

# THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the  
**Comstock Gold Prospectors**  
Jan. 09, 2017



## **BLACK BILLIE**

**Next Meeting: Jan. 24th, 2017**  
**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

(Mark your Calendars)

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **1 Year Gold – NYSE**

<u>01/09/2017 – Last</u>	\$1180.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1185.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1177.00

### **1 Year Silver – NYSE**

<u>01/09/2017 – Last</u>	\$16.57
One Year High (at closing)	\$16.69
One Year Low (at closing)	\$16.49

#### **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:**

The rivers this year will be filled with “new” gold. The waters are swift and deep! Bill and I went to a MMAC meeting for the Sierra Mining District last month, and got pics of the Feather roaring and rising. This rain in January will probably put it and others over their banks. Good for prospectors, not good for those living or working near these rivers. We will keep those affected in our thoughts.

The Sierra Mining District was attended by Bill and I as well as about 15 others. It was very productive and informative. There is an air of optimism with the new administration on the Federal level for addressing the MMAC’s desires. However, I brought up the fact that California is known for disregarding federal for their, “own” agendas.

The optimism felt at the meeting has to be cautious with regard to California’s leftist legislature and their deep pocketbooks. The attendees elected a Board with Wayne Farnham elected as a board member.

They voted to have monthly meetings as well. This is good as it shows that a “few” miners are showing interest in MMAC and organizing their districts. And I say again “few” showing interest. We will be participating in the goings on of this district and will be helping to organize our districts in Nevada. Nothing new on Rhinehart decision, dredging or the Pershing County lands bill. The “lands” bills have “stalled” in congress and no action will be taken in this congress.

Good bye to Harry R et al. The lands bills will also include Douglas and Washoe. These bills are a HUGE impact on Nevada. Barry in a parting shot designated Gold Butte as a national monument! More lands removal

Well, we had about 65 at our Christmas party. Good prizes and fun. More than enough food for all! Special thanks to Wade and Theresa for their endeavor as well as the “core” cadre that helps at

*\*Personal Ads: Are free to Members for a maximum of three editions of The Gold Pan Newsletter!*

these events. The cost was about the same as last year mainly because we had volunteers preparing the main dishes...Thanks to all.

See you at the January meeting  
Jim

### Historian/Membership Comments

By Bill Vogt

The months of November and December were catch-up time for me as the Historian. Up to then I had posted no 2016 pictures on line and the picture album for 2016 was only partially done.

I am pleased to report that now all 2016 pictures are on line and the album is completed. If you are unable to attend meetings and have internet access I encourage you to visit our Web site and check out the pictures.

If you attend meetings I encourage you to look through the album at the Historian table. I have also made a back-up cd of the album which is available for purchase upon request for \$5 and an extra \$1 if mailing is required.

Any revenue generated through this endeavor is used to offset the cost of creating the album. The cd is organized with a folder for each event and within each folder is a pdf file describing the event and the pictures contained in the folder.

In my membership capacity I would like to remind all Life and Honorary members that during the first quarter of the year you are requested to send in the required annual signed membership application. In addition to providing us with your most current information the application is a release form and it is required annually by the by-laws.

### Comstock Gold Prospectors Club's Christmas Party December 6, 2016

It was a successful and enjoyable for those who could attend because of our volunteers. You're Club Directors and Party Organizer Jessica Jones would like to thank everybody who gave of their time and resources in planning, making so many tasty dishes to share, participating in setting up and afterwards in cleaning up so quickly. We try to recognize and say thank you to all and if I missed you I apologize...

