

I'd like to pass on some TIPS ON HOW TO SEARCH.

First of all, I STRONGLY recommend having to hand a 3-ring binder, 3-hole punched paper, and alphabetical dividers. Thus you can print out the profiles (often all is needed is the 1<sup>st</sup> page or 2 for reference), make notes (e.g. when you sent a message), and file alphabetically by Screen Name. This helps keep good admin on your rearches.

Keep in mind that you should send a 2<sup>nd</sup> email if the person has not responded to your first email within 5-7 days. Then if another 5-7 days passes with no response, you may send me a message with the person's Screen Name and ask for my help. (Even though notification emails are always sent, they often get blocked by spam blockers.)

Of the three tabs, Quick Search, Advanced Search, and Keyword Search, click on Keyword Search. The bottom field says "Search for a member by screen name:" This is useful if you know someone's screen name and want to quickly find that profile.

As for using "Search for the following keyword(s):" I just put in an age range, my country, 25 miles from my zip code, and then wrote "hiking" in the Keyword field. Up came the guys in my area who listed an interest in hiking! I could do the same with "opera" or "salsa" or "fishing," etc.

When you use the middle tab, Advanced Search, one piece of advice is to start narrow and then broaden as needed.

Where it says "Please choose the country you'd like to search in", note that the list in the drop down box defaults on "USA." To search "Any Country," you must arrow up one from USA. When you do an international search, it is recommended that you make the other parameters very narrow. Broaden as needed.

Miles from zip code only goes up to 500, so how does someone in Florida search for someone in California? I suggest you do an internet search for "Zip codes". There are quite a few websites to choose from. The idea is to find a zip code for a certain city, e.g. 90028 for Hollywood, or 33755 for Clearwater, and then use that zip code.

As you see, there are lots of ways to take advantage of all the search options to enable you to possibly find that "needle in the haystack"!

When you do find someone(s) who interest you, remember that when you are a Gold member and send a text email, everyone—both Standard (free) and Gold members--can respond with a text email. That way you can immediately get in communication.

Hope this helps!

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