

# THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the  
**Comstock Gold Prospectors**  
April 11, 2019



## **BLACK BILLIE**

**Next Meeting: Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**\*Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter will  
be May 8<sup>h</sup>, 2019! No Later!**  
***April Speaker: Jack Herris***

### **1 Year Gold – NYSE**

04/14/2019 – Last	\$1293.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1295.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1291.00

### **1 Year Silver – NYSE**

03/18/2019 – Last	\$15.02
One Year High (at closing)	\$15.08
One Year Low (at closing)	\$14.95

### **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:**

Taxes and Spring (Mar 20<sup>th</sup>). The weather has been blustery this year. Good for us later on.

Check conditions before heading out.

As for heading out, be sure and submit an assessment form of your endeavors. We need them for our yearly filings, which is fast approaching and our claim evaluations.

The Club is always considering “claims” to drop if they not being used. We need your input.

### **The claims that we are re-evaluating are:**

Antelope 2, Grizzly #4, Patriot Mine 1 and 44 Special.

If you have any input of these claims, let Justin or any Board member know.

As for taxes and our claims, Bill has estimated our annual claim fees for 2019.

Briefly, for all our claims: Taxes CA. \$1445 (No taxes for our NV claims), recording \$892, The CA. filing fee for low income housing: \$1425, membership for our licenses, \$390, (No cash outlay), for a total of \$4151.

Let it be noted that most of our fees go to CA. for taxes and the “homeless” fees (2870) This is the cost of pursuing our hobby!

AMRA has stated in their latest news that there will be NO permits issued in CA. for 2019.

These guys are doing their best at mostly their own expense with trips to Washington and legal fees.

They need donations! Right now, the Future of our interests lies at the Supreme Court with the upcoming decision of the Bohmker case (mining rights in Oregon).

This is the final effort by our industry to win back our rights. As far as supporting their efforts, I signed up for Amazon Smile where Amazon donates to a listed group of your choice mine being Pacific Legal Foundation.

This cost you nothing and helps us in some of Our legal pursuits. Coming up 27-28 Apr. (10-5) is the RGMS show at the Livestock Center. We need volunteers for panning demos. Wear your “colors” and you will have free entry (to work our booth of course)! This is a great show with a great silent raffle and the last one at the Livestock Center.

Speaking of our raffle, the RGMS has donated gold pans and other equipment from one of their Members for our raffle table

### **Thank you much RGMS!**

Do not forget volunteering or attending Summer Salute car show benefiting the Veterans Guest House May 25 at Rancho San Rafael Park. We have paid for a booth and will be having a small panning demo.

It looks like our panning demo at Pleasant Valley School will be June 11. Always a hoot with the ever changing weather!

Mark your Calendars...more to follow.

I am reminded again to review Leave No Trace practices. Our group does not have to be educated on LNT, but we can sometimes educate and influence others with our good examples while out and about.

You can refer to the LNT website for info if so desired. The “cleaner” we are makes it easier to address some of our issues with the county Mounties et al.

I would like to address communication with the Board and Membership. We have two members

at large who are the go between the Board and Membership. If any question, complaint, praise, suggestions ECT, ECT come up. Please do not hesitate contacting Tim or Fred. They do not bite or belittle. That is the “chain” of communication. However feel free to contact anyone of the Board or Support staff if more comfortable.

We also would like us to know that we will post ads in our newsletter (after review) from any vendor or person for a reasonable fee.

Again, this would help with our overhead.  
Just a suggestion.

Well, off to a BLM get together concerning the future of Burning Man. Unbelievable requests and costs they are putting forth!

Later...Jim

### **Membership Tidbits** **By Bill Vogt**

#### **Missed newsletters:**

The Editor and I recently compared our two email databases for newsletter delivery and discovered several discrepancies with some members having not received the newsletter for quite some time.

All the affected members were notified of this error. Steps have been taken to prevent this from happening again. Starting with this newsletter the database of emails comes directly from me which in turn comes from the applications members submit.

If you fail to receive your newsletter than you need to contact me directly to find out what the problem is. In fact, I am the only one you should contact if you think the information we have on you is incorrect.

In addition, if you need to change something, I am also the only one you should contact, and you should do so either through an email or submitting a renewal application with the changed data. And finally, no application should be sent to the Editor for any reason since she just has to forward them to me and she already has enough things on her platter.

## **The Renewing Process:**

Every member, regardless of membership status, is required by the by-laws and our insurance agent, to submit a signed renewing application every year.

The form has been designed for minimum input. If nothing has changed, simply check the reason for renewing, print the name(s), print the email address(s), check if you want email delivery of newsletter, and check “nothing has changed”. If something has changed don’t check “nothing has changed” and just write what has changed. Sign and date the application and send it in. If no payment is being remitted (officers, support personnel, claimants, Life and Honorary members) you can just send the form electronically to me.

In all such cases except Life and Honorary I would appreciate it if you wrote on the form why no payment is being sent. If sending by email you should clearly indicate on the subject line of the email why the email is being sent.

## **Renewing Date:**

For all members except Life and Honorary the renewal date is shown on your membership card(s). If you have provided me with an email address, I will send you out an email alert approximately 30 days prior to this date. This is a courtesy on my part and the ultimate responsibility for renewing on time is yours.

For members with no email address I send out a post card. If you fail to renew by your renewal date, there is a 30-day grace period. About 15 days before the end of the grace period I will send another email (nothing for non-email members) alerting you to potentially being dropped from the roster. Over the past couple of years I have readily reinstated dropped members within a reasonable time period as renewing members.

