

# THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the  
**Comstock Gold Prospectors**

MARCH 08, 2016



## **BLACK BILLIE**

**Next Meeting: MARCH 22, 2016**

*Speaker of the Month: Rick Martin*

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

(Mark your Calendars)

Apr. 26, 2016

May 24, 2016

June 28, 2016

### **1 Year Gold – NYSE**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 03/08/2016 – Last          | \$1264.00 |
| One Year High (at closing) | \$1276.00 |
| One Year Low (at closing)  | \$1261.00 |

### **1 Year Silver – NYSE**

|                            |         |
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| 03/08/2016 – Last          | \$15.38 |
| One Year High (at closing) | \$15.64 |
| One Year Low (at closing)  | \$15.34 |

### **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:**

Steve (as usual) gave a great presentation on metal detecting. I think that with the ongoing anti-dredging sentiment in CA. we all should be thinking of metal detecting, especially in the desert climate of Nevada.

It takes a lot of practice and attention for good prospecting but by the same token, your California needs, would be a lot less, and in most cases a lot cheaper. Instead of lugging in bulky and heavy equipment, you would be bringing in a less than 10# detector and small scoops, and a pick.

Also, a good detector will not break the bank (around \$700 new). Some of the detectors that Steve reviewed were cheaper yet. If interested, go on his website or talk to Ken Walls, if you want to order one.

It was pointed out by Steve that a lot of the detectors have “bells and whistles” we do not need, especially in Nevada. For those of you going to the ICMJ Summit this April, there will be a good display of them to look at and get hands on. I would like to organize an outing for detecting and maybe get Steve to come along. A few of our members are proficient in their use...I am not one of them!

The ongoing situation in CA. has led people to other methods of prospecting. With the high water flow in the rivers, they are processing the edges with gold pan and hand sluice with good luck. Look for the exposed bedrock trappings and in the moss that grows along the banks, (sometimes called “mossing”). Prospectors are still applying to the CA. water board for dredging even though they have no jurisdiction. This is being encouraged so as to build a data base for the ongoing battle. There is no more current news from the CA. courts.

Plan accordingly and consider the resources in Nevada. The Carson City RMP is still in its long “rewrite” phase. They have taken in over 30,000 comments from us and are “adjusting” the document

accordingly. All of this should be released in May or June and then 30-day comment period and 60 days for Governors Sandoval and Brown to review it. We are not out of the woods yet concerning this sweeping plan. Also, on the government agenda is the BLM 2017 budget...and guess what...they are attempting again to eliminate the small miner's waiver! This would make it unaffordable for our club and others to have our claims. It would cost us 10's of thousands of or even more! They cannot attack the 1872 mining act, so they will use regulation and fees to make it unaffordable for miners and clubs. We will watch this carefully!

Two of our members were approached by the CHP while on our claim. They handled it well. There is more coverage of the incident in the newsletter. I personally think it is OK for the CHP or other LE to make inquiries. I feel it is another set of eyes to thwart claim jumpers. Our position is to put your club card on the dashboard and have your Club ID with you. Also note any LE event and inform the Board. Non-confrontational is the way to act in those situations.

The March ICMJ has an excellent article by our member Chris Ralph on staking your own claim in 2 parts. Worth the read and save for reference! Those that wish to stake a claim should contact the claims committee (especially Bill) for guidance. This will save you time and \$. Also we are always looking for claims to license to the Club. The Club will cover the yearly expenses.

The Pleasant Valley School panning demo is Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 10am to 12pm. All are invited to attend. Donuts will be provided!

And of course, our next big event is the ICMJ Summit in Placerville, April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

We need volunteers and attendance at this event. This is the best event of the year and is close by!

Let us know if you can be there.

On the same note, if you have any notions of Club outings or speakers...let us know. We are eventually going to get Harley to give a presentation...this year...

Rick Martin will be our guest speaker this month. He will be covering dredging in our area.

Thanks Bob for the contact. He will bring a lot of info and knowledge.

Again, we need good items for the raffle table. Also do not forget about our free classifieds in the newsletter.

The PLP and the MMAC (through the PLP) needs donations for our ongoing legal battles. Consider a donation (might be tax deductible?). Also maybe the

Club should consider a donation in addition to the proceeds from our ICMJ Summit raffle? This gives you something to think about.

