

# THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the  
**Comstock Gold Prospectors**

June 14, 2015



## **BLACK BILLIE**

**Next Meeting: June 23, 2015**

### **UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(Mark your Calendars)

July 28, 2015

August 25, 2015

Sept. 22, 2015

### **1 Year Gold – NYSE**

<u>06/15/2015 – Last</u>	\$1185.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1190.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1180.00

### **1 Year Silver – NYSE**

<u>06/15/2015 – Last</u>	\$16.04
One Year High (at closing)	\$16.22
One Year Low (at closing)	\$15.94

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

**Board Meeting is held at 6:30pm**

**General Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
7:30 PM at the

Masonic Wadsworth Lodge #25  
2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV

### **LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

It seems as though summer is here and all the claims have good access! We have licensed the Cousins mining claim on Canyon Creek near Poker Flat. This area has good history of gold. The last couple of miles has a 4wd access but there is a nice campground at Poker Flat.

The claims are all pretty “dry” this year. There will be new good exposure of the banks and crevices. We also have first-hand and mention of a lot of snakes this year, not all nasty ones. Just leave them alone and we will be fine. It also came to my attention that if you get any “tick” bites, if possible save the tick in a baggie or whatever. If any reaction comes up, the saved tick will help your diagnosis, not just Lyme disease but others as well.

The dredging issue is still upon the air in California. Proceed at your own discretion. Bring with you supporting documents to try and “plead” your case if confronted by the “authorities”. Judge Ochoa will be making another ruling on June 23 (barring any extensions, which is likely). We can hope for a “Stay of Execution” which means that we could “legally” be in the water on the 24<sup>th</sup>! As said before, this will be a long protracted battle.

In the mean-time, California SB637 is making its way through the legislature. This bill is another layer of government and a scheme to require you to purchase a permit for “pollution discharge” for suction dredging from the California water board. The water board is choosing to ignore the Supreme Court decision in this matter. This is just another way for opposition to small mining. These people do not like us and a lot of others who want to exercise our rights to enjoy the “freedoms” that our country affords!

We are thinking about having a separate legal fund set up as a set aside for any upcoming legal issues (as we have incurred in the Lucky Linda dispute). Maybe volunteer donations or a raffle item...we are looking for suggestions and input.

**Teresa Jones** has stepped up to replace Debbie Morrow as clothing custodian. Thanks Debbie for your service and thanks Teresa for volunteering! Jim gave a good and informative presentation of the use of Google earth to locate claims and to analyze your existing claims. There will be more information to follow on our website. If one spent a few minutes a day on Google earth you can get more information on claims without having to spend hours "in the field".

This month we have invited Ray La Fever from American Fire Protection. He will be speaking on mine safety and also on the mining show held in Elko the weekend of June 6&7.

Speaking of our website, Dave is going to request all to get your password set up or he will do it for you. The website is progressing nicely and will be a useful tool for our members.

We are still actively looking for claims in Nevada. Any information would be appreciated and beneficial for us. Anyone, wishing to license a claim to the Club, let us know. The License agreement is a win-win for claim owners and the Club!

We lost Steve Clark on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. He was a good friend to many and he was a very active member of our Club...Our prayers are with Steve and Anita...

Thanks to all  
Jim Richards

### **New Claim and Miscellaneous** **By Bill Vogt**

The Club has obtained a new licensed claim called Cousins Mining and the map to this new claim is included in this newsletter. The map will also be available to members who have obtained a logon password to the Web site. This new claim is near Poker Flat which is near Downieville. As stated on the map, access to this claim near the end is pretty much restricted to members with 4WD, shorter wheel base vehicles, very much like Ken Bennett.

Remember, as you go to this and other claims please provide the Claims Committee feedback concerning the claim by submitting assessment documents for each visit.

Also included in this newsletter is a revamped membership application that you should start using with your next renewal. A major addition to the application is a place for a second email for those family memberships where each adult has their own email address. This addition has been necessitated by the fact that some members prefer to have their own logon access to the Web site and access is tied to an email address. We are also allowing for each member of a family membership to have the newsletter emailed to their email address so be sure and mark your preference there as well.

We strongly encourage all members to obtain a login account for the Web site. This is the only way you will have access to the private side of the site where you can currently download maps to the claims and where there will be other neat features in the future.

At this time, if you establish your own login you will be able to provide your own user id. This could be changing in the not too distant future and the system might be making the user id assignment. So, if you want to have some say in your user id, establish your account now.

To do this, go to the site ([www.cgpgold.org](http://www.cgpgold.org)) and log on as an anonymous member (userid – "cgpgold", password – "Adavenone" {that is a capital A}). Once on, select "New User Request Form" and provide the information requested. You provide an email address you have previously provided us or you will not be able to establish an account. Once you have completed and sent the requested information you will be sent a machine generated password that you will more than likely want to change. If you have any problems doing this contact the Web Master.