This has only been possible because we have not had a waiting list. We are slowly growing and approaching the 400-membership cap. It is always better to renew prior to your renewal date.

For Life and Honorary members, we ask that you submit the renewal during the first quarter of the year.

## **Reducing Cost of Newsletter - Status:**

At the March meeting a plan was enacted to reduce the cost of the newsletter caused by contracting out the publishing and mailing of the letter for a small percentage of the Club membership.

This plan included the following steps: 1) Stop snail mailing to new members and grandfathering existing members; 2) Encourage all members receiving the newsletter by snail mail who have email addresses to switch to email delivery; 3) Explore alternative delivery methods (i.e. possibly picking up at meetings or members opting to not receive the newsletter) with the goal of getting the number requiring mailing down to a manageable point where we can handle it.

**Step 1** was implemented immediately. Fortunately, most new members provide email addresses.

**Step 2** was just implemented with an email being sent to all members with email addresses who have previously selected snail mail delivery encouraging them to switch.

**Step 3** will begin after the next meeting with a questionnaire being sent out to the remaining snail mail members. It is anticipated that this process will take several members and all members involved are asked to help with the reduction in the cost of the newsletter delivery process.

## **COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Call to Order:** President Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:30PM.

**Board Members present:** Jim Richards, Teresa Jones, Tracy Nystrom, Justin Shaw, Fred Leissler, and Tim Barlett

**Board Members not present:** none

**Support Staff at Board Meeting:** not sure

**Claims Committee at Board Meeting:** President Jim Richards with fellow Board Members Teresa Jones, Justin Shaw, and Fred Leissler.

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**MARCH 26th, 2019**

**Support Staff on-site:**

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

**Correction to Minutes:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Report read by Teresa Jones.

**Membership's Report:**

358 members, 15 lifetime memberships available,  
Activity since last report: 11 added, 5 dropped, 0  
reinstated. Activity since the start of the year is 9  
members dropped: 17 new members with an overall  
gain of 8 members.

**Claims Report:** See Board Meeting Minutes.

**Old Business Report:** Newsletter and which  
direction will we want to go to cut costs.

Bill spoke to the board about options and voting we  
no longer offer snail mail newsletters to new  
members.

He will speak at the general meeting for a vote.

We will not be donating to the Alleghany Museum  
fund.

**New Business Report:**

**Summer Salute:**

Will be Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9-3pm at  
Washoe County, Rancho San Rafael Park.  
Volunteers will be needed to work our booth.

Nevada Veterans Memorial Plaza ground breaking  
will be March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Located: at the west side of the Sparks Marina.

Public Mining Claim workshop in Elko-Jim has the  
info if anyone is interested.

Pleasant Valley Days coming up in  
Downieville-someone needs to lead

**Outings Report:** See General meeting minutes

**Report on Club Notices:** See General meeting  
minutes

**Adjournment:**

**President Jim Richards announced at 6:58pm**

**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 Meeting 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:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Read by Teresa Jones.

**Membership's Report:**

See Board Meeting Minutes.

**Claims Report:**

Justin spoke about roads in Pershing county are not  
good at this time.

Justin would be appreciative if you go out to update  
him on claim road conditions.

Next meeting is our claim assessment drawing.

**Old Business:**

Bill Vogt explained what he found out with Digi-  
print and our newsletter. There was a vote in favor of  
no longer offering new members a hard copy  
newsletter.

He will also be contacting current members who  
have an email and still receive the hard copy. The  
goal is to print as little as we can yet still providing  
members who cannot access our website the option to  
view the newsletter.

We will revisit this discussion in a few months. Also  
if you want to send something for the newsletter it  
must be in DOC form. PDF cannot be used.

A Brief discussion about adjusting the prices of ads, will be revisited at another time.

**New Business:** none

**Outings Report:** None at this time

**Club Notices:**

Reno Jackpot of Gems show needs volunteers. It will be April 27<sup>th</sup>. Set up will be Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Reno Livestock center.

Panning classes to be offered at TMCC Meadowood campus beginning Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> There will be a fieldtrip on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June and an all-day sluicing event on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Bill Vogt has a lady from the BLM lined up to speak in August or September. They would like suggestions on topics she can cover in her presentation. Email Bill Vogt with your suggestions.

A new Gold shop opened in town, "American Detectors and distributors." Ken Dell, owner spoke about what his shop offers. He is mainly wholesale but working on getting in more mining equipment.

He is located at 851 E. Glendale in Sparks. Call before going to make sure they are there.  
**775-360-5801**

*Bud is at the Rosewood rehab facility located @  
**2045 Silverada Blvd, Reno, 89512, NV.***

**Guest Speaker:** Don Muldey, Provided us with an interesting statistical presentation about coyotes.

**Guest Recognition:**

One guest, a friend of Nadine's

**New Member drawing:**

Winner of one silver round was Patrick Bolton. Other new members are Juan Cerda and Ernie Koch.

**Attendance Drawing:** Walter Dupuis

**Membership Drawing:** No winner drawn

**Adjournment:** 9:08pm

## Club Wear and Club Merchandise:



*Supported at this time by Keith.*

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## Welcome to Our Newest Members:

Charles & Kathy Ranson	Sparks, NV.
Frank Smith	Gardnerville, NV.
Matt Williams	Gardnerville, NV.
Paul Worden	Pasco, WA.
Richard Clemens	Placerville, CA.
Janet Hongola	Placerville, CA.
Ernest Koch	Fallon, NV.
Juan & Lupe Cerda	Reno, NV.
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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

### 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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