Well off to do my duty as a taxpayer I hope the Government appreciates it...ugh!!

Jim

### **Rick Martin Bio**

Rick Martin is a Health and Safety Consultant currently working as the Senior Health and Safety consultant at the Tesla Giga factory construction site in Sparks, Nevada. As a Health and Safety Professional, Martin's career has spanned some 40 years, and includes Law Enforcement, Fire Service, Emergency Medical Services, and Mining Safety Management.

Martin has a passion for history, and especially gold dredges. One of his first jobs as a sixteen year old boy was working on a huge gold dredge in California, and later in life, on one of the giant gold dredges in Alaska. He approaches the subject from firsthand experience and extensive research.

As a published author and lecturer on health and safety subjects, Martin is also a frequent presenter on history topics, particularly relating to the mining industry and western states history. Martin is currently working on three books for publication, one on the history of the mills of the Carson River, one on the early logging and deforestation of the Sierras, and one on the history and operations of giant gold dredges of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2016**

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

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

Support Staff at Board meeting: Web Master: Dave Terwilliger

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Chairperson: Nancy Terwilliger, Equipment Custodian/Raffle Coordinator: Mike Maxwell

Meeting called to order: Jim Richards

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Motion to accept the Corrections to Minutes: Wade Lavery, Second: Justin Shaw

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Not available, Treasurer shall forward to Board Members.

Note: at the time of constructing this newsletter the President had not received Treasurer's Report and expects next Board Meeting a current report shall be submitted.

**Membership Report:** 305 members. There are 15 lifetime memberships available. Activity: 2 added and 2 dropped.

Motion to accept the Membership Report: Nadine Miller, Second: Justin Shaw

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### **Claims Report:**

The Claims Committee suggests using, KVB, a Yuba River claim near Downieville, CA next to Sweet Potatoe and a "friendly singular" occurrence happened. We are not lawyers or council and therefore the Claims Committee recommends always a friendly and respectful approach to all contacts made in the field. Please record all details of any occurrence you assess to be informative to our Members for their benefit in the future.

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 two Members prospecting in California, Sierra County, Club owned claim "KVB" and "Sweet Potatoe", both Yuba River claims near Downieville. Our Member related that a CHP officer parked above on the road and announced the area they were prospecting on was a Federal Mining Claim. Officer asked if they had the right to be on this claim and can they provide documentation to support their presence. One Member related that the officer told the members to come to him. Our

Members were able to verbally convince their legal rights through the Club to prospect this claim. They did not carry their "signed membership cards" and didn't have their "vehicle card" displayed. The CHP officer was satisfied that "claim jumping" was not occurring, thanked our Members and left. The Club does supply a vehicle card in the informational packet upon joining. It is recommended if you need to replace it see Membership Bill Vogt during meeting. If you need one and cannot come to a meeting contact Membership by email or phone to obtain this card. Member's prospecting then continued.

**In my opinion as your CGPC's Secretary and with President's approval the following two inserts are added for your consideration of this subject. They were originally placed on our website, but some members don't have capability to access our website so we are displaying the information here.**

### **Law Enforcement Interactions Pt. 1**

(CGPC website posting on [07/07/2015](#) by [Todd Jones](#), for those who are not on our website and depend on hard copy newsletter).

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).

Motion to accept the Claims Report: Wade Lavery, Second: Justin Shaw

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

Good afternoon miners. While prospecting in the field and all the legal actions being placed on miners, it is important to know the difference between "Contacts and Detentions" by California law enforcement officers. The information provided here comes from the "California Criminal Evidence Guide: A Handbook for the Criminal Justice Student". In this discussion I will define "Contacts" and "Detentions" and what the officer can and cannot do during each incident.

Contact: A contact is any interaction between an officer and a person, which does not restrict a person's freedom of movement. If there is no restraint of a person's movement, then there is no seizure within the context of the Fourth Amendment. Law enforcement may "contact"

persons in the performance of their duty. A person cannot claim they were “seized” simply by being approached or addressed by an officer. A person does not have to cooperate or can depart the police presence during a contact.

Example: Case law accepts the risk that officers may approach and converse with innocent people. If the officer does not learn facts rising to the level of reasonable suspicion (detention), the person must be allowed to leave (*Illinois v. Wardlow*, U.S., 1/100).

