

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
Nov. 11, 2016



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: Nov. 22th, 2016

***Speaker- Chris Ralph**

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

(Mark your Calendars)

Nov. 22, 2016

***December 6th, Christmas Party**

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>11/11/2016 – Last</u>	\$1259.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1260.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1219.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>11/11/2016 – Last</u>	\$18.67
One Year High (at closing)	\$18.73
One Year Low (at closing)	\$17.17

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 is coming to a close! This was a quick one for me! With the year ending, we have scheduled our Christmas party on the 6th of December starting at 5 for set up and the seating at about 6:30.

Jessica has graciously volunteered to honcho the event. We will be needing volunteers for set up and tear down. We will be taking volunteers at the November meeting as well as signing up to bring a dish to the event.

The gift exchange will be as in the past...guys for guys and gals for gals (about \$10 or so). Any kid's gifts will be provided by those "in charge" of the kids. We also will have some nice raffle prizes and some door prizes. Mark your calendars. We are expecting 70 or so.

In this newsletter is the ballot for election of next year officers. Bring it to the meeting or get it to another member to be counted. There will be ballots at the November meeting also. The results will be announced after collection, with the positions beginning in January 2017.

Some of us have been paying attention to the Washoe County lands bill. There was a meeting in November at the convention center which I attended. There were about 70 people present (most of the same faces) and about 20 gave comments. Of the 20, six (in my opinion), including Ira Hanson, gave very good and factual presentations which got the attention of the three county commissioners. The maps are changing daily with most of the changes adding on to the wilderness areas and sage grouse habitat. The wilderness area proposal has gone from 450,000 to 600,000 acres!

This has mores of an impact than the Pershing County lands bill! We have got to pay attention. These "lands bills" are expanding and adversely affect ALL Nevadans.

There are millions of acres at stake this coming year. This all hinges on the election results. Just for your info, Nevada currently has 70 wilderness areas with more to come. We are second only to California (about 80). Other states have only 2-6, especially the eastern areas of our country.

We are being picked on by those in power in DC because they can. We provide very little resistant. Utah said enough and it is now in the courts with millions spent by

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them presenting their case. Utah is expecting a favorable decision, but their case was postponed until after the election...go figure!

Bill attended the MMAC meeting in Foresthill (thanks Bill) and has a summary in our newsletter. There are things on the horizon with the BLM and the MMAC objectives which I believe we should be paying attention to and provide constructive inputs. It is overwhelming the goings on with lands bills, BLM, green groups et al.

We as a Club are going to have to come to grips with this...and maybe the sooner the better. It has been suggested that we have a chair and committee to deal with these issues. I think that is a good idea. Suggestions?

Chris Ralph will be our speaker this month...always a good presentation. Bring your questions. He will also probably have some current info of PLP and MMAC.

Well, have a Happy Thanksgiving,
Jim

Foresthill Meeting Report **By Bill Vogt**

On 10/29/2106, Ken Mela and I attended a meeting at Foresthill representing the Club. The purpose of the meeting was to organize and re-activate the mining districts of the Foresthill Divide and surrounding areas.

After explaining the advantages of re-activating the mining districts, representatives from M. M. A. C. displayed a map of the area with the various mining districts shown and asked the attendees to determine which districts their claims were in.

Ken Bennett, which is the only Club claim in this area, is in the Last Chance district. We broke up into smaller groups relative to the district we were in and began the process of activating the district. Because it was almost impossible to hear each other due to the large number of people in attendance the only thing our group got accomplished was the creation of a phone list and an agreement to meet again in Auburn in the near future.

We also had a volunteer agree to set the meeting up and notify everyone on the list. Anyone

interested in learning more about this subject can go to www.mmacusa.org.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS **MINUTES OF THE BOARD** **MEETING Oct. 25th, 2016**

Call to Order: Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:34pm.

Board Members Present: Jim Richards, Nadine Miller, and Wade Lavery. Members at Large: Harley Ponsler present. Ken Walls and Justin Shaw were absent.

Support Staff at Board Meeting:
Webmaster: Dave Terwilliger

Claims Committee at Board Meeting:
Board Members Mr. Richards and Mr. Lavery with Member at Large: Mr. Ponsler.

Support Staff on-site:
Membership/Chairperson & Historian: Bill Vogt,
Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones, Sergeant of Arms: Al Gottsch, Webmaster: Dave Terwilliger.

Support Staff not on-site: Outings
Chairperson: Nancy Terwilliger and Equipment Custodian/Raffle Coordinator: Mike Maxwell was absent.

Correction to Minutes: The Secretary's minutes for September 23 meeting attendance figure (>35) now updated to (48) members who actually signed in. The Secretary's minutes incorrectly left out the following: ***The Club's thank you for Janis Bond who baked the cake we had two meetings ago. The cake disappeared amongst the "sweet tooth" prospectors in attendance!***

The Secretary's minutes are corrected with the following: ***On September 17th Rye Patch Nugget Shoot – using Metal Detectors had very good participation and prizes.***

Club Members Webb Varnum and Al Gottsch did represent us Saturday on September 17th and got two new memberships!

