

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

February 14, 2015



BLACK BILLIE*

Guest Speaker: Chris Ralph

Next Meeting Feb. 24, 2015

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

March 24, 2015

April 28, 2015

May 26, 2015

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>02/14/2015 – Last</u>	\$1228.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1234.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1227.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>02/14/2015 – Last</u>	\$17.33
One Year High (at closing)	\$17.43
One Year Low (at closing)	\$16.99

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 January Club gathering was pretty busy with new claims presentations and approvals, our new website presentation and Stanley Paher's slide show of some interesting history of Nevada with some of his books for sale to members at a discount.

The San Bernardino Court Judge Ochoa awarded a huge win to suction dredgers January 12 by declaring California's moratorium in dredging as an unlawful interference. The judge relied heavily on our recent victory in *People vs Rhinehart* .

As a result, it is clear that the state's refusal to issue permits is unlawful. Here is a short summary from the attorney:

http://www.goldgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/memo-Ochoa_ruling-1-13-15.pdf

There is more to come but we are hoping for some dredging in 2015. Right now (I am no expert) I would think that presently there are no dredging guidelines in place. Therefore, I would assume one can dredge in California with no permit or regulatory guidelines as the state now has to rewrite their dredging permit process!

We recommend that you abide by the dredging rules and guidelines that were put in place in 1994. It has also been suggested that you notify the California fish and game of your intentions.

To do this, send them an email to R2Info@wildlife.ca.gov with your request and state that you will abide by the 1994 dredging rules and guidelines. I would also assume that dredging would be according to federal rules and regulation until California gets it act together. We will stay tuned and keep our members informed.

We are continuing to have border issues at the Lucky Linda. Frank (our neighbor) is very uncooperative in trying to resolve this issue. He has confronted some of our members regarding claim boundaries.

Make sure you are on our Lucky Linda! If you feel threatened try and be reasonable with him. If that doesn't work note the circumstances of the confrontation and bring it to our attention. If you do feel threatened, than perhaps you should bring it to the attention of the local county mounties.

We are trying to work out a solution to this problem and will keep you posted. We are right in regards to the boundaries!

The Club approved exploring the possibility of partnering up with the Valley Prospectors of Southern California regarding sharing claims on the Yuba.

They voted not to enter in an agreement so we will not pursue this. Our members had some doubts of this partnership also.

We encourage the membership to log on to our "new" website (<http://beta.cgpgold.org>). Dave is the new webmaster and is looking for inputs. This will be a great tool for us in the future to plan outings and share info.

Speaking of outings, Nancy is planning some good ones this year. These will be productive and provide learning opportunities for our members. Remember, at Club sponsored outings, we will have our Club equipment available for use. This will be a good year for Club outings in regards to the new claims that we have acquired and the prospect of dredging this coming year! Several months ago, I brought to your attention the upcoming legislation pertaining to use of OUR public lands (mining, camping, hunting, ATVing, etc etc) specifically pertaining to the sage grouse.

Well, the ICMJ has an article of the legislation and its impact. They also noted that we only have two months of public comment before we are at the mercy of the upcoming legislation. The link is as follows if you would like more info:

http://www.icmj.com/article.php?id=3203&keywords=Legislative_and_Regulatory_Update

I would encourage you to review this and respond. I know for a fact that other groups not on "our side" are responding to the deadline and are requesting

more restrictions and land area in the legislation (about 5 million acres!) These groups are well organized as to getting support for their objectives as that is basically all they do. Not many in these groups enjoy the "outdoors" as we do, they just like to "feel good" about their restricting land use for some altruistic cause (just my opinion...JR). The next meeting perhaps we can organize a letter writing campaign or get suggestions as to who we can direct our concerns too. We need to take this seriously. If it passes (or more likely when it passes), this will not be the end of land closures!

Chris Ralph will be our speaker this month. I believe he will be giving a presentation on his Africa trip. No matter. Chris is always informative and captivating! Well, we are finally getting some great weather. Good for the stream beds and our water needs. The snow might delay some of our activities but it is welcome.

Jim Richards.

More New Claims **By Bill Vogt**

At the January meeting the membership agreed to the licensing of two claims and the locating of a third claim. Maps to the licensed claims are included in this newsletter. One of these claims, called Annex, is just a 10 acre claim that fills in an odd shaped slot on the Yuba between Shiloh and its downstream neighbor. The other, JAHHMACH, is a 40 acre claim on the Feather River just upstream from Adavenone. It is estimated that members will now have available to them a little over 10,200 feet of Feather River between this claim, open areas, Adavenone, and the licensed Patriot Mine 1 claim. That is a lot of continuous area for exploration.

