

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
June 13, 2019



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: June 25th, 2019
UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS
July 23rd
August 27th
Sept. 24th

Guest Speaker: Author Stanley Paher

***Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter will be July 9th, 2019! No Later!**

1 Year Gold – NYSE

06/13/2019 – Last	\$1340.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1341.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1334.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

06/13/2019 – Last	\$14.89
One Year High (at closing)	\$14.89
One Year Low (at closing)	\$14.76

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:

June already! It is now comfortable and safe to head out for some prospecting. If you cannot get in the water (or are reluctant), be sure and checkup on the banks and the areas of the “mini” waterfalls from the thaw. We are also starting our claims paperwork, so we need the claim assessment forms you have stashed in your glove box or wherever.

We thank Webb for his presentation in May and for stepping up to give us an informative talk based on his vast knowledge of mining and prospecting. Remember, if you want “rock” identification, contact Webb. Be sure and note the LOCATION where the rocks were found!

Our speaker for June is Stanley Paher. This is one you do not want to miss! He has been on almost every nook and cranny in Nevada and has written and photographed his adventures and travels with historical insights. His books will be able for purchase (autographed) at the June meeting. If you have any ideas, suggestions for speakers, contact Wade.

We are having an ongoing discussion of the Club in the future acquiring a Lode claim. The claims committee thinks this is okay with restrictions to “underground” access. Our insurance is looking into liability and coverage for members if we do proceed. We would like your thoughts and suggestions.

Our booth at the Summer Salute Car show was a little chilly and wet. The attendance was half from last year. Our booth however was a success as it gave kids something to do as well as hanging out with Wade and George! We had a good time thanks to Wade for getting all the “stuff” there and set up. Thanks Wade!

Our next outing, of course, is the Pleasant Valley School panning demo set up by Bill. We usually have ten members and about 25 kids...report to follow.

We bought gold last meeting and with the recent purchase of silver rounds, we will be set for quite a while for our activities and panning demos.

Keith Wilson will be stepping down as raffle guy and clothing custodian this month. We really need someone to step up to fill this position if we want raffles and logo-ed clothing! The items are in our trailer at Grant's (5 minutes away). It is thankless position however I and the Board really appreciate what Keith, and Mike have done to keep it going! The raffle proceeds usually pay for the room rental.

HELP!

Some of the Claim Committee members got in a pickle while out assessing the Bunker Hill lode claim and we were helped out of our "jam" by a family in Carson. We asked and it was approved to give them a \$100 gift certificate as a thank you. S___ happens!

We will be more careful next time?

Dredging news...no dredging in California or Oregon this year! The US Supreme has declined to review Bohmer vs Oregon. This was the second attempt to get the court to weigh in on this issue. There were excuses from the court but I believe that ???...JR!!!

A lot of time and money for this ongoing battle dealing with OUR tax funded government entities! We will be looking forward to Dayton Valley days in September and Wade is working on it. There is no conflict this year as Rye patch is not happening and the Air Races are the weekend before. We are also planning an outing in September in Downfield to coincide with the Keene Birthday Party. Dave C, is getting the info and dates finalized. This is an outing we have been trying to put together for years.

Hopefully it will happen this year!

Anything, else?

If not...Jim

Wet Suit Auction

The wet suit mentioned in the last newsletter will be auctioned at the June meeting. As a reminder, 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 other raffled items do.

A Memorable Field Trip

Bill Vogt

An extremely embellished write-up of a lode claim on both Craigslist and E-bay led the Claims Committee, at their May meeting, to discuss, at lengths, the merits of including lode claims in our investigations.

In advance of the meeting, Grant Garrison had discussed the matter with the Club's insurance agent and with a couple of BLM personnel. Our insurance agent saw no initial problems with this but wanted to go over our policy with us, so Grant sat up a meeting with her.

The BLM personnel indicated that if the claim had a mine, which this one did, and we wanted to work the mine with anything other than hand tools it would require a Plan of Operations and a bond. The Committee decided that we would be interested in such a claim if there were tailing piles with detectable gold. It was also decided that if there was a mine Club policy should prevent access to it for the time being.

Justin Shaw would present this decision to the Club at the next meeting for its adoption. In the meantime, it was decided that we would check this claim out and Justin and Jim Richards were tasked with obtaining the owner's permission to sample.

On Saturday, May 18, after having received permission to sample, a group of 12 brave souls set out to check out this claim.

The group consisted of Toni DeHerrera, Grant Garrison, Al Gottsch, Gary Hagstrom, Walter Nystrom, Rod Pedersen, Harley Ponsler, Jim Richards, Bob Thomasson, George Walden, Randy Watkins, and me.

