

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the

Comstock Gold Prospectors

June 15th, 2017 * *Happy Father's Day* *



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: June 27th, 2017
UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS*
Guest Speaker: Richard Harris

(Mark your Calendars)

July 25th, 2017

Aug 22nd, 2017

Sept 25th, 2017

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>06/15/2017 – Last</u>	\$1253.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1255.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1250.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>06/15/2017 – Last</u>	\$16.64
One Year High (at closing)	\$16.79
One Year Low (at closing)	\$16.62

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:

Well, we are all eager and equipped to get out and about, but Mother Nature and her foibles have put a damper on our intentions. We are getting reports of difficult and sometimes hazardous conditions at many of our claims. Be sure and check weather, road conditions and first hand reports. Thanks to those that have sent us reports (John Anderson and others). We will be looking at putting updates on our website during times of questionable access.

Speaking of our website, it has been a slow and arduous learning process. Dave has made good headway this past month with some of us testing and critiquing the operation. So far, so good. Thanks Dave Crosby looks like we will continue to keep you on the “payroll!”

The Eugene Mountain outing went well as for the journey, attendance (about 30) and good eats from Grant Garrison (Tri-Tip, not the quoted burgers!). Thanks Justin Shaw and Chef Webb Varnum! The reports are not all in, though not much was found. We probably will not be locating a claim there. more to come as to the status at this month’s meeting. It is not always about AU discovery. Sometimes it is about the journey, scenery, comradeship, soda pop and apple juice. Thanks to all that attended. We had the “re-maintained” Club equipment (thanks Bob Thomasson) at the outing, which was not used? Granted, the conditions were not right for dry washing, but I think we should make efforts to at least set it up and go through the motions for practice and learning. We have quite a bit of Club resources in the equipment...let’s use it.

Our next outing to “Dun Glen” (The Nick Mine) on Saturday July 1st will probably be better suited for the use of our equipment. Start heading out Interstate 80 East from Reno, passing Lovelock (Exit 141 = 90 miles out). Continue east then take Exit 151 (about 40 miles more).

The details will be at our June’s meeting and on our website. This outing is a special “invite” by Pat Fagan to his mine. He is required to give us a Mine Safety Briefing so we are planning to meet at the gate to the mine at 9am for the Briefing. Also, wear appropriate gear for mining operations...no flip flops, etc. We will be our normal courteous and LNT (Leave No Trace) guests and will be

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

noting our finds and location for Pat. Ten percent of our efforts will be returned to Pat as agreed upon with Randy Watkins the weigh master.

Randy has also agreed to be the points man so all complaints and issues can be taken to him if you can find him. Thanks Randy. Randy's email is rw.archer@hotmail.com. There will be a potluck Saturday with Club provided chili thanks to Grant and Wade Lavery. Bring cornbread, salads, apple pie, your own drinks or whatever is appropriate for chili. Wade is coordinating the potluck list (Wade's cell 650-823-8658). This will be one of our best outings this year as long as it does not rain, snow, sleet or whatever!

Our guest speaker for June 27th will be Mr. Richard Harris, our Club attorney who is retiring this year after 42 years of practice. Please come to the meeting so we can give him a friendly send-off! We will still maintain a relationship with his partner Jeff Faillers. I do not have his topic, but will be good and informative. Thanks Richard for your help and "Bon Voyage".

Pleasant Valley this month, Portola in August? Dayton in September?, raffle table, guest speakers, new claims, assessment forms, scholarship fund?...Any input?

Love yah...Jim

"Notice: The owners of the claim Cousins Mining have decided to abandon the claim so it will no longer be available to the Club".

Directions Nick Mine (Barber Canyon) July 1 Trip

1. Take Exit 151 off of Interstate 80 – approximately 45 miles East of Lovelock.
2. Drive towards Dun Glen (Dun Glen Road).
3. At about .5 miles veer right (40.696714N, 118.041624W – WGS84)
4. Stay on main road (Barber Canyon Road).
5. At about 7.7 miles from I80 (40.69275N, 117.91270W – WGS84) stay to the right.

Notes:

1. The mine is about 10.5 miles from Exit 151
2. Along the way there is a gate, please leave it in whatever position you find it.
3. There is AT&T cell phone service the entire distance.
4. The locked gate at the mine is at approximately (40.706677N, 117.863347W - WGS84).

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Barber+Canyon/@40.6898927,-118.0242627,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x80a1a783dc438c67:0xaae0a99e2217e560!8m2!3d40.6815725!4d-117.9312455>

Pleasant Valley Elementary Panning Demo By Bill Vogt

On Tuesday, June 14, 2017, members of the Club put on the annual gold panning demo that had been rescheduled from the Easter break when the teacher, Jeff Heller, had to cancel due to being sick. Twenty seven students from kindergarten to the 5th grade who were attending Jeff's special science class were shown how to pan for gold and then got to practice what they had been shown.

