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November is board election/reelection time. The ballot is enclosed in this newsletter or you can pick one up at the November meeting and vote. The results will be announced with the officers officially taking office in January. We could use some volunteers for the unelected positions which we will discuss in future meetings.

Speaking of volunteers, we will need some for our upcoming Christmas party. The party will be on 8 December at 6:30 PM at the Masonic Temple (our usual meeting place) with setup at 5:30 PM. Linalu, is back (yay) and has volunteered to plan and organize the party. The format will be the same as before with a gift exchange; guys for guys and gals for gals. If you bring children, please provide a gift for them. Keep gifts in the \$10 range. We will also be drawing for our two raffle items and you can buy tickets at the party for them or mail in your ticket purchase by 1 Dec. We are expecting about 70 members based on past attendance. Should be nice...Plan on being there!

Larry Martin from Comstock Mining was our guest speaker in October. What a great presentation of what is happening in the Comstock! And what an undertaking Comstock Mining has taken on! Larry also invited us for some tours next year. We will be in contact and will keep our members informed of any upcoming tours.

Speaking of upcoming speakers or demos, we would like some input. Our membership has a lot of knowledgeable and experience and we would like some of you to step up for a presentation at one of our upcoming meetings.

The two miners under the microscope in California went to court this week (5 Nov). The judge in the case is postponing his decision pending on the Rhinehart case this coming January. Will keep you informed. The evidence gathering by the county mounties was very extensive! They have a government "snitch" program and the Indian nation patrolling for dredgers as well as aircraft surveillance and Goggle map surveillance! They are apparently serious on apprehending prospectors and you will get caught with your equipment confiscated. Be prepared for the consequences if you are out there. The following is the states complaint...worth the review![State's Complaint](#) The California coffers are never out of money which is apparent when the pursuing of miners for exercising their rights..

Speaking of the state next door, SB637 passed and basically says no motorized equipment within 100yds of waterways?! <http://www.goldgold.com/legal-update-mid-october.html>

After much discussion and research, we have concluded that one cannot claim a placer over a load claim and vice versus without permission of the other claim holder. This is based on a Supreme Court decision in 1904, NV law and discussion with those in the mining industry. To do so would be considered mineral trespass! So the policy of the Club is not to do so. Also, if we did locate a load claim, our insurance would increase by at least \$1600. So we are not going to look for load claims.

The demo at the Flag Store went well on the 6th Nov. Thanxs Wade and all those that participated ... more to follow. These events are good for our club and in helping to keep the rest of the world informed about prospecting and the restrictions being put upon us.

Now is a good time of the year to clean and prepare your equipment for next year. The stuff you do not need would be appreciated on our raffle table.

Well...all for now,
Jim