

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the

Comstock Gold Prospectors

Feb. 13th, 2018



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: Feb. 27th, 2018

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Our Guest speaker for February will be Stanley Paher*

***Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter will be the 2nd Monday of the Month!**

(Mark your Calendars)

Mar. 27th, 2018

April 24th, 2018

May 22nd, 2018

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>02/13/2018 – Last</u>	\$1327.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1329.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1323.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>02/13/2018 – Last</u>	\$16.50
One Year High (at closing)	\$16.55
One Year Low (at closing)	\$16.39

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

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PRESIDENTS LETTER:

Tom Benjamin, a long-time member of our Club, has given us equipment which, after Club approval, we will pass on to a Club member for the highest \$ donation from Club members over the next few months for these items.

We cannot thank Tom enough for his generosity! We will be taking donation amounts by email, (rsmokinguns@yahoo.com) or by phone (775 225-2494) during the dates noted. The items will be available for “viewing” at the monthly meeting prior to close of the item.

The items are as is (all in almost new and working condition with some minor wear);

- 1) Mine-Lab GPX4000; \$1000 starting donation, \$50 increments; open 28Feb- close 25Mar.
- 2) Coleman Trail 200U; \$100 starting donation, \$10 increment; open 28Mar-close 22Apr.
- 3) Whites GMT; \$250 starting donation, \$10 increment; open 25Apr-close 20May.
- 4) Turbo Tent Pine Deluxe 4; \$100 starting donation, \$10 increment; open 23May-close 24Jun.
- 5) Tesoro LOBO Super Traq; \$225 starting donation, \$10 increment; open 27Jun-close 22Jul.
- 6) Gold Grabber with Weima motor and pump; \$100 starting donation, \$10 increment; open 25Jul-close 26Aug.
- 7) MineLab XTERRA 705; \$250 starting donation, \$10 increment; open 29Aug-close 23Sep.

The winner will be the highest time sensitive donation received with the winner announced at the monthly meeting. Tom also donated a Trails metal detector-1 and a Whites TRX pinpointer-2 which we will be putting on our raffle table-1 and Christmas raffle-2. From all of us

THANKS AGAIN!!!

Also in the classifieds section, we will be selling the dredge donated by Lefty for \$600 or best offer and then we will vote on selling the Club trailer for \$1500 or best offer when the dredge is sold.

Details will be listed in the classifieds.

We have rented a storage locker, which was approved by the board, for \$375 for 6 months.

This was necessary for the Club equipment, clothing sales, raffle items, historical stuff, etc. The Members who volunteered for the storage of these items were being overwhelmed. This will also be reviewed in the next few months. The use of the club equipment will be evaluated for one more year. If there is no use we will be selling the equipment? Are there any suggestions?

We have been invited to participate in the second Cowboy Con at the Grand Sierra July 25-29. We would be doing a panning demo. The event is period correct "cowboy" stuff with a quick draw event, re-enactments, "Cowboy" personalities, period correct vendors etc. We will need 6- 8 minimum volunteers daily for the event. For those "out of towners", we will be getting a room rate at the GSR. This will be a fun event! More to follow:

We have to be paying attention to the Washoe County Lands bill. This is a land "grab" of the highest order driven and supported by the environs. A group of miners, off-roaders, sportsman, ranchers, and others concerned with the "takings" of OUR lands (over 500,000 acres) are participating in the proceedings and meetings.

We need your support by attending Washoe County meetings and written opinions. Please go to the Washoe County website for info, schedule

and input

https://www.washoecounty.us/csd/planning_and_development/conservation-act.php. Address

your concerns to:

JARodriguez@washoecounty.us and

DSolaro@washoecounty.us

This is the MOST important bill in the county and effects all for generations! Not only Washoe County, but this will be a precedent for the rest of the state!

Our guest speaker for February will be Stanley Paher. Stanley is a noted author of Nevada history, especially the ghost towns and mining camps. He has been on almost every square foot of Nevada and has researched these areas thoroughly as well as wonderful photographs.

The presentation will focus on mining in Northern Nevada. His books will be available for sale and autographed. They are the best books on Nevada. This will be an excellent talk!

