

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
 May 09th, 2018



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: May 22nd, 2018
UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Our Guest speaker for May TBA*

***Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter will
 be June 12th, 2018!**

(Mark your Calendars)

June 26th, 2018

July 24th, 2018

Aug. 28th, 2018

1 Year Gold – NYSE

05/09/2018 – Last	\$1312.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1317.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1310.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

05/09/2018 – Last	\$16.42
One Year High (at closing)	\$16.58
One Year Low (at closing)	\$16.42

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 had a good turnout of “Panners” at the Reno Gem Mineral show at the Livestock Center. Thanks Dave and Nancy for getting us perfect placement and Wade for getting our “stuff” there. I believe we will be getting 2 or 3 new members as their kids were very enthusiastic.

Our next panning demo will be at our annual visit to the Paradise Valley Elementary school June 19. Bill is the go to person for this. We will meet at 9am with panning start about 10am. We usually wrap up by noon.

Bill gave an excellent presentation of the Club’s history. Great facts and bios of past members! At the Gem Show, one of our past presidents dropped by.

We encouraged Him and his wife to rejoin. He was impressed with the number of claims we had. He also said that he found enough gold while being a member to pay for all of his equipment and then some!

We do not have a speaker for this month, but one is “in the wings”. The June speaker will be Chris Ralph....be sure and try to attend.

The Coleman trail bike was won by me at \$180. The next item is the White’s GMT starting at \$250. A very good detector for a rock bottom starting price. We also are accepting bids for the Keene 3” dredge as described in the classifieds, \$500 or best offer! This is a \$4500 item!

As soon as the dredge is sold, we will be moving the Club trailer to Grant’s new home and will be transferring the Club’s “stuff” presently in storage into the trailer and will subsequently, terminate our storage locker. The Club voted to keep the trailer as we can now move it to Grant’s.

Dan went to KB this Thursday. He got down the road with the quad. He did some road clearing, rocks, downed trees, etc. Disabled truck is still in middle of trail. .22 minutes to travel the 2.3 miles from the bottom of the cleared road to the top.

The Forest Hill Ranger District station was contacted by Dan and they said they might help out? Be prepared when going to KB as areas are real precarious and check in with the Forest Hill Rangers.

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

Thanks Dan!!! Also, one of our members went to Oro Mucho. Did not get all the way down as there was an extensive crew clearing the road! He did not continue down as he did not want to be in the way. He thought they were from the group that is harvesting the timber...not a government group.

An outing is being planned to Rye Patch over Memorial Day. The last outing seemed to generate interest for more exploration. This could be a good close and accessible claim in Nevada!

The Western Mining Alliance is soliciting donations for their ongoing legal costs in California. The Club approved a \$500 donation. This battle has been going on for years and will be for years to come. We have spent several thousands of dollars in the past to other groups in California.

We have most of our claims in California so we can only hope this will help. I do not see anything changing any time soon in California as long as the people in the state are unwilling to elect more practical and common-sense people. Some think that the political climate in Washington will help...but California is and will ignore all federal laws to achieve their agenda.

You can also donate to the WMA by going to their website: www.theminingalliance.com.

We are still need of a Clothing Custodian, as well as suggestions for monthly speakers or demonstrations of equipment or whatever tickles you're fancy.
Let us know.

Now that we are on the claims and sometimes "in the water", we should be aware of our safety and the safety of others. The "buddy" system should be second nature as well as notification of your intentions and location when out and about.

The April ICMJ has a pretty sobering article on Dredging Safety in which the author almost drowned in fast moving water wearing weight belts. Well worth the read!
Always...JR

LR2000 Class **By Bill Vogt**

During the month of April, 18 Club members attended a 3 to 4-hour class conducted by me primarily focused on using BLM's database system LR2000 to research claims.

Additional topics covered were the basics of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS), basics of locating a claim and yearly requirements to keep a claim, determining land status using BLM surface maps and Master Title Plats (MTP), and a brief look at on line research of Nevada's

county Recorder's databases. There was a total of 7 classes with anywhere from one to four students in each class.

Twenty-three members were originally scheduled for the classes but for various reasons five were unable to attend at the last minute and didn't reschedule.

The graduates of the class were Larry and Mical Wilner, Ed Lifur, John Anderson, Tom Newell, Warren Burns, Tom Gass, Nora Hart, Dawn-Crosby Hart, Joseph Gazzam, Ben Culp, Dan Temko, Mike McLeod, Walter Nystrom, Bob Beebe, Gerry McFall, Bob Thomasson, and Jim Cartoni.