The drivers were Grant, Gary, Bob, Randy, and me. The date had been chosen because of a good turn-out for that day and the weather forecast was the best for most of the days before the Club meeting.

The forecast turned out to be correct and was favorable most of the day with cloud formations in the afternoon but no rain and moderate temperatures.

The first 40 miles or so of the journey was over freeways or city streets and went well up to the last turn which one of our vehicles missed but thanks to cell phone technology was quickly recovered.

The remaining 5 miles or so was over dirt road which the seller had advertised as “4-wheel drive recommended”. He probably should have added “short wheelbase vehicles driven by crazy people”.

Our five vehicles consisted on one jeep and four trucks which were all full sized and to the best of my knowledge none of the drivers are crazy. While it was only 5 miles, by the time we got to the claim site we would have had to have gold fall out of the sky to make this claim suitable for the Club.

Despite the difficulties in getting to the site, everyone set about examining the gold prospecting potential of the claim. There were no tailing piles to examine because BLM had previously leveled the area.

Some metal detecting and panning was done, and Harley even crushed some rock and panned the material. He reported finding one tiny speck of gold. Walter got a hit on a metal detector and took some material home to examine. He later reported having found some very small gold particles. On the positive side, the view from this place was spectacular. In addition, cell phone service was good so Jim contacted the seller to see if there was another way we could take out since we were not looking forward to going out the way we came in. It turned out that there was, and that route was best used going out where the one we used to come in was the correct one (how lucky for us).

The reason it was best for egress was because it was very sandy in spots and would be difficult going uphill. This assessment was correct, and our exit was much better than our entry until the very end where we did run into some problems, but some very nice people bailed us out.

Because of the difficulties in reaching this site and the lack of gold recovery possibilities outside of the mine itself, the group assembled recommended against acquiring this claim. Consequently, Justin released it to the Club members at the May meeting.

By that time the claim had already been removed from E-bay indicating it had been sold.

Newsletter Delivery Changing
By Bill Vogt

At the last General meeting of the Club, the members agreed to this being the last newsletter printed and

mailed by contracted services. Instead, this activity will be performed in-house by the Club at a greatly reduced cost.

This has been made possible by many members voluntarily switching their delivery service choice to email, or specifying they didn't need the newsletter, or agreeing to pick it up at the meetings. In addition, 15 members have failed to respond to multiple efforts to contact them to determine what their preferences are leading to the conclusion that they have no interest in receiving the newsletter.

Consequently, this will be their last newsletter unless they contact me with their preferences prior to the next newsletter publication.

The names of these members are being published here to put them on final notice as well as urge other members who know these individuals to alert them about what is happening. Included in this list are also some Life/Honorary members who have not been heard from for a while.

Their membership is potentially in jeopardy since annual membership filing with the Club is a By-Law requirement. The list of all 16 is as follows:

Gary Dickerson, Reno, NV
Jason Todd, Santa Clarita, CA
Bill Harris, Fallon, NV
Jessica & Lucas Jones, Reno, NV
Tom Lucas, Frazier, CA
Baltazar Martinez, Reno, NV
Joe Sappa, Fallon, NV
Bernard Spengler, Shelton, WA
Eric Spielman, Dayton, NV
Victor Spolini, Sylmar, CA
Robert Voshall, Reno, NV

Life/Honorary Members and when they were last heard from:

Jake & Theresa Chavez, Reno, NV – 2007
Eugene Hansen, Idaho Falls, ID – 2008
Walter Headrick, Reno, NV – 2013
Glen Iverson, Tooele, UT – 2013

Pleasant Valley Panning Demo
By Bill Vogt

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

On Tuesday, June 11, 10 Club members made the annual pilgrimage to Pleasant Valley Elementary School to teach 24 of Jeff Hiller's Science Class students the fine art of panning for gold.

The panners were George Eglinger, Mike Maxwell, Ken Mela, Gary Nielson, Justin Shaw, Dennis Taylor, Richard Tieben, and Sherm Tresca. Assisting the panners was my wife Irene who kept the panners supplied with pans of material and baggies for the retrieved gold and bb's.

She also took pictures from time to time. I filled the pans with dirt, bb's and gold and helped with taking pictures and getting replacement students.

After all the students had a turn at panning, Ken Mela talked to the class about the Club and prospecting for gold. Most of the students had also brought in rock samples for identification which Ken reports he was able to identify most.

The weather was excellent, and everyone seemed to have a good time. The only negative was that Jeff reported that next year is probably the last year he will be doing this class.

The Club needs to be looking for other schools to conduct these demos since this is one of our main duties per our charter.

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING** **MAY 28th, 2019**

Call to Order: President Jim Richards began the Board Meeting at 6:32PM.

