

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

January 13, 2015



BLACK BILLIE*

Guest Speaker: Stanley Paher

Next Meeting Jan. 27, 2015

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

February 24, 2015

March 24, 2015

April 28, 2015

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>01/12/2015 – Last</u>	\$1233.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1236.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1222.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>01/12/2015 – Last</u>	\$16.62
One Year High (at closing)	\$16.64
One Year Low (at closing)	\$16.48

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:

We have a new year and it looks as though it will be a good one! We have a new claim that looks like it will be one of our better ones. Good accessibility and appears to be productive.

This claim location was acquired with the Craigslist ad and good follow up by Al. Thanks a lot on behalf of all the Club Al!! As for the ads we placed in the ICMJ and Craigslist, the Craigslist ad was obviously more fruitful and it was free. The ICMJ ad respondents for the most part were weird and attracted, “pie in the sky” crack pots. Kind of a disappointment in that the ICMJ is a class act publication for us, some of the respondents I wish I had recorded as they were amazingly humorous!

We had about 50 at the Christmas party, last year we had about 70. We will have to plan better as we had way too much food for all. Thanks to all who helped organize, set up and clean up!

The Club gifts were the best ever and those that received them were more than pleased. Bill put on a nice presentation on over every inch of Nevada the new claim as time was of the essence. We were able to have a short discussion and a ye a vote to proceed with the offer for the claim.

We also voted at the December gathering to offer Costar for sale on Craigslist for \$2000 or best offer So, as to have one more claim available (the sale will put the Club at 9) if one comes up.

The listing will expire on January 26 and the best offer will be accepted at the club meeting on the 27th.

We have been in communication with the Valley Prospectors Inc. in Southern CA as to the use of 4 of their claims on the Yuba.

We would offer the use of our Yuba claims in exchange for the use of their claims. This would be a win-win for all as we would double our claim availability in the Yuba and have interaction with another club, which will help in our ongoing fight with the for our rights as prospectors.

They have about 400 members, the majority in Southern CA. We will be taking a vote on this at our January meeting.

For those of you that do not have access to a computer, contact Al at 770-0826 if you would like to place an offer.

With the New Year upon us, we are asking again for outing suggestions and speaker demonstration suggestions. Many of you have expertise and knowledge that would be appreciated if shared.

Also, the New Year will be bringing in a new website. The website will enable us to communicate ideas, events, and enable those that are going out to claims to post it. There will be a lot more and hope to have the website up and running this February.

Our speaker this month will be the Nevada author Stanley Paher. He has probably been over every inch of Nevada and his books reflect that. He will be doing a slide presentation of the key mining areas of Nevada and will have some of his books available at a discount. This will be one of our better speakers and I encourage you all to attend.

As for our “emergency letter writing” campaign in December regarding the Rinehart Decision, Dave McCracken said that the court received over 500 letters from our prospector community and that they received ZERO in support of de-publication!

Thanks to all who scrambled and sent the letters in by the deadline. This case will be going on for a long time, but progress is being made. Remember that the State of CA still has a moratorium on suction dredging, so be aware of this when you are on a claim.

See you the 27th
Jim Richards

New Claim: Antelope 2

By: Bill Vogt

Shortly after it was agreed to at the Christmas Party, the Club completed the purchase of a new claim called Antelope 2. The map of this latest addition to our portfolio of claims is included in this month’s newsletter.

The purchase price was \$3,000.00 and a Life family membership with our latest life member being Ron Kempka from Green Bay, Wisconsin. The claim is an 80 acre placer claim situated near Antelope Lake, California, which is near Janesville, a small community a few miles South of Susanville.

As detailed on the attached map, the claim is accessible either from highway 395 or you can come in from Quincy. (As indicated on the map, the Quincy route can be shortened coming from Reno by taking the Beckwourth-Genesee shortcut.)

The specifics of that route were not included because if I have not driven it, (but I have been lead to believe it is a good route.) The road is paved all the way with plenty of camping, improved and unimproved, in close proximity. This should be an ideal claim for all our members including dredgers once the moratorium is lifted.

Ron responded to an ad that Al Gottsch had placed on craigslist on the Club’s behalf looking for new claims. Al, along with Claim Committee members Justin Shaw, Harley Ponsler, Randy Watkins and I visited the claim site and took random samples at various locations. This group then recommended to the full committee that the claim be obtained and this recommendation was presented to the Club at the Christmas party.