Bill and Irene Vogt: Set-up, Decorations and Clean-up

Michael Maxwell: From Storage, Set-up, Raffle/Drawing, Clean-up and Return to Storage

Al Gottsch: Set-up, Eating and Clean-up

Mike Taylor: Set-up and Clean-up

Jessica Jones: Party organizer, Set-up, Decorations, Kitchen and Clean-up

Harley Ponsler: Set-up, Decorations and Clean-up

Toni DeHerrera: Kitchen and Clean-up

Wyatt and Jean Erd: Kitchen and Clean-up

Jim Richards: Set-up, Decorations, Kitchen, Shopping, Clean-up and "MC"

Martina Lavery: Set-up, Decorations, Christmas Tree, Train and Clean-up

**A TOAST TO COMSTOCK GOLD  
PROSPECTORS MEMBERS AND  
RECOGNIZING  
YOUR KIND GESTURES, SHARING WITH ALL.  
THANK YOU FOR THE FEAST...**

•MASH POTATOES

TRACY NYSTROM

•AU GRATIN POTATOES

KATHY AND GAVIN HANSEN

•STOVE STUFFING

KATHY BURNS

CHERYL AND LOUIE ALLEN

•CRANBERRY SAUCES

BERRY STYLE BILL AND IRENE

VOGT

JELLO STYLE BILL AND IRENE

VOGT

•BEAN SALAD

HARLEY PONSLER "3 BEAN SALAD"

•MACORONI SALADS

MIKE TAYLOR

DAVID WEINGARTEN

•POTATOES

MIKE MAXWELL

•SCALLOP POTATOES

CHERYL AND LOUIE ALLEN

•PASTA

ROBERT SWANK

•GREEN SALAD

WALTER NYSTROM

•AMBROSIA SALAD

VIRGINIA BROWN

•GRAVY

VIRGINIA BROWN

•PORT OF SUBS PLATTER

MATTHEW GREENWELL

•COLE SLAW

CHERYL AND LOUIE ALLEN

•DEVEILED EGGS

**BILL AND IRENE VOGT**

**•SHRIMP PLATTERS WITH COCKTAIL SAUCE**

**ROBERT AND KATE MAYFIELD**

**•VEGGIE PLATTERS**

**JUSTIN SHAW**

**ANITA CLARK**

**•CHIPS**

**JUSTIN SHAW**

**JIM RICHARDS**

**•DIPS FOR CHIPS**

**HAROLD AND JANIS BOND**

**KEN AND CINDY MELA**

**•FRUIT SALAD BOWL**

**SHERM TRESCA**

**•COOKIES**

**3dz JIM RICHARDS**

**•PIES**

**PUMPKIN TONI DEHERRERA\***

**PUMPKIN GRANT GARRISON\***

**\*3 WHIPPED CREAM JIM RICHARDS**

**BERRY AND APPLE NANCY AND**

**DAVID TERWILLIGER**

**•CAKE**

**CAKE BIG, NO - REALLY BIG!**

**WYATT ERD**

**•ORANGE JELLO W/FRUIT**

**TOM KNOWLES**

**•TURKEY**

**2 BILL AND IRENE VOGT**

**1 JIM RICHARDS**

**1 HAROLD AND JANIS BOND**

**1 TRACY AND WALTER NYSTROM**

**•HAMS**

**1 RANDY WATKINS**

**1 KEN BROWN**

**2 WADE AND MARTINA LAVERY**

**\*CORPORATE SUPPORT FROM STARBUCKS**

**COFFEE**

**2LBS DONATED BY MIGUEL**

**CASTANEDA, STORE MANAGER**

**2453 WINGFIELD HILLS ROAD,**

**SHOPS C, SPARKS, NV 89436**

Club Secretary, Wade says thank you to our Newsletter Editor Lisa Walls for producing and circulating this connection to the Membership!

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD**

**MEETING NOVEMBER 22ND, 2016**

**Call to Order:**

Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:30pm.

**Board Members Present:**

Jim Richards, Justin Shaw and Wade Lavery.

Members at Large: Harley Ponsler present.

**Board Members Not Present:**

Treasurer Nadine Miller.

