

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

May 13, 2014



BLACK BILLIE*

Chris Ralph will be our Guest Speaker

Next Meeting May 27, 2014

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

Future Meetings:

June 24, 2014

July 22, 2014

Aug 26, 2014

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>05/13/2014 – Last</u>	\$1307.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1308.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1303.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>05/13/2014 – Last</u>	\$19.90
One Year High (at closing)	\$19.92
One Year Low (at closing)	\$19.71

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

Board Meeting is held at 6:30pm

General Meeting

4th Tuesday of each month

7:30 PM at the

Masonic Wadsworth Lodge #25

2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Prospecting is now in full swing! The streams are shallow this year, so we should have some good access to all of our claims. Some of the entry roads need a little persuasion but not much. The claims will be very dry this year. Come prepared for fire Containment and also plan for an egress if one pops up. Also, when you are out and about consider carrying a basic tire kit, a can of inflator and or sealer or a hole sealer and tool. Slime make basic kits ranging from \$10 to \$25.

Our speaker last month was David Book who gave us insight as to the advantage of having an amateur radio license. I believe that a ham radio is cheap insurance and would be beneficial while out and about. As a reminder, David is conducting a one day “Ham Cram” May 31 in Virginia City at the Piper’s opera house. The class starts at 7:30 and runs to about 3:00. The cost is \$25. And the passing rate is 95%. The registration and info are at nvcon.org. The test is a snap (35 questions).

The Wounded Warrior project has been renamed Healing for Heroes do to naming rights. We will be supporting this project with the GPAA of Northern Nevada and the Nevada Metal Detectors. Their first outing is schedule for May 17 and 18 with Steve Clark as our contact. We will be providing a \$100 to help in outfitting the veterans with a prospecting kit. Unfortunately, we will be attending Dayton Valley Days on the 17th but if you can make it the 18th contact Steve Clark. The claim is near Quincy.

We also approved the exchange of gold towards life memberships. The rate will be 80% of spot. This is good for those considering Life Membership (\$350 for individual or \$450 for family membership).

The club can then use the gold for our various events (as the Pleasant Valley School event).

The Rye Patch outing was promising. We will be doing another Rye Patch outing at the end of June.

Hopefully, we will be acquiring claims in this area after more prospecting. This area is convenient and good for dry washing and metal detecting and it is in Nevada!

Remember when we have club sponsored outings, we will have our club equipment to use. We approved foregoing the yearly dues requirement for those who are in elected and appointed positions. This was approved last year and will be up for review on a yearly basis. We will therefore review this policy after the yearly election cycle.

Another government acronym has recently caught my attention that we as outdoor enthusiasts should be aware of-IRA. This is Inventoried Roadless Areas. What this means is that those roads, trail's, off-road dirt trails, etc. that are not inventoried by federal, state, local bureaucracies will fall under the guidelines of the WSA (Wilderness Study Areas).

The WSA will greatly affect the US of these areas with the goal of making these areas Wilderness Areas, (basically NO access). I know we are not ones to confront or get involved, but we should be aware what our benevolent government is doing. I might add that the Governor's office is on our side in this.

As far as trying to protect our rights, I am proud to say that the Club wrote a check for \$1000.00 to Brandon Rhinehart for his legal defense fund.

This money was the result of our raffle and membership signups at the ICMJ Summit. This money should be considered an "Investment in Our Future" (*as stated by Linalu!*)

Next Time,
Jim Richards

This is a summary of Brandon's' legal journey in CA. [California's Moratorium on Suction Dredging is Being Contested in the Third Appellate Court](#)

Club Trivia

By Historian Bill Vogt

As I was preparing to represent the Club, along with other Club members, at the ICMJ summit in Placerville, I was looking over some of the Club documentation that I have gathered over the last few years. I thought it might be interesting to share some of what I noted with the members at large. As some of you know, this Club was originally formed as a GPAA Chapter in 1981 with our first President being Don Costar (the Costar claim is named for Don).

Then, in 1986, the Club broke from GPAA and became a separate organization with the first President being Rudy Adams. We went on to become an incorporated, nonprofit corporation in 1990.

Today we have 279 memberships with a total of 389 members. A membership can either be an individual (one member only) or a family (one or two members, children under 18 not counted).