The third claim that was discussed at the meeting, CGP Yuba, could not be consummated due to the fact that the original owners of the area relocated using a location date that was five days earlier than the actual date we located the claim thereby nullifying our claim.

There have been a lot of changes with the claims available to members over the last couple of months so I have also included a listing of all the current claims. This list is handed out to all new members and is posted on our Web site. To recap, we currently own 9 claims – Adavenone, Antelope 2, Ken Bennett, KVB, Lucky Linda, Shiloh, Sweet

Potatoe, Tammy, and Who-Do. We currently license 4 claims – Aloni, Annex, JAHHMACH, and Patriot Mine 1. Furthermore, we no longer own Costar and DNJS nor do we have access to the previous licensed claims in Sacramento Canyon.

The Claims Committee is actively looking for another claim in Nevada and would appreciate any input from the members.

The committee currently consists of Jim Allen, Steve and Anita Clark, David Crosby, Grant Garrison, Al Gottsch, Harley Ponsler, Jim Richards, Justin Shaw, Bob Thomasson, Webb Varnum, Randy Watkins, and I. Justin Shaw is the Chairperson of the committee.

**Picture CD
By Historian Bill Vogt**

At the January meeting I announced that I had completed putting together the picture album for 2014. This album will be available at the Historian table along with all the other Club historical information at all meetings.

You are encouraged to check out this information when you attend meetings.

This year I also put all of the pictures for 2014 on a CD which I am selling for \$5. The money raised will help defer some of the costs associated with maintaining and presenting the history of the Club. The pictures are organized on the CD in folders that are labelled with the event and date. If you would like to purchase one of these CD's please see me at the meeting. If you can't make the meetings and would like to purchase the CD please send a check or money order payable to the Club along with a note to the Club's PO Box. Please add an extra dollar to cover return mailing costs.

**Comstock Gold Prospectors
Claims Listing**

The following is a listing of all the claims owned or licensed by the Comstock Gold Prospectors. The list is organized first by state and then by county. Its purpose is to give prospective members an idea of what claims the Club has available to it and for existing members it provides a brief review. The listing provides only a brief overview of the claims. Specific information is provided to

members who are provided maps to the claims when they first join and afterwards upon request. If a claim isn't described as licensed then it is owned by the Club.

Nevada:

Pershing County:

Claim Name	Brief Description:
Tammy Dry desert claim about 32 miles WNW of Lovelock, NV	
Aloni Licensed wet desert claim East of Lovelock, NV.	

California:

Placer County:

Claim Name	Brief Description:
Ken Bennett	
Brief Description:	North Fork of Middle Fork of American River claim near Foresthill, CA

Plumas County:

Claim Name	Brief Description
Adavenone	Feather River claim near Quincy CA, off of the Quincy-La Porte road
Antelope 2	Creek claim near Antelope Lake (close to Janesville, CA)
JAHHMACH	Licensed Feather River claim near Adavenone
Patriot Mine 1	Licensed Feather River/Nelson Creek claim near Adavenone
Who-Do	Nelson Creek claim near Quincy CA, off of the Quincy-La Porte road

Sierra County:

Claim Name	Brief Description
Annex	Licensed claim right next to Shiloh
KVB	Yuba River claim near Downieville, CA
Lucky Linda	Yuba River claim near Downieville, CA
Shiloh	Yuba River claim near Downieville, CA
Sweet Potatoe	Yuba River claim near Downieville, CA

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
January 27th, 2015

Jim Richards called the meeting to order
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:
Lisa Walls, James Bowman and Dave Terwilliger

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller

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

Claims Report: Justin Shaw

New claim Antelope is complete. All paperwork has
been filed. Taxes were paid by previous owners for
the current year.

Costar sold for our asking price of \$2,000 on
Craigslis. The claims committee is looking at a
claim upstream of the Lucky Linda. This claim is
currently open as previous owners have not filed
paperwork to hold it. They could come and file on it
and back date the paperwork, but have not done so
as of yet.

Motion: Linalu, to obtain this claim. We could either
mine it ourselves or sell it.

Second: Harley Ponsler: Voted and Passed.

Sacramento Canyon claim has been withdrawn from
lease. Previously, Katherine's Secret has been
claimed and is now the Annex.

The claim makes Shilo complete from one end to
the other. It is only a 10-acre claim but includes
tributary to the Yuba. Also, a 40-acre claim above
the Adavenone has been claimed, both are available
for lease to the club for the cost of taxes and
assessment work only.

