

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

October 14, 2015



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: Oct. 27, 2015

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

Nov. 24, 2015

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>10/14/2015 – Last</u>	\$1177.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1180.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1171.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>10/14/2015 – Last</u>	\$16.09
One Year High (at closing)	\$16.15
One Year Low (at closing)	\$15.96

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

PRESIDENTS LETTER:

The weather is cooling down with the nights growing longer, a good time for prospecting before the winter is upon us. We are wrapping up the busy season with some loose ends with our claims being taken care of,

Thank you to the claim committee's endeavors.

The bureaucrats voted last month to not put the sage grouse on the endangered species list. This is a win for Nevada and the other eleven states!

Hopefully our input as well as others had an impact. However, there are strings (or ropes?) attached to the decision. There will be "ongoing" studies and restrictions as to the use of sage grouse habitats.

These restrictions will be part of the travel management plan in these habitats. I believe another \$150,000,000 has been allocated for studies and management on top of the \$8,000 per bird already spent! The lack of monetary discipline never seems to amaze one!

Also as far as government goes, there are going to be more stringent restrictions on "ozone".

The last restrictions have not even been on place yet but, are "reviewed" every 5 years. The place of least "Compliance", is Esmeralda county Nevada (population of less than a 1000, Goldfield the county seat).

The "ozone" levels have been attributed to the abundance of sage (the Nevada state flower). So, some will have to be eradicated for compliance.

Oh wait...What about the sage grouse? Agencies out of control choose wisely at the next election cycles!

Dayton Valley Days was great! We had perfect weather, a strong turnout and lot of members helping out, about 14 for the two days. We made good contacts as to future members and had a lot of smiling faces at the tables! Our next event will be at the Flag Store on Glendale Ave in Sparks. We need some

volunteers to help with the panning demos. The date is Friday the 6th of November.

The times are 6-9 AM and then 3-6PM. There will be not much activity in the morning I am sure. This is a fund raiser for the Veterans Guest House and will be broadcast on KKOH. Good PR for the Club.

The Nugget Shoot went well, Thanks to Al and Webb. Better weather and organization this year.

There were a lot of good prizes, demos, and chow. Hopefully this annual will be on par as the ICMJ event in Placerville held every two years. The ICMJ event is coming up this spring and we will try and get a spot. We cannot apply until November.

We have to make plans for our Christmas party the early part of December. Last year we had about 70 so we will plan accordingly. Think of a date that will be good for all. We will have good raffle prizes!!! (We have been selling tickets for several months) and will be offering tickets at the event but will not be processing mail in ticket requests after Nov 30th. There will be good food, and a gift exchange and raffle prizes.

We will be asking for volunteers for set up and cleanup for our Christmas Party. Thank You to those that have offered their gold for sale to the club for our events.

Also, we need some better items on the raffle table that are useful to our activities. We need speakers or demos at our meetings! We have experts in our midst and would appreciate it if you came forth with your info or demo.

This month's speaker will be Larry Martin from Comstock Gold. They have 100's of acres of lode and placer claims in the Comstock and are very active mining the Comstock. This will be a good presentation!

We have elections coming up. This month we will accept nominations for our Club officers, the ballot will be in the November newsletter with the results posted in December. All positions are for up for nominations except for Harley.

I would like to also encourage anyone to come to anyone of us on the board with concerns that you have as to our claim environment, newsletter suggestions, operational issues or anything you may be thinking about. We will be starting a Club Forum this next year which will be good for answering

questions and increasing our knowledge base...more to come.

Well, that is all for now! Jim Richards

PS...As a side note the Nevada Museum of Art on West Liberty in Reno has "Tahoe: A Visual History" on display until Jan 10. The exhibit is excellent with some areas pertaining to mining in the area...well worth the time...\$10 and \$8 for seniors.

Shiloh Has A New Owner

By: Bill Vogt

On Friday, October 5, 2015, Justin and I met with Wayne and Cynthia Farnham in their Folsom home for the purpose of transferring ownership of Shiloh to them. The Farnham's also became the newest Life members of the Club as a part of the sale. They have also agreed to license back to the Club Shiloh using our standard licensing agreement.

In addition, they are going to license their claim, Cynthia's Placer, to the Club. Cynthia's Placer is the claim that used to be known as Catherine's Secret. The lower portion of this claim is the claim we were licensing called Annex which will no longer exist and the upper portion of the claim goes up Saint Catherine Creek a distance.

A map of this claim is included in this newsletter and will also be available on the Web site. A new map of Shiloh will also be available on the Web but not included in this newsletter because nothing has changed other than the fact that the claim is now a licensed claim. This deal is a win-win for the Club and was made possible thanks to David Crosby. David, as most of our Yuba River prospectors should know, is our Yuba River Claims Custodian. On most days you can find him prospecting somewhere on the Yuba and watching over our claims. A month or so ago he met Wayne and Cynthia on their claim and this deal was born out of their conversation.

Proceeds from this sale will be used very shortly in the purchase of another Yuba claim that should take place very soon. Details will follow when that acquisition has occurred.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2015

Vice President Justin Shaw began the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Members Present:

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

Support Staff: Sargeant of Arms: Al Gottsch, Lisa Walls

Meeting called to order: Harley Ponsler, Second: Nadine Miller

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller

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

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

Membership Report: 298 members. There are 16 lifetime memberships available. Activity: 3 added and 1 dropped.