One final note, we have lost all contact with Life member D. J. Minsart. He moved last year and did not provide a forwarding address. If anyone has contact information for him, please send it to me or have him get in touch with me.

Dear members,

Steve Clark passed away on May 27th at 12:38 noon.

Steve was my friend and I was given the honor to write to you on how I saw him in my eyes. He was a good steward of God and country.

Steve was a veteran who fought in the Vietnam War. Steve worked hard for 33 years for Purina and retired.

Steve was also an ardent hunter and prospector. He served as our Vice President in the Reno Comstock Prospecting Club. He was also involved with the metal detecting club and belonged to GPAA. Another service that he did was he worked with wounded veterans.

The most important thing I could see in him is that he was a family man and he took great pride in taking care of them and his friends. I never heard Steve complain; I always thought of him as my big brother like Dennis and Bill. I was so thankful to God that I got to pray with Steve and meet some of his family.

Please continue to pray for his wife Anita and his family. Those of you that knew Steve can rest assured that he is prospecting with God now and building a safe place for his family and friends.

In closing, I know that I have only touched on just a little part of his life. The only way I could personally deal with this loss is that Steve was a gift from God and that he loved him so much that he took him back home to be with him again.

Thanks for listening  
Grant M. Garrison

## **COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS** **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

### **Members Present:**

**Board:** Jim Richards, Nadine Miller, Harley Ponsler, Ken Walls, Justin Shaw, Wade Lavery

**Support Staff:** Sargeant of Arms: Al Gottsch,

Editor: Lisa Walls

Meeting called to order: Harley Ponsler Second: Ken Walls

**Treasurer's Report:** Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept the treasurer's report: Harley Ponsler Second: Ken Walls

Voted and accepted by attending Board Members.

**Membership Report:** 295 members. There are 16 lifetime memberships available. Activity: 4 added and 5 dropped.

### **Claims Report:**

President Jim Richards and VP Justin Shaw commented that our Lucky Linda neighbor met with CGPC at our adjoining claim sites and verbally accepted a mutual decision where claim boundaries are located. The neighbor's sign is legible, our signs that were removed were replaced and all is good. Please stay on our claim to support the accepted clarification of boundaries between parties.

**Old Business:** BLM is quiet, nothing published as of yet.

**New Business:** Member Randy Watkins offered the Claim Committee his Poker Flat claim to be Club leased. Claim is on Canyon Creek near Plumias/Sierra County Line northwest of Downieville. In review they agreed to bring to the floor for Members attending to have discussion and then the possibility of voting.

Motion to present to Club: Ken Walls Second: Harley Ponsler

Voted and accepted by attending Board Members.

### **Outings Report: Bill Vogt**

Bill Vogt reported on April's and May's work crews at Antelope 2 Report by organizers, club members Nancy & Dave Terwilliger Reno Gem and Mineral Show.

Report of Memorial Day outing to Antelope 2 will be asked of attending Members.

Motion to accept outings report: Ken Walls Second: Nadine Miller

Voted and accepted by attending Board Members

**Club Notices:**

Outgoing Clothing Custodian: Debbie Morrow

Incoming Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones

Prevention of dredging is still in effect by the authorities in California.

Webmaster Dave Terwilliger announcement that website ID's and Password's shall be assigned to Members in the very near term as only roughly 30% have taken advantage so far.

Adjournment: Jim Richards 7:07pm

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Motion to call meeting to order: Al Gottsch Second: Ken Wall

Meeting called to order: 7:30pm

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

Motion to accept the minutes in newsletter: Club member second: Club Member

Voted and accepted by the attending Members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read by Nadine Miller

Motion to accept the treasurer's report: Nadine Miller second: Al Gottsch

Voted and accepted by the attending Members

Membership Report: Membership is now at 295.

There are 16 lifetime memberships available.

Activity: 4 added and 5 dropped.

Motion to accept membership report: Al Gottsch Second: Bill Vogt

Voted and accepted by attending Members.

**Claims Report:**

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Motion to accept membership report: Al Gottsch Second: Bill Vogt

Voted and accepted by attending Members.

**Outings Report: Bill Vogt**

Report of April's and May's work crews at Antelope 2 In preparation for CGPC Memorial Day outing the removal of a tree blocking original vehicle access to the large unimproved camping area occurred. A thank you went out to those involved those two dates in use of personal equipment, members manpower and "he" who had damaged caused to his truck's rear bumper by the Secretary.

