

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
 April 13, 2015



BLACK BILLIE*

Guest Speaker: Bill Vogt

Next Meeting: Apr. 28, 2015

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

May 26, 2015

June 23, 2015

July 28, 2015

1 Year Gold – NYSE

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| <u>04/13/2015 – Last</u> | \$1201.00 |
| One Year High (at closing) | \$1207.00 |
| One Year Low (at closing) | \$1197.00 |

1 Year Silver – NYSE

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| <u>04/13/2015 – Last</u> | \$16.32 |
| One Year High (at closing) | \$16.44 |
| One Year Low (at closing) | \$16.25 |

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:

At our March gathering, we had a good summary of the Carson District RMP (Resource Management Plan) as presented by who, with other Club members, we attended the BLM sponsored comment period in Fallon.

The room was standing room and hall only. The BLM did not expect the large attendance for the LAST in person comment period! The attendees were given a 3 minute comment period with no response from the BLM. The commentators were ranchers (some of them were 7th generation), miners, prospectors, ATVer's, hikers, wild horse advocates (pro and con), Indian Nation, etc, etc. Most all were not very happy with the RMP and felt they were being “blindsided” by the actions of the government!

The travel management portion will close off many areas to public access. The economic impact in these areas will be devastating! The public involvement seems to be too little too late. The written comment period closes 27 April and urge all of us to respond by fax, email or email; go to Carson City RMP for info (we addressed this in previous newsletters) and on our website. This plan will adversely affect all Nevadans for the rest of here lives!

Nevadans have been taking care of their environment and all who live and use it. The BLM is trying to fix something that is not broken based on computer “studies” and input from “environ groups”. It has come to my attention that other states are facing issues with the BLM besides Nevada and California.

The latest one is in Oregon.
 Check it out:

<http://www.lockedandloadednews.com/bundy->

ranch-type-standoff-brewing-in-southern-oregon-between-miners-and-blm

Also the closing date to be an advisor in the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council will close on 30 April. We urge all those that have a desire to apply. The requirements are not that bad. You just mainly have to be a claim owner. This will give us a voice in legislative issues and will be an arbitrator in claim disputes and issues.

The two page application is only available on their website. Speaking of websites, ours is up and running thanks to the good work that Dave has done. The Club would also say thanks to Leland Wong for his work on our previous website. Leland has been a member for many years and managed our website for years. Thanks Leland! Be sure and view our new website and get your password so as to be informed and better able to participate in Club activities.

We have learned that some miners in California have been approached by DFW personnel concerning suction dredging. They are unaware of the latest ruling and are choosing to ignore it! They have indicated that they will continue to enforce the moratorium.

It has been suggested that we have info with us to show the DFW:

<http://www.goldgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/113806-1-Ruling.pdf> and also his is clear on the DFW's web page:

<http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Suction-Dredge-Permit>

Any interaction with the county Mountie's should be documented and forwarded to the Club.

The New 49'ers have emergency rules for dredging on their website which we should look at.

Bill will be our speaker for the next meeting.

He was superseded last meeting by the RMP discussions. Also one our newest member is also a writer as well as a Prospector Tom "Lefty" Leftwich has written a book, "Gold Mining! Come Along for the Ride". He has prospected with Ken Weigand on the Who-Do, Patriot Mine I and the Adavenone and then joined the club. He used his PIGMI (Pneumatically Improvised Gold Mining

Implement) which he developed. We are looking forward to prospecting with Tom and his PIGMI.

As all of you are aware California is going through an unprecedented period of drought. The delta smelt are more important to California then the people (4 million acre feet of water is released in the delta and thus into the ocean for smelt habitat). This mismanagement will affect all of our activities in California. There is legislation now going on to eliminate dredging based on water usage. Don't be surprised if another moratorium appears based on this. With the drought conditions watch your fire use and have an escape plan. It would be a good idea to have some fire equipment with you as a fire blanket, gloves and radios etc.

We still need more claims (either to own or license) especially in NV. Some large companies are cutting back and therefore might give up some of their claims. We will be paying attention to the claim activities and maybe something will come up.

The season is starting. Be careful and pay attention to your surroundings and your people interaction.

Prosperity to all:

Jim

Panning Demo Pleasant Valley Elementary School
By Bill Vogt

On March 30th of this year about 35 of Jeff Hiller's Pleasant Valley Elementary School students learned how to pan for gold. This has become an Easter break tradition for the past few years when members of our Club spend a few hours with students of Jeff's science class teaching the students how to pan for gold and then letting them apply what they have learned to actually recovering a small amount of gold.

The weather this year was much nicer then it has been the last couple of years which was appreciated by everyone. Providing the training this year was: Bob Edwards, Grant Garrison, Teresa Jones, Wade Lavery, Fred Leissler, Jim Richards, Richard Tieben, Sherm Tresca, Webb Varnum, me, Keith Wilson, and Rachelle Wolf.

Keeping the pans filled and taking pictures for the

Historian was my wife Irene. After all the students had done some panning Webb Varnum and Jim Richards spoke to the class about the Club, prospecting for gold and having fun pursuing outdoor adventures. This year was the first time we used the smaller gold pans with the smaller kids and it worked great. It is much easier for them to handle the smaller pans and we processed more people in a shorter time span.