- Refusal to cooperate during a contact does not furnish the justification needed for a detention (*Florida v. Royer*, U.S., 1991).
- Not every interaction between police and citizens involve a detention. The key issue is would a reasonable, innocent person feel free to leave? (*Florida v. Bostick*, U.S., 6/91).

What can the police do during a contact? The following actions are allowed during a contact:

- Walking up to a person or vehicle
- Engaging a person in conversation.
- Asking a person if they would mind answering some questions or asking for consent for a search.
- Making inquiries about a person’s presence in an area.
- Requesting identification (examine and return) (*I.N.S. v. Delgado*, U.S., 1984; *Florida v. Royer*, U.S., 1983).
- Driving by and spotlighting a person or vehicle.
- Parking behind a car (leaving enough room for the vehicle to leave).
  - Asking passengers to exit from a vehicle.
  - These are just a few examples.

What law enforcement can’t do during a contact? The following actions are not allowed by law enforcement during a contact. They will elevate a contact into a detention, unless there is reasonable suspicion of criminal contact into a detention, unless there is reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.

#### **Examples:**

- Activating a red light causing a person or vehicle to stop (*Peo v. Bailey*, 6DCA, 12/85).
- Blocking the pathway of a person or vehicle (*Peo v. Wilkins*, 6DCA, 6/86).
  - Verbally or physically directing a person’s movement (*Hold it, police!* – *Peo v. Verin*, 1DCA, 5/90). “Come here, I want to talk to you” (*Peo v. Roth*, 4DCA, 3/90).
- Police-“Come here a minute” (*Smith v. Ohio*, U.S., 6/90).
- Running a warrants check or filling out a field

interrogation card while the person waits at the officer’s direction (*Peo v. Harness*, DCA, 1983).

- Accusing a person of being involved in criminal activity (*Wilson v. Superior Court*, Cal., 1983).
- Physically touching a suspect coupled with language communicating required compliance with officer’s instructions (In re: *Manuel G.* Cal., 1997).

Work cited:

Hill, Raymond. *California Criminal Evidence Guide: A Handbook for the The Criminal Justice Student*. Bodega Bay, Halleck Creek, 2009.

**Law Enforcement Interactions Pt. 2, Detentions** (CGPC website posting on [07/07/2015](#) by [Todd Jones](#), for those who are not on our website and depend on hard copy newsletter).

Detentions; Reasonable Suspicion Standard: Unlike a contact where a person is free to leave, a detention is a temporary stop by a law enforcement officer for investigating and questioning to determine a person’s involvement, if any, in criminal activity. A detention results in the seizure of a person under the Fourth Amendment. The law of detention allows police to temporarily stop persons to investigate criminal activity without first having to develop probable cause to arrest.

For a detention to be lawful, an officer must have **reasonable suspicion** that a suspect is about to commit a crime, is committing a crime, or has committed a crime and there are facts to connect this person to the suspected criminal activity (*Terry v. Ohio*, U.S., 1964; *Florida v. Royer*, U.S., 1983; in re: *Tony C.*, Cal., 1978; In re: *Manuel G.*, Cal., 1997). Police cannot stop persons at will, based on curiosity, a hunch, or even in good faith. If not based on reasonable suspicion, a detention will be in violation of the Fourth Amendment and any evidence or statements resulting from the stop will be suppressed.

Length of Detention: An officer may detain a person as long as reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of the investigation (*U.S. v. Sharpe*, U.S., 3/85). There are no specific time rules. Time is governed by investigative need, investigative justification and the requirement for officers to investigate in a diligent manner.

Officers’ actions: An officer can order, examine, and

retain identification during a detention (Peo v. Long, 6DCA, 2/87; U.S. v. Christian, 9DCA, 1/04). As a general rule, an officer cannot arrest someone for merely failing to produce documentary evidence of identification (Lawson v. Kolendar, U.S., 1982). Verbal identification is sufficient (Hibel v. 6th Judicial District Court of Nevada, U.S., 6/04). An exception is a violation of the California Vehicle Code; failure to provide identification is grounds for custodial arrest.

