

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

May 14th, 2017 * *Happy Mother's Day*



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: May 23rd, 2017
UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Guest Speaker:

(Mark your Calendars)
June 27th, 2017
July 25th, 2017
Aug 22nd, 2017

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>05/23/2017 – Last</u>	\$1229.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1232.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1226.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>05/23/2017 – Last</u>	\$16.35
One Year High (at closing)	\$16.43
One Year Low (at closing)	\$16.33

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

Board Meeting is held at 6:30pm

General Meeting

4th Tuesday of each month
7:30 PM at the

PRESIDENTS LETTER:

Masonic Wadsworth Lodge #25
2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV

We are looking forward to a busy and productive season as the weather settles down, starting with the prospecting for a possible new claim in the Eugene Mountains this Memorial Day weekend.

We will be there Friday thru Monday. There will be an assembly at the in Fernley, Saturday the 27th at the Terrible's Truck Stop at 8AM and we will caravan out to the area in the Eugene Mountains (the main road out there is State Route 400).

It is about a 2-3-hour drive. Maps will be on our website, handed out at our May meeting and available at the assembly Saturday morning.

The area is easy access with two-wheel drive and a lot of good camping areas. We will have Club dry washers at the event. Metal detecting should be good. Bring items for potluck on Saturday; we will provide burgers and buns thanks to Grant and Webb.

Planning for about 25-30 in attendance. If you get "lost" out there, cell phone service is available.

The RGMS at the livestock center was lively on 6&7 May. We had a busy time at our panning demo! Thanks to David, Nancy (Miss Panner), Al and Wade for the success of our participation!

We will have our next panning demo at Pleasant Valley Elementary 13 June at 10AM, **Volunteers???** These are all fun events and help spread the "gift" of prospecting and get new members.

We are going to make a few changes in our Club By-Laws. The first is the elimination of the phrase "a Non-profit" in Article 1 Section 1.

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We are also going to assign the check writing and handling of funds to Club positions...President, Treasurer and Secretary. The assigning of these is necessary for "bonding" purposes. We are going to purchase a bond for those positions handling our funds so as to guard against someone seeking an early retirement package. It happens! This is now officially posted in the Newsletter and approved by the Board and will be voted this month, at the May meeting.

Keep those assessment forms coming in and keep an eye out for claims in NV either to "own" or "license". Also, are there any suggestions for outings or speakers?

Even though gold is our primary interest, Nevada is chock full of other items of interest (Meteorites any one?) so keep your eyes open.

We have events coming up Dun Glen in July, Portola RR Days in August and Dayton Valley Days in September. Just to keep you up for the year. Just a note, the Dun Glen outing we will be collecting 10% from each piece of equipment (dry washer, sluice, metal detector, etc.) to return to the owner of the mine.

The event will be the weekend before the 4th of July. More to follow: This will be a good event! Just a side note, those going to the Yuba, "The Downieville River Inn", offers a Club discount. About \$50 a night. Call ahead for reservations. This is a good deal! You should be able to recover enough in 1 hour to cover that this year!

We will be discussing a CGP Scholarship fund at our May meeting. The Board has okayed this tentatively. We need input. Good PR and to a worthy cause for students at UNR.

Do not forget our classifieds (free to members) to spring clean out your equipment. Try and focus on camping and prospecting equipment. No looking for singles ads, you will get no response! And do not forget worthwhile items for the raffle table.

We think that Bob T will be giving us a brief presentation of the GSN outing to Silver City, NV, this May meeting. There is a lot of history up there and in our "back yard". Bob belongs to a lot of mining related groups and is a good source of what is going on in NV and where.

The roads are still worthy of caution, Tammy was ok, but roads in ca are still on the mend. Prepare your vehicles and yourselves for delays and closures. The rivers are still dangerous. Probably won't settle down until June. Maybe include ropes and vests for possible rescues, of course not for you, but others.

OK
Enough said...Jim

"The material for the Eugene trip will be posted on the member only side of the web site on the claims page. If you have not yet established an account you should. To do so you need to contact Membership Chairperson Bill Vogt at wvogt@sbcglobal.net. Please have 'CGP - Establish web account' on the subject line and in the body of the email provide the username you want to use for the account. You will need this when logging on.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS **MINUTES OF THE BOARD** **MEETING APRIL 25TH, 2017**

Call to Order: Justin Shaw began the Board Meeting at 6:33pm.

