

DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

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Membership dues are past due there will be a late fee of 20.00 added to all renewals

Next General Meeting: February 26th at 7:00 PM

Web Address: valleyprospectors.com

Mission and Code of Ethics

“You’re invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that 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.



“A 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 all laws. Please do not litter, Each member of Valley Prospectors Inc. should strive to set a good example for others

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CLAIMS

The 2 Burro's Placer Claims 20 acres
 Coolgardie Placer Claim Harvey's Oro Rico 120 acres and the New "Straight Gold" 120 acres
 Dumb Luck 40 acres
 Gold Venture & Pickett 3 Placer Claims, 20 acres ea.
 Hungryman 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims 550 total acres
 Indian Gulch and Indian Flat Pacer Claim 60 acres
 Jackass 1, 2, & 3 Placer Claims 160 acres
 Miner's Folly Placer Claim 60 acres
 Moriah Placer Claim 15 acres
 Pickett 2 Placer Claim 30 acres
 (Cajon Pass) Summit Placer Claim 60 acres

ATTENTION:

You must have all documents listed below when you visit any of the claims
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)

CLAIMS

We have a new plan of operations for the northern claims. If you are planning on going up north in the next 4 years you must have one with you to work the claims up there. It is on the web site to print out but it is 42 pages. You can buy one printed out at the meeting for \$3.00 or call Judy Carpenter at 951-674-3207 and she can mail you one for \$6



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Help schools get the 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. Please bring to club meeting and give to Mary Schubert. Thank you, Mary

Drywasher Gazette due dates for 2015

Jan. 10th, Feb. 6th, Mar. 6th, Apr. 7th, May 7th, June 8th, July 7th, Aug. 7th, Sept. 9th, Oct. 6th, Nov. 6th & Dec. 9th. Dates are subject to change if we need to during the year. If you need an extension please call Mike or Pam and let us know. Email is listed on front page.

Proposal for the Rules / Regs for Dues

This is what has been proposed:

Shall New Members, who join Valley Prospector's Inc. on or after November 1st to December 31, have the dues part of their initiation apply to the following year?

This is to be posted in the Newsletter for 2 month (Nov., and Dec.) and then voted on at the General Meeting by the members in January 2015.

This is for New Members, who become members at the end of a year.

If not approved by the members, then it will be up to the membership chair as to when this date will be, as it has been

Since the start of V.P

REFRESHMENTS

Thanks to all that brought cookies to the Last meeting.

For our February Meeting we will have cupcakes provided by - Clyde King, Dolly Kline, Lisa Howison, and Pam Maguire. Please bring 2doz. each. Thank You. , Sandy Harter 951-216-5502

Wagon Master Report

Burros Claims Randsburg Outing:

January 23-25, 2015

There were 14 Valley Prospector members, 2 guest and 3 fur kids (dogs). The Saturday night Pot Luck was great! Everyone who came brought something different so there was a variety of foods and some delicious desserts. We even surprised "Dunk" (Mike Dunkerly) with the Happy Birthday song. Gold was being found even with the damp dirt. Lots of metal detecting going on.

We met new members (Ward) from Ridgecrest, and I think the farrest to drive was Jake Stepp with his step son Elvin from Poway. If your ears were burning then we might have been talking about you for not being there.

The next outing is Summit Sunday February 22 Pending weather conditions, contact Gene Lepper 951 674-3207

Prez Says

Nothing submitted at this time

Valley Prospector's General Meeting Minutes

Jan 29 2015

Call to Order By: New President Kent Bryant. Pledge of Allegiance by: Kent B. Motion to accept the minutes from the Dec 7th 2014 General meeting that was published in the newsletter by Pam M. 2nd by Monty all in favor. Treasurer's Report: Sue B.- We are doing good. School/Show Chairperson:

