

# DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE December 2013

**Send Exchange Bulletins to:**  
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Merry Christmas and Hap+py New Year

**Next General Meeting January 30th at 7:00 PM**

**Web Address: [valleyprospectors.com](http://valleyprospectors.com)**

## Mission and Code of Ethics

“You’re invited to be our guest”

General membership meetings are held on the last Thursday Of each month at 7:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1729 E. Baseline, San Bernardino, Ca... Map on our website.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at 6pm before the General Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Bernardino.

Valley Prospectors Inc. is an educational organization dedicated To promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity

“NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

Remember that all prospectors may be judged by the example You set. Leave flora and fauna as you found it. Do Not Destroy Any property, public or private. Obey the laws. Please do not litter. Each member of Valley Prospectors Inc. should strive to set a good Example for others.



## Officers for 2013

<b>Executive Officers</b>			<b>Chairpersons</b>		
President	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564	Apparel	Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555
Vice President	Mike Dukerley	760-608-3228	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Secretary	Jennifer Jercha	951-927-4672 4	Budget		
Treasurer	Sue Baranauskas	909-335-7113	CFMS	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
			Courtesy	Harry & Kelly	760-248-6683
<b>Board of Directors</b>			Editor	Pam Maguire	951-316-2568
Roger Maguire	951-316-2568		Finds/Month	Garry & Sherry	*0*-875-20*0
Pam Maguire	951-316-2568		50/50	Jill Molson	909-887-8824
Maria Pena	951-242-7594		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Armando Pena	951-242-7594		Historian	Lisa Howison	951-734-7530
Debbie Van Holland	951-685-2440		Lady Luck	Neva Golsch	909-944-0775
Bart Van Holland	951-685-2440		Librarian		
Jim Smith	707-938-1698		Membership	Judy Carpenter	951-674-3207
Gary Jercha	951-927-4672		Name Tags	Judy Carpenter	951-674-3207
Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555		Programs	Mike Dunkerley	790-608-3228
Art Fairchild	951-897-54333		Refreshments	Sandy Harter	951-216-5502
Lisa Howison	951-734-7530		Wagon Master	Dunk	760-608-3228
George Howison	951-734-7530		Web Master		
<b>Alternate Board</b>	<b>Members</b>		Claims	Pam Maguire	951-316-2568
Sandy Harter	951-216-5502		Christmas Party	Pam Maguire	9541-316-2568
Joe Harter	951-216-5502				
Jill Molson	909-887-8824				

### CLAIMS

Burro 1 & 2 Placer Claims 10 acres ea  
Coolgardie Placer Claims 40 acres ea  
Gold Venture & Pickett 3 Placer Claims 20 acres ea  
Hungryman 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims 120 acres ea  
Indian Gulch 1 & 2 and Indian Flat Pacer Claim 20 acres ea  
Jackass 1, 2, & 3 Placer Claims 160 acres ea  
Miner's Folly Placer Claim 60 acres  
Moriah Placer Claim 15 acres  
Pickett 2 Placer Claim 20 acres ea  
(Cajon Pass) Summit Placer Claim 51 acres

**Plan of Operations (Yuba River Claims)** You will need a copy of the appendix with the Plan of Operations

**Appendix (updated 07/09/2011)** You will also need a printout of both A and B for each claim

**Moriah Claim A Moriah Claim B (updated 07/09/2011)**

**Union Flat Claim A Union Flat Claim B (updated 07/09/2011)**

**Wild Plumb A Wild Plumb Claim B (updated 07/09/2011)**

## REFRESHMENTS

I want to thank everyone  
who brought goodies this past year for all to enjoy!  
We couldn't have done it without your kind hearts!

Merry Christmas and  
Lets all have a great

**New Year!!!!**

**Love to All**

**Sandy & Joe Harter**  
**951-216-5502**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL RENEWAL DUES

*New for 2014*

*A \$20.00 late fee February 1- March 31*

**No renewals after March 31**

2014 annual dues are \$40.00, (no increase)

Pay your Dues NOW thru January 31, 2014 with no late fee

Make check or money order payable to: *VALLEY PROSPECTORS INC.*

Mail to: Valley Prospector Inc. - Membership

33220 Wildomar Rd.

Wildomar, CA 92595-8283

Fill out a Renewal Application, Sign and Date

A Self Addressed Stamped Envelope along with your dues and application will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you from the Membership Chairperson-Judy Carpenter

