

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

August 13, 2014



BLACK BILLIE*

Next Meeting August 26, 2014

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

(Mark your Calendars)

Future Meetings:

*Sept. 23, 2014

*Oct. 28, 2014

*Nov. 25, 2014

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>08/13/2014 – Last</u>	\$1310.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1314.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1309.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>08/13/2014 – Last</u>	\$19.98
One Year High (at closing)	\$20.04
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:

It is a dry summer, although one would not think so as of lately! There are drought conditions in Nevada and California. This leads to fire hazards and non-normal animal behavior. There have been more Bear sightings and the presence of snakes in our prospecting areas. Look before you move rocks and keep an ear out for their presence. Generally snakes do not want to intrude but when startled, they will be defensive and protective. Some good boots could save one from some unexpected grief!

Nancy Terwilliger has contacted the Dayton Valley Historical Society and a spokesperson will be at our August meeting. The topic will be gold and mineral discovery in the Dayton area that led to the Comstock discoveries. Gold was first recovered which brought prospectors up the canyons resulting in the silver strikes.

We have to give a great big Warm Thanks to Mike Laine for bringing his trommel and other equipment.
(APPLAUSE!!!!)

Mike Laine gave a great hands on demo of his equipment and an informative “how to”. He has a good website that gives great demo and info on construction and use of equipment, The website is: mlaine.homeip.net/Trom. Well worth the look and see.

GPAA of Northern Nevada will also be at Our August meeting to plan for our Desert Claim’s for the veteran’s project.

GPAA will also be requesting our participation the Rye Patch Nugget Shoot September 27. We will have an info area set aside for our Club and maybe we can “encourage” one of our geologists to give a talk or two (Webb, Harley?).

We had a good turnout of our Club members at the BLM Small Miners Summit. I counted 25% of the total that were there!

The meeting was very informative with professional presentations. I think we have a good repore with the BLM and we can thank Bill Vogt for his interactions with BLM. Thanks Bill!

We without hesitation approved honorary memberships for Nadine and Bud. Thanks ever so much for all you have done for so many years.

With the drought conditions we should have more access to previously water covered areas. These are also good conditions for crevassing. All one really needs for that type of prospecting is a couple of screwdrivers and a small bucket. Another simple tool in the shallow waters is a two foot long 4 inch ABS pipe with a piece of clear plexi-glass glued on one end.

The visibility is pretty darn good with this device. We need leads on good claims in Nevada. Keep your eyes and ears open. The club can use one or two more and we can always enter a lease agreement with a claim holder. We need to keep up with the assessment forms...remember we have a quarterly drawing for a silver round.

Well, until next time...Have Fun and Keep Safe while prospecting.

Your, President
Jim Richards

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

July 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:
None

Motion to accept 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

Placeritos claims are for sale. The club would like to have a 3 day outing to evaluate these claims, Easy access. Geologist says it has potential. It only has stagnant water, no shade.

15 to 20 members went to Rye Patch for the outing. Filing waivers, proof of labor and taxes to be done on August 4th by Justin Shaw, Bill Vogt, and Ed Lafur.

Someone has been dredging on the DNJS.
Motion to accept claims report: Harley Ponsler
Second: Nadine Miller.
Voted and accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 242. There are 17 lifetime memberships available. 3 members dropped and 5 added.

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

Old Business:

Jim Richards to write support letter for the sage grouse ruling.

Motion to accept old business: Justin Shaw

Second: Harley Ponsler

Voted and accepted

New Business:

Life flight insurance is available at REMSA for \$55 per year.

There is a bumper crop of rattlesnakes this year. 3 dogs were killed in Downeyville, rattlesnakes were also seen at Ken Bennette.

Motion to accept new business: Harley Ponsler

Second: Justin Shaw

Voted and accepted

Outings:

Outing to DNJS and Costar

The claims committee would like to have an outing in September to DNJS and Costar for the purposes of evaluating the two claims. The weekend for this outing will be selected at the August meeting and will be based on when the most members are available. Please check your calendars prior to the meeting so that we can get a good turn-out.

