

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
May 15, 2019



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: May 28th, 2019
UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS
June 25th
July 23rd
August 27th

***Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter will
be June 11th, 2019! No Later!
Guest Speaker: Webb Varnum**

1 Year Gold – NYSE

05/15/2019 – Last	\$1297.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1301.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1295.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

05/15/2019 – Last	\$14.78
One Year High (at closing)	\$14.81
One Year Low (at closing)	\$14.75

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:

Areas in Nevada are finally drying out for some dry washing. Some have been out and are reporting that areas are still “moist”, but most are workable.

The rivers in California are running and washing up good gold. Remember that when you visit a claim, we need assessment forms for our records and BLM’s. The more we have the better for the Club and for you for our quarterly drawing (one silver round).

We are still looking at “licensing” new claims either yours are someone you know.

It is a win-win for us and the claim holders. Speaking of claims, we have no “Lode” claims and this has been brought up in the past as to whether we should look into acquiring a Lode Claim.

The cost is the same as a Placer. There are issues as working underground, BLM plan of operation and bound, the Club liability, etc.

We are currently addressing those issues and will have a report at next Club meeting.

The Claims committee agreed that there is no reason not to include Lode claims in our search for areas of prospecting if the above concerns are addressed. We would like the members to think about it and bring your ideas to the next meeting or contact a Board member.

This discussion came up as there have been areas of BLM that have become available because of a BLM withdrawal that has expired. These areas would good for use as they are close by and fairly accessible.

We thank Jack Herris for his discussion of the SP cab forward locos that were used to traverse the Sierras. These were huge and powerful. They made 20 of them in the late forties and were used for about 10 years. The cab forward design was more comfortable for those working them in the long stretches of the tunnels and better visibility in the snow conditions. One left is on display in Sacramento. Thanks Jack!

Our speaker this month will be Webb Varnum. We are always seeking new speakers and or demos at our meetings...let us know.

The "Summer Salute" car show is Saturday the 25th May. We need panners for the demo. Good show and free at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. We have our new canopy for the show.
THANKS Wade!

June 11th is our panning demo at Pleasant Valley School. Need about 10 and it is 9am to about 11am. Always fun!

Well, the days are longer, drier and warmer...let's get out and do some prospecting!

Jim

Wet Suit Auction

Twenty-four-year Club veteran Ron Martin has donated a wet suit to the Club. It was decided, due to its good condition, to auction this off rather than just put it on the raffle table.

The auction will be at the June general meeting and the suit will be on display for inspection at the May meeting. The suit is an extra-large, Farmer John 7 mil (both pieces = 14 mil) suit.

It is an older suit but a close inspection found it to be very pliable with no patches or visible tears. The proceeds raised from the auction will help defer the cost of our meeting place like the other raffled items do.

Membership Tidbits **By Bill Vogt**

Website Account: As you may know, there is a member only side to the Club's web site (www.cgpgold.org). If you have had an account

created (highly recommended), then you can download claim maps any time you want, access past newsletters, submit claim assessments on-line, participate in the forums, and any other features that are created in the future by our Webmaster David Terwilliger (a Club member).

If, you would like to have an account created, you need to email me what you want your username to be. Once, your account has been created you will be sent a temporary password and instructions on how to change it.

If, after your account has been created, you forget your password or have difficult logging in, you should again contact me and not the webmaster. David created the site with certain responsibilities being delegated to certain members and if those members can't resolve the problem, they will contact him.

Not Getting Newsletter: If you had been getting the newsletter and then you are not, you should first check your membership renewal date before you contact anyone to make sure you haven't let your membership lapse. If you aren't in the Club membership database, you will not get the newsletter.

Also, if you had a website account and are dropped you will lose that access immediately. While you may be able to be re-instated as a renewal, as written about in the last newsletter, there is a risk that you will not be so pay attention to your renewal date and renew on time.

GPS Class: At the April meeting I polled the members present to see if there was any interest in a GPS class like what I did several years ago.

Enough hands were raised to motivate me to put a class together. At this time, I anticipate that the class will be held in October or November (after prospecting season). The classes (3 to a class) will be held at my house and will probably last about 4 hours.

I will be sending out a questionnaire to determine the best time for each interested member and will schedule the classes accordingly. All attendees must have their own GPS unit. I am also considering incorporating the use of Google Earth and a site called Earth-Point into the class so being able to bring

a laptop or similar device to the class might be helpful.
Watch the newsletter for further information on this subject.

Reducing Cost of Newsletter - Status: There has been more progress in this effort since my report in the last newsletter and at the April meeting. Since this effort began, there have been a total of 16 members who have switched to email delivery of the newsletter.

Nine others have indicated they need to get it by snail mail and two said they were willing to pick it up at the meetings. There are thirty remaining members that I have received no response back from.

A second and final letter and questionnaire has been mailed to all of them with a warning that failure to respond could eliminate their newsletter delivery. This will be discussed further and voted on at the May meeting.

Deceased Members: I have recently heard that honorary member Shirley Schilling had passed away in December 2015. Her newsletter was returned as undeliverable and an internet search uncovered her passing.

It has also been learned that Life member Theodore (Ted) Andersen had passed away in February 2013.

This fact was learned when his wife returned the questionnaire that was sent out regarding newsletter delivery. These two incidences highlight why we need annual updates from all Life and Honorary members and why I need to be more aggressive in getting them (I have tried).