Rye Patch Revisited **By Bill Vogt**

On April 20th a group of 22 Club members explored an area of Rye Patch in the hopes of finding a claimable spot for the Club. The group consisted of: Myself, Ed Lifur, Harley Ponsler, Sherm Tresca, Randy Watkins, George Walden, Wade Lavery, Tony Belancio, Gerry McFall, Bill Hillery, Ben Culp, Bryan Gilles, Cambria Harkey, Daniel and Paulette Bowers, Larry and Mical Willner, Al Gottsch, Toni DeHerrera, George Eglinger, Scott Olsen, and Dan Temko. The Willner's had also brought along their three grandchildren Maddie (12), Zach (10), and Owen Schulz (7).

The weather was perfect, and everyone seemed to enjoy the outing immensely.

The outing had been organized by the Claims Committee and had originally been scheduled for April 6th but was cancelled and rescheduled due to foul weather.

An area had recently become available and Harley had determined that it would be worthwhile to check it out. Initial results were not very promising with nobody turning up anything except one group found a couple of flakes, but it was determined that the material they processed had come from outside the area of interest.

The detectorists reported that it was a good area to detect because there was very little trash but alas there was no gold. By mid-afternoon many had left thinking that while it was a great place for camping and would be a great place for a Club outing it didn't hold much promise for gold.

That changed somewhat later in the afternoon. Gerry set up his recirculating sluice in a ravine near where we had parked that had some visible friable bedrock. When he shut down there was some small but visible color in his sluice.

Dan panned out several buckets of material he had retrieved from another ravine which also showed some small amount of color. Harley returned from gathering small sample bags of material and his results were also

promising. We even had a detectorist come up with a hit. While these results weren't enough to prompt us to start erecting claim posts they were enough to warrant another trip to the area.

At the next General Meeting (April 24), it was decided that we would have a Club outing to this location over the Memorial Day Holiday.

The details of this event will be worked out at the May 14 Claims Committee Meeting and emailed out to all members with email addresses.

They will also be posted on the "Members" only side of our web site. At this time, it is thought that there will be a pot luck dinner on Saturday night with the Club providing the main entrée. This event will be finalized at the May General Meeting.

As of this writing the response for this outing has been less than expected based on the response at the meeting. If you are planning on attending this outing please contact me at wvogt@sbcglobal.net as previously instructed so that appropriate plans can be made.

Used Member Donation "AS IS"

Description: white's Turbo Tent Pine

Deluxe 4

Starting Donation: \$100.00

\$10 increments

Open 23May-close 24Jun.

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: 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
Highest Donation - Takes Item**



**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
MEETING APRIL 24, 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.

Members at Large: Harley Ponsler and Tim Bartlett.

Support Staff at Board Meeting:

Webmaster: Dave Terwilliger.

Claims Committee at Board Meeting:

Chairman Mr. Shaw with fellow Board Members Richards, Lavery and Member at Large: Ponsler.

Support Staff on-site: See General Meeting Minutes.

Correction to Minutes: None.

Treasurer’s Report: See General Meeting Minutes.

Membership’s Report: See General Meeting Minutes.

Claims Report: See General Meeting Minutes.

Old Business Report: None.

New Business Report: Then see General Meeting Minutes.

Outings Report: Then see General Meeting Minutes.

Report on Club Notices: See General Meeting Minutes.

Adjournment: Jim Richards announced at 6:52pm.

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING APRIL 24, 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:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Support Staff on-site:

Membership/Chairperson & Historian: Bill Vogt, Equipment Custodian/Raffle Coordinator: Keith Wilson, Sergeant of Arms: Al Gottsch and Acting Club Custodian Toni DeHerrera.

Correction to Minutes: None.

Treasurer’s Report: Was read by Teresa Jones.

Motion to accept: in General Member meeting,

seconded by a Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Club Members.

Membership's Report: 350 members, 15 lifetime memberships available, Activity: 8 added, 3 dropped and none reinstated.

Motion to accept: in General Member meeting, seconded by a Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Club Members.

Claims Report:

- The Claims Committee had a well attended 1 day outing with Club Membership (22) and guests (3) participated last Friday 4/20.

Later that afternoon the remaining crew found good indicators. During tonight's meeting the possibility of a follow up expedition proposed for Memorial weekend (1-3 days) had a strong showing of hands! May's meeting shall firm up details.

Jim Allen's Claims and the Club's Oro Mucho claim:

- As voted by the Club (Board & General) to support with Club monies 50% for access improvements (road repair bond & associated fees) is still in planning and no plans have been finalized.

The Club will pivot off this experience for future work at other claims.