**Support Staff at Board Meeting:**

Webmaster: Dave Terwilliger

**Claims Committee at Board Meeting:**

Chairman Mr. Shaw, with fellow 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 and Equipment Custodian/Raffle Coordinator: Mike Maxwell

**Support Staff not on-site:** Outings Chairperson: Nancy Terwilliger.

**Correction to Minutes:** See General Meeting Minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** See General Meeting Minutes.

**Membership's Report:** See General Meeting Minutes.

**Claims Report:** See General Meeting Minutes.

**Old Business Report:** See General Meeting Minutes.

**Outings Report:** See General Meeting Minutes.

**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 announced at 6:48pm.

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL**  
**MEETING NOVEMBER 22ND, 2016**

**Call to Order:** Jim Richards began the General Meeting at 7:30pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** President Jim Richards began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Members Present:**

Jim Richards, Justin Shaw and Wade Lavery.

Members at Large: Harley Ponsler present.

**Support Staff on-site:** Membership/Chairperson & Historian: Bill Vogt, Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones, Sergeant of Arms: Al Gottsch, Webmaster: Dave Terwilliger and Equipment Custodian/Raffle Coordinator: Mike Maxwell

**Support Staff not on-site:** Outings Chairperson: Nancy Terwilliger.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read by Wade Lavery for Treasurer Nadine Miller.

**Membership's Report:** Current membership is 331. Number of Life Memberships available is 14. Activity since last report as follows; Members dropped 3 with new Memberships adding 0.

**Claims Report:**

Membership was informed that the Club is not pursuing claims in Rye Patch.

**Old Business Report:**

Christmas Party gift exchange is to be explained at the Party.

Confirm with Nadine Miller if she was bringing State of Nevada Atlas/Dot copies for attendance prizes.

Agree on Major Raffle prizes: Blue Bowl, Pyramid Pan and Back Pack Mini Sluice.

**New Business Report:**

Follow online the PLP involvement in CA and Western US.

**Outings Report:**

Christmas Party kitchen duty, set-up and clean-up volunteers to be reminded as well as the food assignments have been supported and verified.

Decorations and table accessories are ready. Shopping is to be completed by President Jim Richards.

Raffle and Drawing have tickets and are staffed.

**Report on Club Notices:**

Our Coordinator is **Jessica for CGPC's Christmas Party** on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December is moving ahead.

The Christmas Party starts at 5PM for set up and the seating at about 6:30. Many thanks to Jessica and the Board shall support your efforts!

**Guest Speakers:**

Once again, the Membership in attendance were very thankful for the return of Chris Ralph.

Chris Ralph shared his insights and experience in detecting with great slides that the Membership

could ask some very intuitive questions. I for one felt this give and take allowed for better review of techniques in sampling, identifying potential areas using many considerations and then exploiting that opportunity with the ability to move on, when the results tell you this sight is exhausted.

This would be a maturing of one skill to assess and cover more ground/material/potential by again moving on and exploring.

*A hearty thank you, well done Chris!*

### **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](mailto:teresajones5930@sbcglobal.net)



### **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.

### **New Members Present:**

Welcome to **Michael McDonnell**.

### **New Members Drawing:**

Attending tonight was **Michael McDonnell**, he received a silver ounce round!

### **Attendance Drawing**

(ticket(s) supplied at sign-in table): In attendance **CGPC's Robert Swank** ticket number was called for a silver ounce round!

*Come to our next meeting on Tuesday January 24th, 2017 for the next silver ounce round to be awarded!*

### **Membership Drawing:**

CGPC's members drawn; Walter Block of Quincy, CA, Karen and Randy Fisher of Fallon, NV and Bob & Camille McCullough of Pensacola, FL were called out for four Silver (ounce) Rounds.

Sorry none of them were here tonight.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday,  
January 24th, 2017.

There will be six 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: 40**

**Members: 39 + 1 = 40**

**Guests: 1 (became a member!)**

**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 announced at  
8:22pm.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Greg Arend

Concord, 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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