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller.

In addition Club Secretary Wade Lavery was asked and accepted responsibilities in two areas of Club business; to have signature authority on the CGPC checking account and have editing/posting authority on our website (trained by the Webmaster Dave Terwilliger).

Membership's Report: Current membership is 334. Number of Life Memberships available is 14. Activity since last report as follows; Members dropped 2 with new Memberships adding 2.

Claims Report: To own or license Nevada claims, is your Claims Committee's number one focus.

There is a list of prioritized prospects to explore, which is being acting upon and reportable after research has been completed. We are considering a Nevada opportunity in Telephone Canyon.

The Claims Committee completed and rejected two evaluations of areas open for claiming: Willow Creek Canyon and Eugene Mountains, no further interest as Club claims and now disclosed to membership.

Eugene Mountains has several members who are going to continue on their own time and money to explore further.

Old Business Report: Pershing Gold was proceeding in Pershing County with purchasing land from BLM where they may already have access to the mineral rights and looking forward to work with State of Nevada could still face other regulations.

New Business Report: "PLP" is going through changes and our Board shall stay in touch with those developments.

Meantime separately, NMAC is involved in issues that our Board feels are important to follow for our membership. BLM is still involved in Washoe County as it did in Pershing County in organizing new designations for over 450,000 acres and the process is proceeding.

Outings Report: The Club will not be participating at November's Flag Store event for the Veteran's Guest House, but if you can visit on the Friday the 11th to purchase store items the *Veteran Families would appreciate your support.*

Report on Club Notices:

See General Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the Board Meeting Minutes: Board Member, Second: Board Member. Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

Adjournment: Jim Richards at 7:18pm.

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Jessica for CGPC's Christmas Party on
Tuesday the 6th of December is moving ahead.

Starting at 5pm for set up, and the seating will
be about 6:30pm.

*Many thanks to Jessica and the Board shall
support your efforts!!!*

Guest Speakers: Filling in was Mr. Bill Vogt
who talked about Claims Committee
responsibilities, processes and reporting 0 to the
Membership.

Club Wear and Club Merchandise:

Call for details and place your order. Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones, Home 775/673-5253 between 3pm to 8pm, please leave voice mail with name, phone number and subject. Teresa's Email: teresajones5930@sbcglobal.net



Looking For Outing Partner(s):

The 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.

Guest Recognition: Welcome to Alex Francis, Mike and Sue Steward, Steve I.

New Members Present: Welcome to Nancy and Steve Clausen.

New Members Drawing: Attending tonight were Nancy and Steve Clausen and winning a silver ounce round!

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

In attendance CGPC's Keith Warmboe ticket number was called for a silver ounce round! Come to our next meeting on Tuesday November 22, 2016 for the next silver ounce round to be awarded!

Membership Drawing: CGPC's members drawn; Brian Logan of Castaic, CA and Robert Scarborough of Incline Village, NV were called out for four Silver (ounce) Rounds. Sorry neither of you were not here tonight. Next month on Tuesday November 22nd, 2016 there are *five 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.

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!

Total attendance: 51

Members: 46

Guests: 5

Motion to accept the Club Meeting Minutes and adjourn meeting: Club Member, Second: club Member. Voted and accepted by the attending Club Members.

Adjournment: Jim Richards at 8:46 pm

NEW MEMBERS:

Robert Geno,

Novato, CA.

FOR SALE:

Minelab GPX-4500 Metal Detector



For Health Reasons I am selling my GPX-4500. I am the original owner and have only been able to use the detector approximately six (6) times so it is essentially new. The Nugget Finder coils and most of the accessories were purchased from AZO.

I am asking \$2200.00 and shipping is free in continental U.S.A. only and no APO or P.O.

Contact: Gary Nielson
at cgnielson@aol.com or [775 884/2656](tel:7758842656)

Minelab GPX-4500 Metal Detector

Minelab Lithium ION Battery

Lucky Lark Lithium Battery

Koss Head Phones (new)

Minelab Battery Harness (new)

Minelab GP Series 11" coil (new)

Nugget Finder 16" coil (new)

Nugget Finder 14"X 9"Elliptical Coil

AZO Control Case Cover

(2) Heavy Duty Power Cords (new)

Power Cord for Lucky Lark Battery (new)

Bungy Cord

Battery Chargers – Including Vehicle Charger

Snake Guardz's Size Large (new)

Spare Foam Handle Cover (new)

Minelab Carry Case for Detector (new)

Minelab Instructors Manual

NOTE: All coils equipped with Coil Covers

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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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A BUSINESS AD:**

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