**Important notice**

**The editor has changed her email for the newsletter only. Please use this email for all articles and things concerning the newsletter only. Use the other email for all personal things. My email is ladygolddigger1246@yahoo.com**

**Thank You Pam Maguire**

**January Board Meeting**

The first and last meeting for the Valley Prospectors 2013 and 2014 Board and any one interested in helping with the club this next year will be held on :

Sunday January 5, 2014

11 am social

Noon eat

Meeting starts at 1pm

At the home of Steve and Mary Schubert

20730 Eureka St. Perris, Ca. 92571

For directions call 951-943-0535

[www.valleyprospectors.com](http://www.valleyprospectors.com)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

(You must sign and date this application before it can be processed)

Primary Member Last Name: _____		VP Member # _____	
First Name: _____		Spouse/Domestic Partner Name: _____	
Additional family members under 19 years of age: _____			
Mailing Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	Zip Code: _____ - _____
Telephone # (_____) _____		Home	Mobile/Cell
Email: (Optional) _____		Fax	

How would you like to receive the newsletter? E-Mail or U S Mail  
Is it okay to publish your picture in the newsletter? Yes or No

**PAYMENT METHOD - Make Payable to: Valley Prospectors, Inc.**

*The annual dues shall be \$40.00 **Cash / Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Money Order #** \_\_\_\_\_*

Annual membership dues are due beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and are not prorated. If postmarked after February 1<sup>st</sup> a \$20 late fee will be added, the amount will become \$60.00 and if postmarked after March 31 the dues are delinquent and you will be removed from membership. You would have to rejoin Valley Prospectors Inc. paying the full \$140.00 as required by new members.

**Hold Harmless Agreement:**

**Valley Prospectors' Inc (VPI) and / or its Members and Claim Holders are not responsible nor are to be held liable for injury, illness or death occurring at any club claim, function, or outing, by any member or guest. Each member and his /her guest are responsible for properly be informed of potential hazards and/ or risks that may occur while engaging in recreational activities. ENTER CLAIMS AT YOUR OWN RISK. I have read understand and agree to the above: *Hold Harmless Agreement*” and accept all liability for myself.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail payment and application to:**  
Valley Prospectors, Inc. - Membership Chairperson  
33220 Wildomar Road  
Wildomar, CA 92595 -8283

## **COMING!!! SOON**

### **Valley Prospector's Lady Luck**

January 30, 2014 General Meeting

#### White Elephant after Christmas Event

Start the new year fresh and clean. Bring your unwanted, overstocked, left over, unused Christmas gifts for the Lady Luck raffle table.

Please no broken or non working items

All raffle sales go to Valley Prospector's Inc.

Hope this will be a fun event as there will be something new and different added.

Hosted by Gene and Judy

### **Christmas Party Thank You's**

The Christmas Party was a great success this year. I would like to thank a few people for helping us with it. First of all Mike and Dolly Kline for helping us take the center pieces in to Riverside. Ed Reihl was a great help and his helper Josh working in the kitchen carving the ham's and turkeys. And he even washed up a lot of the pots and pans. Our set up crew was a great help, Pokey and his son, Harry and Kelly, Lisa and George, Mike and Dolly. I will also thank any one else who helped at the Party. We appreciate your help. And a big thank you to Steve and Mary Schubert for taking care of the toys. And thanks to Lisa Howison for calling the fire dept. Sorry they didn't make it there.

