

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
July 11, 2014



BLACK BILLIE* **Next Meeting July 22, 2014**

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

Future Meetings:

Aug. 26, 2014

Sept. 23, 2014

Oct. 23, 2014

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>07/11/2014 – Last</u>	\$1338.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1340.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1335.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>07/11/2014 – Last</u>	\$21.45
One Year High (at closing)	\$21.48
One Year Low (at closing)	\$21.39

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:

Another July 4th has come and gone and lest not we forget, it marks our Independence Day.

We should cherish our freedom and give thanks to all that have helped in the making of our country and be not afraid to question those that wish to undo or take away all that has made OUR country great, plentiful and generous.

Brandon's court date has been pushed back to September. Just for a quick summation, we are hoping for a ruling where Federal law prevents the State of California from prohibiting suction dredging on public lands.

The state can impose “reasonable” regulations ... they cannot prohibit mining! The precedent of “reasonable” was established by special permit in 1994 with parties coming together in agreement without litigation.

This special permit allowed for dredging in California waterways at certain times of the year. This however, the Department of Fish and Game later decided the “special permit” process was no longer available because of “harm” to the fish, (along with the urging of other groups).

The previous judge in this case, suggested that every dredger should have an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)! Can you imagine the time, expense and hassle? Not Even!

We are looking for a negotiated settlement between all parties this September. Negotiated means not all people will be pleased with the outcome.

The current judge in this case seems to be fair and eager for a settlement. Dredging will be a non-starter this year. We will most likely be abiding by

the 2012 regulations next year until full litigation has occurred.

Our speaker in June was Elaina Guenaga from the BLM. She gave us more insight as to mining claims and the permitting process from the BLM's perspective. We are keeping up with the rules and regulations. Thanks to the Claims Committee. They are keeping us on the right track!

The July speaker will be Mike Laine. He will be speaking of his \$50 tromell and his legal use and success of using it in the American River.

We hope that he will be bringing the tromell to the meeting. I renewed my Care Flight (air ambulance) for \$55 a year. This is cheap insurance if you need a ride from out in the boonies to the ER! This is offered through REMSA located at 450 Edison Way Reno, NV 89502 (775-858-5700). These flights can be \$15,000 or more!

Also do not forget the BLM Mining Claims workshop July 24 8am thru 4:30pm at the BLM building in Sparks. This is free and well worth it. Attendance is limited. See you at the next meeting,
Jim Richards

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

June 24th, 2014

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

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 25th - 29th.

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

Patriot Brothers is willing to lease their claim the same as Jim Allen- fees and assessment plus 3 yearly memberships for the use of their claim. Motion to lease Patriot Brothers claim: Harley Ponsler
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and passed

Melvin Ward is also looking to lease his claim on the North Fork of the Feather

We need to develop new guide lines for the leasing of claims.

Ken Bennett post was down and now has been put back up. The road is open but still very bad.

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

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 282. There are 17 lifetime memberships available. 2 members dropped. 3 added. 2 reinstated.

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

Old Business:

Personal ads in the newsletter are free for 3 months. After 3 months they must be paid for or deleted. Also business ads must be paid for each month.

Motion to accept old business: Justin Shaw
Second: Harley Ponsler

Voted and accepted

New Business:

Sage grouse resolution passed and to be handled at the state level until September 2015.

Suggest Comstock write a letter to Washoe County Commissioner applauding their decision on sage grouse and to support our governor and senators and to keep this out of the hands of our federal government.

Other 5013C groups are supporting this. Jim Richards will write a letter and bring to the next meeting for approval by membership.

Several areas have been greatly affected by the sage grouse decisions already IE: Gardnerville, Smith Valley and Humboldt River.

Motion to accept new business: Harley Ponsler
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and accepted

Outings:

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: Ken Walls
Voted and passed

Club Notices:

Brandon Rhinehart will make effort to settle his case today.

Check Facebook.

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 7:10

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

**COMSTOCK GOLD
PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING
June 24th, 2014**

Motion to call meeting to order:

Al Gottsch
Second: Dave Weingarten

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:

The club will only buy gold as payment for lifetime membership at 80% of spot.

Motion to accept minutes: Al Gottsch
Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and Accepted

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept: Al Gottsch
Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and Accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 282. There are 17 lifetime memberships available. 2 members dropped, 3 added, and 2 reinstated.

Motion to Accept Membership Report:
Al Gottsch
Second: David Weingarten
Voted and Accepted

Claims Report:

Justin Shaw:

Rye Patch will be open for sampling 25th - 29th.

The club equipment will be available.

You may do open range camping or you can 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. 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 a metal detecting and dry wash only. Bill Vogt has directions.

Bill Vogt, Justin Shaw and 10 members are planning to attend.

Patriot Brothers is willing to lease their claim the same as Jim Allen- fees and assessment plus 3 yearly memberships for the use of their claim.

This claim is at the west end of Adavone.

There is easy easement from Fish Camp.

This would cost us less than \$200.00 per year.

Motion to lease this claim:
Aubrey Campbell

Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and passed.

Motion to Accept the Claims Report: Al Gottsch
Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and Accepted

New Business:

Sage grouse resolution passed and to be handled at the state level until September 2015. It was suggested that Comstock write a letter to Washoe County Commissioner to show our appreciation in their decision on sage grouse and also to support our governor and our senators as well as keep this out of the hands of our federal government. Other 5013C groups are supporting this as well.

Jim Richards will be writing a letter and bringing it to our next meeting in July for approval by the membership. Several areas have been greatly affected by the sage grouse decisions already in effect. IE: Gardnerville, Smith Valley and Humboldt River.

It would be better for Nevada to deal with the problem (and has for over 20 years) than to get the federal government involved. Let's show our support for Dean Keller and Brian Sandoval.

Motion to accept new business: Al Gottsch
Second: Dave Weingarten
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 anyone would like to bring a snack to munch on, it would be truly appreciated.
Contact Bill Vogt.

Debbie has new clothing in stock: shirts, hats and sweatshirts

Update on dredging in California by Judge Ochoa:

Who will attempt to personally settle this case. Rhinehart was put off till September.

The Judge has asked both parties to review cases similar to state which may be preempting government laws.

Alex Shropshire demonstrated his solar power sluice. It runs silent and can move 1200 gallons of water per hour. This is a MUST SEE!!

Motion to accept club notices: Dave Terwilliger
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and accepted

Speaker: Elaine Guenaga, Head Appreciator, BLM Land Mining Supervisor, Law Examiner of the state of Nevada.

Subject: Mining claims and avoiding the pitfalls of
waivers.

Assessment Forms (turned in) drawing:

Ken McPhearson won one silver ounce round.

Attendance Drawing:

Grant Garrison won a silver ounce round

Membership Drawing:

Debbie Payne of Carson City not present next
month goes to 4 silver ounce rounds.

New Members Present:

Dale Holman, Connie Holman, Gery McFall,
Melvin Ward, Kevin Ness and Alex Shropshire.

Melvin Ward won a starter piece of gold,
CONGRATS!!

Guests:

Bob Hubbard, Damon Imholz, and Elaine
Guenaga

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

Motion to adjourn meeting: Al Gottsch

Second: Dave Weingarten

Meeting adjourned : 8:45

Meeting Adjourned

Total attendance: 61

Members: 58

Guests: 3

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Connie & Dale Holman,
Gerry McFall,
Alex Shropshire,

Reno, NV
Fallon, NV
Sparks, 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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