

# THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the  
**Comstock Gold Prospectors**

January 6, 2014



## ***BLACK BILLIE***

**Next Meeting Jan. 28, 2014**

### **UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(Mark your Calendars !!!)

February Meeting – 02/25/2014

#### **1 Year Gold – NYSE**

01/06/2014 – Last	\$1238.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1247.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1231.00

#### **1 Year Silver – NYSE**

01/06/2014 – Last	\$20.13
One Year High (at closing)	\$20.30
One Year Low (at closing)	\$20.08

***ALL MEMBERS WELCOME***

**Board Meeting is held at 6:30pm**

**General Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
7:30 PM at the  
Masonic Wadsworth Lodge #25  
2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV

### **LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

The election results are in!! There were 57 ballots counted. Jim Richards-President, Justin Shaw-Vice President, Linalu Bowman-Secretary, Nadine Miller-Treasurer, Ken Walls-Member at Large. Thanks to all who volunteered and helped in the election.

Debbie Morrow has volunteered to replace Anita Clark as Clothing Custodian. Thanks go out to Anita and Debbie.

The year will be coming to a close with our Christmas Party on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This was a busy year for the Claim Committee with the purchase of the “Sweet Potato” claim and the drafting of an “Exploration License”, (as opposed to a lease agreement) between the Allen family and Comstock Gold Prospectors for the three claims in the Rochester Mining District.

We need input on possible new claims for our Club and perhaps entering into some other “Exploration License” for new claims. This will not impact our small miners waiver, with the price of gold falling, we will probably see previously claimed areas becoming available as the filing fees become a factor in the extraction of the gold.

The Speaker in February will be Richard Harris (our attorney). Richard will be speaking on claim ownership and the history and progression of such. He has a vast knowledge of the history and claim ownership in the west. We need suggestions for speaking topics. Webb will research and speak of suggested topics so don't be afraid to ask.

For those of you that took the LR2000 class from Bill, I am sure you appreciated the knowledge and hospitality. This was an excellent presentation and perhaps he will offer it in the future. If he does it is well worth it. Thank You, Bill.

See you all at the Christmas Party and enjoy the holidays.  
Your President, Jim Richards

**RECAP OF THE CHRISTMAS PARTY: By Bill Vogt**

This year's Christmas party was held at the Masonic Lodge on Thursday, December 12. About 45 people were in attendance.

The main entree (ham and turkey) was provided by the Club and had been purchased pre-cooked from a local store.

The remainder of the meal was pot luck with lots of delicious dishes being provided by the members. Our hostess, Linalu Bowman, she did a terrific job. While the meats were pre-cooked they had to be carved which was a last minute activity performed by Linalu who was assisted by Teresa Jones.

The party started on time at 6:30PM when President Jim Richards led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Grant Garrison providing the benediction. After the meal had been consumed, about a dozen door prizes were distributed based on a random drawing of tickets that had been passed out when everyone first showed up.

Special thanks go out to Nadine Miller who purchased the door prizes for the Club as she has done for many years now. The last activity of the evening was the gift exchange where every male who brought a gift randomly chose a gift from the male table and the women did the same thing.

There was a good turnout of early people to set up which included but was not limited to Mike Maxwell, Al Gotsch, Harley Ponsler, Tom Knowles, Ken and Virginia Brown, Jim Richards, and Bill and Irene Vogt. Also helping with setting up was a special guest, our insurance agent Rachelle Wolf. Everybody helped putting things away and we were out of the building by 9PM.

**COMSTOCK GOLD  
PROSPECTORS  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
MEETING**

November 26th, 2013

Jim Richards called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Board Members Present:** Jim Richards, Nadine Miller, Linalu Bowman, Justin Shaw and Harley Ponsler

Motion to call meeting to order: Harley Ponsler  
Second: Linalu Bowman  
Meeting called to order

**Members Present:**

Bud Miller, James Bowman, Lisa Walls

**Corrections to Minutes:**

The Sweet Potato was given a lifetime membership while at the Sands Casino.

Motion to accept correction to the minutes:  
Justin Shaw  
Second: Harley Ponsler  
Voted and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept the treasurer's report:  
Harley Ponsler  
Second: Justin Shaw  
Voted and Accepted

**Claims Report:**

Justin Shaw has a copy of the leasing agreement provided by our attorney. Make any notes you have and return to Justin within 2 weeks. We will cover the maintenance fee and membership while claim is leased. Owner wants a quarterly report and 25% of "everything" over \$1,000.

The Sweet Potato claim is completed. All paperwork is finished.

Motion to accept claims report: Harley Ponsler  
Second: Linalu Bowman  
Voted and accepted

### **Membership Report:**

Membership is now at 274. There are 18 lifetime memberships available.  
3 members dropped. 4 added..

