

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the

Comstock Gold Prospectors

July 13th, 2018



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: July 24th, 2018
UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter will be Aug. 10th, 2018!**

(Mark your Calendars)

Aug. 28th, 2018

Sept. 25th, 2018

Oct. 23rd, 2018

1 Year Gold – NYSE

07/13/2018 – Last	\$1240.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1242.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1238.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

07/13/2018 – Last	\$15.75
One Year High (at closing)	\$15.83
One Year Low (at closing)	\$15.72

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:

Summer is half over with our members filling their pans with a lot of new found gold.

Hopefully, we all had fun in the process (the most important) and have some left over after paying for gas, tires, snacks, beer, equipment and etc., etc., etc., Smiles and good company does not carry a price tag, Thank God!!!

Our claims have all had “good” access this year, thank you to the work of some of our more stalwart and “can do” members. Thanks to those that helped out. We owe them our deepest gratitude. Be sure and thank them when you run into them and maybe offer a beverage or whatever.

Chris Ralph gave a great speech, in June going over some of the “finer” points of metal detecting.

He is a pro at this! One of the more salient points was Practice! Practice!, and Practice with your detector. Having known material “buried” in an area for practice (your own back yard?) is a good learning tool. Have someone else “bury” the items in a random fashion to make it more realistic. His book “Fists Full of Gold” is probably one of the best books for our prospecting ventures. It has about 40 pages on Metal Detecting which is well worth the price of the book.

Metal Detecting seems to be the one of the best and less cumbersome method in Nevada.

Remember, we have a Tesoro Lobo Detector available this month starting at a \$225 donation. Quite a good deal!

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Chris Ralph covered the types of detectors in June and they are also covered in his book. Metal detecting is not limited to gold prospecting. There are numerous areas of interest in our neighborhood which may turn up historical items of interest. One of members found a 100-year-old Columbian coin last month! Maybe not much value but a good an interesting find none the less! Chris will be back in November for more “chit-chat”.

Harley won the Turbo tent that was offered this month. And again, this month the item is the Tesoro Lobo Super Traq detector which closes the July 22nd starting at \$225...it is worth \$450 on Ebay...a good deal.

The raffle table has been very “busy” the last couple of months. Keep the donations coming. Thanks to Keith for “honchoing” this. Keith is also handling some of our Club items for sale. This is not his job. We need a Clothing Custodian to take over this “duty”.
Volunteers anyone?

The Paradise Elementary Panning Demo went well with a good turnout of volunteers and smiling face of the kids. Thanks Bill for organizing and Wade for the handouts! Let us know if you want us to get involved in some other panning demo. We will try and participate in Dayton Valley Days and of course Rye Patch. Both of these events are on September 15th. Rye Patch we need at least two with DVD requiring at least six per day. We need volunteers and “go to person” for these events.

Also, we are trying to narrow down a date for a Downieville outing in August?
September?

We need to form a plan. Mike Beaman has a cabin nearby in an historical gold area. He said we can use the cabin for a destination for the outing. Need a “honcho” and get some dates.

As a note, the BLM had their annual Public Claims Miners Workshop this month. It was “sold out” as usual. Three of our members attended and said it was chock full of good info...though I heard there were no donuts, which I find hard to believe!

Someone has also suggested that we have a Club “picnic” at a nearby park. Just hang out, barbecue etc.

ANY SUGGESTIONS?

The parks in Washoe county rent for about \$150 a day; barbecue pits, tables outhouses etc. The Club discussed the possibility of our “Club” equipment be made available to our Members to use for their prospecting ventures. We have spent a lot of money on this equipment which is just sitting in the Club trailer at Grants Hacienda not being used. This comes up every year. We have made a decision, supported by the Board and Membership, to allow Members to “check out” equipment for use.

The equipment is a Vac Pac, a Keene Drywasher, and a Keene Highbanker. We will require deposit of \$50 dollars per item and \$5 a day. Get a hold of Grant (775-359-9238) to make arrangements for pickup.

He is at a convenient location in Sparks. You will need to provide your own gas. The Vac Pac is a 2 stroke...we have oil for the mix in the trailer. Thanks to Grant for volunteering to take charge of this...NO tipping!
Until we meet again...JR

PS...IMPORTANT

Scott Harn publisher of the ICMJ will be giving a LIVE update, through Skype, of dredging in California and other Legislative and Regulatory Updates at our July meeting!