A search for identification during a detention is not permitted just because a person states he/she has none (Peo v. Martinez, 2DCA, 4/87). An exception would be a search would be justified based on exigency, such as officer safety; detention of a dangerous felon; with voluntary consent, or when there is a possibility of releasing an unknown suspect pending further investigation of criminal activity. A person cannot physically resist a lawful detention (Evans v. City of Bakersfield, 5DCA, 2/94); In re: Gregory S., DCA, 1980; Dawkins v. City of Los Angeles, Cal. 1978). A person must remain at the scene of the stop until the purpose of the detention is concluded. A person is required to at least verbally identify oneself during a lawful detention (Hibel v. 6th Judicial District Court of Nevada, U.S. 6/04), failure to do so may also be a violation of 148 P.C. (resisting arrest).

Searches: Officers are limited to plain view observations during a detention. No search is permitted unless there is a legal basis to frisk; the search is performed with voluntary consent, or pursuant to a probation/parole condition.

Frisks: A frisk is a pat down (cursory) search on the outer surfaces of a suspect's clothing for the purpose of discovering deadly or dangerous weapons that could be used to assault the officer (Terry v. Ohio, U.S., 1968). A frisk does not come part and parcel with a detention (Terry v. Ohio, supra; U.S. v. Thomas, 9DCA, 4/88). An officer must show there is a reasonable and factual belief that the person detained is armed with a deadly or dangerous weapon or potentially violent or assaultive (Terry Standard). A frisk is usually justified by the nature of the investigation, by activity taken by a suspect during detention, or by official channel information, which comes to the officer's attention during a detention.

An officer cannot conduct a frisk on the mere principle of "officer safety" (Peo v. Medina, 2DCA, 7/03) unless the person consents to a voluntary

search.

Note: When on a claim and approached by law enforcement and engaged in conversation, the officer might say something like, "You don't have any weapons on you, do you? You don't mind if I search you for your safety and mine." If this happens and you do not obviously have a weapon on you, you can refuse, otherwise the officer is in violation of your rights.

When a frisk is justified: Any weapons related offenses, assault with a deadly weapon, brandishing a weapon, robbery or any other weapons control law violations. A search is also justified incident to a lawful arrest.

I hope this information is helpful when dealing with law enforcement. These laws not only pertain to California law enforcement, but also to California DFW, other states and Federal law enforcement. If in a situation involving law enforcement, after the incident document everything that happened starting from what you were doing at the time prior to contact by law enforcement, was it a consensual contact or a detention, What type of attitude did the officer display, what questions did the officer ask, did he search you during a contact without your consent? Were you detained? Did he /she asks for or demand identification? Don't forget to get the officers' name and badge number, document if they were in uniform or plain clothes, or any other important information. All of this information is important because it's the difference between winning and losing a case.

Always be courteous to law enforcement, but also know your rights, knowledge is power and we cannot allow them to trample our rights. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Work Cited:

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Halleck Creek, 2009, 188-225.

United States Forestry Service (USFS)

USFS had notified the Club because we do own claims in Sierra County on the Yuba River of their future consideration, plans and development for unapproved camping sites for different parties (i.e.

mining rights holders). There are no updates at this time.

The Club is reminded by the Claims Committee on Pirate members have found really good results. The

Club owns nine claims with prioritizing adding a Nevada claim. The Claims Committee will meet 12 Noon Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss results. I can only comment they have been very active on our behalf with loads of volunteered hours and vehicle/equipment usage to get another Nevada Claim added.

Again, the weather is getting better so plan to try Blue Wing, it is a 160 acre dry placer licensed claim near our Tammy claim.

We asked members to report road conditions so we may inform the members at the next meeting and in the following newsletter.

Again, VP Justin Shaw commented that our Lucky Linda neighbor is still positive and Club Members have been out there.

Motion to accept the Claims Report: Wade Lavery,  
Second: Justin Shaw

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...

Pleasant Valley Elementary School Panning Demonstration at Easter Break, Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, from 10AM to 12PM at 405 Surrey Dr., Reno, NV 89521. Thank you Bill Vogt and Jeff Hiller, Teacher. We have our CLUB meeting for March that same day...it's a Comstock Gold Prospector day of being involved. Contact Bill Vogt to volunteer!

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volunteering and raffle for this event. Be sure to make plans to attend this event, it's known to be quite informative to all levels of prospecting and mining.

Club participation has been extended to work with GPA for a June/July outing. Details to follow as when, where and volunteer needs are defined.