Report by organizers, club members Nancy & Dave Terwilliger Reno Gem and Mineral Show: On May 9th & 10th CGPC's participation in the annual Reno Gem and Mineral Show was greatly appreciated. We were organized and kept our panning demonstration well-staffed with friendly and informative club volunteers. CGPC has already been asked to come back next year!

Report of Memorial Day outing to Antelope 2 was asked of attending Members:

Who went was asked, several individuals said yes. The removal of the tree blocking original access to the large unimproved camping area was utilized. Low attendance did not stifle the positive comments.

Motion to accept outings report: Al Gottsch second: Nadine Miller

Voted and accepted by attending Members.

**New Business:**

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Line northwest of Downieville. In review they agreed to bring to the floor for Members attending to have discussion and then the possibility of voting. With some clarification from questions on the floor the motion was made, seconded and membership voted yes to license the claim. The idea of having another claim to explore was exciting to the membership.

Motion to accept outings report: Al Gottsch Second: Nadine Miller

Voted and accepted by attending Members.

### **Club Notices:**

### **PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES- SUPPORT STAFF- 2015 change:**

Outgoing Clothing Custodian: Debbie Morrow we thank you for your kind service to the CGPC. You made every effort in the time served to allow the Club

Membership to support their interests and “fly the colors” of membership by having our clothing ready to go every meeting. Many thanks and best wishes to you! You want to express your thanks separately this contact information is still valid; 775/846-4388 cell

Email: [msmoosenv@yahoo.com](mailto:msmoosenv@yahoo.com)

### **Welcome to CGPC’s newest volunteer.**

Incoming Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones we thank you for your volunteer service to the CGPC. Many thanks and best wishes to you! Contact information; 775/673-5253 Email: [teresajones5930@sbcglobal.net](mailto:teresajones5930@sbcglobal.net)

Prevention of dredging is still in effect by the authorities in California. There has been no relief and if you do dredge it’s going to be up to you if you want to confront the authorities. The club cannot offer any new information at this time.

Webmaster Dave Terwilliger announcement that website ID’s and Password’s shall be assigned to Members in the very near term as only roughly 30% have taken advantage so far. This proactive stance is to encourage Members to use the information the website has when you sign in! If not notified as of yet you can call Dave for your information, leave a message please!

Motion to accept club notices: Al Gottsch Second: Nadine Miller

Voted and accepted by attending Members.

Welcome to new Member:

Randy Freeman, Doyle, CA. President Jim Richards said: “He is the only new member and therefore no drawing” and our President presented our welcome gift. Randy 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 rooster 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, is available for CGPC members to field general questions on claim ownership, remember there’s the “Good, Bad and The Ugly” in pursuing a claim.

### **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:

Jim Allen was our Guest Speaker. How well do you know your new tool, Google Earth? The CGPC members were very quiet and trying to absorb Jim's presentation on laying out claims and other useful features of Google Earth. Coming right behind Bill Vogt's previous meeting's presentation on claims, Jim's detailed work on investigating possible sites was extensive.

He was able to lay one of many pathways one could use to explore sites and has had access to some key software to use with Google Earth. Where he can, he is going to share that software on our website to the membership. The software not able to share he will provide information for those who want to pursue, once again on the website.

Jim has now joined the Claims Committee where now the Club will benefit in the search for new claims in the future. Jim: thank you for the presentation and stepping up with the CC.

Guests: John, Ron

## Attendance Drawing:

Tim Bartly, winning attendance ticket. (1 Round)

## Membership Drawing:

Phil Vanbeek was the name drawn and he lives outside 50 miles (Yuba City). Sorry, not in attendance for (13 Rounds). Draw again!

Second Membership Drawing: David Gibb was the name drawn and he lives outside 50 miles (Olivehurst). Sorry, he was not in attendance for (13 Rounds). Draw again!

Third Membership Drawing: Ron Martin was the name drawn and he lives inside 50 miles (Reno). Sorry, he was not in attendance for (13 Rounds). Next Meeting we draw again!

Membership Drawing for June's Meeting:  
**(Fourteen Rounds)**

Motion to adjourn meeting: David Weingarten

Second: Nadine Miller, Treasurer

Meeting adjourned: 8:54pm

Total attendance: Members 48: Guests: 3

Minutes prepared by Wade Lavery

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Robert Lopez & Moody Yvonne,	Sacramento, CA
Tim Bartlett,	Reno, NV
Scott Brown & Brandy Mann,	Reno, NV
Kim Robinson,	Silver Springs, 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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Reliable 4x4 ATV in good condition, engine size 400 cc or larger, well maintained, Price range \$2,000 to \$2.500. Harley Ponsler [775-673-8532](tel:775-673-8532)

Thank you, Harley

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