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

Board Members not present: none

Support Staff at Board Meeting: none

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

Support Staff on-site:

Membership/Chairperson & Historian: Bill Vogt, 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:

350 members, 16 lifetime memberships available, Activity since last report: 4 added, 9 dropped, 0 reinstated. Activity since the start of the year is 23 members dropped, 23 new members with an overall gain of 0 members.

Claims Report: We discussed recent load claim expedition to Bunker Hill Claim. We discussed how having a load claim would affect our insurance.

There is a pending a quote for possible owning one in the future. We will announce another claim brought to club's attention in general meeting.

Old Business Report: none

New Business Report: We discussed the club possibly purchasing a gift card as a thank you for the couple who assisted our claim expedition crew out. We will discuss and vote on in the General meeting.

Possible \$100 gift card and anyone who was on that expedition could add to that amount. We briefly discussed SB224.

Outings Report: See General meeting notes.

Report on Club Notices: The club wants to purchase 1 oz. gold for panning demos and other activities.

We will bring to the General Meeting for a vote. 100 Silver rounds were purchased by Jim Richard on behalf of the club. Keith Wilson can no longer continue as clothing chair person, Club needs to find someone else to take over.

Adjournment: President Jim Richards announced at 7:03 pm

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
MAY 28th, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Richards began the General Meeting at 7:31pm.

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: See Board Minutes.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All present.

SUPPORT STAFF AT BOARD MEETING:
None.

SUPPORT STAFF ON-SITE:

Membership/Chairperson & Club Historian: Bill Vogt, Sergeant of Arms, Al Gottsch, and Equipment Custodian Grant Garrison.

CORRECTION TO MINUTES: 1. Board meeting minutes that should have been corrected: Under New Business the “statement “Pending clubs approval Bill would like to replenish the club silver rounds should have been “Jim”, Bill was not in attendance at the Board meeting.

2. General Meeting correction: Under Club Notices it states that Bill Vogt was planning to offer a class on GPS and Geocaching. The class that was purposed was for GPS only. The discussion for Geocaching was about him being a guest speaker on the Geocaching subject.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Read by Teresa Jones.

MEMBERSHIP’S REPORT: See Board Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REPORT: Several Claims committee members went to check out a claim listed on EBay & Craig’s list. The name of that claim is the Bunker Hill.

The consensus was to not purchase this claim. We are waiting for an insurance quote that would include load claims in case the club purchases one in the future.

There was a brief discussion on obstacles to purchasing a load claim. Club voted to look into other load mines. Another claim was brought to the attention to the club. It is the Button club and seller

information can be obtained by Tracy Nystrom, club secretary.

OLD BUSINESS: Newsletter progress; According to Bill Vogt the June newsletter will be the last one Digi print will process for the club. Bill has discovered 11 people still want the snail mail newsletter, 4 will pick up at meetings, 2 no longer want to receive it, and 17 have not responded.

The June newsletter will be their last one received by the people who have not responded.

NEW BUSINESS: It was brought to the attention of the club that the claims committee had some help from a couple while exploring the Bunker Hill load claim. A \$100.00 gift card was asked to be purchased as a thank you on behalf of the club. The club voted to go ahead with a gift card purchase. Anyone who was on that expedition is welcome to add to the \$100.00’s given by the club. Money can be given to Jim Richards.

Grant purposed from now on having only 4 people (two vehicles) check out prospective claims. This will be discussed further in the Claim Committee’s meeting. The purchase of 27.5 grams of gold was approved by the club. It was discussed to put into place a means to inventory both the gold and silver rounds.

Currently Jim Richards has both in his possession. The Board members will discuss the “who & how” of keeping inventory.

OUTINGS REPORT: June 11-panning demos beginning at 9:00am at Pleasant Valley School. Two people are still needed to assist with this outing. We had about 100 people visit our booth at the Summer Salute car show. We had about 250 people visit our booth at the Gem & Mineral show.

CLUB NOTICES: 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, club Historian brought his photo albums for club members to enjoy. Also if you’re on an outing please take photos for our clubs album.

GUEST SPEAKER: Guest speaker tonight was Webb Varnum, one of our most knowledgeable rock hounds.

**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.

GUEST RECOGNITION: David Kerfeld

NEW MEMBER DRAWING: Lisa Ramey, Ken Meaker, Gerard Olsen: Winner: Ken Meaker

ATTENDANCE DRAWING: Gerry McFall

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: No winner drawn, Silver Rounds to roll to next meeting. (4 rounds rolling to next meeting) **ASSESSMENT DRAWING:**

Steven Grimes

TOTAL SIGNED IN: 64 members, 1 guest.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:04 pm

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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Hacienda



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Fallon, NV.

Josh Shelton

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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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