We need input from outing claims use and condition, especially the Ken Bennett, The usage reports will allow us to make decisions about keeping the claim and how to better maintain the claims, we will be making plans for Ken Bennett and Oro Mucho access this spring.

When visiting the claims, make an assessment report on line or bring to Justin. Also, bring your Club ID and maps of claim and read the "fine" print on the maps. Also, ID and maps may be handy if "challenged".

Thanks...Jim

P.S.

Remember that the Board has a "closed" door policy. Any member that has a concern of activities of the Club or members of the Club, please "knock" on the door so that the Board can respond to your concerns.

The appropriate Board member that will respond is Harley (Member-at-Large) or any other Board member that hears the knockin'.

And:

From our February 1982 newsletter:

"There is a story about four men named **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody**. There was an important job to be done, and everybody, was sure that somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that anybody could do it and nobody realized that everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that everybody blamed somebody when actually nobody blamed anybody. Does this sound familiar to anybody?" - Author
Unknown

And remember, we are not unique in this soliloquy. Club volunteers are the Everybodies, Somebodies, Anybodies and Nobodies who are doing the best they can for their Club!

Article Submission Deadline

By Editor Lisa Walls

Beginning with this issue I will be including in the newsletter a deadline date for all articles being submitted for that month's inclusion in the newsletter.

This date will be selected to enable the newsletter delivery in a timely manner prior to that month's meeting for all members including those who receive it via snail mail.

This date will normally coincide with the Claim Committee meeting to allow for any last-minute news from that group.

In some months when there isn't 2 weeks between the two meeting the deadline date will be earlier.

Exception might be permitted but you must contact me prior to the deadline otherwise the

newsletter will be published immediately after the stated deadline.

For those members who receive the newsletter via snail mail there is additional delay because of using an outside publisher but you should receive the newsletter during the week before the next meeting.

Need Additional Information

By Bill Vogt

I have volunteered to be the Club's April speaker and plan to talk about the history of Comstock Gold Prospectors as a club. I am preparing my presentation by reading through past newsletters, secretarial minutes, and other documents that I have acquired over the past few years as the Historian.

I am also planning on preparing a document based on my research and presentation that will become a part of historical documentation so that a future Historian will not have to go through this same process. At that time, I may submit that written work for inclusion in the newsletter so that those members who are unable to attend meetings can become aware of our history.

I am soliciting from the membership at large any information concerning our history that may or may not be contained in the material I am researching. I am specially reaching out to some of our more tenured members. If you have some knowledge of past Club history that you think should be included in this effort, please email or snail mail it to me within the next few weeks so that I can include it.

I would like to cite any source who provides me with information but if you would prefer to not be cited please let me know at the time of your submission. If you do send the information via email, please put "CGP historical information" on the subject line so that I don't inadvertently put it in spam.

One additional item, I recently sent out an email extending the deadline for signing up for my LR2000 class that was announced in last month's newsletter, to February 28. I also eliminated the

requirement that you must have your own lap top computer.

If you are interested in taking the class, please email me as previously instructed. And speaking of classes, I was at Reno BLM today and asked if they were considering doing a class again like they have in the past. I was told that they were and currently were shooting for June. I have attended their past classes and highly recommend them. We will keep you posted and let you know as soon as we know the details.

Dun Glen Outing

By Bill Vogt

Prompted by the discovery of some recent closed placer claims and some in depth investigating by Harley Ponsler, a motley crew of Club members headed up Dun Glen Canyon on Friday, February 2, 2018, in search of another productive Nevada placer claim. The weather was great and spirits were high but unfortunately no gold was found. As expected, the soil was too damp for drywashing but there was a lot of metal detecting, sampling of various spots, lots of panning, and Dan Temko was even able to sluice. Our metal detectorists (Ed Lifur, Ben Culp, Hamilton Reed, Gerry McFall, Keith Wilson, and Fred Leissler) reported recovering a lot of trash, most of it spent rounds.

Apparently, this is a favorite hunting and plinking area. Al Gottsch and Toni DeHerrera had previously scouted the area for us and got us to where we needed to be. Once we set about doing our thing they took off accompanied by Bob Thomasson to check out another area nearby that Al thought held promise.

