

THE GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors
Jan. 21st, 2020



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting: Jan. 28th, 2020

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

February 25, 2020

March 24, 2020

April 28, 2020

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

**There will be a raffle for the month of
January!**

1 Year Gold – NYSE

01/21/2020 – Last	\$1553.00
One Year High (at closing)	\$1555.00
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1547.00

1 Year Silver – NYSE

01/21/2020 – Last	\$17.88
One Year High (at closing)	\$17.88
One Year Low (at closing)	\$17.63

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:

NONE THIS ISSUE!

Club Miscellaneous

By Bill Vogt

In December we had a newsletter which we don't normally do. Since it contained the minutes of the previous meeting, which it usually does, we don't have any minutes for this newsletter.

I decided to take this opportunity to put together an article with several miscellaneous items and conclude with some Club history.

Annual Renewal Process: The Club by-laws require that every member submit a signed renewal application annually. This is required by our insurance carrier in as much as the application is also a release form. A member's renewal date is shown on their membership card and is the same date every year corresponding to when their application was originally processed.

For Life/Honorary members there is no date and they are requested to submit their renewals sometime during the first quarter of the year. A reminder is posted in the newsletter during the first quarter for those members.

For regular members with emails on file, an email reminder is sent to them approximately 30 days before their renewal date. For regular members who receive the printed newsletter, the label shows their renewal date and it is highlighted the month just before that date.

A few other members are sent a letter reminding them about 30 days prior. The by-laws also allow for a 30-day grace period before a member is dropped for non-payment. For those members with emails on file another warning email is sent out about 15 days

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before the end of this period. Payment can be made with cash, check, or money order. At this time the Club has no method for receiving payment electronically, but we may someday. If sending a check or money order, please make it out to "Comstock Gold Prospectors". If no money is involved in your renewal (Life/Honorary, Licensors, Officers, Support Staff) I will accept an email copy of your signed renewal.

Newsletter: The newsletter is mailed out every month except usually December (last year was an exception). It traditionally contains a letter from the President, the minutes from the previous month's Board and General meetings, a list of new members since the previous letter, and a list of all Board/Officer/Support Staff personnel along with contact information.

Occasionally there are Club member personal ads (free to members for a maximum of three editions) along with paid commercial ads. In addition, there will be articles submitted by members. The Editor, Lisa Walls, collects submitted material and publishes the newsletter somewhere around the middle of every month. Just prior to disseminating the letter I send her an email list of all the members who receive the letter by email so that she can email the letter out.

Consequently, if you do not receive an email you should not be contacting Lisa but instead you should be contacting me. In fact, whenever there is any change to your information you should notify me so that the database can be updated. For those grandfathered members who still receive a snail mailed newsletter, that is prepared and mailed by me so again, I am the person who should be contacted if you do not receive your letter.

In 2019, the Club changed its policy concerning the snail mailing of the newsletter. No new member added since January of 2019 and going forward who doesn't provide an email address will not receive the newsletter. These members are advised at the time of joining that this is the policy. They are also told that they can subscribe to the newsletter anytime they want by just providing an email address.

As previously mentioned, the Club still provides a printed copy of the letter to a group of grandfathered members. No members will be added to this list and it is expected that the list will diminish over time.

Claims Committee:

At this time there are about 16 members who belong to this committee. The group meets every month, except December, on the 2nd Monday at the Denny's at 205 Nugget Ave in Sparks between Noon and 1:00PM.

The Vice-President, Gary Hagstrom, is the Chairperson of this group. His main responsibility is the administration of the Club claims (licensed and owned) and he is aided in this task by this committee. Any member can belong to this group and they gain access just by showing up.

All permanent members are required to sign a non-disclosure agreement due to the sensitivity of some of the material discussed. Any member who wants to bring something to the committee's attention, who can't make the meeting, should pass the information on to the VP or any other member of the committee.

Web Site: The Club's web site (www.cgpgold.org) was created and is maintained by member David Terwilliger (Web Master). The Web Administer is Wade Lavery.

Wade is responsible for posting items of interest on the site and for maintaining the speaker guest list. If you have anything that you think should be placed on the site or would like to schedule a guest speaker please contact Wade.

Both David and Wade's contact information is in every newsletter. There are other functions on the site that I take care of (posting Club pictures, maintaining the claim maps, and creating member accounts on the private side). At least one member from every membership who has an email address should create an account on the site.

