

# THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the  
**Comstock Gold Prospectors**

November 15, 2015



## **BLACK BILLIE**

**Next Meeting: NOV. 24th, 2015**  
**\* CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 8, 2015**  
At 6:30pm.

### **UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

(Mark your Calendars)  
Dec. 08, 2015

#### **1 Year Gold – NYSE**

<u>11/15/2015 – Last</u>	\$1084.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1089.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1084.00

#### **1 Year Silver – NYSE**

<u>11/15/2015 – Last</u>	\$14.25
One Year High (at closing)	\$14.31
One Year Low (at closing)	\$14.17

### **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

### **PRESIDENTS LETTER:**

November is board election/re-election 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.

We will need volunteers for our upcoming Christmas party. The party will be on December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. At the Masonic Temple, at our usual meeting place. Set-up will start at 5:30pm.

Linalu is back (**Yahoo!!!!**) 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 Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 knowledge 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 Google map surveillance! They are apparently serious on apprehending prospectors and if you will get caught with your equipment, it will be 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 100 yds. 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 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. Thanks 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

### **More Claims:**

By Bill Vogt

As announced at the October meeting, the Club has acquired another licensed claim. The name of this Nevada desert claim is Blue Wing which is the claim you drive through getting to Tammy. The Claims Committee has been eyeing this claim for several years and was delighted when committee member Randy Watkins announced that the owners of Blue Wing, Harold and Janis Bond, had agreed to our standard licensing agreement.

One of the stipulations of the agreement is the licensees have their membership paid for as long as the agreement is in effect so Harold and Janis are now our newest members. The map to this claim, which was previously posted to our Web page and made available at the October meeting, is included in this newsletter. As many of you know there is more than one way to get to Tammy and this fact was previously stated on the Tammy map.

Now that we have access to Blue Wing I found a way to get another popular route out by having it as the directions for this claim. A third popular route is through Lovelock, past Vernon and Porter Springs on county route 7.

One last note on this claim, my wife and I were able to get out between storms and erect the four corner posts and a post right next to the road up to the claims denoting where Blue Wing begins. The nice thing about three of the posts (NW, NE, and SW) is they are right at US General Land Office Survey markers so their location is pretty accurate. At this time there are no claims directly, North or West of Blue Wing so the boundaries aren't that important. However, there are other claims to the South and East of Blue Wing so be mindful of those boundaries.

The Club has also acquired a new claim on the Yuba and its map is included in this newsletter as well as being posted on the Web site. The name of the claim is Pirate and it is where Christine previously was which is about a mile upstream from Shiloh. Christine is the claim that has been discussed on and off for the last few months. The claim was obtained within the parameters agreed to by the members and the exact terms will be presented at the January meeting.

The upstream and downstream boundaries are referred to on the map and are marked in the field with small yellow metal tags attached to the back sides of guard rail posts.

There is also a post near the guard rail marking the upstream boundary. There are active claims upstream and downstream of this claim so be mindful of the boundaries.

There were a couple of minor errors with the map first issued (distance from Downieville should have been 6 miles not 4 and corner 3 is 9 posts downstream from mile marker 10.04 not 10.4). These errors have been corrected with issue #2 included in this newsletter and currently available on the Web site.

## **COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS** **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING** **OCTOBER 27th, 2015**

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

### **Members Present:**

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

Support Staff, Sargeant of Arms : Al Gottsch

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

**Correction to Minutes:** Claims Report Correction:  
The Club has *not bought* Christine at time of meeting.

**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:** 297 members. There are 15 lifetime memberships available. Activity: 2 added and 5 dropped.

**Claims Report:**

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- **WHERE: Masonic Temple (our usual meeting place)**

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

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Adjournment: Jim Richards 7:15pm

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Guest Speaker(s) and/or Demo(s):

Those in attendance were treated by the knowledge and mining experience by one Larry Martin, CPG. He's a Professional Engineer/Certified Geologist. As the Director-Exploration of Comstock MINING, NYSE MKT: LODE, [www.comstockmining.com](http://www.comstockmining.com) (from his Business Card).

He shared some of his experiences in exploration and mining for diamonds. He then spent the balance of his time describing his involvement with his current use of his professional skills in exploration and mining the Comstock. He presented slides that depicted the mapping, taking drilling samples and analysis of such that then developed the design, set-up for the mining process/equipment to support the profitable production of gold from their claims in the Comstock. What he shared with us this night the surrounding population of metro cities don't have the desire or knowledge to follow what he presented – but he was very grateful the members in attendance asked great questions and understood a great deal of mining information, but of course we are CGPC! We thanked him for sharing his professional experiences and he continued to answer our member's questions after the presentation. Personally, go on YouTube and see their mine set-up efforts starting with (Comstock Mining March to Production #1- Pond) and through #16 use; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCBLZtA7I2o>

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## **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!

## **Guest Recognition:**

One guest was acknowledged as they announced his name and waived a hand. Sorry I missed getting your name and we appreciate you being here tonight.

## **New Members:**

New Family Membership was in attendance, recognition of Donna and James Ruiz and they will get a Silver Round from the Secretary (who apologized for leaving the Rounds at home).

Membership Drawing for October's Meeting: Club Member Webb Varnum was here tonight, as well Keith Warmboe of Placerville will get a Silver Round from the Secretary (who apologized for leaving the Rounds at home).

Membership Drawing, we appreciate the 54 members in attendance and 2 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 hear their name called out.  
Next meeting we draw again!

Motion to adjourn meeting: Nadine Miller

Second: Bill Vogt, Membership

Voted and accepted by attending Members

Adjournment: Jim Richards at 8:30 pm

*\*Minutes submitted from Wade Lavery*

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

**Harold & Janis Bond** Reno, NV.  
**Ryan Houlgate** Windsor, 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!!

Mike Maxwell

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