Claims Report:

Well last time the Claims Committee said they would be busy. Before this meeting Claims committee members will be performing claim filing, paying claim taxes. Well filings, recordings and tax payments on our Club Claims have been satisfied.

Licensed claims where we agreed to do the documentation/filing then pay fees/taxes for the access of said claims have been performed – minus one issue that Justin said was still not fully completed, but will be soon.

We have been approached to sell Shiloh for \$7500 plus a Life Membership. The strong possibility the Club will be licensing it back for our continued access. David Crosby presented an offer from a Folsom, CA. individual for our consideration. It will be presented to tonight's Club Members in attendance.

We want to pursue Christine for \$7000 plus a Life

Membership. If both transactions occur we stay at four claims on the Yuba and nine claims total, while still open to pursue a Nevada claim. This will be presented to tonight's Club Members in attendance.

We have in previous meetings stated we are prioritizing adding a Nevada claim before adding to our California claims, but this could allow a new adventure for our Members.

VP Justin Shaw commented that our Lucky Linda neighbor is still positive.

Repeated again, The Club's licensed claim is called, Cousins Mining. Several members, with the map available to Members who have obtained a logon password to the Web site have gone. Cousin's Mining is near Poker Flat in turn is near Downieville. They restated on the access to this claim near the end is pretty much restricted to members with 4WD, shorter wheel base vehicles, very much like Ken Bennett.

A claim named Annex (owner Bill Vogt) has been leased by the Club. Access is immediate to all Club members.

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members

Old Business:

New California Water Board Bill, SBC 637 authored by CA Senator Ben Allen moves our access to dredging away from the Forestry Service (no enforcement capability). Expect continued litigation with this new entity (the CAL Water Board). No action needed at this time.

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members

New Business:

Presentation by Todd Jones "Firearms in California, new requirements"

Motion to present to Club: Harley Ponsler, Second: Nadine Miller

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

Outings Report:

In looking forward for your planning...CGPC's participation and volunteering is welcomed in the future...

We are back... in support of DAYTON VALLEY DAYS on September 19 & 20, 2015. The Club's Panning Demonstration has been asked to return on Saturday and Sunday!

Our Families and Friends can enjoy the parade, craft booths, also a chili cook-off on Logan Alley. The Club needs to ask the Dayton group to supply more than \$200 so far offered, \$350 is needed to split between both days.

The same Saturday we have...

GPAA Third Annual Nugget Shoot @ Rye Patch (just east of Lovelock) Nevada will be September 19, 2015. It is the largest metal detecting event ever in the world. There will be prizes, demonstrations, speakers, and hands-on instruction.

In November this year The Flag Store, in Sparks has invited the Club's Panning Demonstration to join KKOH 780's The Dan Mason Show.

By planning ahead the owners of The Flag Store and KKOH can include CGPC's presence with the Panning Demonstration. The Club needs to buy gold for this panning.

Motion to present to Club: Harley Ponsler, Second: Nadine Miller

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

Club Notices:

Welcome again! Call for details and place your order ahead of time, and have it all ready at the next meeting. Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones-775/673-5253 cell Email: teresajones@sbcglobal.net

Motion to adjourn meeting: David Weingarten

Second: Nadine Miller, Treasurer

Voted and accepted by attending Members

Adjournment: Jim Richards at 8:10 pm

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING** **SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

Motion to call meeting to order: Ken Walls
Second: David Weingarten

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Bill Vogt

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New Business:

Presentation by: Todd Jones, "Firearms in California; new requirements". We will place the two sheets of details onto our website for your review.

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Over 248 participants.

Next month volunteers are needed the first week of November, Friday the 6th the The Flag Store in Sparks has invited the Club's Panning Demonstration to join KKOH 780's The Dan Mason Show from 2 PM until 5 PM. By planning ahead the owners of The Flag Store and KKOH can include CGPC's presence with the Panning Demonstration. The Club has gold to support this panning demonstration.

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

Again, 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.

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!

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!

Three guests were acknowledged as they announced their names and waived a hand. Sorry I missed getting your names and we appreciate you being here tonight.

Attendance Drawing: Club Member was there, I missed the name.

Membership Drawing for September's Meeting: In attendance tonight was one very lucky member Tom Benjamin, the winner of (Seventeen Rounds). Congratulations to Tom and he thanked the membership in attendance.

Membership Drawing, we appreciate the 59 members in attendance and 3 signed in as guests. Membership's Bill Vogt requests members to sign in before the meeting because then we will know if you are here tonight. We can assist in the drawn person to be alerted if he or she does not here their name called out. There were more people here tonight who did not register as members or guests. Our winner, Tom, was not on the signed in list yet he was there. Who knows how many other members were there and not signed in tonight. Next meeting we draw again!

Motion to adjourn meeting: David Weingarten
Second: Nadine Miller, Treasurer

Voted and accepted by attending Members

Adjournment: Jim Richards at 8:10 pm

**Minutes submitted from Wade Lavery*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Jay Bromley	Ukiah, CA.
Cynthia Farnham	Folsom, CA.
Wayne Farnham	Folsom, CA.
Bob Morgan	Marysville, CA.
Sally Morgan	Marysville, CA.
Brian Logan	Castaic, CA.
Cody Logan	Castaic, 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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