

# THE PHOENIX CHAPTER OF GPAA

The Gold Prospectors Association of Phoenix was incorporated in the State of Arizona in 1997, as a not-for-profit organization, becoming the Phoenix Chapter of the Gold Prospectors Association of America and the first chapter of the GPAA. GPAP applied for, and was granted, tax-exempt status by the IRS as a "social club". Although Independently incorporated, GPAP adheres to the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of the GPAA. With more than 70 GPAA Claims in Arizona, 50 of which are in Maricopa and Yavapai counties. GPAP can offer prospecting sites from desert to timberline. Claims outings are scheduled monthly, as are the membership meetings. Guest speakers educate the members regarding hazards of the desert, geological formations, how to read topographical maps, dowsing, new prospecting innovations, equipment designed especially for prospecting with very little or no water at all, etc..



A group effort.



Done!  
We now have  
our own shade  
Time to Visit



## A Social Environment for Prospectors & their families

GPAP provides the Placer Gold Prospector with the opportunity to meet and associate with others who have the same interests. The social atmosphere of peers meeting together and sharing their common and unique experiences promotes cooperation instead of conflict on the claims, and friendships rather than feuds. The general meetings, outings, and events provide members and their families with social contacts that would otherwise not exist. GPAP's Common digs are a perfect example of the idea of cooperation. All "finds" for the day are equally divided among participants.