

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the

Comstock Gold Prospectors

August 5th, 2017



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: Aug. 22nd, 2017

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your Calendars)

Sept 25th, 2017

Oct. 24th, 2017

Nov. 28th, 2017

1 Year Gold – NYSE

08/05/2017 – Last	\$1258.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1268.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1254.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

08/05/2017 – Last	\$16.22
One Year High (at closing)	\$16.70
One Year Low (at closing)	\$16.14

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:

We are in the middle of our season and all seems to be going well. There is Good gold in the California rivers, and some in our Nevada deserts. With the addition of the Placerites claims and all of the Yuba claims, there should be no lack of choice of prospecting for our members. I believe we now have over twenty claims! It was not too long ago when we had *ONLY* ten.

The licensing procedure that we instituted two years ago has been very successful to say the least. Also, I would like to give a shout out of *THANKS* to the claim committee for their researching of areas and on-site evaluations of prospective claims. But, more importantly, a huge thanks to those members who have found claims to be licensed and who have offered their claims to license. This procedure is a win-win for our Club and those that offer their claims for license. Thanks to all!

The fifth annual Rye Patch Nugget Shoot will be Sat September 23rd 10am to 3pm. We will be setting up a display area with Webb and Al again as our go to guys. We as a Club sponsor, will be donating a Garrett Pro-Pointer AT. We agreed on support of up to \$200. So, with the Pro-Pointer and expenses for our display the \$200 should cover our sponsorship. We encourage all to attend if you can as there are GREAT prizes and get-togethers. It is also a chance to see Webb and Al hard at work espousing on the advantages of being a Comstock Gold Prospector member et al.

That same weekend is Dayton Valley Days. Sat and Sun September 23rd and the 24th. This is a good event and we have been very successful at recruiting new members. We will need at least five volunteers for Sat and five for Sun. Sign up at our August meeting for this event. There is a car show, dog show, silent auction, food and drink, etc. at this event and promotes the history of Dayton and the surrounding areas.

We are also trying to confirm an outing to the Portola Railroad Days August 25-27. We are thinking of setting up a display on Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th. This will be discussed at the August meeting with sign-ups for

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volunteers. This is a big deal in the Portola area and should be a lot of fun.

Another Club shade tent (pop up or whatever) is going to be purchased this month. We have overlapping events and some events we could use two. Or if anyone has one that is not being used, let us know.

We have had some unsubstantiated claims of law enforcement encounters. It is to our benefit to know of these so we can keep our members informed and also to alert organizations that may be able to help those that have had "unfavorable" encounters.

We also will note "favorable" encounters as well. Get as much information as possible. Date, time, location, names, badge numbers, vehicle ID, witnesses, etc. However, do not jeopardize your safety or "situation" when taking mental and written notes. Pictures would be nice, but do not go overboard. Yes sir (ma'am), no sir (ma'am) is always good.

Richard Harris (our Club attorney) who is "retiring", this year gave us a captivating talk of the four generations of his family's involvement in the west and the Comstock. One of the best we have had from an historical perspective. The Club presented him an embossed gold pan (with a "string" of gold) in appreciation for his service and help in Club legal questions. We will have him back again for more presentations. He is a Club member so maybe we can coax him out to one of our claims or an outing. Thanks Richard! Safe travels and keep those roses blooming!

Let us not overlook the raffle table. Toni is scouring pawn shops and garage sales for items with good finds. Thanks
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We have secured our bond for the Board members with check signing authorization (four). Thanks Wade and Rachel for making this happen. It is \$100,000 coverage per member and cost about \$350/year. This is insurance well spent as stuff happens. It has happened at our Club (many, many years ago) and others.

Well until next time (after Hot August Nites and Burning Man),
JR

"By-laws Update:

The latest version of the by-laws has been posted to the private side of the website for anyone who would like to download it. New members who joined in the last couple of months received a notice in their kits that there would be an amended version coming. Some new members mistakenly received only partial by-laws. Anyone wishing to have the latest copy of the by-laws can now retrieve them from the website."