Our next panning demo will be at the gem and mineral show in May. It is a lot of fun working with the kids and I encourage anyone who hasn't yet participated in a panning demo consider giving one a try.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

March 24th, 2015

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

Board Members Present: Jim Richards, Nadine Miller, Wade Lavery (for Linalu Bowman) and Harley Ponsler, Justin Shaw, Ken Walls

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

Members Present:

Support Staff: Lisa Walls, Al Gottsch (for Jim Bowman)

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: Al Gottsch
Voted and Accepted

Claims Report:

Justin Shaw:

Frank:

We are still having problems with "Frank" at Lucky Linda. "Frank" filed placer claim directly over the CGPC's Lucky Linda claim.

Do we want to pay an attorney for his advice and the possibility of pursuing a small claims court judgement? Should we ask our attorney for a reference for a California attorney familiar with miner's rights? Exploratory "Not to exceed \$700.00", show of hands members in attendance?

We have approval and we will proceed.

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Allied Mining has entered bankruptcy. Claims committee members shall follow if monies are spent to refile claims that the club has interest in. Ken Bennett CGPC claim is still not accessible and the committee shall follow on the progress to clear road as loggers were directed.

Tammy CGPC claim in the past month gave up several nuggets to a club member. Method or location by member was not divulged.

Motion to accept claims report: Harley Ponsler
Second: Nadine Miller
Voted and accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 299. There are 16 lifetime memberships available.
5 added and 2 dropped.

Motion to accept membership report: Harley Ponsler
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New Business:

Carson City Research Management Program is an environmental protection agency and a "Friend of Nevada Wilderness" wants to add 800,000 acres which will make approximately 5 million acres of wilderness in Nevada, California, Utah and Idaho unavailable to off-road of any kind including miners, ranchers, snowmobiles and the like to protect the sage grouse.

The American Rights Mining Association had a meeting on Saturday March 14th at the Sheraton Inn in Sacramento to try to get a grass roots origination together to voice public opinion against this. The meeting was attended and participation by CGPC's Jim Richards, Justin Shaw, Bill Vogt in speaking for our club.

Multiple users of the land is in peril of restrictions, they were in large attendance.

Go to website: "Right To Mine.org" to view a clearing house of those against restrictions of their use of the same land. Four speakers of Native Indian Nations were highly vocal of their possible uses of the same land. Now is the time, with a Deadline of April 17th, write BLM now to let them know how this will affect you. Hand written, no forms and please act as this has a direct effect on our abilities to prospect as you know it now on this lands.

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Outings:

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In May there is the annual Gem and Mineral Show.

Motion to accept outings report: Harley Ponsler
Second: Nadine Miller
Voted and passed

Club Notices:

New 49ers, has a website that keeps on top of the Rhinehardt case and the PLP.

Motion to accept club notices: Harley Ponsler
Second: Nadine Miller
Voted and passed

Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting: Harley Ponsler
Second: Nadine Miller
Voted and approved
Board Meeting adjourn at 7:09 PM

Minutes prepared by Wade Lavery (for Linalu Bowman)

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Second: Virginia Brown

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LOOKING for mining partner: between age 20 and 50, no- smoker, no drugs, non-drinker with 4X4 (who doesn't care if it gets 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 there is anyone who would like to bring snacks, cookies, cakes or pies to the meeting. 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.

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

Assessment Forms (turned in) drawing: Bill Vogt won the assessment drawing and there were approx. 50 turned in.

Attendance Drawing: Missed

Motion to adjourn meeting: Al Gottsch
Second: Nadine Miller

Meeting adjourned: 8:55pm

Total attendance: Missed
Members: Missed
Guests: Missed

Minutes prepared by Wade Lavery for Linalu Bowman

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

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| Robert Fainelli | San Rafael, CA. |
| Rosanne Urban | San Rafael, CA. |
| Annet Macdonald | Verdi, NV. |
| Alfred Mattice | Verdi, NV. |
| Karen & Michael Markulis | Grass Valley, CA. |
| Jerry Mozoruk | Encinitas, CA. |
| Rodney Pedersen | Reno, NV. |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-2015

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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
Comstock Gold Prospectors
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Reno NV 89515-0781
Web site: <http://www.cgpgold.org>

TO PLACE OR RENEW A BUSINESS AD:

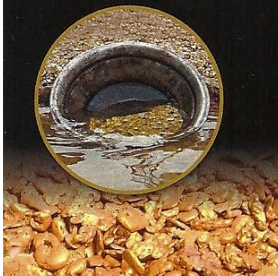
Send a check to:
Comstock Gold Prospectors
C/O Editor P.O. Box 20781 Reno, NV. 89515-0781 Include your ad layout, and your phone number or email address.

Half Page Ad: \$25.00 per month
Quarter Page Ad: \$12.50 per month
Full Page Ad: \$50.00 per month

NEW AD:

Melvin J. Ward would like to know if anyone is interested on dredging on his claim and receiving a percentage of gold you recover. Please contact this gentleman if you are interested.

Thank You.

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| <p>PLACER MINING CLAIMS</p>  | <p>Melvin J. Ward Sole Proprietor</p> <p>775.461.3680 3330 Imperial Way #51 Carson City, NV 89706</p> |
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