Upon their return Bob joined the detectorist finding trash, Al helped with the panning and Toni helped me keep an eye on everybody. Randy Watkins and George Walden dug buckets of material from some promising places and panned them. Randy also demonstrated his homemade shaker table which did a great job of concentrating the material. Sherm Tresca poked around here and there and Harley did his normal very methodical sampling procedure.

Webb Varnum was also there and checked out various locations. We were delighted to be joined later in the day by Bud and Nadine Miller. Nadine is famous (within the Club) for being able to find gold when nobody else does but even her magic touch didn't help us in this area. While the area may still have possibilities it was our consensus that it doesn't warrant any further effort on our part and so it is being released to the general membership. The area we investigated is section 1 of T33N, R36E. Please be advised that much of that area is claimed so if you do decide to check it out you will want to investigate exactly what area is open for exploration.



“Motley Crew”

Yuba Claim Maps Updated

By Bill Vogt

We have had two events occur that have caused the maps of Cynthia's Place, Lucky Linda, Pirate, Shiloh, and the three Downieville claims to be modified and reissued.

The first was last summer Cal Tran replaced guard rails and posts below Downieville. In doing so they removed all the markers on the back of post that were referenced on the maps and one mile marker reference. These markers were replaced and some minor adjustments were made with the location of some to make them more accurate.

The affected map was consequently modified. The second event was a change in the license agreement which created a change in wording for Cynthia's Placer, Shiloh, and The Downieville claims. All the maps have been modified and uploaded to the web site. To minimize our mailing costs it was decided to not include reissues of these maps in this newsletter but to just summarize the changes.

The new maps can be downloaded from the web site for those members who have established an account. If you just make changes to your maps please increase the issue number by one to stay in sync
(no issue number is issue #1).

Change to licensed claims Cynthia's Place, Shiloh, and Downieville claims - Item #3 in the title box should read "Licensor to receive 10 percent of aggregate recoveries for a year".

Other changes (all in Directions From Reno box):

Lucky Linda:

"...NE corner of claim is 3 guard rail posts..." and "...NW corner is at first good pull off..."

Pirate :

"Corner 3 of the claim starts at the 8th guard rail post..." and "The NW corner of claim is 17 guard rail posts downstream from trail going down to cable car and discovery post."

Shiloh:

"NW corner of claim is 2 guard rail posts upstream from mile marker 9.16, near culvert.

There is a metal tag denoting this on back of post. SW corner of claim is 3 guard rail posts downstream from mile marker 9.16. There is a short post in ground with metal tag on top denoting this corner."

At this time we are also announcing an addition to the member-only side of the Website. Under the Claims Menu you will see a new category called "Claim Pictures". If you click on this you will see pictures for Shiloh/Cynthia's Placer, Lucky Linda, and Pirate.

If you click on the first picture of each category you will be able to step through each one and see the written description. These pictures are intended to help a member find the various

claims (references are coordinated with the maps) and get an idea of what the access on the claim is like. Additional claims will be added in the future with the next claim probably being the new licensed claim "44 Special".

Bill Vogt
Membership Chairperson
Comstock Gold Prospectors

Used Member Donation "AS IS"
Description: MINELAB GPX-4000 Detector
Starting Donation: \$1,000.00
\$50 increments
Open 28Feb- close 25Mar.
At Monthly Meeting Announcement of
Highest Donation - Takes Item



Used Member Donation "AS IS"
Description: Colman CT200U
Starting Donation: \$100.00
\$10 increments
Open 28Mar-close 22Apr.
At Monthly Meeting Announcement of
Highest Donation - Takes Item