Roger and Pam Maguire

### **NEW OFFICERS FOR 2014**

**President** Steve Schubert

**Vice President** John Howell

**Treasurer** Sue Baranauskas\_\_

**Secretary Open**

**Members at Large**

Joe Harter

Mike Dunkerley

Art Farichils

Harry Crawford

George Howison

Kelly Crawford

Roger Maguire

Jim Smith

Pam aMaguire

**Allternates At Large**

Sandy Harter

Bob Wright

Pat Ferraccio

Dan Cornia

Lisa Howison

Mark Deeter



**Gene Lepper Prospector of the Year**



**Pat Ferraccio Man of the Year**



**Mary Schubert Woman of the Year**



**New Officers and Board for 2014**



**Ed and Josh Reihl Cutting up the meat**



**Harry & Kelly Crawford tending to the courtesy table**

## The Huge Nugget That Was Split in Two

Here is another famous story of one of the largest gold nuggets that were found in California. In a drift mine on an ancient river channel at Remington Hill, in Nevada County, in 1856, the miners discovered half of a smoothly washed bolder of gold bearing quartz which yielded \$4,672.50 (226 ounces). The nugget was smooth on all the rounded sides, but had one side that consisted of a flat, rough, broken face. It was clear there had once been another part attached to the nugget. At the time the chunk was found it was remarked that this other half of the rich bolder might possibly be found somewhere on the same claim. In 1858, two years after the first find, the owners of the mine had a hired man who was engaged to work underground in drifting and digging out the pay dirt in the mine. One day this man unexpectedly announced that he was going to leave - that he was quitting to go down to Nevada City and try his luck for a time. The man was paid his wages and, shouldering his blankets, he took his departure. After he had been gone only a short time one of the partners who owned the mine was struck with a strange thought. He said to the other: "It is strange that this fellow should all at once quit work here, where he had a steady job at as good wages as he can find anywhere in the country. I wonder if he has not found the other half of that boulder?" "Well, what are you going to do about it?" replied his partner. "I am going to mount a horse and follow him. I am confident that I shall find that chunk of gold in his possession, and I will make him surrender it with very little ceremony".

So! All right; you may have my half of all you realize from this questionable venture. But remember, if you fail, you will place yourself in a very unenviable light in the eyes of an honorable man by reason of an unjust suspicion. I imagine that a few hours from now I will see you coming back here tired, crestfallen and with the barometer of your self-respect having fallen several points."

Mounting his horse, the man who had the "suspicions" took the road to Nevada City with a six-shooter stuffed into his belt. When he overtook his former employee, he asked him to throw down and open out his roll of blankets. The fellow was at first quite indignant and inclined to be ugly, but when he saw a loaded revolver pointed at his head he cried out: "I cave. Now, how in creation did you find out that I'd got hold of the other half of that nugget?" "Guessed it," said the mine owner. "Shell her out." Down went the blanket and out came a big golden nugget. Sure enough, it was the other half of the boulder. Taking the chunk, the owner told the man to "get;" that as he had met with a great Slug Canyon which is also temptation he was forgiven and not turned over to the law. The second half of the nugget thus received produced \$4,430.75, making a total for the whole boulder of \$9,103.25 (440 ounces). The unsuspecting partner was very sick when he saw the missing half of the boulder brought back. However, the other, after paying himself \$1,000 for his trouble and his ability as a detective, divided the remainder with the man who had laughed at him in the start. He said he took only \$20 for his trouble and risk, but that for his "sabe" he must have \$980.

Great nuggets of Sierra County. A great number of nuggets of gold were discovered during the gold rush years in the mines of Sierra County, some of them being among California's largest. Strictly speaking, a nugget is a piece of gold unmixed with any of the kinds of rock with which it was originally associated such as quartz. However, the word has come to mean not only a pure piece of the metal but also a piece of washed quartz or other type of rock for which the greater part of the piece is gold. It is believed that Sierra County has produced more large nuggets than any other County in California.

On old Jersey flat near Downieville a nugget was found that weighed 11 pounds. Not far from there in near Downieville a large nugget winning over 90 ounces was found in 1854. In May of 1860 a quartz boulder weighing 48 pounds that was thickly interspersed with gold was mined at the Monte Cristo mine. In November of 1870 a big chunk was found by the Shamrock Brothers effort. While working on their claim it was part quartz and weighed 27 pounds and had a value of gold of \$3100 (a gold content of 155 ounces). On the border of Sierra County at the Four Hills mine in June of 1883, a pocket of gold which required 7 men to lift it, but it was small enough to fit into a candle box. It contained over 500 ounces of gold. There were also a number of gold pockets taken from a claim in Hungry Mouth ravine that was known as the Twin Pocket quartz claim. It yielded over \$3000 worth of gold in less than two months. As late as 1926, a placer gold nugget weighing 8 pounds and containing about 90 ounces of gold was found in the vicinity of Galloway Ridge near the heads of Mount Vernon and Hungry Mouth ravines.

