

# THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the

## Comstock Gold Prospectors

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017



### **BLACK BILLIE**

**Next Meeting: Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(Mark your Calendars)

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

#### **1 Year Gold – NYSE**

<u>09/15/2017 – Last</u>	\$1324.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1326.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1319.00

#### **1 Year Silver – NYSE**

<u>09/15/2017 – Last</u>	\$17.67
One Year High (at closing)	\$17.71
One Year Low (at closing)	\$17.55

#### **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:**

We have finished up paper work for Oro Mucho! This has been a busy year for the Claims committee needless to say.

We are still open to licensing agreements as we have ten “good” claims on our books.

The access to Oro Mucho and Ken Bennet are in bad shape this year. Jim A is requesting a Plan of Operation for road clearing into Oro Mucho and his claims. We should know of the POP approval this next meeting. If approved, a bond will be required. I believe that our Club should participate in the bond expense and equipment costs for this project. One thing of note, is that these are forest service “maintained” roads, but they are not in the “maintain” mode.

Ken Bennet will need extensive clearing of fallen trees and road repair to be accessible (pictures are on our website).

We are going to have a group of members go on site to determine how much is needed. We will then get together a work party and required equipment for the task at hand. If need be, we may have to get a POP as Jim A is doing for the Oro Mucho. This will all depend on the site requirements and the POP process. We are in need of input from our members of the workings of the claim. We have a forum on the Ken Bennet on our website and are requesting input from those that have been there this year. The Ken Bennet is our most expensively purchased claim and is also a “Gulch” claim which is not defined any more. With that in mind, it is worth the extra effort to maintain it!

The Rye Patch outing is Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September with Al and Webb being our Club’s hosts. This is a good event to attend as there are good prizes and info. We will not be attending Dayton Valley Days this year. We had the wrong dates and we did not get an invite...next year.

The “season” is coming to a close with some members finding good gold! Especially in the rivers after our winter melt exposing new bedrock and bring in material from upper elevations. There is still a lot of the season at hand and gold to be found.

Our next outings this year will concentrate on gaining accessibility to our aforementioned claims. We will need good sized chain saws, winches and strong backs! Thanks to those that have volunteered!

See yah...Jim R

### **New Feather River Claim**

***By Bill Vogt***

Thanks to the generosity of Club members Frances and Thomas Leftwich the Club has a new 20 acre claim on the Feather River about 2 miles upriver from Red Bridge. The name of the claim is Oro Mucho and a map of it is included in this newsletter and is posted on our website.

On Sunday, September 3, members of the Claims Committee went to the new claim and erected several poles (including a discovery pole) and put up signs in strategic places to designate where the boundaries of the claim are. There are claims all around Oro Mucho so members need to be aware of these boundaries and stay on this claim when prospecting. In addition to the signs and posts, data was gathered for the preparation of the map. One problem not shown on the map has to do with the last section of the road. At this time there is a portion of the road going down the hill from that last junction that has severe erosion caused by a backed up culvert. Depending on the vehicle and a driver's skill this section is passable but you are strongly encouraged to survey it prior to proceeding from the junction mentioned on the map where it is possible to park a vehicle. Once you start down the hill there is limited ability to turn around and you may have to back up the entire distance if you can't navigate the area of erosion. This erosion may soon be repaired and we will post a notice on the website and in this newsletter when it is.

## **COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS** **MINUTES OF THE BOARD** **MEETING AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**Call to Order:** Vice President Justin Shaw began the Board Meeting at 6:30pm.

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

**Board Member not Present:** Jim Richards

**Member at Large:** Tim Bartlett was not present.

**Support Staff at Board Meeting:** None

### **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 and Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones.

**Support Staff not on-site:** 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:** Justin Shaw announced at 6:47pm.

## **COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS** **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL** **MEETING AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**Call to Order:** Vice President Justin Shaw began the General Meeting at 7:30pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice President Justin Shaw began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Board Member not Present:** Jim Richards

**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 and Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones.

**Support Staff not on-site:** 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 337. Number of Life Memberships available is 13. Activity since last report as follows; Members dropped 1, new Memberships added 3, with Member reinstated 1.

**Claims Report:** Claims Committee is continues to investigate Nevada sites near Reno. The early August trips by Membership/Historian Bill Vogt and others were completed to the respective BLM and county court houses to submit claim paperwork and payments. Please don't forget if you go out report back to the club conditions and turn in assessments.

**Old Business Report:** Portola Railroad Days to be held this weekend 25-27 August 2017 but at this time did not received support by club membership. During the last two meetings there were no volunteers.

The Club shall sponsor Rye Patch Nugget Shoot this Fall Saturday September 23 10am to 3pm. Donation of GARRETT PRO-POINTER AT Metal Detector with an ARV \$145.00 and \$50.00 for expenses to support our table went to Volunteers Sergeant of Arms: Al Gottsch and Volunteer Member: Webb Varnum.

*Newsletter had a mistake for dates of 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Dayton Valley Days being 23-24 of September, it shall occur September 16 & 17 2017. During the last two meetings were no volunteers.*

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.

**New Business Report:** None

**Outings Report:** None.

**Report on Club Notices:**  
New website is up and running, check it out.

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Club Wear and Club Merchandise:**  
Clothing Custodian: Teresa Jones, Home 775/376-1787 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 Forums Menu, then 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!

**Guest Recognition:**

Greetings go out to *Ralph Wales*.

**New Members Present:** None.

**New Members Drawing:** None.

**Attendance Drawing:**

(ticket(s) supplied at sign-in table): In attendance CGPC's **Tom Knowles** ticket number was called for a Silver (ounce) round! Come to our next meeting on Tuesday September 26th, 2017 for the next Silver (ounce) round to be awarded!

**Membership Drawing for five Silver (ounce) Rounds:**

CGPC's members drawn;

- Mike Cassidy of CoQuille, OR (not here)
- Randy Johnson of Chico, CA (not here)
- David Borris of Silver Springs, NV (not here, next meeting)

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

Next meeting on Tuesday September 26th, 2017 we return to rollover this draw for six 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: 28**  
**Members: 27**  
**Guests: 1**

**Motion to accept the Club Meeting Minutes and adjourn meeting: Club Member, Second: club Member. Voted and accepted by the attending Club Members.**

Adjournment: Justin Shaw announced at 8:20pm.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS-2017**

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### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Ernest & Jackie Brandvold	Quincy, CA.
David Morris	Silver Springs, NV.
Ken Gaeta	Grass Valley, CA.
Frank Eagan	Goldfield, NV.
Mark Pavadis	Goldfield, NV.
Howard Hudson	West Hills, CA.



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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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