Motion to lease claim: Harley Ponsler

Second: Ken Walls

Voted and Passed

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 292. There are 16 lifetime
memberships available. 2 added and 2 dropped.
Last year we started with 270.

Motion to accept membership report: Justin
Shaw
Second: Ken Walls
Voted and Accepted

Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting:
Harley Ponsler
Second: Ken Walls

Voted and approved

Board Meeting adjourn at 7:10pm

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

COMSTOCK GOLD
PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING
January 27th, 2015

Motion to call meeting to order: Al Gottsch
Second: Virginia Brown

Meeting called to order: 7:30pm

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

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept: Richard Tieben
Second: Ken Brown
Voted and Accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 292. There are 16 lifetime memberships available, 2 added and 2 dropped. Last year we began with 270 and now are 292.

Motion to Accept Membership Report:
Anita Clark
Second: Virginia Brown
Voted and Passed

Claims Report:

Justin Shaw:

New claim Antelope is now complete. Previous owner has signed quit claim. All paperwork is has been filed. Taxes were paid by previous owner for current year.

Maps are in last Newsletter.

Costar sold for our asking price of \$2,000 on Craigslist. We have no more claims in Bucks Lake area.

The Claims Committee is looking at a claim upstream of the Lucky Linda. This claim is currently open as previous owners have not filed paperwork to hold it. They could come and file on it and back date paperwork, but have not done so as yet. Motion; Al Gottsch: to obtain this claim.

Second: Dave Terwilliger
Voted and Passed

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This is immediately upstream of the un-claimable area of Red Bridge. Both are available for lease to the club for the cost of taxes and assessment work only. Motion; to lease these claims; Anita Clark
Second: Dave Terwilliger
Voted and passed

CGP claim upstream from the Lucky Linda is 20 acres and is available. Sign on road "side hill viaduct, 6.55" would be the end of the claim.
Motion to get this claim: Jim Allen
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and passed

KVB was over filed 2 weeks ago. Claims Committee is addressing this.

Be sure you are on our claims, especially the Lucky Linda. Check claim markers.
Lucky Linda is upstream from claim marker.

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

Outings:

Nancy Terwilliger:

April we may go to Peavine
May 9th and 10th Gem and Mineral show at the Livestock Event Center (We will need volunteers for this event.

May 31st we may go to the Tammy
July 4th we may go to the Adavenone
September we may go to the Rye Patch Nugget Shoot

Dayton Valley Days, date uncertain
February our website may be up and running

Motion to accept Outing Report: Virginia Brown
Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and accepted

New Business:

Valley Prospectors have 4 claims on the Yuba. Would we like to exchange uses for our 4 claims? Areas would include Rocky

Rest Area, Union Flat area and Plumb Camp area.

Motion to pursue claim use exchange and get more information: Al Gottsch
Second: Nancy Terwilliger
Voted and passed

Dredging: states refusal to issue dredging permits is unlawful. Case is now under appeal. Rhinehardt is now to go to the Supreme Court. If you can donate to his legal fees, please do so as it helps all of us and the money goes directly to him and his attorney.

Motion to accept new business: Al Gottsch
Second: Dave Weingarten
Voted and accepted

Club Notices:

Please be considering which claim we would like to drop next as we are looking at claims in Nevada.

Bill Vogt: 2014 club pictures are available on disc and for sale for \$5

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.

Anyone interested in bring snacks, goodies to munch on? Please, contact Bill Vogt.

BIG THANK YOU goes out to **Irene Vogt** for her yummy homemade cookies.

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: Virginia Brown.
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and accepted

Speaker: Steve Paher: Nevada Ghost Towns

Guests: Jason Lockwood
Sandy Malyszka
Joe Campbell
Don Burhanan
Curtis McGowan

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

Attendance Drawing: Steve Clark won a silver ounce round.

Membership Drawing: Darman/Joe Sawyer of Dayton not present. Next month goes to 10 silver ounce rounds. Bob Edwards won a silver oz. round.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Al Gottsch
Second: Nadine Miller

Meeting Adjourned 9:25pm
Total attendance: 86
Members: 79
Guests: 7

<u>WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:</u>	
Joe Bonilla	Yerington, NV
Jannette & Jeffrey Cochran	Weimar, CA
Steve Crandell Sr.	Portola, CA
Jim Nutt	Sun Valley, NV
Dave Mathews	Reno, NV
Deirdra & Lance Foreman	Slidell, LA
Steve Baxter	Gardnerville, NV
Rachelle Wolf,	Sparks, NV

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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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