Shortly after the purchase was made a new discovery post was erected near the Northern border of the claim visible from the road because the original post was missing. In addition, yellow mining signs were attached to trees next to the road identifying the Northern and Southern borders of the claim. More signs and posts will be erected in the future.

In the meantime, please keep the Claims Committee apprised of your evaluation of this and all other claims by submitting appraisal forms when you visit a claim.

New Information-by Bill Vogt

1. Sacramento claims no longer available for prospecting.
2. Good news for dredging, judge southern California made ruling favorable to miners, see http://www.icmj.com/news-detail.php?id=288&keywords=Suction_gold_dredge_miners_WIN_on_federal_preemption and click on the appropriate link.

CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS:



**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
November 25th, 2014**

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

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, Lisa Walls and Bud Miller

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: Justin Shaw
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and Accepted

Claims Report:

DNJS was successfully sold.
Claims Committee are looking at an 80 acre claim for sale in Antelope Lake.

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

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 289. There are 16 lifetime memberships available.
2 added.

Motion to accept membership report:
Justin Shaw

Second: Ken Walls
Voted and accepted

Motion to accept claims report: Harley Ponsler
Second: Ken Walls

Old Business:

Elections are tonight.
We need volunteers to count ballots.

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

New Business:

Rhinehart: California Supreme Court is requesting to be de-published 3rd Appellate Court decision.
Decision is due December 1st.

Letters and envelopes have been prepared to all 9 agencies involved for our membership.
Everyone just needs to sign and mail.

Tickets for the Christmas raffle are now on sale.
Nadine Miller, Justin Shaw, and Jim Richards will be purchasing the Christmas door prizes.

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

Outings:

Christmas party set up will start at 5 pm Thursday December 11.
Linalu Bowman will purchase 3 turkeys and 2 hams.

Motion to accept outings report: Harley Ponsler
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and passed

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

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
November 25th, 2014**

Motion to call meeting to order: Al Gottsch

Second: Virginia Brown

Meeting called to order: 7:30pm

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: Virginia Brown
Voted and Accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 289. There are 16 lifetime memberships available, 2 added and 0 dropped.

Motion to Accept Membership Report:
Al Gottsch
Second: Virginia Brown
Voted and Passed

Claims Report:

DNJS was successfully sold.
Claims Committee are looking at an 80 acre claim for sale in Antelope Lake.

Motion to Accept the Claims Report: Virginia Brown
Second: Lisa Walls
Voted and Accepted

Outings:

GPAA outing held at Rye Patch was less than successful.

Christmas party set up will start at 5 pm
Thursday, December 11. Dave Terwilliger is
working on our website.

Motion to accept Outing Report: Virginia Brown
Second: Lisa Walls
Voted and accepted

New Business:

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to be de-published 3rd Appellate Court decision.
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Letters and envelopes have been prepared to all 9
agencies involved for our membership. There are 3
pages to sign, date and address.

Everyone just needs to sign and mail. These must
be received as soon as possible.

Mail them today as our mining activities depends
on the results. The results can be used as case law
precedence.

Election results: President: Jim Richards
Vice President: Justin Shaw
Secretary: Linalu Bowman
Treasury: Nadine Miller
Member at Large: Harley Ponsler

Motion to accept new business: Ken Walls
Second: Virginia Brown
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.

Cookies, Cakes, Desserts are always welcome. If
anyone would like to bring something: 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 whether it be
panning, sniping or sluicing.

Motion to accept club notices: Virginia Brown
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and accepted

Speaker: Webb Varnum

"How Gold Works in a Water Course"

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.

Total attendance: 55

Members: 54

Guests: 1

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

Guests:

Bob Edwards
Brian Welch
Jim Calender

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

Attendance Drawing: Robert Voshell won a silver
ounce round.

Membership Drawing: Scott Dressler of Chico not
present. Wade Martina Lavery of Sparks not
present. Next month goes to 9 silver ounce rounds.

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Greg Adkins	Reno, NV.
Michelle Adkins	Reno, NV.
Angie Borowczyk	Reno, NV.
Bob Edwards	Reno, NV.
Ron Kempka	Green Bay, WI.
Thomas Koch	29 Palms, CA.
LiMan Shen	San Francisco, CA.
Qi Wang	San Francisco, CA.
Brian Welch	Reno, NV.
Courtney Welch	Reno, NV.

We now have new clothing and accessories available for Men and Women. Stop by the table and see what we have to offer you.

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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