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We will have time for questions after the update. We would like to have at least some questions ready. Therefore, we are requesting our membership to contact either myself, Justin, Wade or Bill with your questions.

We will then have them ready at the update. You do not have to be there to ask questions, as we will have a moderator doing that. Please come up with some questions.

Historian/Claim Pictures/KVB/44 Special By Bill Vogt

Historian: All the pictures up to now for 2018 have been posted to the website so check them out.

Claim Pictures: Under “Claim Menu/Claim Pictures” on the website you will find pictures of some of our claims and more will be added over time. Recently, pictures were added for “44 Special” and “Tammy/Blue Wing”. These pictures are mainly intended for members who have never been to a claim before and want to get an idea of what the claim looks like. We have also been adding pictures of the route to the claim if we feel it would be beneficial.

In the case of “Tammy/Blue Wing” we have also added the directions for coming in from Lovelock which is not listed on any of our maps. Most of the pictures have been annotated but you will not see this if you select “Show slideshow”. The best way to view these pictures is to select the first picture on the left and then step through them.

KVB: As announced in the March newsletter, KVB and Sweet Potatoe were re-located into one 20 acre claim within the same boundaries and we re-used the name KVB (Ken and Virginia Brown). A new map was posted on the website but not issued in the newsletter since nothing had changed on the ground with the boundaries being the same as the original two claims.

On a recent visit to the claim to update some of the signage it was discovered that the guard rails in this area had been replaced and some of our marking on the back are gone. Nothing has changed with the lower boundary except we have marked the back of the guard rail post of the 17th post from mileage marker 18.36 with a black paint pen.

The upper end of the claim is at the 36th guard rail post upstream from mile marker 18.74. This is right at a tree with a sign that says “LBJ Mine”. This is also the downstream end of that claim. The back of that guard rail post has also been marked with a black paint pen.

A new sign was added at the start of this guard rail system and a Sweet Potatoe sign was removed from a tree where there were two signs (one for each of the old claims). There is a faded sign on a tree at the lower end of the claim that was not changed because of the difficulty to get to it. A new map (Issue #2) has been posted on the website and there are also picture that have been added for this claim.

44 Special: The owner of the upstream claim adjacent to 44 has alerted us to the fact that Club members have been prospecting his claim thinking they were on 44 and indicating that was what their map told them. He has reviewed the map we sent him and agrees with the boundaries shown but pointed out where the instructions could be clearer.

A new map will soon be posted on the website (issue #2) with his suggestions. The campsite at the bottom of the road is **NOT** on 44 Special and is on the other claim.

You must turn off that road and walk on the bike trail for a distance before you come to the start of 44 Special. That point is shown on the map as #14 and there is a sign on a tree just off the trail denoting the start. There are also pictures posted on the website depicting this. While you can always camp at the campsite if it is available you cannot prospect there.

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 JUNE 26th, 2018**

Call to Order: President Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:40pm.

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

Board Member 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,
Sergeant of Arms: Al Gottsch and

Acting Club Custodian Toni DeHerrera.

Correction to Minutes: None.

Treasurer's Report: Was read by Teresa Jones.

Membership's Report: 346 members, 15 lifetime memberships available, Activity: 7 added, 10 dropped and none reinstated.

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.

Adjournment: Jim Richards announced at 6:49pm.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JUNE 26th, 2018

Call to Order: President Jim Richards began the General Meeting at 7:32pm.

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

Board Members Present:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Board Member not Present:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Support Staff at Board Meeting:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Support Staff on-site:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Correction to Minutes:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Membership's Report:

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Claims Report:

- Claim "44 Special" is documented and open*
 - Claim "Oro Mucho" the road in is rough and at times narrow*
 - Claim "Ken Bennett" is open, located on the map please read **WARNING - 5/2018** and subscribe to "Ken Bennett Forum" for latest details/comments
 - Justin received claim assessments (hard copy/electronic) totaling nineteen for tonight's drawing
 - Justin stated the Club is at 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.
- *There are active claims all round this claims so take care to prospect this one only unless you have permission of other claimants.**

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.
- Cowboy Con July 25 - 29 President Jim Richards has announce **closure** of the Club's volunteer participation and recognition of this event. There has been no support or guidance

from event organizer(s) as witness first hand with this Secretary's travelling to 4 planned meetings with no event organizer(s) present. No notifications/phone calls/VMs/Texts/Emails of changes/cancellations occurred on their part.