**VALLEY PROPECTORS GENERAL MEETING    NOV. 21 2013**

Called to Order Time: 7:03 PM

Pledge of Allegiance by Joe H. Courtesy: Kelly C.~ 36 members and 1 guest. She read the upcoming events and letters. Minutes of the last Meeting: Dunk ask for a motion for the minutes to be ok as written, 1st by Gene L. 2nd by Gary J. ok by members. Treasurer's Report: Sue B.~ Accounts read by Sue. Lady Luck: Neva~ Gold Bags tonight. Refreshments: Sandy H. Pies provided by Valley tonight. Membership: Judy C.~ We have 25 life members and 47 renewals for this year. Wagon Master: Dunk~ No report of profit/losses for Rendezvous as of yet. Will have for the board in Jan or sooner. Thanksgiving outing. Art F. to take names for the outing. TO MEMBERS: READ YOUR RULES FOR THE CLAIMS AND FOLLOW THEM. THEY ARE THERE TO HELP YOU AND INFORM YOU OF THE BLM RULES ALSO. READ THEM, KNOW THEM AND PLAY BY THE RULES! Finds of the Month: Sherri~ come up and vote! Gold sales: Art F.~ Sold \$255. forth of gold last month, Rendezvous and the Scouts. Library: Bruce is here. Editor: Pam M.~ Dead line for newsletter is Dec.6th. Claims: Pam ~ Meeting at her house for name changes on claims on Sat. Apparel: Pat F. (sorry for calling ya Art, Pat) Showed the new sweat shirts and new "beanies". Refreshments time!!(whoop-whoop) 7:20 pm. Resume Meeting time 7:35 pm. Old Business: NONE. New Business: Lady Luck. Neva and Bill will be taking a year off next year. They have been doing this for 12 yrs (and a great job too may I add), so we will need someone or ones to take over for them. Steve S.~The 1st board meeting of the 2014 year will be on Jan 5th 2014 at Steve and Mary S house in Perris at 12,noon. ALL LAST YEAR AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEED TO BE THERE! Any questions Call Steve S. Door Prize: Bruce. Badge Prize: Steve M. Gold: 1st. Gene L. 2nd Don B. 3rd NONE. Treasures: 1st. Steve M. 2nd. Don B. 3rd. Kent B. Motion to adjourn by Gary J at 7:50 pm, 2nd by Steve S. OK BY ALL.

**Minutes by Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for Valley Prospectors INC 2013**

**Valley Prospectors Board Meeting    Nov. 21 2013**

Start time: 6:00 PM

Mike Dunkerley presiding for Lorraine Frost. A quorum was meet. Sue B read the treasurer's report. Editor's Report: Pam M.~ Have articles to her by Dec 6th. Claims: Pam M.~ Discussion about quick claims and deeds. Club Apparel: Pat F.~ Showed new Sweat Shirts and talked about "Bennies" and colors. Refreshments: Sandy H.~ Pies provided by Valley tonight. Wagon Master: Dunk~ Talked about the Rendezvous income and out go. Old Business: Talk about Rendezvous (Dunk to have totals at the Jan meeting for the board), the Christmas party and software/laptop for treasurer. Software/laptop was tabled for next year's board. New Business: Discussion about opening up elections again, was dropped. Motion by Gary J to adjourn 2nd by Pam, Art, Pat, Debbie, Bart and all. Adjourned at 6:45 pm

**Minutes by Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for Valley Prospectors INC. 2013**

**VALLEY PROSPECTORS CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING.**

**TIME: 1:21 pm.**

**We had 50+ members and kids and lots to eat too. Lorraine F lead the pledge and then handed out Rendezvous prizes not picked up at the outing. Bill W had a "gift" for Luis that went on and on and on. U funny man Bill. and Luis had a nice t-shirt for Lorraine too. one that says she has given a gallon of blood for the blood bank!! Lorraine thanked all the members who helped out this year and handed out awards. She also announced the Man of the Year, Pat F, Woman of the year Mary S, Prospector of the Year, Gene L and Treasure hunter of the year, Steve M. She also informed us of the new board for 2014. Meeting was closed and 2nd by Art and all members present.**