The Club panners teaching these students were Wyatt Erd, Teresa Jones, Fred Leissler, Gerry McFall, Jim Richards, Dennis Taylor, Sherm Tresca, and Webb Varnum. They were supported by Wade Lavery who filled the pans with pay dirt, my wife Irene who kept the panners supplied and took pictures in between time, and myself. After all the students had a chance to walk away with some gold Jim, Wade, and Webb talked to the students in their classroom about the Club and prospecting.

In addition, Webb provided his service to identify various rock samples the students had for him. One of the things I learned on this outing that I had not known besides the age range of the students was that Jeff is actually retired from teaching and has been for seven years. He only teaches special classes like this one. The weather was great, unlike past years, and everyone (students and members) seemed to enjoy the event. Look for pictures to be posted on the website and in the photo albums at meetings.

TOMMYKHOCKERS OF THE COMSTOCK

In the not too distant past Nevada was inhabited with a race of gnomes - wiry beard little folk who lived in the depths of the silver mines. Their names Tommyknockers members of the world wide order of Gnomes.

They worked the mine the world over, in Germany they are Kolbolds, in Malaya they are Chong Fus, in the copper mines in Peru. These mines swarm with Muquis.

The Cornish miners, who came to Nevada, called them Buccas but preferred, Tommyknockers.

The origins of the Tommyknockers and their likes are lost in the ambiguities of folklore, but they are obviously one branch of the family of elves, pixies and such that were blamed for the miners troubles came to plague the worker the world over.

In the mines they were blamed for the malfunction of tools the loss of tools, burnt out fuse, derailed ore cars. They had a good side the old time miner believed that they gave warning of impending danger - particularly cave - ins.

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

They would make the timbers to creak, it was said, that they would throw bits of rock down upon the miners in the drift, or cause the rats to scurry about.

They also would mark the location of rich ore for the small miners, or whisper the location of a strike to a sleeping prospector, a wise miner or prospector would always leave small bits of food behind for the Tommyknockers.

There was another clan found on the Carson river east of Carson City. Unlike the Tommyknockers they did not have a clan name, but they were there. They live in the mill buildings and messed with the equipment, they were at the acid works at Dayton. One of them was known as, Seroz who drew strange figures in the sand and singing a tune in a deep voice:

I'm Seroz, the goblin,

The gold is mine

The miners oft gossip about it,

and they think they can get it

by finding my home.

Maybe they can --- but I doubt it. (1)

Seroz's clothing was old and tight fitting, his hat was low crowned broad brimmed. His hair was long and tied at the back of his neck with a river reed.

While most gnomes wore a beard Seroz was clean shaven. Many tried to follow him home, ALL FAILED, Others tried to trap him, in snares, pits and the like, ALL IN VAIN.

Mill men and laborers were plagued the same as the miner with equipment failures lost tools and power outages crucial times. They were victims of mislabeled chemicals, Faulty heat sense devices, and other minor annoyances. They were seen in the dark recesses of the mill or their footprints in the dust, none were caught.

In the 1880 mining in Nevada went into a long depression and the Tommyknockers had to move along, some to other mines elsewhere, some to railroad round houses, machine shops, and industrial sites.

Today we still face the modern descendents of the Tommyknockers; Why do nuclear power plants go off line for no reason, cars stop running and a few minutes later start again, our computer fails and all is lost. The answer is that the Tommyknockers' have long held a grudge against their full-grown brothers.

1. Nevada historical Society's files

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS **MINUTES OF THE BOARD** **MEETING MAY 23rd, 2017**

Call to Order: Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:32pm.

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

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 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, Webmaster: Dave Terwilliger and 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.

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: Jim Richards announced at 7:16pm.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING MAY 23RD, 2017

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

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.

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, Webmaster: Dave
Terwilliger and Outings Chairperson Nancy
Terwilliger.

Correction to Minutes: None.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Treasurer
Nadine Miller.

Membership's Report: Current membership is 322. Number of Life Memberships available is 13. Activity since last report as follows; Members dropped 12, new Memberships added 10, 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 consider pursuing that site for claiming for all Club members. We will announce our release of said site for individuals to privately claim a completely investigated site during a regular General Meeting. This is Club etiquette.

•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. We had our Nevada Memorial Day "sampling" weekend starting Friday May 26th and Saturday May 27th.

•Fourth of July (Saturday 7/1)

Alert: Saturday July 1st 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) and our Speaker at April'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 and follow Club's website for updates and details.

