

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the

Comstock Gold Prospectors

JANUARY 18, 2015



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: JAN. 26, 2016

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

(Mark your Calendars)

Feb. 23, 2016

Mar. 22, 2016

Apr. 26, 2016

1 Year Gold – NYSE

01/15/2016 – Last \$1092.00

One Year High (at closing) \$1098.00

One Year Low (at closing) \$1088.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

01/15/2016 – Last \$13.95

One Year High (at closing) \$14.13

One Year Low (at closing) \$13.89

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 year has ended with our Christmas party.

I find it hard to believe we are into 2016! We had about 50 members attend Our Annual Christmas Party.

Linalu did a fantastic job preparing the main meal.

Thanks Linalu!!!

Our members brought tasty side dishes and desserts. There were a lot of door prizes. That coupled with the “big ticket” raffle items made for a nice Christmas for our members.

The New Year did not bring in resolutions to our ongoing “battles” in regards to our rights as miners.

The latest confrontation with NFS occurrence In **Montana:**

<https://www.goldrushexpeditions.com/helena-forest-service-kicks-vet-off-mining-claim-for-cleaning-up-trash/>

We are getting harnessed in all states. It also seems that it is not the BLM But, the “Other State and National Bureaucracy. It would be interesting if that was researched!

Also, there might be some headway as far as dredging is concerned. The 49ers newsletter addresses this in their latest newsletter:

<http://www.goldgold.com/newsletter-january-2016.html>.

This all revolves around legalize in interpretation of the water quality board law. More to follow!

The next legal front, Judge Ochoa is will decide in a hearing Jan 20th concerning suction dredging regs.

Again more to follow!

I would like us to be aware that these battles are not without cost. If it were not for the PLP, AMRA and Groups, like the New 49rs funding these battles, we would be “dead in the water”.

I would urge that all those that can help out, consider a buck or two.

I am also going to suggest that our Club consider adding to the fight with a monetary pledge. I am also going to suggest that we start a collection box at our meetings to help out. As, a side note, the ICMJ will give you a discount (they will pony up \$10) for a portion of a PLP membership with an ICMJ subscription!

Speaking of the ICMJ, we have been selected for an inside booth at the ICMJ Gold Prospecting and Mining Summit in Placerville, April 16-17. This would be a good opportunity for our Club with a lot of great presentations and info.

I would encourage our members to join or sign up for the newsletters of other clubs and associations so as to keep informed and pass any info on to other members and prospectors.

We are establishing an info network which seems to be getting results. Communication is very important to us. Our rivals have been doing this for decades and it shows in the courthouses and legislative bodies.

We have a lot of catching up to do. But due to the tireless effort of some individuals and organizations, we are making headway.

We can win these fights if we all get on the same page. Also, we cannot continue supporting our enemies at the ballot box, enough said!

As a note, I have been selected as an administrator for Northern Nevada for the Mining and Mineral Advisory Council. Our job is to research and resurrect the Mining Districts in Nevada so as to have a voice in any upcoming rules and regs.

There is a bill coming up in Congress that will re-establish our authority in these matters. The bill addresses most of the western states and also West Virginia, Virginia and Florida. The states invoked basically have BLM managed lands. This is going to be a daunting task and will not be a "quick" fix. Just as a for instance, I have found that Nevada has over 500 mining districts dating back to the 1860's!

Also, the results of the Club elections were tallied and resulted in all those that were preciously serving will continue to serve. We will be looking for volunteers, in our activities coming up any type of participation is needed. We need input and volunteers for Club speakers and or demos also! I will be speaking about the MMAC and the Nevada mining districts at our January meeting.

We are planning a tour to the Comstock Mines in Virginia City some time in February. We will post the date and particulars on our website.

By the way, I hope you all are taking a few minutes to review our website. Dave is doing a fantastic job on OUR site. Please take advantage of its offerings and if you want to add to it, let us know. This year we will be using it more and more for announcements and info.

I was also just informed that Dave, who is our Yuba River claims custodian, is moving to Lovelock to do some serious metal detecting.

Therefore we need someone to take over his vacated position. Let us know. As an aside, the Downieville River Inn is offering a 25% discount to Club members. Call (530) 289-3308 for reservations. Hope you all had good Holidays,

Well...all for now,
Jim

Claim Maps and Membership **By Bill Vogt**

The November newsletter was supposed to have included the maps for our newest claims, Pirate and Blue Wing. Instead, the online version got Pirate only and the print version got Cynthia's Placer. We are publishing the maps to Blue Wing and Pirate in this newsletter to make sure that everyone has got a copy of these maps.

Remember, if you have internet access and have established a log on to the private side of our Web site you can always down load any map at any time.

If you haven't yet established your access you are encouraged to do so by contacting either me or our Webmaster, David Terwilliger, and providing us with what you want your user name to be.

As a reminder, a new year has started so it is once again time for our Life and Honorary members to submit a completed and signed renewal application as required by the by-laws.

While not specifically stated in the by-laws we have encouraged members to complete this task during the first quarter of the year.

With regards to Life members, we have lost contact with D. J. Minsart and would appreciate it if anyone who knows his whereabouts would provide us with that information or have him contact us.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 24th, 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: Presidents Letter; Christmas Party set-up will start at 5PM.

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: 300 members. There are 15 lifetime memberships available. Activity: 4 added and 1 dropped.

Claims Report:

The Club is reminded by the Claims Committee to explore and work Pirate as members have found good results just this past week. We are prioritizing adding a Nevada claim before adding to our California claims.

Blue Wing is a 160 acre dry placer claim near our

Tammy claim.

The Nevada claims dirt roads toward Tammy and Blue Wing have had maintenance grading. We asked members to report road conditions so we may inform the members at the next meeting and in the following newsletter.

Claims Committee Representative: Bill Vogt will be traveling to California's Sierra County Court House in Downieville on Club business in the near future. There are no reportable details at this time.

This Secretary will attend this trip to further expand my understanding of the claims process and locations of the official offices to carry out this process in California. The Club is very fortunate that Membership Chair Bill Vogt and several others partake on these efforts.

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

Again, KVB, a Yuba River claim near Downieville, CA next to Sweet Potato is completely valid and fully usable.

Until further notice just ignore any in the field comments by any individual(s). Claims Committee is addressing comments.

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Outings Report:

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Club Notices:

Special Attachment:

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- **MANY THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS who starting at 5pm and through the evening and clean up**

- **Attendees members - 47**
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 - **Door prizes - 15**
 - **Main raffle**

1st winner - Jim Allen - chose drywasher

2nd winner - Wyatt Erd - high banker

3rd winner - one of Gavin Hansen's sons - book

Raffle amount collected - \$722.00

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
Adjournment: Jim Richards 7:00pm

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Motion to call meeting to order: David Matthews,
Second: Randy Watkins

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by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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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 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.

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!

Membership Drawing, we appreciate the 30 members in attendance and no guests. Susan Thomasson in attendance won 1 round.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Nadine Miller

Second: Bill Vogt, Membership

Voted and accepted by attending Members

Adjournment: Jim Richards at 8:05 pm

**Minutes submitted from Wade Lavery*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Ron Hamilton,	Concord, CA
Drew & William Stone,	Sacramento, CA
Tara Bridegum & Bryan Kellie,	Reno, NV
Jim & Raye Ann Cartoni,	Reno, NV
Del Hardy,	Reno, NV
James Haan,	Benicia, 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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