

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
June 10, 2014



BLACK BILLIE*
Next Meeting June 24, 2014
*Guest Speaker: Elaina Guenaga

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

Future Meetings:

July 22, 2014

Aug 26, 2014

Sept. 23, 2014

1 Year Gold – NYSE

06/10/2014 – Last	\$1260.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1263.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1260.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

06/10/2014 – Last	\$19.20
One Year High (at closing)	\$19.21
One Year Low (at closing)	\$19.14

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:

Chris Ralph gave a great presentation on “rocks” versus “minerals” at our May meeting. He also pointed out the importance of researching the history and geology of areas interest to the prospector.

His book “Fists Full of Gold” is well worth the money (\$30) for those that have an interest in prospecting and the care and feeding of your endeavors.

Our June speaker will be Elaina Guenaga from the BLM. She will be giving us information from the BLM regarding the do's and don'ts of mining and prospecting.

The BLM will be conducting a Mining Claim Workshop this coming July 24 from 8am to 4:30pm. The workshop is free but requires pre-registration by July 11. There are 50 slots available and as of June 10 there were 20 left. The previous workshop filled up quickly! There will be about 4 presenters discussing many aspects of mining claims and procedural aspects. The BLM will also provide the attendees an information binder with lots of information well worth the “free” price of admission.

RSVP is Barry at 775 861-6641 or Lacy at 775 861-6599. See ya there!

The Club will be having another outing to the Rye Patch 27-29 June. Bill Vogt says the specific details of the trip will be handed out at the June meeting to those members interested in attending the trip. If you can't make the meeting but want to attend the outing, please contact Bill Vogt after the June meeting.

We will be concentrating our prospecting in Section 32 with the goal of locating a claim for the Club. As with all of our Club sponsored outings, the Club equipment (our Keene 150 dry washer) will be available for those attending.

The Dayton Valley Days event was very successful!

We had several members working the panning demonstration as well as several from the area who dropped by to chit chat. The \$200 of gold we had for the pans lasted to the last person with each participant getting 1-2 nice flakes per pan. Lots of smiles! Our demonstration was the most popular at the event. I have sent a thank you to the Dayton Valley Historical Society and asked to be included in next year's event. We had a lot of interest in our Club, passed out a lot of information packs and may be getting some new members. At the June meeting we will be having our drawing for those that turned in assessment forms of one silver round. We have about 30 to date. Some claims have no forms which we will have to keep an eye on for this year to make sure that the Club complies with the requirements.

Keep an eye out for any available claims. Also we are always open for suggestions regarding future speakers and equipment demos.

Be SAFE prospecting,
Jim Richards

Dayton Panning Demo

By Bill Vogt

On May 17, Comstock Gold Prospectors participated in Dayton's celebration of Nevada's 150 year old birthday by setting up our gold panning equipment and teaching participants in the celebration how to pan for gold.

Representing the Club were Tom Knowles, Fred Leissler, Ron Lowe, Harley Ponsler, Dennis Ramey, Jim Richards, newcomers David and Nancy Terwilliger, and myself. We sat up our equipment around 8AM but the event didn't begin until 9AM.

At that time we became swamped and remained that way most of the day with only a few moments of reprieve. We set up 6 panning stations and had people lined up most of the time. Most of the panners were enthusiastic young people but we also had many adults. There is no way of knowing how many people actually panned but I know I handed out material about the club and talked to about 50 people with many seeming very interested in learning about us.

Our group leader, Dennis Ramey, assisted by Jim Richards had coordinated our involvement with the

Dayton planners and everything worked just fine.

The only deviation to the plan was we were supposed to stay until 5PM but around 3PM we ran out of gold and the action had really dropped off so we called it a day.

The event organizers had seeded us with \$200 worth of gold and Dennis had judiciously spiked each pan with one piece so that we could guarantee everyone at least one piece but we just had too many people to make it until 5PM. All panners were excellent but our newcomers, David and Nancy Terwilliger deserve special mention.

While they are new to our Club, it was obvious watching and listening to them that they are not new to prospecting and they both worked exceptionally well with the young ones.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

May 27th, 2014

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

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

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

Members Present:

Bud Miller, Lisa Walls and James Bowman

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 June 25th - 29th.

Club equipment will be available. You may do open range camping or pay at the campground. BLM shows

this area as open. However Newmont owns the mineral rights. The surface went back to BLM. Ask Steve Clark for permission before mining.

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

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 279. There are 18 lifetime memberships available.
13 members dropped. 10 added.

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

Old Business:

The club will buy gold for membership at 80% of spot.

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

New Business:

Our attorney will write new by-laws which will cover us now and in the future. We may need up to \$1,000 for this letter to negotiate agreement and contract with terms.

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

Outings:

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

At the Dayton Valley Days 200 people showed up. The kids were excited. They loved to find the gold in their pans. We gave away 5 grams of gold and signed up 2 new members.

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

Club Notices:

Check Facebook. The BLM workshop for claims, locating, filing, mapping, waivers and bonding to be held on July 24th.

You must respond before July 11th. This class is free from 8 to 4:30.

Motion to accept club notices: 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 6:55

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

**COMSTOCK GOLD
PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING
May 27th, 2014**

Motion to call meeting to order: Al Gottsch
Second: Steve Peterson

Meeting called to order: 7:30

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

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept: Al Gottsch
Second: Hugh Ezell
Voted and Accepted

Membership Report:

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Motion to Accept Membership Report:

Al Gottsch
Second: David Weinhardt
Voted and Accepted

Claims Report:

Justin Shaw:

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BLM shows this area as open. However, Newmont owns the mineral rights. The surface went back to BLM. Ask Steve Clark for permission before mining.

Gold has been found there. Maps are available. There are open unclaimed areas. Newmont has sections 17, 19, 21 and 29. Be sure and pick up your trash and fill all holes. This is metal detecting and dry wash only.

GPAA had an outing for Wounded Warriors: they cut brush, moved rock, 30 vets were in attendance.

Everyone found gold.

An Award was given to Bill Vogt for all his Club Help.

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.

Anyone interested in providing a sweet treat or munchies contact Bill Vogt.

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Alex Shropshire has invented a slucie box which runs on solar power. How cool is that? Don't know about anyone else, but I want one.

Motion to accept club notices:
Nadine Miller
Second: Ken Brown
Voted and accepted

***Speaker: Chris Ralph: Geology of Placer
Rocks and Minerals***

Attendance Drawing: Al Gottsch won a silver ounce round

Membership Drawing: Tom Gass not present next month goes to 3 silver ounce rounds.

New Members Present:

Erwin Kingsley and Steve Grimes

Steve Grimes won a starter piece of gold,
CONGRATS!!

Guests:

R. Collins
Gordon Fleig
Taylor Johnson
Marten Johnson
Donna Abare
Alex Shropshire
Alicia Karnes

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: 9:05

Total attendance: 58
Members: 51
Guests: 7

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Donna Abare & Gordon Fleig,	Truckee,CA
Brenda & Steven Grimes,	Reno,NV
Alan & Candra Neff,	Sonora,CA
Cheryl & Kevin Ness,	Susanville,CA
Ron & Sharon Rowe,	Dayton,NV
Melvin Ward,	Carson City,NV

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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