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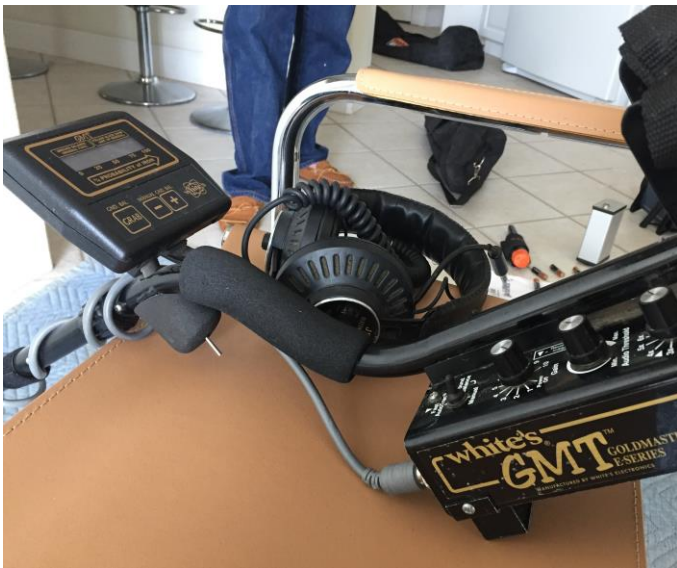


Used Member Donation “AS IS”
Description: white’s GMT GOLDMASTER
E-Series Detector
Starting Donation: \$250.00
\$10 increments
Open 25Apr-close 20May.
At Monthly Meeting Announcement of
Highest Donation - Takes Item

At Monthly Meeting Announcement of
Highest Donation - Takes Item



Used Member Donation “AS IS”
Description: Tesero Lobo Super Traq
Starting Donation: \$225.00
\$10 increments
Open 27Jun-close 22Jul.
At Monthly Meeting Announcement of
Highest Donation - Takes Item



Used Member Donation “AS IS”
Description: white’s Turbo Tent Pine Deluxe
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Starting Donation: \$100.00
\$10 increments
Open 23May-close 24Jun.



Used Member Donation “AS IS”
Description: Gold Grabber with Weima
motor, pump
Suggested Retail: \$500.00
Used Pricing: \$150.00
Starting Donation: \$100.00
\$10 increments
Open 25Jul-close 26Aug.
At Monthly Meeting Announcement of
Highest Donation - Takes Item



Used Member Donation “AS IS”
Description: MineLab X•TERRA 705
Starting Donation: \$250.00
\$10 increment
Open 29Aug-close 23Sep.
At Monthly Meeting Announcement of
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COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
MEETING JANUARY 23, 2018

Call to Order: President Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:30pm

Board Members Present:

Jim Richards, Justin Shaw, Teresa Jones and Wade Lavery. Member at Large: Harley Ponsler.

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 Richards, Lavery and Member at Large: Ponsler.

Support Staff on-site:

Membership/Chairperson & Historian: Bill Vogt,
 Equipment Custodian/Raffle Coordinator: Keith Wilson.

Correction to Minutes:

Question and answer arose that acronym in President’s Letter RUP should be identified as BLM acronym ROP (Required Operating Procedures and

Stipulations).

Question and answer arose that acronym in President's Letter POP should be identified as USFS acronym POO (Plan of Operations).

Would you believe BLM defines POP (Persistent Organic Pollutants). We stand corrected!

Motion to accept by Board Member,

Second: by Board Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Teresa Jones.

Motion to accept by Board Member,

Second: by Board Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

Membership's Report: 342 members, 12 lifetime memberships available, Activity: 4 added, 1 dropped and 1 reinstated.

Motion to accept by Board Member,

Second: by Board Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

Claims Report: See General Meeting Minutes.

Old Business Report:

The Board reviewed costs involving the Club's Christmas Party. In review of the costs involved if we had a committee with a coordinator to seek volunteers to supply materials, make decorations and bring new ideas to this Club's 2018 celebration the Board believes costs can be taken down.

Having the Club's Secretary volunteer the last two years whereby the November's Club meeting occurs then the following week there's the Christmas Party you don't have the time needed to plan and seek that support.

Your Secretary thanks everybody for their support the last two years and is now getting more involved into other aspects of our Club functions.

Motion to accept by Board Member,

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Second: by Board Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

New Business Report: See General Meeting Minutes.

Outings Report: None.

Report on Club Notices:

See General Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept by Board Member, Second: by Board Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Board Members.

Adjournment: Jim Richards announced at 7:17pm.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 23rd, 2018

Call to Order: President Jim Richards began the General Meeting at 7:30pm.

