

# THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the  
**Comstock Gold Prospectors**  
Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018



## ***BLACK BILLIE***

**Next Meeting: Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

***\*Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter will be Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019!***

### **1 Year Gold – NYSE**

02/13/2019 – Last	\$1310.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1318.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1309.00

### **1 Year Silver – NYSE**

02/13/2019 – Last	\$15.66
One Year High (at closing)	\$15.80
One Year Low (at closing)	\$15.64

### **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:**

The new year is off and running with great snow for flowing gold bearing rivers and streams! Do not plan to be “in the water” in California this year. There are plenty of other successful methods for prospecting. I recommend signing up for the “New 49’ers” newsletter that has good info on prospecting in California and legislative updates.

The newsletter is free...these guys and gals are on top of the “happenings” in CA.

Just as a note as to the Rinehart case (as you all know?) was rejected by the U.S. Court because of the Solicitor General who has the authority to provide a “yes” or “no” advice to the court.

The S.G. advised the court to reject Rinehart on the grounds that the Bohmker case would soon be along which frames the same arguments in a more straightforward manner.

The Bohmker case (mining rights in Oregon) is the crown jewel for us; because it directly addresses the special status and property rights afforded miners when we make valuable discoveries on federal lands.

Other resource developers on federal lands do not possess these rights...**MINERAL DEVELOPMENT** is the priority use of the federal lands! This case is the final effort by our industry to win **BACK** our rights! Do some research and help support this case (Bohmker) which has been going on for a costly 9 years.

Keith has arranged for new Club hats and for order, Club “hoodies”. See him at our meetings or call Keith Wilson at 775 450-5723 email: argoone86@gmail.com. He is going above and beyond for organizing the raffle as well as

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

“temporary” clothing custodian. We need a Clothing Custodian. Do we have any **Volunteers???** Also consider the raffle table when you are “organizing” and maintaining your equipment for this season.

The membership voted to buy a new coffee maker as it was noted our older aluminum one was “growing”, contributing to members irritability, loss of attention, sore bones, paleness, etc, etc, etc. We since purchased a Stainless steel one for \$134.95.

**George of the Rock Piles** will be our speaker and presenter this February meeting. He has been out and about in AZ and elsewhere.

George always has interesting specimens and good stories to tell. Thanks George for volunteering.

Wade has really applied himself for lining up speakers: Feb: George, Mar: Don Molde with a discussion of Coyotes (a great presentation...thanks Bob T), Apr; Stanley Paher with discussion of Central NV, May: Jack Harris on trains (author and researcher), And Jun: Webb one our most knowledge rock guys.

We are working on outings for this year. Any suggestions, contact Wade. We are planning for a Downieville outing to be our biggest. We will still do the School and Dayton Valley Days.

We are going to put more of an effort at DVD for more exposure and cooperation with the organizers.

We have been asked by the Friends of the NRA to donate a one year membership to our Club at their “silent raffles”.

They have scheduled 10 in Gold Country at their dinners-Downieville, Auburn, Susanville, etc. If nothing else, it would be good exposure and PR for us and we might be picking up additional members.

The membership would be for one year in the hopes that the winner would renew. Also, we might pick-up some claims for license as our licensing information will be noted at the events.

We will have a Club vote on this at our Feb meeting. There would be no \$ outlay for this. I think it is a win-win and the NRA is on the same “page” as we are. We need more groups on the same “page” in this day and age!

Also the Classic Chevy Club would like us to buy a “booth” at their car show in May at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno.

The cost is \$50 for the one day event. It is the second largest car show in Reno (600 cars. thousands of people).

Again, good exposure, proceeds to the Veterans Home, panning demo maybe? This will be voted on at Feb meeting.

The new NV legislature is not shaping up to be “Nevada friendly”. We are attending events in Carson and would urge our members to pay attention.

I do not think there is any such thing as “good: government especially now that we are the 59<sup>th</sup> county of California???. And they just elected their 3<sup>rd</sup> senator!

Anyways enough for now.  
Jim

**"Reminder to  
Life/Honorary  
Members: Annual  
updates (renewals) are  
requested during the  
first quarter as required  
by the By-Laws."**

## Christmas Article

*Submitted by: Tracy Nystrom*

This year's Christmas party was held despite the fact there was snow coming down throughout most of Washoe County. There was an original sign up of 70 participants with the party ending up consisting of 45 adults and 3 children.

It should be noted there were a few brave souls who came from afar. Pamela & Isidro Sanchez drove from Gardnerville, Walter Dupis from Smith Valley and Matt Moreno from Silver Springs. We missed all those of you who did not come out and hope for better weather next year.

There were 18 door prizes and 6 items raffled off. Door prize winner pictures will be posted on the web as well as in the scrapbook and can be viewed at the next meeting.

The raffle items netted \$390.00. The winners of the raffled items were: Randy Watkins-Mine Lab Pro-Find pin pointer; Wyatt Erd- Metal Detector and Motor/pump; Ralph Wiser- Head set for metal detector; Rod Jones-Large mesh screen; Matt Moreno-Blue Bowl.

A very special thank you to our Host Randy Watkins who did a fabulous job putting on this year's Christmas party and kudos to Justin Shaw for being the evening's Emcee.

Another special thank you to all of the kitchen helpers: Amy Garrison, Teresa Jones, Toni DeHerrera, Dennis Taylor, Irene Vogt, and Jean Erd.