**GOLD COMSTOCK PROSPECTORS
IS LOOKING FOR GOLD TO BUY:**

If any of our club members have any gold they are looking to sell, Please, let Richard or Bill know.

Thank You

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
APRIL 23RD, 2019**

Call to Order: President Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:30pm

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

Board Members not present: Justin Shaw and Tim Barlett

Support Staff at Board Meeting:

Claims Committee at Board Meeting: President Jim Richards and Teresa Jones.

Support Staff on-site: Membership/Chairperson & Historian: Bill Vogt, Equipment Custodian/Raffle Coordinator: Keith Wilson, Sergeant of Arms, Al Gottsch, and Equipment Custodian Grant Garrison.

Correction to Minutes: None

Treasurer's Report: Report read by Teresa Jones.

Membership's Report: 355 members, 15 lifetime memberships available, Activity since last report: 2 added, 5 dropped, 0 reinstated.

Activity since the start of the year is 14 members dropped: 19 new members with an overall gain of 5 members.

Claims Report: See Board Meeting Minutes. Bill to give presentation.

Old Business Report: none

New Business Report: Teresa Jones will not be seeking election for treasurer next year. She will be traveling.

Pending clubs approval Bill would like to replenish the clubs silver rounds.

Wade Lavery is new admin for the website and working with Webmaster David Terwillinger.

Outings Report: See General meeting minutes.

Report on Club Notices: See General meeting minutes

Adjournment: President Jim Richards announced at 7:05 pm

**COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 23RD, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Richards began the General Meeting at 7:34pm.

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

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:

Panning classes offered at TMCC Meadowood campus will have all-day sluicing on April 17th and 22nd.

Justin spoke about roads not good in Pershing at this time. (Correction to the spelling of Pershing)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read by Teresa Jones. She announced she will not be treasurer next year and we will need to have someone take place next year.

MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT:

See Board Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REPORT: Justin Shaw was absent so no assessment drawing tonight. Bill Vogt explained we need evaluations on claims so the Claims committee can determine if we want to keep the claims we have in the future. Possible claims to drop in the future could be 44 Special, Patriot, Antelope, and Grizzly. If you're working these claims please turn in a claims report.

Several members have been on claims and say you can now get out to Oro Mucho, Lucky Linda, Pirate, and Adavenone.

OLD BUSINESS: Bill Vogt gave update on using Digi print for the newsletter. He is estimating within the next 2 months we will no longer need their services. He will also be sending out one more letter to those still receiving the newsletter by mail.

The club voted those who do not respond to his second request will automatically be dropped from receiving a hard copy newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: President, Jim Richards requested for a vote to purchase 100 silver rounds on behalf of the club. Jim will be keeping them in his safe. Club voted yes to have him purchase the silver rounds.

Keith Wilson who has been the clothing custodian says he needs a 25 piece commitment in order to place an order with the company we purchase from. IF you would like to purchase an item, please contact him.

Reno Gem & Mineral society donated items for our raffle table. These items came from one of their members who passed away. We will be holding an auction on one of those items, an Extra-large wet suit made by Farmer John. This will be at the June meeting.

OUTINGS REPORT: Reno Jackpot of Gems show still needs volunteers. It will be April 27th. Set up will be the Friday April 26th. It will be at the Reno Livestock center.

Volunteers are needed for the Summer Salute car show which benefits the Veterans house. Saturday, May 25th.

People are needed for Pleasant Valley school pan demonstrations and helping kids learn how to pan. Alleghany's Minders Weekend Gold Show is June 15 & 16th from 10am to 5pm.

CLUB NOTICES: The PLP is holding a raffle. The club is buying \$100.00 worth of raffle tickets which will be split in half and put on our raffle table.

Comstock club will put 5 sheets of tickets worth various prizes on our raffle table this meeting (April) and 5 more next month's May Meeting.

Wade Lavery is in charge of club guest speakers. He has a list already lined up but the calendar is not full yet.

May 28th guest speaker will be Webb Varnum, one of our most knowledgeable rock hounds for presentation on prospecting.

June 25 guest speaker will be Author Stanley Paher. He will be discussing Central Nevada; i.e. Johnny Mine area, Death Valley, Rhyolite area, and more. Panning classes to be offered at TMCC Meadowood campus beginning Monday, June 3rd There will be a fieldtrip on the 8th of June and an all-day sluicing event on April 17th and 22nd.

Bill Vogt asked for a show of hands on possible classes in the future. GPS and Geocaching were two possible classes to be offered in the future.

If you have GPS it seems they rolled back to 1999.
Check yours to see if that is the case.
Pay dirt is coming soon.

Ken Dell, owner of American Detectors & Distributors briefly spoke about types of pin pointer metal detectors available in his shop. He is located at 851 E. Glendale in sparks. Call before going to make sure they are there. 775-360-5801

GUEST SPEAKER: Jack Herris presented a brief slide show on the Southern Pacific Lines Cab forward locomotives.

GUEST RECOGNITION: We had 5 guests present.

NEW MEMBER DRAWING: No new members.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING: Matthew Anderson

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: No winner drawn, Silver Rounds to roll to next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:37pm

Club Wear and Club Merchandise:



Supported at this time by Keith.

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



Welcome to Our Newest Members:

Dawn Hebel	Rancho Cordova, CA.
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Douglas Loving	Milford, CA.
Athea Meaker	Sparks, NV.
Randy Meaker	Sparks, NV.
Gerard Olsen	Doyle, 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

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