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

Board Members Present:

Jim Richards, Justin Shaw, Teresa Jones and Wade Lavery. Member at Large: Harley Ponsler.

Board Members Not Present:

Member at Large: Tim Bartlett.

Support Staff on-site:

Membership/Chairperson & Historian: Bill Vogt,
Equipment Custodian/Raffle Coordinator: Keith
Wilson.

Correction to Minutes:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: See Board Meeting Minutes.

Membership's Report:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Claims Report:

There will be news to report in February's General Meeting on actions occurring and completed involving claims from your Claims Committee as they review and possibly complete actions at their February meeting.

•REPEAT; Website's forum is up. Submit your assessment forms. Please fill one out for Claim legal maintenance and Club's tracking claim usage. We are will be looking at claims that are underused to maybe move into something better.

Member Jim Allen in applying for a "Road Use Permit" and/or a Plan of Operation for road improvement to his personal claim(s) where the Club's claim **Oro Mucho** is right next to his. The Claims Committee shall await further details in this effort by Jim and outline future Club involvement.

Old Business Report:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

New Business Report:

Jim R., Justin S. & Wade L. went to Michael Maxwell's home to thank him for his support for many years in storing Club property and then removed the Club's Storage Trailer. Michael helped in the maneuvering to attach the trailer to Justin's SUV, then getting air in tires.

It was a two-step process in which stopping at storage facility and sorting out all contents. The trailer with Club's dredge then went to new storage location to Kathy and Warren Burns home. The dredge was voted on in November Board/General meeting to be sold, is now ready to sell. The Club will need to vote on the trailer being sold next meeting, but can't actually be sold until the dredge is gone.

Outings Report: None.

Report on Club Notices:

- Outings Chairperson Position is open.
- Website is up and running try, it out.

Forum on Washoe County Lands Bill created. Home page updated, see announcement of two speakers.
•Cowboy.Con is in JULY 2018 and discussion is open for Club's participation, see President's Letter.

Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker for February will be Stanley Paher. He is a noted author of Nevada history, especially the ghost towns and mining camps. See President's Letter and Website Home page.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CLUB'S GUESTS AND ATTEND THE MEETING!!!

Club Wear and Club Merchandise:

Clothing Custodian: position is now open.

Looking For Outing Partner(s):

Please 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:

No drawing.

Guest Recognition: *Joe Barnes and Neil Carson.*

New Members Present:

Three new members joined us tonight, welcome and thank you goes out to **Pam Lockhart, Gustavo Herrera** and **Hamilton Reed.**

New Members Drawing:

Congratulations to **Gustavo Herrera**, received specimen box with displayed gold.

Attendance Drawing:

(ticket(s) supplied at sign-in table): In attendance **CGPC's** new member **Gustavo Herrera** ticket number was called for a Silver (ounce) round! Come to our next meeting on Tuesday February 23rd, 2018 for the next Silver (ounce) round to be awarded!

Membership Drawing for three Silver (ounce)

Rounds:

CGPC's member drawn; **Jeff and Laura Davis** of Modesto, CA (not here)

CGPC's member drawn; **Charles Hunter** of Auburn, CA (not here)

CGPC's member drawn; **Scott Morton** of Chatsworth, CA (not here)

CGPC's member drawn; **Vera and Terry Sharp** of Reno, Nevada (not here)

Next meeting on Tuesday February 23rd, 2018 we return to this draw for four 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!

Total attendance: 46

Members: 44

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 8:27pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-2018

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SUPPORT STAFF- 2018**

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Clothing Custodian:

****Volunteer Needed ASAP****

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NEW MEMBERS:

Denise & Marc Sullivan

Truckee, CA.

Gustavo Herrera

Fernley, NV.

Pam Lockhart

Fernley, NV.

Hamilton Reed

Carson City, NV.

Chris Miller

Carmichael, CA.

**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!!

Keith Wilson
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**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



AD: ISO Metal Detecting Equipment

By Al Gottsch

- Looking for a used **Fisher Gold Bug** (complete)
- Looking for a larger (11") **Elliptical coil for a Fisher Gold Bug**

Please Contact: Al Gottsch @ 1-775-538-7316