

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
April 16, 2017



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: April. 25th, 2017
UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Guest Speaker: Pat Fagan

(Mark your Calendars)

May 23rd, 2017

June 27th, 2017

July 24th, 2017

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>04/16/2017 – Last</u>	\$1287.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1288.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1282.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>04/16/2017 – Last</u>	\$18.55
One Year High (at closing)	\$18.57
One Year Low (at closing)	\$18.39

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:

Busy times are ahead for our Club and fellow prospectors. We have outings planned with dates and panning demos. We would like to have good turnouts at these events instead of just the “regulars”. As stated before the Club equipment will be available for use (two dry washers and a backpack) by our members. Also, good time to learn from the “vast” amount of experience that will be in attendance. Feel free to bring your own equipment and share your expertise.

The first outing will be to the Eugene Mountains for possible new claim location. About a two-hour drive on paved road (mostly). Two wheel cars are okay. This will be scheduled over Memorial Day weekend Sat the 27th of May thru Mon the 29th. We will establish a meet up for caravan in Fernley at one of the truck stops to be determined. For those planning to attend, we are going to do a potluck on Sat night. Some will be cooking cakes and delicious five star meals in their Dutch ovens...yummy!

The next planned outing will be to Dun Glen at the invite of Pat Fagan who has several claims there and in northern ca and has interests in the Comstock with Wayne Farnham. This is planned for the weekend before the 4th...Sat July 1st and Sun Jul 2. This will be a Club event with our equipment. Also at this event we are requesting you to note where any color was found and we will be pooling our finds so as to denote 10% to our host and the rest divided among our participants- even the “slackers”.

Pat Fagan will also be our guest speaker on April. He has an extensive background in mining, oil production and geothermal in ca and NV. Should be one of our more interesting and

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informative speakers. Pat is also President of the mining districts in Sierra County and is very involved with MMAC. Bring your notebook and questions, Speaking of MMAC, Bill, Wade and I attended the monthly MMAC meeting in Downieville.

A good turnout with more claim owners coming aboard. Their agenda is moving through DC with good support. The new administration is favorable to MMAC but will take time due to being government and new people coming on board and trying to catch up and removing the “chaff” from the previous administration. MMAC will be a benefit to all mining interests when their bill before Congress passes. Joining MMAC is voluntary. You do not have to be a claim owner to join and show support. The silver level is \$30 a year and gold (claim holders) is \$125. MMAC does not just encompass mining interests, it is more about land use, therefore if you are an outdoorsman (ATVer, hiker, hunter, rider, etc. etc.), MMAC objectives will pertain to you.

Visit the website MMAC.org and pass on the information to others that have an interest in the outdoors. Spread the word that there is a group working for all of us.

Speaking of government, things are happening for the better. This past week (besides reducing funding for the EPA) the BLM “Planning 2.0” rule was voted by the House to kill it. This “Plan” was essentially withdrawing 250 million acres from 11 western states. (These states do not include Maryland, Massachusetts etc., if you get my drift.) Anyway, the bill was drafted by Liz Cheney of WY and Scott Tipton of CO. Looks like our country is being “given” back to us! They are also planning to rollback Obama’s takings that were done in his last 60 legislative days of his tenure.

The Reno Gem Show will be May 6 and 7th at the Livestock Center. We will be having a panning demo. Contact Al G. or Dave T. for details. Where your CGP gear and lend a hand. This is a good show and we want to support local clubs. Dave T is active in the RGMS and is

organizing our participation. The hours are 10-5 with auctions and door prizes.

We have been on at the Yuba River doing claim mx. The river is still up there, but the banks are accessible. We got color in 3 pans in 20 minutes from material in the ditch along the road! We are expecting a good year on our Yuba claims. A word of caution, the river is swift and cold. The USGA has a link on their website for river data. This is informative as it shows the height of the river on a time table, so you can get an idea of what to look forward too.

Looking forward to see you out and about,
Jim

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS **MINUTES OF THE BOARD** **MEETING MARCH 28TH, 2017**

Call to Order: Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:33pm.

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

Board Members Not Present: Member at Large: Tim Bartlett.

Support Staff at Board Meeting: None.

Claims Committee at Board Meeting:
Chairman Mr. Shaw, with fellow Board Members Mr. Richards, Mr. Lavery and Member at Large: Mr. Ponsler present.

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

Support Staff not on-site: Outings
Chairperson: Nancy Terwilliger and Webmaster:
Dave 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.

New Business Report: None

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 7:06pm.

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING MARCH 28TH, 2017**

*****Guest Speaker for Tuesday April 25th*****

We welcome, MR. PATRICK A. FAGAN

Presently a mining Owner, Investor and Operations...Representative within Mineral and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC)...Elected President and Director with the Sierra County Mining District (MMAC)

Call to Order: Jim Richards began the General Meeting at 7:31pm.

