

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
Oct. 12th, 2018



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: Oct. 23rd, 2018
UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter will
be Nov. 6th, 2018!***

Speaker for November: Chris Ralph
(Mark your Calendars)
Nov. 27th, 2018

1 Year Gold – NYSE

10/12/2018 – Last	\$1222.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1223.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1216.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

10/12/2018 – Last	\$14.65
One Year High (at closing)	\$14.67
One Year Low (at closing)	\$14.51

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:

Fall is here and the waters are cold and the deserts are windy. We are still finding some nice gold on our claims. The rivers are narrow and not as deep or swift. The deserts are generally dry.

The Dayton Valley Days event was a success as about 250 people showed up for our panning demo!

Thanks to all that helped with Wade being the organizer and hauler of our “stuff”.

Thanks Wade!

We probably gave out \$200 in gold in the pans which was what was “paid” for by Linda from the RR Museum for our participation. She really liked our presence there as we were the most popular.

Rye patch was well attended the same weekend with nice prizes. Webb represented our Club at the event.

Thanks Webb.

Our claims are all up to date as far as required paperwork. We still need assessment forms when you are on the claims. We request that every time you are out to fill out a form so we can track claim “usage” which will help the Club in determining if we want to “re-license” the claim going forward.

Speaking of claims, it has been brought to our attention that some of the waters on our claims may not be fit for drinking by man nor animals.

If the water is “murky” or has a “funky” smell, it might be best to be cautious. Some of the waters might have “seasonal” issues and some might be “downstream” of tailings or whatever. Anyways, we are not using ANY untested waters for drinking?

We have our Christmas party
Chairman...*Thanks Randy.*

We will be signing up the menu items at this month’s gathering. The turkey and hams will be cooked by Club members and you will be reimbursed for the cost. We need volunteers for the setup and tear down. We are planning Dec. 4th at 6:30 pm with setup at 5:30pm.

There will be a gift exchange, guy gifts, gal gifts and kids gifts (provided by parents) and raffle prizes.

This meeting is also nominations for all the Board positions except for Member-at-Large Tim. Harley has elected to not continue as Member-at-Large and Wade does not want to continue as Secretary!

So we have a few volunteers for Harley’s position but no one for Wade’s. Consider volunteering for a Board position as Secretary.

It will not be “scary”...you will have a lot of help? The other members will continue if nominated! Nominations in October, Vote in November (ballots in Newsletter or at November meeting), and elected board in position 1 January 2019!

Also, we STILL need an Outing Chair desperately! And again, you would be organizing outings and track sign ups...you will have lots of help in this. We need “new” blood and ideas for our outings.

Well, nothing really new on dredging in California. Everything remains the same with warnings here and there and a few confrontations with the local county Mounties.

Proceed with caution and record all incidents. As a new update on government “stuff” is the “USDA Forrest Service (note Forrest service, NOT BLM) is seeking “public comment” on improving “management” of mineral oil, and gas resources.” This was released Sep 13 with public comment DUE by Oct 15.

The site is:
<https://www.fs.fed.us/news/releases/usda-forest-service-seeks-public-comment-improving-management-mineral-oil-and-gas> .

What this means is that the Forrest Service wants to have a “say” in our claims as well as the BLM...\$\$\$...paperwork...reporting.Ect.Ect.,

Take some time and look at this...more to follow. Thanks Dave for the new members added and renewals from Keene’s party. Also Dave has contacted Ron Davidson (a CGP member) who is the Innkeeper of the Riverside Inn in Downieville in regards to our members staying at the Inn.

There are some good room rates available for us. Call Ron at 530.289.1000 and introduce yourself and inquire about the rates. This could be a good relationship! The website is: downieville.us...with a good overview of the Inn.

Think of the board elections and the Christmas party...Jim



COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
MEETING SEPT. 25th, 2018

Call to Order: President Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:35pm.

Board Members Present: Jim Richards, Teresa Jones and Wade Lavery. Members at Large: Harley Ponsler and Tim Bartlett.

Board Member not Present: Justin Shaw.

Support Staff at Board Meeting: None.

Claims Committee at Board Meeting:
President Jim Richards with fellow Board Members Lavery, Jones and Members at Large: Ponsler and Bartlett.

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: On page 3 adjournment time was not correct.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was read by Teresa Jones.

Membership's Report: 357 members, 15 lifetime memberships available, Activity: 7 added, 0 dropped and 1 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 7:10pm.

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Pledge of Allegiance: President Jim Richards led 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.

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Claims Report

- Please explore your claims and turn in your assessments online!
- The Grizzly Bear #4 claim paperwork has been filed and the website has the map.
- Ken Bennett claim is being worked by several people. Watch out for bears.

Old Business Report: None.

New Business Report:

•Club owned prospecting equipment is available in at voted on \$5/day rental with \$50 deposit per equipment and **Grant Garrison (preferred contact number is 1-775-846-7987 for scheduling Pick Up)** is our volunteer / steward on this Club action.