The bulk of our memberships reside in Nevada (186) with the next largest block (64) residing in California. The remaining memberships (29) reside in sixteen other states and one membership resides in another country (Italy). There are currently 32 members who joined the Club before the turn of the century. Of that number there are 5 who joined before 1990.

The most tenured member is Jenifer Nelson who joined in 1986. She is followed by Ben Spengler and Bob Voshall who joined in 1987. Ben lives in Washington so we don't see him very often but Bob is at almost every meeting busily setting up and taking down the tables and chairs.

The last two members are Ken and Virginia Brown who joined in 1988. They are also at almost every meeting and activity and Virginia has been the Christmas Party Hostess for many years having just step down from that position. And just one more piece of trivia, the longest serving officer is Nadine Miller who is the current Treasurer and has been in that post since 1998.

A Thank You letter from Pleasant Valley:

The kids from Pleasant Valley want you all to know how much they enjoyed learning about gold panning! Nearly all of them wanted me to bring pans so they could prospect Galena Creek near our school. You are all real troopers for showing up when the wind chill was below freezing. I appreciate all you have done for the kids. The talk after was great too.

Thanks again

Jeff Hiller and the 37 kids from kindergarten to 6th grade in the Pleasant Valley Science Camp

Rye Patch Outing

4/25 - 4/27 2014

By Bill Vogt

Despite less than favorable weather, the Club outing to Rye Patch went ahead as scheduled and was ultimately attended by 15 people. The first to arrive on Friday were Fred Leissler and Bruce Nelson. They had decided to car pool attending Friday only.

They arrived even before my wife Irene and I had gotten there so they did not have the benefit of the marking poles we placed. My wife and I set up camp near the NW end of section 17 and were joined shortly by Anita and Steve Clark who set up camp near us. They, like us, stayed for all three days. We were joined shortly after arrival by new member Chet Burress and his son Micah who also stayed the three days but they had set up camp at the campground at Rye Patch Reservoir. Chet and Micah, who are from Yuba City, had joined the Club at the ICMJ Summit in Placerville. They then attended the April 22nd meeting, prospected the claims in Sacramento

Canyon, prospected at Tammy, and then joined us at Rye Patch.

The last member to show up that day was Tom Benjamin who did not spend the night. Fred set up the Club's dry-washer and tried his hand at that for a couple of hours while everyone else who prospected that day used metal detectors. Fred is also the only one to find color and there wasn't very much of any size.

On Saturday Tom Benjamin returned to do some more metal detecting and Justin Shaw showed up in the afternoon. Justin's hopes for prospecting were quickly dashed when he discovered he had developed a flat tire and his spare was the donut type. After a trip to Lovelock for tire repair there wasn't enough time left in the day for him to prospect so he just visited and left at a reasonable hour.

On Sunday Harley Ponsler showed up to do some sampling. He was followed Grant Garrison and Mike Maxwell who showed up together to try their hand at metal detecting. They were followed by Bud and Nadine Miller who also came out to do some metal detecting. I haven't heard from Harley yet so I don't know how he did but none of the members using metal detector reported finding anything.

The weather on Friday was mainly rain on and off in the morning stopping by the afternoon. The sky stayed cloudy all day and it was windy and chilly. There was some rain off and on during the night but not much. Saturday was a much nicer day with fewer clouds and warmer temperatures. However, during the night it got very windy and Sunday turned out to be worse than what was originally predicted being mostly cloudy, windy, and chilly.

We were not alone there in as much as there was a three day metal detecting class also being taught. The instructor told us that section 17 was not open and instead was owned by Newmont who leased it to another person. The instructor had permission from that person to conduct his class there.

We got in touch with that person and we were also given permission to metal detect and dry-wash that weekend. We are currently working on confirming everything we were told and seeing what arrangements we can make as a club to go there again and will report the results of our research at the next meeting.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

April 22nd, 2014

Jim Richards called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

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

Motion to call meeting to order: Harley Ponsler
Second: Justin Shaw
Meeting called to order

Members Present:

Bud Miller and James Bowman

Corrections to Minutes:
Correct spelling is Placerites

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: Rye Patch will be open for sampling 25th thru the 27th.
Suggest we have a quarterly drawing for assessment forms turned in.

Motion to accept claims report: Harley Ponsler
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 282. There are 18 lifetime memberships available.
10 members dropped. 15 added.

Motion to accept membership report: Harley Ponsler
Second: Justin Shaw
Voted and Accepted

New Business:

Wounded Warriors: GPAA and the Reno Metal Detecting and Prospecting Club would like to have an outing, but have no place to go where veterans can approach the creek.

