

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
Oct. 12, 2014



BLACK BILLIE*

Next Meeting: Oct. 28, 2014
Speaker for October is: Randy Harris

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

(Mark your Calendars)

Future Meetings:

*Nov. 25, 2014

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>10/12/2014 – Last</u>	\$1223.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1224.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1222.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>10/12/2014 – Last</u>	\$17.34
One Year High (at closing)	\$17.38
One Year Low (at closing)	\$17.25

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:

The Wounded Warriors event September 13th -14th had a good turn-out at the Tammy with several staying overnight. Thank You Steve for your ramrodding the event. We also had a good turn-out at Dayton Valley Days on the 20th and 21st. We “salted” the pans with \$300 of gold (paid for by the event organizers.) which resulted in a lot of sparkle in the eyes of the little panner’s.

Thanks Nancy & Dave for organizing the event and contacting our members. Some members showed up for the event and have not been to a Club meeting for years! The last event was the Rye Patch Nugget Shoot. This was spearheaded by Al and Webb. The weather finally was a spoiler for this event, though there was a substantial turn out with \$20,000 in prizes! Thank You to Al and Webb.

The Third Appellate Court of California published its decision in the Brandon Rinehart case.

The decision clearly confirms that the state does not have the authority to impose restrictions which materially interfere with the commercial viability of mining on the public lands. Basically this means that the decision of this case will be passed down to the lower court where it was first heard.

Though this appears to be a victory, this ruling has a ways to go before any benefits are to be realized. It is doubtful that we will be dredging in Ca. in 2015. If we are allowed dredging, I am sure the permits will be limited and costly. Some states even have in place a permit and fee schedule just for panning!

D McCracken of the new 49'ers sent an appeal to prospectors to write letters to the Third Appellate Court to formally publish the decision. Several of our members sent in those letters (about 10 or so). The attorney had a stack of service notices from the courts of over 2 inches. This was a huge “prospectors” response...prospector power. Thank you to Our Members who responded. Our members need to help out as much as we can. This was a no brainer for support...just the price of postage.

If we want to stay in the game in Ca. (and elsewhere) we need to be supportive of the issues that pertain to our Club and the future of prospecting, I was hoping for at least 100 members to send in the letters and we only got about ten!!! (out of 300+ members). The decision document can be viewed at:
<http://www.goldgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/opinion-9-23-14.pdf>

Steve was our speaker last month and gave a nice slide presentation of his latest Alaska trip. He and his brother recovered over 2oz. and Chris who was there just a short time recovered 2ozs. It seemed to be quite a driving adventure from the lower 48 as well as good insight as to camping and prospecting in Alaska. Steve also brought in 2 of the latest metal detectors...very neat stuff! Our speaker this month will be our attorney Richard Harris. He will be addressing Claim Jumping: What makes a claim vulnerable to over staking. How do you defend a claim against rival locators; and what is the current law in Nevada concerning claim jumping. This should prove to be a great presentation!

We all know that Tesla is coming to Northern Nevada. As well as job opportunities, there are mining opportunities. The World’s fifth largest lithium salt deposits are to be found in the Kings Valley, NV. They are owned by Western Lithium of Fernley, NV. The lithium will be used for the Tesla lithium batteries and other manufacturers worldwide. The outlook for Northern NV is looking brighter. We as Nevadans should support these companies and keep the politicians at bay and pay attention to upcoming ballot measures!

Dave has “volunteered” to be our new Webmaster. This is a good thing. We are going to make the whole internet and web interaction simple and friendly where our members can interact with each other in coordinating outings and exchange info via our website. This will be available after the first of the year. Thanks a lot Dave! We have set up sign in sheets at the meetings where members can interact with members for coordinating member outings. Check it out. Now if we can just get Nancy to volunteer as the Outing Chair we would have all positions filled! The raffle table is looking better, Thanks to Mike. We are trying to keep the table available for useful items that can be used in our endeavors. We are trying to get away from just “stuff”.
Thanks for your donations and Ken Walls for his efforts!

We will be offering the DJNS (140 acres) up for auction at our October meeting. This was approved at the September meeting. Opening bid will be \$200. Fees are paid thru next year. This could be a good deal for one of our members. We are going to advertise for new claims in Nevada on Craigslist, the ICMJ and local Nevada papers. If any member has any information on available claims in Nevada for sale or licensing, Please let us know! Not much coming up except the Christmas party which we will address at the next meeting. Bring suggestions as to the time and format. Also if you have topics of interest or speakers, let us know.