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

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

Board Members Not Present: Member at Large: Tim Bartlett.

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Dave Terwilliger.

Correction to Minutes: None.

Treasurer’s Report: Read by Treasurer Nadine Miller.

Membership’s Report: Current membership is 324. Number of Life Memberships available is 13. Activity since last report as follows; Members dropped 5 with new Memberships added 7.

Claims Report: Claim Committee Members (CCM) are attempting to assess the need of replacement claim markers, but March’s high flows have increased once again on California river claims, Yuba and Feather. Please remember and thank Bill Vogt and his “Merry Band” of volunteers who initiate, install and maintain claim signs, discovery and boundary posts keeping us LEGAL while we enjoy our mining.

It’s been reported that Feather River claim “Adavenone” water level is very high. At “Who-Do” there’s a road access problem, no details. CCM stopped at “Pirate” and the water level is very high. These named claims; Cynthia’s Placer, KVB, Lucky Linda, Shiloh and Sweet

Potato the water level is very high. One determined member has been out to Nevada's backcountry on "winter stressed roads" to reach our Tammy and Blue Wing claims. Warning, ask about road conditions at all claims to avoid a cancelled trip. There are quite a few hardy souls that are not stopped by a little mud or snow or rain, consult them before going. Still, be cautious and make your own assessment before striking out!

Claims Committee is investigating Nevada sites near Reno: 4 locations (inside 50 miles) and 3 locations (inside 150 miles). If the committee votes to ask our general membership to explore and evaluate a particular site we are not releasing our Club's intent to file. Report back to the Claims Committee if you experienced success and the Club could consider pursuing that site for claiming for all Club members. We will announce our release of said site for individuals to privately claim an investigated site during a meeting. This is Club etiquette.

Old Business Report: None.

New Business Report: "Public Lands" bills are being stalled in U.S. Congress at this time, we are thankful as most oppose mining claims on public lands. So many of our claims (owned & licensed) are in the Sierra County Mining District. Club is involved looking at organizations to protect our rights to work our mining claims. Our Secretary has joined MMAC as an individual to pass on developments that our Club may want to know about.

•MMAC

(<http://www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org>) with their stated mission briefly stated as "The Council's mission is; 1: Bring together all the groups and organizations that are fighting for the same thing. 2: Organize, modernize, institute and unify all Nation-Wide Mining Districts. 3: Minerals and Mining to be recognized as Federal Mineral Grantees and Federal Public Land Stakeholders. 4: To recognize the Federal Mining Districts".

•Land Matters

(<http://www.mylandmatters.org>), is a non-profit group that is doing some very interesting services that can educate our members who want to be more informed and proactive in all aspects of mining.

•PLP's involvement in CA and Western US has been stalled.

Outings Report:

•We returned to Hidden Valley Elementary in March. Our return for a second panning demo involved three classes versus the one class before. We had a great time showing students, teacher assistants, teachers and the Principal how to successfully pan and find gold! The Club is looking to repeat these demos for years to come. Thank you Fred because of your association with a teacher at this school and getting us started!

•We hope to hear back from Pleasant Valley Elementary for a **new demo date soon!**

•Looking at Nevada, the Board and Claims Committee have approved an **outing for Memorial Day weekend**, three sites –which one? Stay tuned!

•Again, looking at Nevada, the Board and Claims Committee have approved an **outing for July 4th holiday** by invite of a claim owner for his company's Dun Glen mining claims. Background: Dun Glen (later Chafey) is a [ghost town](#) in [Pershing County, Nevada, United States](#), north of the present community of [Mill City](#). Found in 1862, it was a [silver mining](#) community founded at a site then within [Humboldt County](#).

The Dun Glen Placer Mine is situated in [Pershing County, Nevada](#), along Dun Glen Creek, which drains from the west side of the East Range Mountains. Reports indicate lode gold was discovered and vein deposits were mined in Dun Glen Canyon during the early 1860s. Chinese miners attempted drift mining of the gold laden placer gravels between 1880 and 1890 with limited success due to the water table. Further exploration of the deposits in the 1920s to 1930's led to the first mechanized placer

operation in 1931. The area has been mined for placer gold since that time. Stay tuned!

- The Club is looking to offer our panning demo for Friday, Saturday and Sunday depending on volunteers signing up next month for **Portola**

Railroad Days 25-27 August 2017. Their annual event features the Golden Spike Parade, classic car cruise-in, music, Western re-enactors, vendor fair, raffles, food court, etc.