Motion to accept membership report:  
Harley Ponsler  
Second: Nadine Miller  
Voted and Accepted

### **New Business:**

Christmas party: December 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday  
Nadine Miller to purchase \$150 of door prizes. Gift exchange to be male for male and female for female of no more than \$10. If you have a child please bring gift for that child with that child's name on it. Set up for dinner will start at 5:30 and dinner will be at 6:30. A list has been circulated for pot luck items. So far we have: potato salad, orange salad, cole slaw, deer salami and crackers, 2 sides of mashed potato and gravy, green bean casserole, broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, yams, beans, cherry crisp, spaghetti salad, cranberry salad, cake, dinner rolls and butter and punch with sherbet. Jim Richards: suggestion people whose names start with A to G bring a dessert, H to M bring a side dish, N to Z bring salads. Virginia Brown has loaned the club decorations. We will still need to purchase napkins, table cloths, plates, silverware and paper towels. Coffee and tea will be provided, if you want sodas, you should bring them. Also please bring your own serving utensils.

Anita Clark: Clothing representative has been replaced by Debbie Morrow.

Motion to accept new business: Harley Ponsler  
Second: Justin Shaw  
Voted and accepted

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

Joanne & Rod Coleman, Fernley,NV  
Tommaso Drovandi, Arcola SP,IT

### **Outings:**

No outings are planned at this time.  
Check our website or Aubrey:  
[acinsac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:acinsac@sbcglobal.net) or Terry:  
[batt4c@charter.net](mailto:batt4c@charter.net) or  
<http://cpgold.org>

Motion to accept outings report: Harley Ponsler  
Second: Linalu Bowman  
Voted and passed

Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting:  
Harley Ponsler  
Second: Nadine Miller  
Voted and approved  
Board Meeting adjourn at 7:00

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

### **COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING November 26th , 2013**

Motion to call meeting to order: Al Gottsch  
Second: Warren Burns  
Meeting called to order

President Jim Richards began the meeting at 7:30 PM by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Corrections to Minutes:**

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Al Gottsch nominated Ken Walls (who declined) not Ron Orbas for member at large.

Motion to accept minutes: Nadine Miller  
Second: Al Gottsch  
Voted and Accepted

**Treasurer's Report:** Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept: Virginia Brown  
Second: Lisa Walls  
Voted and Accepted

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Motion to Accept Membership Report: Nadine Miller  
Second: Theresa Jones  
Voted and Accepted

### **Claims Report:**

All Paperwork is back from the BLM for the Sweet Potato is finished.

Leasing agreement is under consideration for the Sacramento Canyon claims.

Motion to Accept the Claims Report: Al Gottsch  
Second: Theresa Jones  
Voted and Accepted

**Justin:** All paper work completed and taxes paid. One small typo error in Quincy will be corrected when paperwork comes back. All 8 claims are up to date.

### **Old Business:**

The training class for LR2000 was a success by Bill Vogt, thank you. 23 people took the class.

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Motion to accept Old Business report:  
Robert Fainelli  
Second: Tony DeHerrera  
Voted and accepted.

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Motion to accept Outing Report: Anita Clark  
Second: Debbie Morrow  
Voted and accepted

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Debbie Morrow is our new clothing custodian. Thank you and Thank you, Anita Clark.

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Also Webb is willing to speak on any geological subject you request.

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March: mine worker to talk on how the mine gold and minerals.

Everyone is encouraged to do a presentation on things they do. Share your knowledge!!!

**Donations:**

Motion to include Evelyn Mount by Robert Swank  
Second: Tony DeHerrera

Veterans Guest House \$100  
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Also: Please, please turn in your assessment forms as you do the work.

Motion to accept new business: Kim Pon  
Second: David Weingarten  
Voted and accepted

**Club Notices:**

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Motion to accept club notices: Lisa Walls  
Second: Robert Swank  
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**Guests:** Tim Gorog  
Dawn Huff  
Casey Anderson  
Christine Yates  
Joyce Schertz

Thank you for attending our meeting, hope you had a good time, love to see you again.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn meeting: Robert Voshall  
Second: Al Gottsch  
Meeting adjourned : 7:55

Total attendance: 53  
Members: 49  
Guests: 4

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman.

**We now have new clothing and accessories available for Men and Women. Stop by the table and check it out. Thank You, Debbie Morrow!!!**



### **Board of Directors – 2013**

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**Vice President:**  
Justin Shaw- 702/701-1370  
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**Secretary:** Linalu Bowman - 775/337-6100  
Email: [renoclutchbrake@sbcglobal.net](mailto:renoclutchbrake@sbcglobal.net)

**Treasurer:** Nadine Miller - 775/867-3550  
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**Member at Large:** Ken Walls- 775/846-6357  
Email: [eurekaprospecting@gmail.com](mailto:eurekaprospecting@gmail.com)

### **Presidential Appointees - Support Staff:**

**Membership/Chairperson & Historian:** Bill Vogt - 775/747-3145  
Email: [wvogt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wvogt@sbcglobal.net)

**Facebook Co-Administrator/Newsletter Editor:** Lisa Walls - 714/742-3024  
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**Clothing Custodian:** Debbie Morrow-  
Email:

**Equip. Custodian & Raffle Coord.:** Mike Maxwell – 775/348-1620

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Sargeant of Arms: Jim Bowman – 775-337-6100

Email: [renoclutchbrake@sbcglobal.net](mailto:renoclutchbrake@sbcglobal.net)

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Leland Wong-775/ 882-5704

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Mike Maxwell

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