There is another “Ham Cram” coming up in January put on by David Book. Members have made inquiries as to the next class so here it is:

For complete info and to sign up, go to <http://blackrockdesert.org/ham-radio-class/>

Thank you for your attention. Do not forget to “FALL BACK” November 2nd and also change the batteries in your Metal Detectors! Your, President Jim Richards

New Claim KVB:

By: Bill Vogt

As discussed and voted on at the last general meeting, the Club has a new claim on the Yuba River. This claim’s name is KVB (in honor of long time members Ken and Virginia Brown) and its BLM case number is CAMC309542.

It is a 10 acre claim located just upstream from our other new Yuba River claim Sweet Potato. A map of this new claim is included in this issue of the newsletter. Also included is an updated listing of all the Club’s current claims.

This list is handed out to all new members and it is also posted and updated on the Club’s Web site. As you can see we now own 10 claims which is the maximum allowed in order for us to be able to file the small miner’s waiver. Consequently, the Club decided to sell DNJS at the next regular meeting.

Outing to the Tammy:

By: Steve Clark

On Sept. 13th we had an outing to the Tammy with the local GPAA Chapter and Vets. About 21 people showed up with only one veteran from healing our hero’s. Many, Vets from both clubs were present.

Everyone had a good time metal detecting and dry washing. We also had permission to prospect the Blue Wing claim on Saturday. We had a pot luck

lunch with Bill and Randy making deserts in Dutch ovens and a GPAA member brought another.

Everyone dry washing found some gold. Several people spent the night. A bunch of us had a gathering at Randy’s camp talking about prospecting and other tall tales.

Dayton Valley Days:

By: Nancy Terwilliger

On September 20 and 21st, Comstock Gold Prospectors participated in the annual Dayton Valley Days. As event coordinators, Dave and I want to thank the many members that showed up and made it such a huge success. We also want to thank the Dayton Valley Historical Society for their contribution of \$ 300 for the gold we seeded the pans with.

Sunday turned out a little busier than Saturday but we were able to ensure that each participant not only found gold but got to take it home with them. The looks on some of the faces were precious when they saw gold for the first time. Lots of smiles and excited “I did its” were seen and heard. Several cases of gold fever were diagnosed.

The participation was so good that we ran out of small plastic bags for participants to take the gold home in. Thanks to Ron Rowe we were able to secure some from the local True Value Hardware store.

While we were teaching panning, we also gave participants and their parents’ information about our club, facts about gold, the history of the Dayton area, code of conduct for panning, and other little

tid-bits of information. What a great way to ensure the next generation is interested in prospecting!

Dayton Valley Historical Society has already said they would like to have us back next year as “Your booth was the most popular one we had”. What a great compliment!

As newer members of the club, Dave and I were eager to meet other members, exchange stories and tips and just have a GREAT time! A lot of phone numbers and emails were exchanged as well for future “mini outings” with new friends.

If you have never participated in a club event or outing, we highly recommend it as a way of getting involved and getting to know some of your fellow members.

Some members dropped by just to talk and exchange stories and got into the action of teaching the kids (both young and old) how to pan. We all learned from each other. We also learned that the camaraderie we found was even more valuable.

Representing the club were Justin Shaw, Jim Richards, Al Gottsch, Richard Tieben, Keith Wilson, Ron Rowe, Howard Scott, Wade Lavery, Bill Vogt, Joel and Marje Flamenbaum, Tom Knowles, Daniel and Paulette Bowers, Steve Matsuma, Keith Schaal, Dave and I. Some of these people worked both days and I cannot express enough how grateful we were! If I failed to acknowledge someone or spelled your name wrong I apologize. I’m just learning who everyone is too!

“Rhinehart Decision is now published law!”

I am overjoyed to announce that the Third Appellate Court of California has formally published its recent Decision in the Brandon Rinehart case.

The Decision clearly confirms that the State does not have the authority to impose restrictions which materially interfere with the commercial viability of mining on the public lands.

I personally see this as the most important legal development in support of California mining in the modern age. I suggest that the legal ramifications will find their way to other States, as well.

I want to voice my sincerest thank you to all of you who responded to my appeal last week to write letters to the Third Appellate Court.