Some who also prepared turkey and hams: Teresa Jones, Toni DeHerrera, Dennis Taylor, Wyatt Erd, Randy Watkins, and Nora and Dee Hart.

### **A NOTE OF THANKS!**

*Thank You, so very much for the  
"Scheels gift card" from  
The Club, I so did not expect such a  
great gift!!!! I appreciate it.  
It will be putting it to good use.  
Lisa Walls*

*"Editor for the Gold Pan Newsletter"*

**Hi Board Members, I hope this clarifies  
the verbals and our Speakers are  
included in this email.**

**I thank them all for their future good  
will towards our members in their  
presentations!**

**Thanks,  
Wade.**

- January 22, 2019 we had no speaker.
  - Tuesday February 26, 2019 the Club welcomes back Member George Eglinger for a discussion on unique rocks & minerals he has discovered!
  - Tuesday March 26, 2019 is "OPEN".
  - Tuesday April 23, 2019 the Club welcomes back author Stanley Paher for a discussion of Central Nevada; i.e. Johnny Mine area, Death Valley area, Rhyolite area and more!\*
  - Tuesday May 28, 2019 the Club welcomes back author Jack Herreris for a presentation on trains!\*
  - Tuesday June 25, 2019 the Club welcomes back Webb Varnum, one of our most knowledgeable rock hounds for a presentation.\*
- \*These three speakers request assistance in computer and projector from Club, maybe Bill can assist.
- Jack Herreris I believe had a software compatibility issue...TBD

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD**  
**MEETING JANUARY 22, 2019**

**Call to Order:**

President Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Board Members present:**

Jim Richards, Justin Shaw, Teresa Jones, Tracy Nystrom, and Fred Leissler.

**Board Members not present:** All present

**Support Staff at Board Meeting:** none

**Claims Committee at Board Meeting:**

President Jim Richards with fellow Board Member Justin Shaw

**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:**

#1. On page 2 of last month's newsletter it states to contact Tracy Nystrom if you have any ideas about outings etc. The correct person to contact is Wade Lavery.

#2. Correction to the name of exiting officer in the newsletter: It should read Harley Ponsler not Harvey

**Treasurer's Report:**

Report read by Teresa Jones.

**Membership's Report:**

353 members, 15 lifetime memberships available, Activity since last report: 3 added, 0 dropped, 0 reinstated.

**Claims Report:**

See Board Meeting Minutes.

**Old Business Report:**

The Naval Facilities Engineering has extended their comment deadline to February 14, 2019. More information can be found at [www.FRTCModerization.com](http://www.FRTCModerization.com).

**New Business Report:**

It was brought to the clubs attention that a new coffee pot needed to be purchased. It was approved to spend up to \$150 on a new coffee pot.

Jim Richards will be looking into purchasing one from Amazon.

Gift card to be purchased for: volunteer member of the club.

**Outings Report:**

See General meeting minutes

**Report on Club Notices:**

See General meeting minutes

**Adjournment: President Jim Richards announced at 6:50pm**

**COMSTOCK GOLD**  
**PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE**  
**GENERAL MEETING JANUARY**  
**22<sup>ND</sup>, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jim Richards began the General Meeting at 7:30pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Jim Richards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

See Board Minutes.

**BOARD MEMBERS 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:**  
Read by Teresa Jones.

**MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT:**  
See Board Meeting Minutes

**CLAIMS REPORT:**  
Justin wanted everyone to know the Claims Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at Denny's located on McCarran right off the I-80.

Everyone is welcome but you do need to sign a nondisclosure agreement. Also, if you have not filed proof of your assessment you can file from now until the day the government opens back up.

You will need to have it post marked for whatever day that is. You can also be in their office the day they open back up. They will not process any claims the day after reopening.

The Crescent claim is now available to be worked.  
Justin is putting together a slide with information on our current claims to be viewed later.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
See Board Meeting Minutes

**OUTINGS REPORT:** If you have any ideas of an outing contact Wade Lavery.

**CLUB NOTICES:**  
The 49ers mining club is having a raffle to help with their legal fees. You can check out their website at [www.goldgold.com](http://www.goldgold.com)

The Gem Faire is coming up March 15, 16, and 17<sup>th</sup>. The club has a few complimentary admission tickets to give away. If anyone is interested, Contact Jim Richards.

The North Central Washington Prospectors Gold Treasure and More show will be held April 13, and 14<sup>th</sup>. It's held in Cashmere Fairgrounds in Cashmere Washington.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

There are several upcoming guest speakers. There is no one scheduled for February at this time. We have March, April, May, and June scheduled.

**GUEST RECOGNITION:**

We had two guests tonight. Danny Mosley and Dan Tanquay.

**NEW MEMBER DRAWING:**  
No new members

**ATTENDANCE DRAWING:**  
Teresa Jones won one silver round.

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:**  
Kathy Burns won 3 silver rounds

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
Club member, second: Club Member. Voted and accepted by the attending Club Members.

**President Jim Richards announced  
Adjournment at 8:35pm**

**Club Wear and Club  
Merchandise:**



*Supported at this time by Keith.*

# **PROPERTY FOR SALE BY OWNER**

**Catherine Clemons**  
Email: [alsaluqi1@gmail.com](mailto:alsaluqi1@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.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS-2018**

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**THESE ITEMS ARE FOR RENT:**  
They are at Grant Garrisons Hacienda



**Welcome to Our Newest Members:**

Ian Gaffney

Los Gates, CA.

Jacquelyn Seymour

Los Gates, CA.

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**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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