**Minutes by Jennefer Jercha,**

**Secretary for Valley Prospectors, Inc 2013**



## QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA SHOW SCHEDULE

- January & February Author's Fair, Readers Oasis Book Store
- Jan. TBA Hi Jolly Daze Parade
- Jan. 3-12, 2014 Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show <http://tysonwells.com>
- Jan. 10-11, 2014 Quartzsite Art Guild Art Show, Senior Center
- Jan. 17-26, 2014 Tyson Wells Sell-a-Rama <http://tysonwells.com>
- Jan. 18-26, 2014 31st Annual Quartzsite Annual Sports, Vacation  
o and RV Show <http://quartzsitervshow.com>
- Jan. 19-26, 2014 Quartzfest Amateur  
o Radio Operators Gathering [www.Quartzfest.org](http://www.Quartzfest.org)
- Jan. 22 - 26, 2014 48th Annual (QIA) Pow Wow Gem and Mineral  
o Show <http://www.qiaaz.org>
- Jan. 31 – Feb. 9, 2014 Tyson Wells Arts & Crafts Show
- Jan. TBA Balloon Festival, Chili Cook Off & Camel Rides,  
o Desert Gardens RV Park
- Feb. 6, 2014 Quartzsite Flyers RC Fly-in, Town Park
- Feb. 14-15, 2014 Quartzsite Quilt Show, Senior Center
- Feb. 14-16, 2014 Gold, Treasure & Craft Show, QIA
- Feb. 14-16 Desert Bloom Rally <http://five2productions.com>
- Feb. 18, 2014 Quartzsite Masters Tough Gold Tournament, VFW
- Feb. 28, 2014 Southwestern Art Show Roundup, Mt. Quail RV Park
- March 6-9, 2014 The GRAND Gathering  
o Town-wide Events [www.TheGrandGathering.com](http://www.TheGrandGathering.com)
- March 6-9, 2014 AVTT Travelling Vietnam Memorial Wall,  
o Desert Gardens
- March TBA Celia's Rainbow Gardens Community Party in the Park
- April 19, 2014 Easter Egg Hunt at Town Park
- April 20, 2014 Easter Sunrise Community Service at Town Park
- May 26, 2014 VFW Post 769 Memorial Day Ceremony,



# Miners Sales



Members can run 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month. Send ad's to [pamus@gmail.com](mailto:pamus@gmail.com) or Call 951-316-2568

**FOR SALE:** Robbie had a 5 inch dredge that needs to be sold. It has all the attachments motor, hoses, etc. I'm asking \$600. Can you place an add in your newsletter? I can be

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Help schools get extra's they need by saving box tops for education. These labels are on cereal, snack bars, fruit snacks, Kleenex and lots of other products. Bring to club meeting and give to Mary Schubert.  
Thank you, Mary



## FOR SALE

**2010 KAWASAKI T-REX.** SIDE BY SIDE 60 ORIGINAL MILES EXCELLENT CONDITION AND LIKE NEW. CARGO SAFETY NET AND THE BED IS A DUMP BED. EXTRAS ARE DOUBLED WINDSHIELD, MIRRORS ON BOTH SIDES, ROOF, AND BRAND NEW SPARE TIRE, NEVER ON THE GROUND. THIS COMES WITH A USED UTILITY TRAILER TO HAUL IT AROUND IN. ASKING \$10,000 CALL TOM AT 909- 584-8618.

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE #1 MOUNTAIN GOAT TRAMMEL,** BARELY USED--\$475.00 #2 GOLD CUBE, USED TWICE-\$450.00 AND # 3 2010 KAWASAKI T-REX SIDE BY SIDE. LIKE NEW. 60 ORIGINAL MILES . THE EXTRAS ARE DOUBLED WINDSHIELD, ROOF, 2 SIDE MIRRORS BRAND NEW SPARE, NEVER ON THE GROUND, DUMP BED. COMES WITH A UTILITY TRAILER AND ASKING \$10,000 FOR IT ALL. CALL TOM 1-909-584-8618.

## Prez Says-

My year as President has now come to an end. I had an awesome team supporting me this year. I want to say a very special Thank You to Dunk – he was a spectacular Vice President. The programs he brought to the club this year were phenomenal and the work he did on the Rendezvous was great. You can't believe how many miles he put on his truck in support of Valley. We all owe a great debt to him for his dedication and thoughtfulness.

Once again I would like to urge all Valley members to think about volunteering to help the club out. Even an hour of your time at a meeting or club outing means a lot. The members make the club, so have fun and always keep your eyes on the gold at the bottom of the pan. But remember, it is the friendships you forge that are the true treasures in life.

Always looking for that "Big Gold",

Lorraine Frost

Dec 2013