

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

November 13, 2014



BLACK BILLIE*

Guest Speaker: Webb Varnum

Next Meeting Nov. 25, 2014

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

Christmas Party December 11th @ 6pm

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>11/13/2014 – Last</u>	\$1149.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1193.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1146.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>11/13/2014 – Last</u>	\$15.36
One Year High (at closing)	\$16.38
One Year Low (at closing)	\$15.31

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:

November marks the beginning of the Holiday season. We have scheduled our Christmas party for December 11th. This date was available at the Masonic hall. The event will start at 6pm with dinner at 6:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to set up at 5pm. And clean up after.

The Club will provide the turkey, ham and setups.

As well as the main course, we will be doing a “potluck” for salads, desserts, veggies, side dishes, etc. At the November meeting, we will have sign-up sheets for the potluck and volunteers. We will also have our “guy/girl” gift exchange. (10\$ or so) There will also be raffles for club sponsored items. The club will be raffling off several nice items at the party.

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Tickets will be a buck a piece or 6 for \$5.

Please provide gifts for your children that will be attending.

We had nominations for Club officers at the October meeting. All positions are up for vote except the Member at Large: **Ken Walls**. All the sitting board members were re-nominated. The ballot will be in this newsletter and available at the November meeting.

Nancy has volunteered to be our Outings Chairperson. Thanks Nancy! She will be the go to person for outings with our **HELP** and **PARTICIPATION**. We had some good outings this past year and will be looking forward to the next season. Any ideas let us know.

Richard Harris was our speaker in October where he went over claim filing chronology, annotation, and claim jumping. Lots of good info!

Thanks Richard! We are looking forward to a future presentation. The speaker for November has other commitments, so Webb has stepped up as speaker...always interesting!

We have an advertisement in the November and December ICMJ for claims in Northern Nevada is up for sale or license. I have gotten a few calls in response to the ad, although nothing that would be good for the club.

After the add runs out in December, we will be posting an ad in the central Nevada papers. Any member that hears of areas of interest for claim, sale or lease, let us know. We might be "in the water" in California this next season. Progress is being made in our favor in the courts and the in local counties.

The county mounties will, "probably" not be going after those using dredges, though it is still in the state statues. We will have more info forthcoming. Proceed with caution when out there. Also when out there...pay attention to the plant life...it can "bite" you.

Re: Bill V.:

It has been noted by some our members that the Sacramento Canyon claims were impacted by a rain storm (3 plus feet wall of water) that has made access to the lower claim tedious by vehicle and the upper claim impossible by vehicle without some work! Plan accordingly.

One of our members had his equipment shot up pretty bad. If you leave equipment on site do not expect it to be there or left as you left it. "They" are everywhere and looking for destructive mischief. The BLM considers items left behind on site as abandoned, so there is no help there!

The club auctioned of DJNS for \$500 during the October meeting. Tom Newell was the winning bidder. Congrats to Tom! We also purchased a dry-washer (Gold Buddy) for \$400. The dry washer will be used for a raffle at one of our summer outings.

As noted in the last newsletter, there will be a "Ham Cram" for ham radio in January. Any questions contact me or refer to the October Newsletter.

Nothing else coming up this year except next year.
Enjoy your Safe Holidays
Your, President
Jim Richards

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
October 28th, 2014

Jim Richards called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Board Members Present: Jim Richards, Justin Shaw, 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 and Dave Terwilliger

Corrections to Minutes:

The correct membership count should have been 285 not 251.

Motion to accept the minutes: Ken Walls
Second: Harley Ponsler
Voted and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller
Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: Harley Ponsler
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and Accepted

Claims Report:

KVB: previous owner filed on this claim after we did. He was told that if he became a member he could use it.

We have placed an ad in the ICMJ looking for claims in northern Nevada. Also that we are looking for members and anyone is welcome to come to our meeting on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

We will place an ad in the local papers of Lovelock and Winnemucca for claims, if we don't get a response from the ICMJ.

We will auction the DNJS tonight. Bids will start at \$200. Work party to check 4- Yuba claims for paperwork and claim markers.

Dave McCracken at the 49ers says that Siskiyou County will not prosecute gold dredgers without a permit. But we are still under ban by state of California law.

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

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 287. There are 16 lifetime memberships available.
2 added.

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

New Business

Dates we would have available for our Christmas Party would be Dec, 9, 10 or 11. We will need a sign-up sheet for potluck.
Gift exchange will be for \$10.

Ham radio licenses class will be Jan 10th at Round Table Pizza at 8:30 AM.
Cost will be \$35. Please sign up prior to January 4th.

Elections ballots will be in next month's newsletter.
Nominations will be tonight.

Nancy Terwilliger accepted position as Outing Chairperson.

Dayton Valley Days had a big turn-out with great weather. Some of the salting gold was left over.
We were the most popular booth there.

Rye Patch Nugget Shoot had very bad weather.

Wounded Warriors outing led by Steve Clark had 8 GPAA members and 10 Comstock members attend. They were allowed to mine on the Blue Wing which is next to the Tammy.