Outings Report:

•At the General Meeting there was acknowledgement of last month's Club discussion for **Downieville outing dates with an agreement of Friday September 28 through Sunday September 30.**

Club Members the Farnhams were in attendance and welcomed the Club to utilize their claims to the fullest! So book early any and all accommodations for that weekend.

•A **Downieville Event Coordinator** was not achieved, yet an informal group supported by several members took over. **Randy Watkins volunteered to cook a main dish and Robert Mayfield suggested to run a competition as in: "Who Finds The Most Gold" by two person teams, show up at Saturday's Pot Luck and group decides which team wins two silver rounds!**

Way to go!!

•**Webb Varnum had volunteered for 6th Annual Rye Patch Nugget Shoot 2018 "The world's largest free metal detector hunt"!** – **Reno Prospecting & Detecting Club/GPAA of Northern Nevada – was held on Saturday September 15th.**

He reported that 2018's hunt was well- attended, our donation prize (**MINELAB PRO-FIND Precision Pinpointer 35**) was appreciated and found a new home that day!

This year they had over 475 attendees and in their continuing hope to keep this event free to the public.

Keep this website for next year's Rye Patch Nugget Shoot:

http://gpaaofnorthernnevadareno.com/uploads/3/4/7/1/34717890/2018_rye_patch_nugget_shoot__2018_.pdf

•**2018 Dayton Valley Days Panning Demo held Saturday September 15th & Sunday September 16th:** We had Jim R./George E.*/Wade L. for Saturday.

With the welcomed additions of Harley P., Richard T., Bill H. & Gerry M. for Sunday we had lots of fun in introducing panning to the young & old generations attending.

President Jim says our station shall be returned to this location as this spot is where gold was first found in Gold Canyon Creek, Dayton, Nevada!

* **George Eglinger next year may have his own fossil display table. George drew lots of attention displaying his finds!!!**

The Historical Society of Dayton says:

In the spring of 1849 frontiersman Abner Blackburn joined a group of emigrants heading from Salt Lake City to the gold fields of California. His handwritten journal records that "In the spring, (March), I joined a pack train for the gold mines." The prospectors followed the Carson River route and camped at the mouth of Gold Cañon—at the site of today's Old Town Dayton—to await the opening of Sierra passes. Blackburn took a bread knife and pie pan and went prospecting. His discovery of gold in several places in the canyon is the first documented discovery of gold in the Silver State. He describes the experience in his journal. (The quote retains his spelling.)

"I took a bread pan, a butcher knife & went out in the ravines to prospect & found gold in small quantities in 3 places. I went to a larger ravine, where the water runs down over the bedrock a little on the side of the gulch. Dug down in the slate & found a fair prospect, kept panning for an hour or more.

I went to camp & all hands grabbed up pans, knives, kettles & started out. We scratched, scrapped and panned until nearly sun down & took nine or ten dollars' worth of gold. Being without tools & nearly out of provisions, we were compelled to abandon the place but calculated to return."

A year later in 1850, Mormon pioneers again stopped at Gold Canyon. A nugget weighing 19.4 grams was found by John Orr. It is now part of the Nevada State Museum Collection, but is on display at the Oakland Museum.

**Keep this website for next year's
Dayton Valley Days:**

<http://daytonvalleydays.org/wp-content/uploads/2018>

Report on Club Notices:

**•Outings Chairperson:
position is now open**

**•Clothing Custodian:
position is now open**

**•Christmas Dinner
coordinator is Keith
Wilson!**

**•Secretary (Director
Position has opened)**

**•Member-At-Large (1
Position has opened)**

•August's Used Member Donation "AS IS"

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Materials needed and costs are:

•Book Walter Schumann, Handbook of Rocks Minerals & Gemstones. Mineral test kits **eBay** "New American Educational Test Kit" \$16.91 or BEST call Miners Riggin ID 800-824-7432 and ask.

I will have streak plates. Cost \$2.50 per hr. (2hr). **Do not get Audubon Society Book.**

•Looking at a 10AM start.

•Location in planning, most likely class held at Reno Gem & Minerals Society (RGMS) Building, 480 S Rock Blvd, Sparks, NV.

•Preferred contact is phone # 775-378-9475, Please leave a message

•His 2nd Choice as an alternate contact by email: yvmclaimeqip@yahoo.com

•**Sign-ups were:** George Eglinger, Steve Olney, Paul & Janet Cox, Korene Champagne, Robert Fainelli, Bill & Sandy Hillery and our Dave Matthews

Guest Speaker: Tonight- None.

November 27th guest speaker...Chris Ralph
Guest Appearance, a repeat:

- Local CBS affiliate channel 2News Morning News Anchor John Potter visited and interviewed CGPC Members Wade Lavery and Jim Allen. •The Club appreciates the visibility provided by John Potter and 2New Morning News to their viewers!
- Segment named “Search for GOLD? Local Prospectors Tell Us How” August 22nd, Check it out at:

<http://www.ktvn.com/story/3894156/2/search-for-gold-local-prospectors-tell-us-how>

Club Wear and Club Merchandise:

supported at this time by Keith.