Report on Club Notices:

Attention: Our Club has very good relations with these businesses and by enjoying their services we are supporting them and the surrounding communities. When you can give consideration to stay at their facilities while having fun at the claims...

•Indian Valley Outpost Resort located at 4601 Highway 49, Camptonville, CA, 95922 United States. (Club first recognized this business in 2017)

Recreation and nature abound in this wonderful place where “Memories are made and Memories are shared”. Their resort is located on the North Fork of the Yuba River in the beautiful Tahoe National Forest in the heart of California Gold Country and so near to Comstock Gold Prospectors Club’s claims! They have accommodations to suit every camper and traveler. A Large Group Cabin fully furnished, RV rental unit, RV full and partial hook-ups, and authentic Native American Sioux Tepees fully furnished. The Restaurant serves Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. I say “Nothing like their biscuits and gravy and moms homemade apple pie”. They have a salad bar and great burgers.

Consider them for your group gatherings, retreats, weddings, (catering available). We have a large outdoor picnic area equipped for bands and BBQs. Come watch a free family outdoor film on Friday and Saturday nights and be sure to bring your camp chair. Accommodations Open year round. Restaurant April to October. (530) 289-3349. www.indianvalleyoutpostresort.com

The Downieville River Inn located at 121 River Street, Downieville, CA 95936 United States. (Club first recognized this business in 2016)

Stay with us in a unique home-away-from-home, surrounded by the Tahoe National Forest, nestled in the quiet and historic gold rush town of Downieville. Relax in comfortable guest rooms and cottages, each with private bath and porch or balcony. We have cottages with full kitchens and rooms with kitchenettes. Enjoy our beautiful gardens, picnic areas with barbecue grills, sauna, and a clean, refreshing swimming pool. Nearby you will find world-class mountain bike trails, excellent trout fishing, hiking, kayaking, river rafting, and gold panning. We are happy to be your guides to activities in the Downieville region.

We are located on the North Yuba River, along Highway 49 and the Yuba-Donner Scenic Byway. Our inn is just a short walk from the North Yuba and Downie rivers, and surrounded by picturesque tree-lined hills. (530) 289-3308. www.downievilleinn.com

- Member Janis Bond** had sent her husband, Harold to the meeting with two beautiful and yummy cakes. In the past they disappear so quickly so I made a point to get back there directly after the Board Meeting and found the pans needed cleaning-I did not apologize as I left the cut pieces to other Members. Tasty-Tasty!

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<http://www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org/districts/Patrick-Fagen.pdf>

Club Wear and Club Merchandise:

Call for details and place your order. Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones, Home 775/870-9113 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):

Please use our website. 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.

CGPC Quarterly Assessment Drawing:

Due today, only two assessments submitted. Therefore, Club President declared they should be carried over to April's meeting.

Guest Recognition: Chris Hemphill

New Members Present: Welcome to Mr. Michael Willner and Mr. Steve Grandel tonight.

New Members Drawing: Congratulations to Mr. Michael Willner, presented with gold specimens in magnifying box.

Attendance Drawing: (ticket(s) supplied at sign-in table): In attendance CGPC's Steve Grandel ticket number was called for a silver ounce round! Come to our next meeting on Tuesday April 25TH, 2017 for the next silver ounce round to be awarded!

Membership Drawing for eight Silver (ounce) Rounds:

CGPC's members drawn;

- Ben Culp of Reno, NV (pick again)
- Jay Bromley of Ukiah, CA (pick again)
- Robert Fainelli of Fernley, NV. (attending meeting - winning pick!!!)

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Next meeting on Tuesday April 25TH, 2017 we return to draw for one Silver round. 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: 58

Members: 55

Guests: 3

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 8:37pm.

FOR SALE:

Grant Garrison

2003 Monterey Elite

Tent Trailer \$7,450.00 CASH

This tent trailer has been used a total of 5 or 6 times. There are a lot of things in the tent trailer that are still new in package.

Two king size beds and a Queen Size bed. Tent trailer sleeps eight, has a refrigerator heater in the toilet.

Also, it has an outside shower, and two awnings on the trailer and the dining room table slides out, it also is automatic remote controller is the tent trailer and the two king size beds.

Two other items on the tent trailer is it has a solar panel on the top and then also it has the air conditioner water cooler.



- 1) MXT whites detector with headphones/ 9 1/2 inch coil/ and a carrying bag \$ 750 cash.
 - 2) Brand new Keene desert fox gold wheel for sale I tested once. \$400 cash. Club members only 10% discount on the gold wheel.
 - 3) 6 inch gold coil brand-new fits the whites MXT never been used for \$130 cash.
- Call 775-359-9238 or cell 775-846-7987
Ask for Grant Garrison





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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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