- Club materials in May went into Club trailer, it was then moved to Grant Garrison's home in Sparks. The dredge was sold and removed.

- Club owned prospecting equipment to be audited/documented because a Club member expressed interest and availability in using said assets shall be done before next meeting.

Outings Report:

- Paradise Elementary Panning Demo - June 19th** - Nine volunteers with Bill Vogt as the event coordinator had a great morning with 23 students. Previous years this demo was held during Spring Break's science class (years past it's been cold). The instructor adjusted and asked the Club to come during Summer! The specimen identification was performed by Tim Bartlett for 15 student submitted material samples. Your Secretary provided 30 eight page color handouts of Nevada mineral locations and had students ID placer gold locations throughout the state map on wall.

- September outing in Downieville proposed:** Looking for Event Coordinator, contact our President, Jim Richards, by phone (775-225-2404) or by email (rsmokinguns@yahoo.com) if you would like to support the Club for this proposed event.

Report on Club Notices:

- Outings Chairperson Position is open.
- Website is up and running, try it out. Forum on Washoe County Lands Bill created.
- The Turbo Tent Pine Deluxe 4 starting at \$100 was up for a donation in June! The Club received a donation of \$160.00 by Harley Ponsler.

- In July**, the Tesero Lobo Super Traq detector starting at \$225. Remember, all bidding is to be submitted to the President, Jim Richards, by

phone (775-225-2404) or by email (rsmokinguns@yahoo.com) during the open and close dates only.

Guest Speaker:

June's guest speaker was Chris Ralph! CGPC welcomed the return of this author, editor and friend of the Club! Chris is a small miner's authority on exploration for gold and a contributor to the ICMJ. He brought copies of his 361 page book named: "Fists Full of Gold" for sale.

He made a presentation on breaking down some detection rules of thumb for getting more gold by knowing your detector capabilities and exploring the ground with certain techniques not to miss "your" gold.

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:

Congratulations, the quarterly assessment drawing for Silver (ounce) round went to

Randy Watkins

who was present tonight. Continue submitting your assessments online or by hard copy to be in the next drawing. **GOOD LUCK!**

Guest Recognition: Welcome to four Guests tonight, hopefully you felt welcomed and decide to join!

New Members Present: none.

New Members in Attendance Drawing:
NA

Attendance Drawing:

(ticket(s) supplied at sign-in table): In attendance CGPC's member **Wyatt Erd** ticket number was called for a silver (ounce) round!

Come to our next meeting on Tuesday July 24th, 2018 for the next Silver round to be awarded!

GOOD LUCK!

Membership Drawing for one Silver (ounce) Round:

CGPC Member drawn not in attendance – Randy Austin of Kings Beach, CA.

Our next meeting on *Tuesday July 24th, 2018* we return to draw for **two** 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: ~57

Members: ~55

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 8:32pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-2018

President: Jim Richards - 775/225-2494
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Justin Shaw- 775/409-8560
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Clothing Custodian:
****Volunteer Needed ASAP****

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Al Gottsch – 775/538-7316
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New Members:
Iaroslav Iasnopolski & Tetiana
Lukhymets, Vallejo, CA.
Matt Brower, Sacramento, CA.
Michael Fundrok, Ninilehik, AK.
Nicholas McKinney, Sacramento, 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
Comstock Gold Prospectors
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Web site: <http://www.cgpgold.org>

Free TV:

A great pre-flat screen TV (Sony FD Trinitron WEGA 36XBR450) in excellent condition free to any Club member, willing to haul it off without my help (235 pounds – main reason I'm getting rid of it).

If interested contact Bill Vogt at
wvogt@sbcglobal.net or 775-747-3145.





AD: ISO Metal Detecting Equipment

By Al Gottsch



TO PLACE OR RENEW

A BUSINESS AD:

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COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS

- Looking for a used **Fisher Gold Bug** (complete)
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