

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
 May 14, 2015



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: May 26, 2015

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

June 23, 2015

July 28, 2015

August 25, 2015

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>05/14/2015 – Last</u>	\$1218.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1227.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1216.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>05/14/2015 – Last</u>	\$17.38
One Year High (at closing)	\$17.57
One Year Low (at closing)	\$17.20

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:

May is here and things are looking good for the upcoming season. There are still issues concerning dredging in California (that will probably never go away). It is safe to say that we will be dredging June 1 abiding by the rules and regulations that were in place prior to the ban.

Two suction dredgers were arrested by DFW wardens on May 1st because they refused to sign the citations they were being issued for violating the unlawful moratorium and 2012 regulations which were struck down by judge Ochoa in San Bernardino County. This case will allow the Siskiyou county court to decide in early June if the wardens have authority to enforce a moratorium that has been struck down as illegal.

With a favorable “local” court decision, I do not see any more county mounties interfering with our activities, until the next go around. Nancy and Dave are working for the RGMS on May 9th and 10th, and they will be assisting our Club in organizing a panning demo with some of our members.

Thanks Nancy, Dave and Mike!

This is always a good event in Reno and hope that they had a good attendance, the public comment period for the Carson City District Resource Management Plan. (RMP) has been extended again until May 27th. During the draft preparation they were not as thorough as they should have been in notifying stakeholders and the release of the plan took a lot of them by surprise! This was apparent at the meeting in Fallon with the comments by the attendees at the BLM open meeting in March as presented by Todd Jones who attended and briefed the Club in April. We request any who have not written a comment to the BLM, to do so. There will be information and a letter-writing effort at the Geological Society of Nevada Symposium at the Nugget this Sunday May 17th thru May 21st.

The Nevada Mineral Exploration Coalition will have an exhibit booth there as well. There will also be groups of great interest. Another, event that will be in Reno this year that our members should try to attend.

Looking ahead, the Carson City District RMP will not be the end of our efforts to end the BLM land

grab. Other districts in Nevada are updating their RMP's with similar proposed restrictions on access to public lands. So be prepared to do this again.

The government will be continuing to try and restrict our freedoms until we can change the current power structure and get it in the hands of, "We the People". We are planning a club outing to the Antelope claim on Memorial Day. "A nice camping spot should be more accessible Thanks to Bill, a chain saw, et. al."

The Ken Bennett has access issues as reported by John McPherson. There were logging trucks on the road blocking access to the claim.

Apparently they were not real cooperative. The logging operations should not be a problem after June 1st, as I believe logging operations cannot be conducted in the summer. There will be more to follow. Thanks, for the report John!

We are running ads for two months in the local Lovelock and Winnemucca papers for claims in Northern Nevada. So far, I have gotten 3 responses that were not applicable to our Club.

Remember, when out and about and you are approached by the county mounties be polite and get as much info as you can and report back to us so we can follow up.

There is confusion about signing or not signing citations. If you do not sign the citations you may be arrested. Do what you feel is comfortable in the situation, or until we have further guidance.

The New 49ers had two of their members arrested as noted previously. Refer to the new 49ers website for information regarding the arrest and the outcome. Remember this is not the end of the world if confronted, after all this is America!

Randy has offered his claim (Cousins Mining) at Poker Flats to the Club for license.

We will look at this claim prior to our May get together with recommendations and will then take a vote. It is 10 acres with somewhat difficult accessibility. This claim may be worth it.

Later,
Jim

Jackpot of Gems Panning Demonstration

By: Nancy

I'm often asked why I enjoy participating in an educational outing helping kids (and adults) learn how to pan.

Sometimes after two long days teaching 100-200 kids, I asked myself the same question. Yes it is a lot of work and energy is expended just keeping up with the kids but it is a whole lot more than that!

On Sat. and Sun (May 9th and 10th), about 15 members of our club participated at the Reno Gem and Mineral

Society's 50th annual "Jackpot of Gems Show" at the Reno Livestock Events Center. Teaming up with RGMS for their golden anniversary celebration was a perfect fit as both groups understand how teaming up together we can ensure that public lands stay open to the public.

Over the two days, we introduced kids (some as young as 4) and their parents/grandparents to panning for the elusive yellow stuff. The smiles on their faces and the appreciation and interest of the adults made it all worthwhile! If we infect just a few with Gold Fever, we are insuring a future generation that will continue to fight for their rights to mine.

We met a lot of really interested (and interesting) people and generated a lot of interest in our club, mining in general and panning in particular. We were able to educate people on what it is we do, who we are as a club, mining regulations, current court cases and proposed legislation and other areas that are vital to our continued success as an organization. We also got to know some of our current members better.