•Again, announcement that through Claims Committee efforts that two claims were merged into one while retaining the name "KVB". We are back to nine claims. Other license agreement(s) are being updated and being discussed with current owners. Certainly, all should recognize that the Claims Committee is very active in behalf of all our members.

Motion to accept: in General Member meeting, seconded by a Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Club Members.

P.S.:

- Several members got delayed on visiting Ken Bennett because of weather to assess conditions for access improvement and two days later...

A Shout out and Many, Thanks to Dan Temko

For the following information provided to the Claims Committee, summarized by your Club Secretary:

On April 26 and 27 he took his quad, chainsaw and various hand tools down the road at Ken Bennett and doing so he discovered the following:

- He checked in at the Forest Hill Ranger District Station, left a float plan and talked to the mineral extraction specialist. The Specialist indicated that the Forest Service might be planning to do some work on Grouse Creek Jeep Trail.

She also said if the truck is still stuck in the middle of the road (the Forest Service is aware of the blockage for months) the Forest Service would help to compel the owner to remove it.

Dan will continue to follow up with that Forest Service Specialist.

- The campsite at the top of the road was trashed with litter. Dan indicated he had picked up the litter and hauled it away. Again, Dan exemplified the CGPC's willingness to leave where we visit better than we found it –*Way to go Dan!*
- There is a new sign at the top of the road identifying it as Grouse Creek Jeep Trail and warning of narrow steep hairpin turns.

There is one large partial washout and two areas where running water has badly rutted the road but this was all passable with the quad. There was a generator; elec. cords power and hand tools and a broken wagon on the road about 1/4 way down.

About halfway down there is a truck stuck in the road, partially jacked up, flat tires, and attached to a tree with a come-along. He says he could just squeeze by the truck with his quad.

- About 3/4 of the way down the road was being blocked by a large boulder/tree slide consisting of large rocks an oak tree, fir tree and a Madrone tree.

Having worked for the last six hours cutting and removing downed trees he gave up for the day and retired to the campsite at the top of the road.

- The next morning I returned to the rock/tree slide and cleared enough for the quad to pass. After only three hours work on day two he made it to the river.

He's sure he was the first vehicle to make it down that road this Spring.

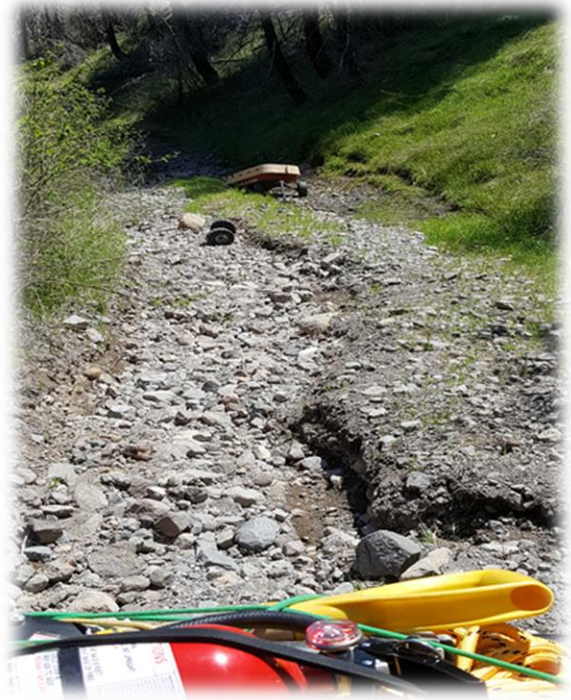
- There were 4 or 5 of our mining claim signs posted on the claim (though one was pretty shot up). There was a disassembled water pump, lots of debris, and a recently used campsite and a tent at the bottom flat area.

Caution:

The road is cleared wide enough to accommodate motorcycle, quad or foot traffic only. Anything wider than a side-by-side or jeep will require substantial and strenuous work in places.

The road is very overgrown and your vehicle will have lots of new scratches. Even with the work I did, the road is still treacherous and requires a skilled and alert operator to navigate safely.

The road is lined with burnt dead trees and there are several large boulders ready to fall. Travelers should come prepared with a chain saw and a way to move heavy objects, as any heavy winds or rain will likely cause the road to become blocked again.



Old Business Report: None.

New Business Report:

- With ongoing donations for donated items shall be a monthly activity through September, see President's message for updates.

- Our President is looking for volunteers to staff "Cowboy.Con" in July 25-29 at Grand Sierra Resort. See Jim's contact information in newsletter to volunteer!

•Our Webmaster Dave with Nancy Terwilliger are also members with Reno Gem and Mineral Club.