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

Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting: Harley Ponsler
Second: Justin Shaw
Voted and approved
Board Meeting adjourn at 7:10pm

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
October 28th, 2014

Motion to call meeting to order: Al Gottsch
Second: Nadine Miller

Meeting called to order: 7:30pm

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

Corrections to Minutes:

The correct membership count should have been 285 not 251.

Motion to accept minutes: Al Gottsch
Second: Truman Allen
Voted and Passed

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept: Al Gottsch
Second: Richard Tieben
Voted and Accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 287. There are 16 lifetime memberships available.
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Motion to Accept Membership Report: Al Gottsch
Second: John Clayton
Voted and Passed

Claims Report:

DJNS is a claim with 140 acres. The taxes are \$50 per year. The assessment fees have been paid for this year was auctioned off for \$500.
Tom Newell was the highest bidder.

Assessment forms turned in were twice as many as last year.

Work party will check out our 4- Yuba claims for claim markers and paperwork.

Do not leave anything on your dig site (even overnight). If you leave your site it is considered abandoned.

Dave McCracken: according to the recent decision of the 3rd appellate court Siskiyou County will not prosecute gold dredgers without a permit. But we are still under ban by state of California law.

Bill Vogt showed us that poison oak is still a problem on our claims.

Snipers were seen on the Adavenone and were told this is stealing without our permission. Either join the club or keep off.

Motion to Accept the Claims Report: Nancy Terwilliger
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and Accepted

Nancy Terwilliger is now our Outings Leader.
Thank you Nancy!!

Dayton Valley Days had 29 people working for 2 days with a great turnout. We had a big turnout with great weather. Some of the salting gold was left over. We were the most popular booth there.

Dave Terwilliger is our new Webmaster.

Rye Patch outing: Very bad weather, then the rain poured. Our booth was 1.5 miles away from the main event. 800 people attended. The metal detecting club which sponsored the event won most of the prizes. Next year the event will be one week earlier. Webb Varnum went west of Mt. Majuba on Sunday until 11am then the rain came back. The panning event sponsored by the Metal Detecting club had no one to show up and demonstrate.

Ken Walls: Members in another club have a child who has leukemia at Children's Hospital in Oakland. They did a panning demonstration which was very well appreciated as these children need something to occupy their minds besides the diseases they are plagued with.

Would we like to do a Demonstration?

Motion to accept Outing Report: Al Gottsch
Second: Dave Terwilliger
Voted and accepted

New Business:

Nominations for board:

Al Gottsch: Motion to nominate Jim Richards for President
Second: Dave Terwilliger

Bill Vogt: Motion to nominate Justin Shaw for Vice President.
Second: Al Gottsch

Al Gottsch: Motion to nominate Linalu Bowman for Secretary.
Second: Dave Terwilliger.

Bill Vogt: Motion to nominate Nadine Miller as Treasurer.
Second: Al Gottsch.

Al Gottsch: Motion to nominate Harley Ponsler as Member at Large.
Second: Ken Walls

Nominations will be posted and ballot enclosed in November newsletter.

Christmas Party: set up will be at 5pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm

Volunteers:

Teresa Jones
Jessica (Teresa's daughter) Jones?
Toni De Herrera
Al Gottsch
Bill Vogt
Harley Ponsler
Robert Voshall
Steve and Anita Clark

If you have a child please bring a gift for that child.

Gift exchange: \$10 gift male to male and female to female

Ham, turkey, gravy and dinnerware will be provided by club.

Please sign up for what you can bring: Side dish, salad, dessert.

California Gold and Gem & Stamp show in Butte County states a 6 pound nugget was found with a metal detector.

Steve Clark has a dry-washer for sale at \$400, without a motor. Would the club like to buy this for member use?

Motion to buy dry-washer: Al Gottsch
Second: Anita Clark
Voted and passed

Motion to accept new business: Ken Walls
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.

All snacks are welcome. Whoever would like to sign up to bring a snack, Please: Contact Bill Vogt

Webb Varnum is available for rock and mineral identification.

Prospecting Contact List is available for members who wish to get together. Sign up if you are going out or if you want to go out. Let us know what you want to do: panning, sniping or sluicing.

Motion to accept club notices: Robert Voshall
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and accepted

Speaker: Richard Harris, Mining Attorney: Claim Jumping and how to prevent it. **Thank you!!**
Richard is always very informative and helpful.

Guests: Cricket Wiegand

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

Assessment Forms (turned in) drawing:
Winner: Dave Terwilliger, one silver ounce round.
33 forms turned in, thank you all.

Attendance Drawing: James Bowman won a silver ounce round

Membership Drawing: Bernice Batick of Quincy not present, Agatha Gentile of Carson City not present next month goes to 8 silver ounce rounds.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30pm

Total attendance: 55
Members: 54
Guests: 1

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Scott Dressler
Clark Edelstein
Angela Zhang

Chico, CA
Saratoga, CA
Saratoga, 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!!

Mike Maxwell

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