Our members were joined by several members of the RGMS. Each volunteered for 2-3 hour shifts and many spent far more time than that! I know we generated quite an interest in our club because of your participation. The show coordinator for the "Jackpot of Gems Show" as already asked me if we can do it again next year. The most often question was "when can we go out panning with you?"

Our thanks go out to our volunteers: Bill Vogt, Wade Lavery, Al Gottsch, David Weingarten, Fred Lessler, Tom Gass, Rachele Wolf (and lovely daughter), Dennis Taylor, Keith Wilson, Mike Maxwell, as well as the RGMS members Arthur and Elaine, Drew Vanderhoven and Norah Sliger. If we missed mentioning your name, I apologize-- just know that you too were appreciated!

If you didn't get to participate, keep Dayton Valley Days in mind!

David and Nancy Terwilliger

We are in need of a clothing custodian, our Deb Morrow has to step down for a while. Thank you.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING** **April 28th, 2015**

President Jim Richards began the meeting at 6:30pm.

Members Present:

Board: Jim Richards, Nadine Miller, Harley Ponsler, Ken Walls

Support Staff: Al Gottsch

Meeting called to order: Harley Ponsler Second: Ken Walls

Correction to Minutes: Todd Jones made the summary presentation on Carson District RMP in March meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept the treasurer's report: Harley Ponsler

Membership Report: 296 members. There are 16 lifetime memberships available. Activity: 6 added, 11 dropped and 2 reinstated.

Claims Report: (VP Justin Shaw not in attendance)

Adjournment: Jim Richards

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
April 28th, 2015

Motion to call meeting to order:

Al Gottsch Second: Ken Walls
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 the Treasurer's report: Harley Ponsler
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and Accepted

Membership Report:
Membership is now at 296.

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Motion to accept membership report: Al Gottsch
Second: Bill Vogt
Voted and Accepted

Claims Report: (VP Justin Shaw not in attendance)

Outings:

Dave Book in four days is holding a Ham Radio Class @\$35.00/Test @ \$15.00 occurring Saturday May 2nd at Reno's Boomtown. Class begins at 8:30am and ends with testing in late afternoon. Contact David Book at this email:
KD7YIM@AARL.org

In May there is the annual Gem and Mineral Show.

Motion to accept outings report: David Weingarten

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: Al Gottsch Second: Nadine Miller

Welcome to New Members: Dan Temko
President Jim Richards said:

"He is the only new member and therefore no drawing" and our President presented our welcome gift. Dan said thank you to the members in attendance.

CGPC Ongoing Requests:

If anyone's phone number or e-mail has changed since you signed up, please let Bill Vogt made aware tonight!
Purpose: Bill can update the roster and mailing list.

If there is anyone who would like to bring snacks, cookies, cakes or pies to the meeting.

Please: contact Bill Vogt.

CGPC Resources:

Webb Varnum is available for CGPC members for rock and mineral identification.

Bill Vogt, tonight's Guest Speaker is available for CGPC members to field general questions on claim ownership, "Good, Bad and The Ugly".

Looking For Outing Partner(s):

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, your participation to be informed and also share your experiences is key to an active club such as ours, continue to see you again!

CGPC Assessment Forms Drawing:

Did not occur this meeting (not every meeting does the drawing occur). CGPC claim assessments are vital for decisions the club makes on claims and their maintenance each year. If you used a club claim please get them in for the next meeting!

Guest Speaker:

Bill Vogt was our Guest Speaker. His presentation title is "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly, Claim Ownership". Bill has spoken before about claim ownership. He kept it light hearted and fast enough to capture his audience, but reminding everybody again "the devil" is in the details.

He basically says that there is a lot of detail in researching claims right up to purchase that one should be aware of. In the Club's efforts through the Claims Committee's involvement he located 9 and with Patriots Brothers group purchased 2. Bill has two as well. He brought an out-line, he talked about starting with "How To Get A Claim" and in the presentation "Keeping A Claim".

Attendance Drawing:

Nadine Miller, our Treasurer. (1 Round)

Membership Drawing:

Gary Rose was the name drawn and he lives within 50 miles. (12 Rounds)

Motion to adjourn meeting:

David Weingarten
Second: Nadine Miller, (Treasurer)

Meeting adjourned: 8:22pm
Total attendance: Members 53: Guests: 2
Minutes prepared by Wade Lavery

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Mark Maring	Erie, PA.
Jennifer McCain	Clio, CA.
Mark McCain	Clio, CA.
Dan Temko	Minden, CA.
Rosie Temko	Minden, CA.
Valdare Diprinzio	San Jose, CA.
Mark Tarantolo	Reno, 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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Include your ad layout, and your phone number or email address.

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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.

<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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