed funding to these two cultural entities. Among the individuals and organization providing invaluable support or this year's benefit are: Governor Kenny Guinn & First Lady Dema Guinn; Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.; Dorothy Biegler in memory of Harold G. Biegler, Jr.; Boomtown Hotel & Casino; Capital Beverages; Capital City Entertainment; Don & Suzi Decker; Environscientists, Inc.; Gigi's Kettle Corn; Kappes Cassiday & Associates; LEDCOR Industries (USA) Inc.; Mine Development Associates; Nevada Mining Association; Newmont Mining Corporation; Placer Dome America; Starbucks; Dr. Roger C. & Lu Anne Steininger; Southern Wine & Spirits of Nevada and Jim & Colleen Taranik.

Please feel free to call Rachel Dolbier of the W.M. Keck Museum (775/784-4528) or Connie Howard, Mackay School of Mines (775/784-1044) with any questions or concerns. We hope to see you then!

THE ARRIVAL OF LITTLE ONES!

Elizabeth Jones Crafford and Tom Crafford are the proud new parents of Alice Francis Crafford, born July 18th in Anchorage, Alaska. She came in at 7 lbs, 8 oz and Baby, Mom, and Dad are all doing well. GSN congratulates Liz and Tom and we look forward to welcoming Alice as a new GSN member.

Patrick Highsmith and his wife, Julie have new members in their family. In addition to their daughter, Allie, they now have twins. Born on May 30, 2003, Grayson David weighed 7 lbs 10 oz, and Nicola Grace, weighed 6 lbs 11 oz. They are all doing well—the twins slept a record five hours straight last week! GSN congratulates the Highsmiths.



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AUG. 22nd-24th - NEVADA PETROLEUM SOCIETY (www.nbmj.unr.edu/nps/); Annual Field Trip: Oil, Gas and Geothermal Occurrences in Northwestern Nevada. Contact Bill Ehni: 775/883-1107 or John Snow: 775/684-7045 or Mike Evans: 775/827-1613 for reservations or additional information.

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SEPT. 15-21st - ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGISTS; Engineering Geology with an Altitude 46th Annual Meeting, Vail, CO. Please contact Michael Hattel, Chair (mhattel@msn.com) or visit the website at www.aegweb.org.

Sept. 24-25th - DISCOVER MONGOLIA 2003: International Mining Conference & Investors Forum. Chinggis Khaan Hotel, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Contact Mr. Sado D. Turbat: 976/11-313287, tel. 976/11-328461 or email mineinfo@mongolnet.mn. Web site: www.mram.mm.

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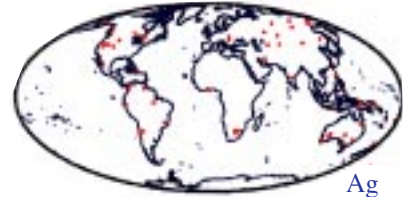
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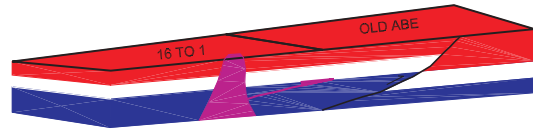
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