Our Webmaster says it was the largest response we ever generated. Our attorney said he has a stack of service notices that is 2-inches thick! It must mean something that the Court published its Decision a full 6 days before the deadline!

How's that for people power?

Let's all pause for a moment and allow ourselves to enjoy a huge win for our side; the biggest ever!

Of particular note, I thought you might like to see the support on our behalf by Siskiyou County:

http://www.goldgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/R_Robie-People-v-Rinehart.pdf

Our industry has been held down by unreasonable over-regulation for so long, it is going to take some time to absorb how far-reaching the implications are by this published Decision. If you have not seen it, look right here:

<http://www.goldgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/opinion-9-23-14.pdf>

Watch for more on this next week in our October newsletter.

Dave Mack

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

September 23rd, 2014

Jim Richards called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

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

Motion to call meeting to order: Harley Ponsler
Second: Nadine Miller
Meeting called to order

Members Present:
James Bowman, Lisa Walls

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept the treasurer's report:
Harley Ponsler
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and Accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 251.
There are 16 lifetime memberships available.
6 members dropped. 2 added.

Motion to accept membership report:
Harley Ponsler
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and Accepted

Old Business:

We had a good outing at Dayton.
\$10,000 in prizes will be given at Rye Patch.
We had a good outing at Healing Heroes. Ten
members came to help.

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

New Business:

Dave Terwilliger will improve our website.
Motion to accept new business: Harley Ponsler
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and accepted

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
September 23rd, 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:

There are two "T" s in the word Bennett.

Motion to accept minutes: Al Gottsch
Second: Teresa Jones
Voted and Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept: Al Gottsch
Second: Virginia Brown
Voted and Accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 285. There are 16
lifetime memberships available.
6 members dropped. 2 added.

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

Claims Report:

Bill Vogt: Our New claim: "KVB" as in
Ken and Virginia Brown, is upstream
adjacent to the Sweet Potato.

This is a 10 acre claim with 830 feet of the
North Fork Yuba River. There are signs at
both ends of the claim.

The club has staked a claim. Would the
membership like to have this claim?

Motion to pursue claim: Howard Scott
Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and passed with one exception.

River otter are protected and have been
seen in this area.

Should the DNJS or Costar be auctioned off
at the next meeting?

Motion: Dave Terwilliger to auction DNJS
Second: Anita Clark
Voted and passed

Motion to Accept the Claims Report:
Nancy Terwilliger
Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and Accepted

Outings:

Steve Clark: September outing for Healing Heroes: 21 showed up. Only one veteran came to the Tammy. Everyone found some gold. The club was given access to the Blue Wing for the day.

Dayton Valley:

Nancy Terwilliger called everyone in 5 cities. 17 members helped on Sunday. The Historical Society provided \$350 in gold to be given away (which they got from us).

Motion to accept Outing Report:
Al Gottsch
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and accepted

New Business:

Dave Terwilliger will try to make our club website more accessible. It will possibly be completed by December or January.

Do you want your phone numbers listed?
Only club members will have access to these phone numbers and must have a password to get into the website for outings.

Motion to accept new business:
Virginia Brown
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 sign up to bring goodies:
Please let Bill Vogt know.

***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.

Richard Harris will be our guest speaker next month on Claim Jumping.

Daylight saving time ends November 2nd.

There is a Prospecting Contact List available for members who wish to get together.

Motion to accept club notices: Ken Walls
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and accepted

Speaker: Steve Herschbach:

Spoke on Gold mining and metal detecting in Alaska. THANK YOU!!

Guests:

Ron Papillon, Oliver & Donna Weis, Gerald & Kristy Hillier, Fainelli Jur, John Hesselgesser, Ed Vass, Brad Arrington, Sam Hammerd.

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

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

Attendance Drawing: Teresa Jones won a silver ounce round.

Membership Drawing: Charles or Betty Elsholz of Reno not present next month goes to 7 silver ounce rounds.

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George Walden won a starter piece of gold,
CONGRATS!!

Motion to adjourn meeting:
Al Gottsch
Second: Nadine Miller
Meeting adjourned: 8:55pm
Total attendance: 71
Members: 62
Guests: 9

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Rhandel Freeman	Doyle, CA
Robert & Sandy Morgan	Marysville, CA
George Walden	Reno, NV



Come and See 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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