

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

August 14, 2015



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: Aug. 25, 2015

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

Sept. 22, 2015

Oct. 27, 2015

Nov. 24, 2015

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>08/14/2015 – Last</u>	\$1114.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1121.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1112.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>08/14/2015 – Last</u>	\$15.24
One Year High (at closing)	\$15.62
One Year Low (at closing)	\$15.18

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:

Our trip to the Olinghouse mine was a great time! Charlie was most accommodating and a Very great tour guide for the 40 that showed up. When we arrived at about 10, he and Dan (thanks Dan) parked the cars, then we were told a little history, shown nice gold (nice wire gold). We were given a tour of the operation including the gold removal process then we proceeded to the mine tour.

Charlie took 10 at a time into the mine (1400' deep) with an informative description of how they mine and the building of the mine including the extensive safety features. What a tour guide! All those that were there could keep any gold they found. Charlie allowed us to prospect in the rocks from the mine and most of us found gold...even some nice wire gold! All in all we had a good time.

SB637 has passed committee in California. This is the requirement for permits for suction dredging through the California water board. These folks in California do not want us enjoying outdoor activities in "Our Land". (Have you checked out camping or boat launching fees lately?)

We are going to be assigning passwords to access our web site if you have not chosen one. There is good info on our site as to outings, current events and helpful info like Todd Jones tips on dealing with law enforcement.

Also if we can get more members on board to receive our newsletter through email, we can save some money. The hard copy newsletter is our biggest yearly expense (about \$2500) We need to have gold on hand for our demos.

Does anyone have gold to sell to the Club? Let us know.

Our next events are Dayton Valley Days September 19-20 with gold panning, and The Flag Store November 6th with panning demo and broadcasting On KOH. Also Webb and Al will be setting up a booth at Rye Patch September 19.

Webb will be our speaker this August meeting. Bring in your special finds for Webb to look at.

Any specimens should have location info.

We still can use quality items for the raffle table. Also be sure and purchase tickets for our Christmas drawing. This will be a good one!

We are looking at some areas in Nevada and will take in all suggestions.

The Nevada political climate is better for prospectors. It would be advantageous to have more activity in Nevada so keep looking!

It has come to our attention that those members that need notary services when filing their BLM paper work, the BLM provides free notary services on claim related paperwork.

In closing, all prospecting seems to be good. Keep the Assessment forms coming in, need gold for club, speaker/demo suggestions and claims in Nevada.

Jim Richards
President

Update from Bill Vogt:

I have been at Red Bridge for the past week and a half with my fellow Patriot Brothers. I missed seeing you guys because we were upstream on JAHHMACH that entire day. We met the gentleman you referred to.

He is an author, among other things, and wrote what we refer to as the Red Book on Nelson Point (we all have a copy). He gave us the same line about the area from Red Bridge to Nelson creek not being available for claiming. We told him that that might have been the case at one time but was no longer true.

We assured him that both Patriot Mine 1 and Adavenone were legitimate claims. I intend to write him in the future and ask him to check his facts and in the meantime stop telling people this falsehood. We did hear a lot of helicopter activity but missed the big bust.

Bill

**Anita Clark would like to say,
THANK YOU!!!
for those attending Steve Clarks'
Ceremony in Fernley!**

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

JULY 28, 2015

President Jim Richards began the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Members Present:

Board: Jim Richards, Nadine Miller, Harley Ponsler, Justin Shaw, and Wade Lavery. Member At Large Ken Walls was absent.

Support Staff, Sargeant of Arms : Al Gottsch
Meeting called to order: Harley Ponsler, Second: Justin Shaw

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller
Motion to accept the treasurer's report: Harley Ponsler, Second: Justin Shaw
Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

Membership Report: 296 members. There are 16 lifetime memberships available. Activity: 4 added and 4 dropped.

Claims Report:

President Jim Richards and VP Justin Shaw commented that our Lucky Linda neighbor is still positive. The partner has not been in contact with CGPC where claim boundaries are located. Please stay on our claim to support the accepted clarification of boundaries between parties.

Since the last meeting the Claims Committee investigated one location for our membership. No written assessment form mentioned.

The claim named Christine on the Yuba above Shiloh with outstanding access. A non-member has it for sale for \$7500 whereas the membership approved \$5000 and a lifetime membership. Our offer was declined and counter with \$7000 plus the lifetime membership. This information will be discussed during the General Meeting tonight. We stand at 9 claims now and if this is added we will be at 10 claims with 5 on the Yuba. We would not be able to add another unless we sale off claim(s). We have in previous meetings stated we are prioritizing adding a Nevada claim before adding to our California claims.

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After this meeting, claims committee members will be performing claim filing, paying claim taxes and please note that the corner post on Lucky Linda has been replaced!

Motion to accept the minutes in newsletter:
Board Member, Second: Board Member.
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Old Business:

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Adjournment: Jim Richards 7:15pm

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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, 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!

No CGPC Assessment Forms Drawing tonight. 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!

Five Guests were acknowledged: Sorry I missed getting your names, but three I recognized from the Mine Tour and we appreciate you for being here tonight!

Attendance Drawing: Bud Miller, winning attendance ticket. (1 Round)

Membership Drawing: we appreciate the 58 members in attendance: Guess who randomly was chosen again...last meeting's pick...Gregory Jones was the name drawn and he lives inside 50 miles (Dayton).

Sorry, he was not in attendance for (15 Rounds).

Next Meeting we draw again!

***Membership Drawing for August's Meeting:
(Sixteen Rounds)***

Motion to adjourn meeting: David Weingarten

Second: Nadine Miller, Treasurer

Voted and accepted by attending Members

Adjournment: Jim Richards 7:26 pm

Minutes submitted from Wade Lavery

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Kerry & Kim Wenzl,	Las Vegas, NV
Michael Buckley,	Lemoore, CA
Jacob Watkins,	Sparks, NV
Greg DiPrinzio,	San Jose, CA
Linh Luu,	San Jose, CA

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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

FOR SALE:

Near New: 8Hp/32" Snow Thrower craftsman w/chains.
Electric start and pull start.
Asking \$400.00 or trade for decent guns and ammo. Please contact: Al Gottsch 775-770-0826 or Webb Varnum 775-304-4808

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