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:

Continue submitting your assessments online or by hard copy to be in the next drawing.

GOOD LUCK!

Guest Recognition: Welcome to future Guests tonight, hopefully you can attend another time and decide to join!

New Members Present:

None.

New Members in Attendance Drawing:

None.

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

In attendance our drawing winner for

One Silver (ounce) round was **Janet Cox,**
Congratulations!

Come to our next meeting on Tuesday October 23, 2018 for the next Silver round to be awarded!

GOOD LUCK!

Membership Drawing: for one silver (ounce) round:

CGPC member drawn in attendance –

Robert Swank, Congratulations!

Our next meeting on Tuesday October 23th, 2018 we return to draw One Silver (ounce) round.

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: 61

Members: 61

Guests: None

Motion to accept the Club Meeting Minutes and adjourn meeting:

Club Member, Second: club Member.
Voted and accepted by the attending Club Members.

Adjournment: President Jim Richards announced at 8:22pm.

PROPERTY FOR SALE BY OWNER

Catherine Clemons

Email: alsalugi1@gmail.com

Request Pictures by email

Mill City, NV. \$ **125,000.00 or
reasonable offer**

Great Hunting: (Pronghorn antelope,
deer, chucker), **Rock hounding:**

(Jasper, quartz (pink, white, crystal)
Opalite, Druzy, petrified wood, obsidian,
arrowheads, volcanic rocks, etc.)

Spectacular Views, Privacy, Sheltered
Valley, Nearest electric ¼ mile away,

Full Mineral rights: 2 seasonal streams
(One can run year round on a wet winter).

Location: North East Side of the
Humboldt Range, 5.2 miles to access road
from junction of I-80/Rt-400, Access to
property by BLM easement Road approx.
3 miles in off Rt-400. Elevation between
4900 – 5100 feet

1. Lot 8 and 11, Section 25, township 32
north. range 34 east. lot 8 = 40 Ac., lot
11 = 40 Ac.

2. Lot 7 and 12, Section 25, township 32
north. range 34 east. Lot 7 = 45.55
Ac. lot = 45.75 Ac.

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****Volunteer Needed ASAP****

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Comstock Gold Prospectors Claims Listing

The following is a listing of all the claims owned or licensed by the Comstock Gold Prospectors.

The list is organized first by state and then by county. Its purpose is to give prospective members an idea of what claims the Club has available to it and for existing members it provides a brief review.

The listing provides only a brief overview of the claims. Specific information is provided to members who are provided maps to the claims when they first join and afterwards upon request.

If a claim isn't described as licensed then it is owned by the Club.

Nevada - Pershing County:

<u>Claim Name</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
<u>Aloni</u>	Licensed wet desert claim East of Lovelock, NV
<u>Blue Wing</u>	Licensed claim just before and next to Tammy
<u>Tammy</u>	Dry desert claim about 32 miles WNW of Lovelock, NV
<u>Jack 1 - 4</u>	4- Licensed desert claims in the Placerites area out of Lovelock, NV

California:

Placer County:

<u>Claim Name</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
<u>Ken Bennett</u>	North Fork of Middle Fork of American River claim near Foresthill, CA

Plumas County:

<u>Claim Name</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
<u>Adavenone</u>	Feather River claim near Quincy CA, off of the Quincy-La Porte road
<u>Antelope 2</u>	Creek claim near Antelope Lake (close to Janesville, CA)
<u>Grizzly Bear #4</u>	Licensed claim Little Grizzly Creek North of Lake Davis
<u>JAHHMACH</u>	Licensed Feather River claim near Adavenone
<u>Oro Mucho</u>	Feather River claim near Quincy CA, off of the Quincy-La Porte road
<u>Patriot Mine 1</u>	Licensed Feather River/Nelson Creek claim near Adavenone
<u>Who-Do</u>	Nelson Creek claim near Quincy CA, off of the Quincy-La Porte road

Sierra County:

<u>Claim Name</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
<u>Cynthia's Placer</u>	Licensed Yuba River claim right next to Shiloh
<u>KVB</u>	Yuba River claim near Downieville, CA
<u>Lucky Linda</u>	Yuba River claim near Downieville, CA
<u>Pirate</u>	Yuba River claim near Downieville, CA
<u>Shiloh</u>	Licensed Yuba River claim near Downieville, CA
<u>Downieville</u>	Claims 3 Licensed claims which encompass Downieville, CA
<u>44 Special</u>	Licensed Pauley Creek claim near Downieville, CA

Welcome New

Members:

Jim Shampine	Silver Springs, NV.
Sam Alexander	Palmdale, CA.
Jason DeBerge	Lake Huges, CA.
Tom Lucas	Frazier, CA.
Jim Garlock	Rancho Cucamonga, CA.
Shaun Morales	Reno , NV.
Greg Young	Concord, CA.
Stuart Appel	Tustin, 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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