Suggest we make Adavenone available to them. Also this will help with our 5013C status.

ICMJ outing: we sold \$813 in raffle tickets and \$860 in new memberships.

Motion was set to send Brandon Rhinehart \$1,000 plus any donations.

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

Outings:

Allegheny June 14/15th 10 to 5 tours \$10. Sunday only tour: 1 to 3 for then 16 to 1.

We need a leader. Demonstrators needed to help new people. Equipment is going to waste as it can only be used on club outings.

Motion to accept outings report: Harley Ponsler
Second: Justin Shaw
Voted and passed

Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting: Harley

Ponsler
Second: Nadine Miller
Voted and approved
Board Meeting adjourn at 7:10

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
April 22nd, 2014**

Motion to call meeting to order: Al Gottsch
Second: Virginia Brown
Meeting called to order: 7:30

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

Corrections to Minutes:

Correct spelling is Placerites.

Motion to accept minutes: Al Gottsch
Second: Ken Brown
Voted and Accepted

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept: Ken Brown
Second: Dennis Ramsey
Voted and Accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 282. There are 18 lifetime memberships available. 10 have dropped, and 15 added.

Motion to Accept Membership Report: Al Gottsch
Second: Dennis Ramsey

Corrections to Minutes:

Correct spelling is Placerites.

Motion to accept minutes: Al Gottsch
Second: Ken Brown
Voted and Accepted
Second: Dennis Ramsey

Reno Gem and Mineral May 10 to 11 at the Livestock Event Center.

We need a leader. Demonstrators needed to help new people.
Equipment is going to waste as it can only be used on club outings.

Webb Varnum is available for rock identification.

New Business:

Larry Robbins: Wounded Warriors: GPAA and the Reno Metal Detecting and Prospecting Club would like to have an outing, but have no place to go where veterans can approach the creek.

Suggest we make Adavenone available to them. Also this will help with our 5013C status.

Dennis Ramsey: Motion to buy 12 kits containing pan, sniffer bottle, scoop etc.

For: Wounded Warriors outing.
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and passed

Motion to accept new business: Al Gottsch

Second: Virginia Brown
Voted and accepted

Club Notices:

Tell Facebook when you plan to make a trip to our claims. Maybe have a mini group. Please pick up your trash.

If anyone's phone number or e-mail has changed since you signed up, please let Bill Vogt aware.

If someone would like to volunteer to bring something yummy to munch on, contact Bill Vogt.

Motion to accept club notices: Al Gottsch

Second: Ken Brown
Voted and accepted

Speaker: Larry Robbins: Wounded Warriors (name to be changed to Healing our Heroes)

Attendance Drawing: John Clayton

Membership Drawing: Steve Matsumura not present,
Bill Vance not present, next month goes to 2 ounce rounds.

New Members Present:

Chet & Micah Burress
Dave & Nancy Terwilliger
Art & Lisa Jimenez
Wade Lavery

Wade Lavery won a starter piece of gold, CONGRATS!!

Guests:

Glen Meyers
Larry & Marlene Robbins
Jim Hadsell
Diane Albrecht
David Book

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

Motion to adjourn meeting: Nadine Miller
Second: Al Gottsch
Meeting adjourned : 8:50pm

Meeting Adjourned:

Total attendance: 57 Members: 51 Guests: 6

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Christina & Thomas Barlow,	Learned,MS
Rick Clemens & Susan Dake,	Auburn,CA
Roger Conn,	Reno,NV
John & Kristen Curry,	Clayton,CA
Chris Gee,	Auburn,CA
Alan & Karen Kenyon,	San Leandro,CA
Erwin & Susan Kingsley,	Fernley,NV
Martina & Wade Lavery,	Sparks,NV
Rebecca Taonus,	Rough and Ready,CA
David & Nancy Terwilliger,	Dayton, NV
Phil Vanbeek,	Yuba City, CA

We now have new clothing and accessories available for Men and Women.

Stop by the table and check it out. Thank You, Debbie Morrow!!!



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**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
RAFFLE TABLE...**

Help to pay for the meeting hall. Please remember to contribute. It does not really matter what it is. Clean out your garage. If you don't have a use for it, someone else does. Don't throw it away; put it on the table. One man's garbage is another's man's gold! Thank You!!

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