They are looking for volunteer support for “Jackpot of Gems” in April 28/29. See Dave’s contact information in newsletter.

• A motion was made on the floor to donate \$500.00 to WMA to support their litigation expense for our ability to use our California claims as intended by the Federal Mining Laws. It was voted on by those in attendance and the donation was approved. In addition the California Senate Bill (SB1222) could be a positive development for the Club. The California Senate Bill (SB637) is very much against our use of our claims. Please do your own research.

•Use of the public storage locker shall be discontinued, must be emptied in June before 6/30th and 30 day notice has been given. Membership can move Club materials that membership wants in trailer. The dredge could be sold by then creating room and Justin has a standing bid on it to remove it. Warren Burns has expressed no distress in the trailer being on his property and Grant Garrison’s okay to place it at his home in Sparks, closer to the Club meeting location is available. Thanks to Warren and Grant in this effort.

Motion to accept: in General Member meeting, seconded by a Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Club Members.

Outings Report:

The Claims Committee and member Bill Vogt did ask for commitments to organized a Club investigation with >20 signaled to participate a new area in Nevada on April 6th. Weather postponed this effort until April 20th where a measured success was achieved. More to follow with a May follow-up....

Motion to accept: in General Member meeting, seconded by a Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Club Members.

Report on Club Notices:

•**Outings Chairperson
Position is open.**

•Website is up and running: check out the site. Forum on Washoe County Lands Bill created. Home page updated, see announcement of two speakers.

•The Club received a donation of \$180.00 by Jim Richards, the Coleman mini trail bike has a new home.

•***The White’s GMT GOLDMASTER E-SERIES Detector is up for a donation!***

**Used Member Donation “AS IS”
Description: White’s GMT
GOLDMASTER E-Series Detector
Starting Donation: \$250.00 \$10
increments**

Open 25Apr-close 20May.

**Monthly Meeting Announcement of
Highest Donation - Takes Item**



Motion to accept in General Member meeting,
seconded by a Member.

Voted and accepted by the attending Club Members.

Guest Speaker:

Last month our guest speaker was Bill Vogt. He is our historian and collector of Club History going back eleven years of successful history.

His presentation with his colorful and descriptive explanations were informative and made one think about the good people who served the Club right up to this evening's very meeting.

We truly appreciated his ability to share his perspective of Club history. Members very showing their appreciation and were paying attention to Bill's presentation - it was very interesting.

Club Wear and Club Merchandise:

Clothing Custodian: position is now open.

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:

A reminder the quarterly assessment drawing for Silver (ounce) round is coming June 26th.

Assessments submitted online or by hard copy at May and June meetings shall be in the drawing.

GOOD LUCK!

Guest Recognition:

Welcome to several Guests tonight, hopefully you felt welcomed and decide to join!

New Members Present:

Two new members join us tonight,
Welcome and Thank you goes out to:

Bill Hillery and George Eglinger.

New Members Drawing:

Congratulations to **Bill Hillery**, he received a specimen box with a display of gold.

Attendance Drawing: (ticket(s) supplied at sign-in table):

In attendance **CGPC's** member **Randy Watkins** ticket number was called for a: Silver (ounce) round!

Come to our next meeting on Tuesday May 22nd, 2018 for the next Silver round to be awarded!

GOOD LUCK!

Membership Drawing for six Silver (ounce) Rounds:

CGPC's member drawn; **Jackie Lindgren** of Downieville, CA (not here)

CGPC's member drawn; **Joan Stoemer** of Quincy, CA (not here)

CGPC's member drawn; **Tony Belancio** of Reno, NV (not here, within 50 miles so we rollover).

Our next meeting on Tuesday May 22nd, 2018 we return to this draw for **seven** 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.

GOOD LUCK!

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: 71
Members: 66
Guests: 5

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 8:56pm.

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New Members:

Bill Hillery	Fallon, NV.
Sandy Hillery	Fallon, NV.
Tony Belancio	Reno, NV.
Eric Spielman	Dayton, NV.
Gregory Mac Donald	W. Cape May, N.J.
Stephanie Ball	Reno, NV.
Jack Wyse	Reno, NV.



By Jim Richards

The 3" dredge donated to the Club by "Lefty" is in the classifieds for \$500 or best offer by 22 April.

This is a Keene (older one) a new is about \$4000. It comes with a hookah set up, hoses etc., etc.

I have gone through it to clean it up and get it running...no guarantees.

It is a good deal...dredging is still an option in Nevada.

Call me, Jim Richards @ (775 225-2494) to make an offer. You can also email me: rsmokinguns@yahoo.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!!

Keith Wilson
Comstock Gold Prospectors
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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:
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