Alert on exploring all claims; with that winter storm that hit (6/11&6/12) it's suggested that all verify roads are still passable. But, changes in the weather can affect your passage, due diligence on road conditions is strongly advised.

Old Business Report: This past month Club By-Laws changes were voted on and approved during May 23rd meeting. Elimination of the phrase “a Non-profit”. Then check writing and handling of funds to Club positions. We are waiting for our insurance agent to submit the bond document, purchase such and effective July 1st.

Board authorized and completed a 0.5ounce buy of panning gold for panning demos completed at Claims Committee meeting on May 8th.

New Business Report: None.

Outings Report: Thanks to Bill Vogt’s efforts on the Pleasant Valley Elementary panning demo is now scheduled for June 13th. Reporting on educational/community event to be shared with Club members at June 27th meeting. **Portola**

Railroad Days 25-27 August 2017: The Club continues to look into offering our panning demo for Friday, Saturday and Sunday depending on volunteers signing up at June 27th meeting. 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: To all members, our Club for IRS purposes is designated a 503.C6 entity.

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...

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

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

Guest Speaker on Tuesday May 23rd: No formal speaker, we welcomed and enjoyed Bob Thomasson’s experiences on a local field trip in our historic mining area nearby. His presentation was

informative and fun. Thanks Bob for stepping in!

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): 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: Not held this meeting, please submit your assessments for next drawing. They will be kept and submitted, thanks!

Guest Recognition: Greeting go out to **Randy Mayfield here to support family, Mr. Robert Mayfield and Mrs. Kate Mayfield who were in attendance. New Members Present: Mr. Mike Ronkovich**

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

Attendance Drawing: (ticket(s) supplied at sign-in table): In attendance **CGPC’s Toni DeHerrera** ticket number was called for a Silver (ounce) round! Come to our next meeting on Tuesday June 27TH, 2017 for the next Silver (ounce) round to be awarded!

Membership Drawing for two Silver (ounce) Rounds:
CGPC’s members drawn;

•**Victor Spolini** of Sylmar, CA (not here, pick again)

•**Gerald Baer** of Reno, NV (not here, next meeting)

Next meeting on Tuesday June 27TH, 2017 we return to rollover this draw for three Silver (ounce) 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! Many thanks to Member Janis Bond who sent Harold in with more baked goodies...nothing left!

Total attendance: 59

Members: 57

Guests: 2

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.

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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS-2017

President: Jim Richards - 775/225-2494

Email: rsmokinguns@yahoo.com

Vice President:

Justin Shaw- 775/409-8560

Email: jshaw@openmailbox.org

**Secretary: Wade Lavery – 775/384-1668
(home)**

Cell-650/823-8658

Email: wadelavery@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Nadine Miller - 775/867-3550

Email: nmiller@cccomm.net

Member at Large:

Harley Ponsler - 775/673-8532

Email: HEPGEO@att.net

Member at Large: Tim Bartlett

Cell- 775/971-3202

**PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES-
SUPPORT STAFF- 2017**

**Membership/Chairperson & Historian: Bill
Vogt - 775/747-3145
Email: wvogt@sbcglobal.net**

**Facebook Co-Administrator/Newsletter
Editor:
Lisa Walls - 714/742-3024
Email: comstockgoldprospectors@gmail.com**

**Clothing Custodian:
Teresa Jones-775/870-9113 cell
Email: Teresajones5930@sbcglobal.net
Equipment Custodian/**

**Raffle Coordinator:
Mike Maxwell – 775/686-9019
Email: mdmbfb@att.net**

**Sergeant of Arms:
Al Gottsch – 775/538-7316
Email: bodop72@gmail.com**

**David Terwilliger-home-775/ 241-0186
Cell-775/ 530-8294
Email: dave@dptwig.com**

**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!!

Mike Maxwell
Comstock Gold Prospectors
O Box 20781
Reno NV 89515-0781
Web site: <http://www.cgpgold.org>

**TO PLACE OR RENEW
A BUSINESS AD:**

SEND A CHECK TO:

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS

C/O Editor P.O. Box 20781 Reno, NV. 89515-0781 Include your ad layout, and your phone number or email address.

Half Page Ad: \$25.00 per month
Quarter Page Ad: \$12.50 per month
Full Page Ad: \$50.00 per month

NEW MEMBERS:

David Montgomery,	Reno, NV.
Mike Sharpe,	Fernley, NV.
Cole McLachlan,	Reno, NV.
Jerry French	Willits, CA.
Deirdre Santaniello,	Willits, CA.
Alan Kubler,	Incline Village, NV.
Lonnie Randall,	Browns Valley, CA.
Brent Herrmann,	Newhall, CA.
Ryan Flanagan	Greenville, CA.
Brooke Thompson,	Greenville, CA.
Michael Poirier,	Reno, NV.