49er Days at Roaring Camp: Join them the last weekend in July for family fun, gold panning, contests, swimming and BBQ. Located just off of Hwy 88, near Pine Grove. Take Tabeau Road approximately 1/2 mile to Roaring Camp Office. <http://www.roaringcampgold.com/Home.htm> and [roaringcamp@volcano.net](mailto:roaringcamp@volcano.net)

Motion to accept the Outings Report: Wade Lavery,  
Second: Justin Shaw  
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Adjournment: Jim Richards 7:10pm

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2016**

Motion to call meeting to order: Sherman Tresca,  
Second: Ken Mela

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Second: Club Member

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Our Guest Speaker: Steve Herschbach was entertaining, provided informative talk about a range of topics surrounding metal detectors that only one so close to the business of using them for results would have knowledge of. Steve was gracious in his time and showed again his strength in the subject. We will never have enough time to hear all his stories and common sense approach in selecting a detector. His followers go to the resources provided below to gain a better appreciation of what to look for and get results! We thank him for sharing with our club!

### **(Gold Prospecting and Metal Detecting for Gold)**

Steve's website is dedicated to prospecting for gold and other precious items using metal detectors, suction dredges, sluice boxes, gold pans, and more.  
Website: <http://www.detectorprospector.com>

Steve's Guide to Gold Nugget Detectors, ICMJ  
Associate Editor:

Steve Herschbach, author for the ICMJ, long time prospector and a friend of mine, keeps a listing of metal detectors and his opinions about their strengths and weaknesses (no detector is perfect for all possibilities). The document represents Steve's personal opinions, but because he is a very experienced prospector who has used a large number of different detectors to find gold, the information and thoughts on the different models make for very worthwhile reading. He just did an update for it at the beginning of this month.

<http://forum.icmj.com/index.php?/topic/3-steves-guide-to-gold-nugget-detectors/>

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### 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!

CGPC Assessment Forms: Drawing tonight. Of the 18 reports filed, Al Gottsch won the silver ounce round.

Guest Recognition: 8 guests

### New Members Present:

**Marvin Reed and Jeff Brown** (family membership, **Cynthia Brown**)

### New Members Present Drawing:

**Jeff Brown** (family membership, **Cynthia Brown**) won the silver ounce round.

**Attendance Drawing:** (ticket(s) supplied at sign-in table):

**CGPC's second meeting of 2016**, member **Greg Higgins** ticket number was called for a silver ounce round! Come to our next meeting on Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 for the next silver ounce round to be awarded!

Membership Drawing: **CGPC's second meeting of 2016**, members **Jessica Jones and Gerry McFall** called out for two silver ounce rounds, alas neither was present. This month on Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 there are 3 silver ounce rounds to be awarded.

A random number generator is used to select a possible winner from our Membership Roster and your chance to be picked is always a possibility.

Total attendance: **72**

Members: **64 (including Steve Herschbach)**

Guests: **8**

Motion to adjourn meeting: Randy Watkins

Second: Wade Lavery

Voted and accepted by attending Members

Adjournment: Jim Richards at 8:35 pm



**\*\*JUST IN**, a CGPC Member located in California, George McGee, is donating a custom sluice for CGPC's Raffle at ICMJ Mining Summit in Placerville - April 2016.

He is manufacturing them in low quantities and shall have them for sell exclusively through Placerville Hardware.

He wanted a sluice he could backpack in his explorations and felt this donation for the club would be unique and new to those who come by the booth this coming year.

Many thanks to George! (Thanks, for supporting, George goes to Tom Williams and Keith Warmboe... all CGPC members)

Our Club shall supply other items. Raffle proceeds will be matched by Club resources up to and not to exceed \$2000.00 (cost of raffle prizes and matching funds) to support litigation fighting dredging court cases.

**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.

**Member Looking For August Partner:**

Member Daniel Gall, who lives in Castalia, North Carolina, is planning a month long trip to Nevada/California in August and he is interested in teaming up with someone who knows the area and is familiar with most of our claims.

Daniel is a retired geology professor with a BS, MS and PhD in geology who uses the methods of his science to look for placer gold. He is well equipped for just about any method of prospecting and camping and his sole companion is a dog.

Anyone who is interested teaming up with Daniel while he is here should call him at 919-223-4123 or email him at [Gabriel\\_dgg@yahoo.com](mailto:Gabriel_dgg@yahoo.com). You could also write him at 8106 Edwards Rd., Castalia, NC 27818

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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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