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:

Jim Richards will not be present in August.

Check Facebook.

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 7:05

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

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

Motion to call meeting to order: Al Gottsch
Second: Dave Weingarten

Meeting called to order: 7:30pm

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

Corrections to Minutes:

None

Motion to accept minutes: Anita Clark
Second: Robert Swank
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 284.
There are 17 lifetime memberships available.
3 members dropped. 5 added.

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

Claims Report: Justin Shaw

Placeritas claims are for sale. The club would like to have a 3 day outing to evaluate these claims, easy access.

Geologist says it has potential. It only has stagnant water, no shade. Bring extra, extra, extra water and tires. A 2-wheel drive with medium clearance should be ok.

Please sign up with e-mail or by phone for directions or cancellations. 25 of these

claims are for sale. This is a big area to evaluate. Most of these claims are \$1,500 or OBO.

15 to 20 members went to Rye Patch for the outing. Nobody claims to have found anything.

Filing waivers, proof of labor and taxes to be done on August 4th by Justin Shaw, Bill Vogt, and Ed Lafur.

Member found 1.6 grams in 6 hours on the Costar.

McPhearson says the Ken Bennette road has been improved.

Someone has been dredging on the DNJS.

Motion to Accept the Claims Report: Ken Brown

Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and Accepted

Old Business:

Check Facebook.

Motion to accept Old Business report: Al Gottsch

Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and accepted.

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Gold outdoor Festival Aug 23rd at Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora call 209-863-8066.

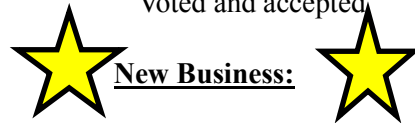
We need a leader. Demonstrators needed to help new people.

Equipment is going to waste as it can only be used on club outings.

Webb Varnum is available for rock identification.

Motion to accept Outing Report:

Al Gottsch
Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and accepted.



Members recognized for their long term service: Nadine and Bud Miller.

Life flight insurance is available at REMSA for \$55 per year. One price is good for Utah, Idaho, Nevada and California.

There is a bumper crop of rattlesnakes this year. 3 dogs were killed in Downeyville, rattlesnakes have been seen at Ken Bennette.

Outing at Rye Patch revealed that we are no longer looking there for claims.

Motion to accept new business: Randy Watkins
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and accepted

Club Notices:

LOOKING for mining partner: between age 20 and 50, non-smoker, no drugs, non-drinker with 4X4 (who doesn't care if it get scratched) with gold fever. No experience necessary. Please call 415-601-7858.

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 something yummy to munch on, contact Bill Vogt

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

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

Speaker: Mike Laine

Subject: How to build your cheap trommel and sluice box. To see for yourself go to:
<http://mlaine.homeip.net/Trom> or Mile's Trommel.

Assessment Forms (turned in) drawing: not yet,
couple more meetings first.

Attendance Drawing: Susan Thomasson won a
silver ounce round

Membership Drawing: Larry Briggs of Dayton
not present next month goes to 5 silver ounce
rounds.

New Members Present:

Ben Culp won a starter piece of gold,
CONGRATS!!

Guests:

Mike Laine, Stephen Lester and Mark Jenep.
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 : 8:50

Total attendance: 58
Members: 55
Guests: 3

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Nancy Clark & Kenneth Wiegand, Quincy,CA
Ben Culp, Reno, NV
Frances & Thomas Leftwich, Los Molinos,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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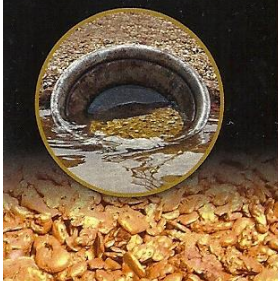
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