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

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

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

Member at Large: Tim Bartlett was not 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 and Equipment Custodian/Raffle Coordinator: Mike Maxwell, Webmaster: Dave Terwilliger and Outings Chairperson Nancy Terwilliger, Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones.

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.

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Adjournment: Jim Richards announced at 7:08pm.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING JULY 25th, 2017

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 was present.

Member at Large: Tim Bartlett was not present.

Support Staff on-site:

Membership/Chairperson & Historian: Bill Vogt, Sergeant of Arms: Al Gottsch and Equipment Custodian/Raffle Coordinator: Mike Maxwell, Webmaster: Dave Terwilliger and Outings Chairperson Nancy Terwilliger, Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones.

Correction to Minutes: None.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Treasurer Nadine Miller.

Membership's Report: Current membership is 334. Number of Life Memberships available is 13. Activity since last report as follows; Members dropped 5, new Memberships added 16, with Member reinstated 1.

Claims Report: Claims Committee is continues to investigate Nevada sites near Reno. Chairman Mr. Shaw thanked the Membership in he received 32 assessments to compile paperwork and checks to file on "all" claims.

Yes, those who used the website to file Justin shouted out big thank you. Come early August Membership/Historian Bill Vogt and others are going to the respective BLM and county court houses to submit claim paperwork and payments.

Check website's Claim Menu list for Placerites claims; Jack 1, Jack 2, Jack 3 and Jack 4 and their maps. Please don't forget if you go out report back to the club conditions and turn in assessments.

Old Business Report: Our Club By-Laws are posted on website and Club Officer Positions (4) are now bonded for the next three years.

The Club says thank you to the Rachele Wolf Agency who provided the research and support to secure the bonding contract.

New Business Report: The Club shall sponsor Rye Patch Nugget Shoot this Fall Saturday September 23 10am to 3pm Nugget Shoot. Again, the Club Directors received requests for donations.

The Board in support of two to three causes will address them in the 2017 Christmas Holiday time.

Outings Report: Dun Glen outing was well attended by +28 members, there was plenty of food, a wonderful tour of the mine and equipment and support for the whole day by "Josh".

All participants made strong efforts in metal detecting large areas, dry washing by one hardy soul and even dry panning by some of us who traveled over large area to sample.

There was microscopic gold found through dry washing and some panning...but small amounts by our efforts - basically dust. Several of us want to try again at some future date.

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. **Volunteers needed???**

Report on Club Notices:

New website is up and running, try it out.

Guest Speaker for Tuesday July 25th:

Richard Harris was our guest speaker. Please read President Jim's message on front page.

Club Wear and Club Merchandise:

Even though she was not here tonight...calling for details and place your order.

Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones, Home 775/376-1787

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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 Forums Menu.

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.

CGPC Quarterly Assessment Drawing:

Two drawings were held this meeting; please submit your assessments for October's drawing(s). They will be kept and submitted, thanks!

Assessment Drawing #1: Ken & Virginia Brown;

Of, Reno, Nevada won a Silver (ounce) round!

Assessment Drawing #2: Casey Sharples

Of Antelope, California won a Silver (ounce) round!

Guest Recognition:

Greetings go out to **Nick Tolotti and Chandell Smith.**

New Members Present:

Walt Mandeville, Matt Griffith and Yvonne Griffith.

New Members Drawing:

Congratulations to Mr. Walt Mandeville, presented with Silver (ounce) round!

Attendance Drawing:

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

Come to our next meeting on Tuesday August 22nd, 2017 for the next Silver (ounce) round to be awarded!

Membership Drawing: for four (4) Silver (ounce) Rounds:

CGPC's members drawn;

- Phil VanBeck** of Yuba City, CA (not here)
- Mike Cassidy** of CoQuille, OR (not here)
- Dale Hardy** of Reno, NV (not here, next meeting)

Next meeting on Tuesday August 22nd, 2017 we return to rollover this draw for five 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: 47

Members: 45

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 9:27pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-2017

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NEW MEMBERS:

Chris Bazan,	Dayton, NV.
Judy & Mike Hall,	Novato, CA.
Chris & Dave Taylor,	South Lake Tahoe, CA.
Walt Mandeville,	Reno, NV.
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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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