With this access you can download claim maps any time you want, participate in Club Forums, submit claim assessments online, and other things as David develops them. I encourage every member when they join to create an account and I check every member as they renew to see if they have an account.

If they don't, I insert a little reminder note in the envelope with their new card(s) encouraging them to create one. If you haven't yet created an account and would like to then just email me what you want your username to be and I will create one for you.

Also, if you have problems accessing your account you should first contact me and not David. I can usually resolve the problem just by resetting your password. If I can't resolve the problem, then I will contact David.

Meeting Drawings:

We have several drawings at regular meetings and two of them are called attendance drawings which occasionally cause some confusion.

Both drawings require a member be present to win and the prize is silver rounds. One involves the random drawing of a ticket out of a container and the winner is awarded a single silver round.

Every member who signs in is given one or more ticket at that time and the other section of the ticket(s) is placed in the container.

Every member is given at least one ticket and may be given more based on whatever Club paraphernalia (name tags, hat, shirt, sweatshirt, patch.) they may be wearing.

The other attendance drawing involves every Club member in the Club database. A random number (1 to the number of memberships) is generated by a computer program and the membership corresponding to that position in the Club roster is the winner of that drawing.

If a member of the membership is present, then they win the prize and the drawing is over. If no member of the membership is in attendance and they live within 50 air miles of Reno, then the drawing is also over. If the mileage is over 50 miles, then the drawing is repeated and continues until a drawn membership is present or not present and lives within 50 air miles.

The size of the prize will vary. It starts at one silver round and rolls over with one being added each time there is no winner. The current size of the pot is 10 rounds.

Club History/Trivia

The following was taken from a presentation that I put on last year and was compiled from reading past newsletters and minutes.

1. Club began in March 1981 as a GPAA chapter with Don Costar as the first President.
2. Severed ties with GPAA in January 1986 becoming a separate club with Rudy Adams first President.
3. Incorporated as a non-profit organization July 1990 (current tax status 501c (6).
4. Longest serving President Jim Richards, 2013-2019 – Just retired.
5. Longest serving Vice-President Justin Shaw, 2013-2019 – Just became President
6. Longest owned claim, Who-Do – bought for \$1000, June 1988.
7. Next bought obtained claim, Ken Bennett – bought for \$15,000, October 1989.
 - a. Gulch claim about 3 miles along the American River.
8. Club name came from Comstock Hotel where the first meeting was held.
9. Newsletter, “Gold Pan”, regularly published since August 1981.
10. Club logo – Jack Ass Charlie (on application), adopted 1986.
11. Miner front page newsletter – Black Billie – appeared in 1997, named March 2001.

Current Club Membership Breakdown:

Total Memberships = 375
Total Members = 530
Family Memberships = 168
Individual Memberships = 207
Total Nevada Memberships = 192
Total California Membership = 149
Total Memberships In 16 Other States = 31 [AL, AR, AZ(6), CO, HI, ID, IL, MN(2), MS, NC, OR, PA, TX, UT(4), WA(7), WI]
Longest tenured members based on when they joined:
Robert Voshall & Bernard Spengler (1987), Ken and Virginia Brown (1988).

White's Medal Detector for Sale:

I am the original owner of this Whites Spectra V3 metal detector with full color display. I purchased it from Reno Prospectors Supply.

I have used it less than eight (8) times and so it is virtually almost new. White's electronics advised me a couple of years ago that I could send them the control Box and they would update it to a Spectra V3i which I took advantage of the offer.

In May 2019 I dropped the detector off at the Factory in Sweet Home, Oregon and had them check the Machine to make sure it was operating satisfactory.

A copy of the invoice for this test and inspection will be furnished. The machine comes with a Whites wireless Headset that has never been used; a factory rechargeable battery and charger also a battery holder for (8) double AA batteries is included.

All owner's manuals are also included and a White carrying case. Asking price is \$900.00, or best offer (product sells new for 1848.99 with accessories).

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CORY HAUSER	RENO, NV.
MEGUMI AMAZAKI	RENO, NV.

THESE ITEMS ARE FOR RENT:

The Rental Equipment has not been rented for some time so we may be selling the equipment over the next few months.

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**These items are at Grant Garrisons
Hacienda**



**TO PLACE
OR RENEW
A BUSINESS AD:**

SEND A CHECK TO:

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS

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!!

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER!!

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