Board Members Present: Justin Shaw, Nadine Miller and Wade Lavery. Member at Large: Harley Ponsler and Tim Bartlett were present.

Board Members Not Present: President: Jim Richards.

Support Staff at Board Meeting:
Webmaster: Dave Terwilliger.

Claims Committee at Board Meeting:
Chairman Mr. Shaw, with fellow Board Member 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

Correction to Minutes: See General Meeting Minutes.

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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: 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: Justin Shaw announced at 7:06pm.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING APRIL 25TH, 2017

*****Guest Speaker for this 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 7:30pm.

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 and Tim Bartlett present.

Board Members Not Present: NONE.

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 and Webmaster: Dave Terwilliger.

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

Correction to Minutes: None.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Treasurer Nadine Miller.

Membership's Report: Current membership is 323. Number of Life Memberships available is 13. Activity since last report as follows; Members dropped 7, new Memberships added 5, with Member reinstated 1.

Claims Report: 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 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.

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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.

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•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. 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.

We are there:

Memorial Day weekend (5/26, 27 & 28)

Claim Committee Members (CCM) made a choice between three Nevada areas to explore for a possible new claim from a much larger area in the Eugene Mountain range. So, back at the March 28th meeting with great hopes we had Anita, Louie, Walt, Gerry, Bob, Joe, Baltasar, David, Tom, Ben, Chet, Howard, Dan, Ed and 10 CCM members pushing forward for a Nevada Memorial Day “sampling” weekend! So starting Friday May 26th with those CCM’s wanting to camp out early, then Saturday May 27th as per our President’s message caravanning out early to join the “Friday’ers” we have an outing.

Fourth of July (Saturday 7/1)

Alert: Saturday July 1st our Speaker at this month’s meeting is graciously “opening the gate” of his private placer claim located in the **State:** Nevada, **County:** Pershing, **District:** Sierra (Dun Glen, Orofino, Chafey, Sunshine) District, so known informally as his Dun Glen Claim.

Back ground: 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.

The Claims Committee is running this, we are expecting to find gold during this unique opportunity and have some requirements for this day’s outing with the owner so sign in an follow your website for updates and details.

With roads passable, exploring Bluewing is now open! But, changes in the weather can affect your passage, due diligence on road conditions is strongly advised.

Old Business Report:

Our President’s letter this month brings readers up to date on Club By-Laws proposed changes to be voted on during May 23rd meeting.

Again, “Public Lands” bills are being stalled in U.S. Congress at this time, we are thankful as most oppose mining claims on public lands. Still studying our situation by reviewing:

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New Business Report: Board authorized up to a 0.5ounce buy of panning gold for panning demos. To be completed at Claims Committee meeting on May 8th.

Outings Report: We heard back from Pleasant Valley Elementary for a new demo on June 13th, Volunteers?

- 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.

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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 is open from 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

Guest Speaker on Tuesday April 25th: We welcomed and enjoyed tonight's perspective of a business man's approach to Gold Mining. He has taken his interests and skills to develop, organize and create wealth through gold mining interests. Club Members in attendance were treated with respect and given a rare insight by his words, business explanations and slide presentations. It was a pleasure to have him share his time with us!

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

CGPC Quarterly Assessment Drawing:

Two drawings due today, first assessments drawing ticket was Bill Vogt, a silver ounce round! The second was Fred Liesler, a silver ounce round!

Guest Recognition: Chris Hemphill

New Members Present:

Welcome to **Mr. Doug King** tonight.

New Members Drawing: Congratulations to **Mr. Doug King**, presented with gold specimens in magnifying box.

Attendance Drawing (ticket(s) supplied at sign-in table): In attendance **CGPC's Harley Ponsler** ticket number was called for a silver ounce round! Come to our next meeting on Tuesday May 23rd, 2017 for the next silver ounce round to be awarded!

Membership Drawing for one Silver (ounce) Round:

CGPC's members drawn;

- Jeffery Kilgore of Downieville, CA (not here, pick again)

•Kevin Plunk of Fernley, NV (not here, pick again)
Next meeting on Tuesday May 23rd, 2017 we return to rollover this draw for two Silver rounds. 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: 73
Members: 69
Guests: 4

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 8:47pm.

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.



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Ask for Grant Garrison

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



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**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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