

HI DESERT GOLD DIGGER CLUB RULES

Effective November 2014

1. Findings belong wholly to the member that recovered them.
2. Mining claims have inherent dangers such as shafts, tunnels, poisonous and biting critters which members must be continually alert of/for. No one shall enter any known mine shaft or tunnel on any of the claims.
3. Member shall be responsible for the actions of their children and guests while on the claim. If you bring dogs to the claim, they must be under your control at all times. If any dog becomes a nuisance, it must be put on a leash.
4. All members must have their membership card with them while on a claim. It is also recommended that you wear your name badge.
5. When using a claim while other members are present, use good judgment while setting up your operation. Don't overcrowd a member that is already working a particular area. Give consideration as to where the dust from your dry wash tailings may blow.
6. Do not dig into or under any road. All digging must be at least fifteen feet from any road. Also avoid digging near trees and bushes and do not expose roots.
7. Members are not allowed to live on claims but camping is allowed.
8. No brandishing of firearms is allowed. If you wear a sidearm, be responsible with it. Note: California revoked the "Open Carry" law in January 2012 and the BLM can enforce it. No target practice or shooting on any claims.
9. If you haul it in, you haul it out! That means any and all trash. If you find trash that someone else has left behind, take the time to pick it up. We need to keep our claims clean and in order to have a positive impact on the public lands we are using.
10. Fill in any holes that you have dug before you leave. If you leave a hole and intend to work it for a period of time, make a ramp that will allow the Desert Tortoise to escape from the hole if one falls in.
11. Only hand tools are allowed to feed dry washers. No heavy equipment.
12. Prospective members and guests are allowed to visit a claim one time without being required to join. Nonmembers may use their own equipment if they have it while accompanied by a member.
13. Please use common sense and courtesy at all times. You cannot tell a person to leave a claim if they are not a member and are not actively trying to recover minerals on a claim. We only have mineral rights, not property rights.
14. If you are using a gas engine on a claim, you must clear an area 10 feet in diameter around the engine. You must also have a fire extinguisher and shovel which you would normally be using. Obey all Forest Service and BLM rules to the letter.
15. Since we are a family oriented organization, no public drunkenness, drugs, or profanity is allowed at claims or at the meetings.
16. Club dues are \$48.00 per year. Renewal must be received by the end of the April meeting. It is the responsibility of each member to see that his/her dues are paid on time. For those who join during the fiscal year, which is January 1st through December 31st, dues are pro-rated at \$4.00 per month.
17. Any information collected by the club regarding members is considered proprietary information for club use only. No member shall disseminate or use this information for personal reasons.
18. The removal of historic material and/or artifacts is prohibited.
19. The general membership meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, except in December, at 7 p.m. located at Sterling Inn, 17738 Francesca Road, Victorville, CA 92392.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & HOLD HARMLESS / WAIVER AGREEMENT

HI DESERT GOLD DIGGERS, INC.

P. O. Box 552

Apple Valley, CA 92307

WELCOME!

Your Membership Card, Badge, and maps to the HDGD claims will be available to you at the next monthly meeting or will be mailed to you as soon as possible after your application has been processed.

Your membership includes yourself, your spouse or significant other and minor children all living at the same address.

Your monthly newsletter will be sent to your email address.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

eMail address: _____@_____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Spouse/Significant Other Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Prospecting Experience: _____

Hobbies: _____

⌚ New Member Initiation Fee - \$50 (\$25 for veterans) plus annual dues of \$48.00 which will be prorated at \$4.00 per month for those joining after January 31.)

⌚ Renewal: \$48.00 (01/01-12/31)

Total amount enclosed \$_____.

Send payment and application to above address.

⌚ Check here to have your name, address, telephone number and email address included in the membership roster.

Your name, address, telephone number, and email address will be included in our membership list for purposes of record keeping and communication only. This information is strictly for club use and will be kept confidential. If you wish to make your number available to MEMBERS ONLY for contact reasons, check the member roster box.

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INFORMED CONSENT / ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I understand that the field trip/activity that I am participating in, of the above-named society, may include one or more of the following hazard(s) that may result in personal harm:

Unpredictable and Dangerous Environmental Conditions/Hazards, including but not limited to, snow, rain, wind, very cold and very hot temperatures, lightning, altitude, loose rock, falling rock, rock slides, avalanches, river hazards, mud slides, mud, ice, other slippery conditions and contact with poisonous reptiles, wild fawns and toxic plants.

I understand that I am required to use appropriate safety equipment pertinent to the field trip activity in which I will be participating. I accept full responsibility for any actions and accept liability for any resulting damages or injuries.

By participating, I am assuming the risks inherent in this field trip or activity and I am releasing the above-named societies, their officers, directors and individual members, from any liability for claims or lawsuits by the undersigned participant arising out of this field trip activity. By signing this waiver of liability, I understand that I release all property owners (private land owners and mining claimants) and lessees of any liability or responsibility for any accidents, injuries, problems or any other unfortunate incidents that may occur during this activity on their property. I have read all of the aforementioned information and understand any and all of it. Any questions, which have occurred to me, have been answered to my satisfaction. I am participating in these activities of my own free choice.

If I am unable to clearly communicate in any way, or a minor child for whom I am giving consent is involved, I authorize the trip leader to consent on my part to any emergency medical procedure deemed necessary by a treating physician.

If the participant is under 18 years of age, this form must be read and signed by parent or legal guardian before participating in this field trip or activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____