Steve S.- The GPAA show is Feb 7-8. Set up is Friday Feb 6th. See Steve if you want to help out. April is the GPAA show in Vegas Baby! Steve and Mary have hotel prices and any and all information on the show. Also Steve will need some help on the School Demos this year. Want to help, Call Steve S. 50/50: Jill M.- Come by tickets. Lady Luck: Digger Dan- Come on by and get your tickets. Next Month, Feb 26th 2015 is White Elephant time!! Bring in your unwanted Christmas gifts for the raffle table. Refreshments: Sandy H.- Cookies tonight and cupcakes for Feb 26th. Membership Report: Judy C.- DUES ARE DUE! There still is a lot of members who have not paid their dues as of tonight. Pay Your Dues Now! Wagon Master for the last Outing: Judy C. (that Judy, what a woman) Randsburg was the outing for their Western Days. There was 17 members and 5 guests. Next outing Will be the GPAA show Feb 7-8. And Gene L. will do a Summit Sunday if the weather permits. IF IT RAINS, DO NOT GO THERE! RDW: George H. None this month. Courtesy:- Kelly C. 68 guests and 4 guests tonight. One of our own has gone to gold heaven. Jack Sneed went on in early Jan of this yr. He will be missed deeply. The first time I meet up with Jack he "snuck " up on usn's at the summit. We gave him a beer and he gave us some good pointers on the gold in the area. He loved the gold, loved to play poker, and he loved to talk to everyone on the claims. R.I.P Jack, your smile will be missed. Finds of the Month: Garry: Come up and vote. Gold Sales: Art F.- We have gold for sale! We have some nice nuggets for the GPAA shows on Sat and Sun. Library: Bruce S. Well hot dang! Bruce went and reorganized all the books in categories and in boxes no less! Dang it Bruce, Thank you! Well it was all organized until he got a suitcase full of books and stuff from the Chino group. LOL . Editor: Pam M.- handed it over to Mike K.- have all your "stuff" in by Feb 7th. Claims: Pam M.- We had a claims meeting b-4 the meeting. We are getting things done. Judy C. (see here she is again) made up some "Claim feedback" papers for the members to fill out for our claims. CFMS: Bural L.R- He talked about the shows coming up this year. Blood Bank: Mary S. for Lorraine F.- REMEMBER TO USE MVP so our club will get credit for the year. Member of Valley Prospectors is us! Apparel: Pat F.- We have lots of stuff for you, even a VP battery Clock! Historian: Lisa H.- SHE NEEDS PICS!!! Send her some in the e mail or bring to a meeting. Refreshment time at 7:40. Mary S made a cake for all the "Jan Birthday Kids" this month, and they go first! Resume meeting at 8:03 pm. Programs: Gene L. gave a good showing of how and why you need to have a "maintenance bag" to be prepared for breakdowns. Thank you Gene! Good job!! Old Business: Steve S gave Steve M his Treasure "Winner of the Year" award. Also Kent B., Gene L., and you guessed it Judy C again went and did our storage unit inventory before the meeting. Its inventory time again, so get yours done and to me, Jennefer ASAP. New Business: NONE. 50/50: Jill M.- Roger M. wins the \$40.50 tonight! Door Prize goes to Pam M. Yeap the Maguire's cleaned up tonight! Badge Prize was donated by Mining Supplies & Treasures in Hesperia I didn't get the name of who won.. Sorry.. And Gene L. and Judy C. (hummm) donated 2 GPAA passes for the show this weekend. And New members Tim & Ellen Kimbrel won them! Finds of the Month:- Gold- 1st.- Gene Lepper, 2nd- no one, 3rd- no one. Metal Detecting : 1st- Don B. 2nd- Judy C. 3rd- Steve M. Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm by Judy C. 2nd by Bruce S.

Take it away Digger Dan with the Lady Luck!

Minutes by Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for Valley Prospectors INC. 2015

Well Howdy VP Board and Chairpersons.

Yeap it's that time of the year again...

Time to take your Inventory from last year to start off this new year.

I know I said something at the First Board Meeting At Steve Schubert's House, but that was like 20 some

odd days ago..So take that Inventory and bring it to the Jan 29th General Meeting.

Hand written is ok by me.

Now you don't have to count every little piece of gold or vile. Nor do we need like every napkin and pack of sugar or every name of every book or magazine that is in the library, just a good rough estimate is great. And those who became a new chairperson for this year, just write down what you got from the former Chairperson is good with me.

For those who already gave me their lists, Thank You for Trumpin me at this. :)

Thank you one and all,

Jennefer J. Secretary

California Gold Rush: True Tales of the Forty-niners

Beginning in 1848, brave men from all over the world came to seek their fortune in California. This is a collection of their stories – the good, the bad, the rich strikes and the failures. These are the true stories of the men who tamed the west by the work of their hands. The history of California, before this influx of the gold-seekers brought it out prominently before the eyes of the world, may be told in a few words. Cabrillo had skirted it some forty odd years after the discovery of the continent by Columbus. Francis Drake had brought his ships to anchor in a bay a few miles north of San Francisco in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and the Spanish galleons, making their yearly voyages to the Philippine Islands, had, on their return trips, regularly, for nearly two hundred years, raised the headlands at Cape Mendocino. The event which changed the history of California was the discovery of gold by James Marshall, in January of 1848, that find opened California to forge a new era for the western US. It took some time, but the famous discovery set off one of the most wonderful migrations ever known. The 49ers came in from all parts of the Atlantic states when the news of the discovery slowly reached the population centers east of the Mississippi - It was the great California gold rush.

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 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 Slug Canyon which is also 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.



Store hours: Wed.-Sat. 10am.to 4pm.
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Keene, Diamond Pacific, Garrett, White's & Tesoro dealers.



Miners Sales



Members can run 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month. Send ads to; ladygolddigger1246@yahoo.com or Call 951-316-2568

For Sale

Older Keene 151 dry washer with hose and motor asking \$875.00
Gene Lepper 909 208-4307 Call any time before 8 PM

For Sale

Light weight utility trailer w/loading ramp 10' x 5' x 2' sides, single axle, steel frame, aluminum floor, 3 new tires, recently packed wheel bearings. Great for hauling all your prospecting equipment, a real Coolgardie special Asking \$1000 or Best offer Tom 909 584-8618

For Sale



Desert Fox for \$275.00 Art Fairchild 951 897 5433

Cube for \$275.00, without stand, Stand for 35.00 Art Fairchild 951 897 5433



For Sale 85 Chevy S10 Blazer, 2.8 liter V6 engine runs great tweed interior, custom rims and tires, good paint, \$7,000 obo Call 951-316-2568

Jack Sneed he is not doing very well, I'm his wife, the ad is for Tesoro/Cortes metal detector/ cost new \$849, asking \$400, never used/ gold master metal detector \$200, and finally 5K generator, never used \$400 call 760-245-2697, or come to Victorville, address is 15821 Inyo street. Cross street Avalon. Appreciate the ad, Thank you, Patricia Sneed

Schedule of Events for 2015

JANUARY

24th Ransburg Outing
 29th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

FEBRUARY

7th & 8th Pomona Gold Show
 22nd Summit Sunday
 26th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

MARCH

20th, 21st & 22nd Coolgardie Outing
 26th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

APRIL

24th, 25th, & 26th Coolgardie outing or
 25th & 26th Las Vegas Gold Show

MAY

2nd Membership Appreciation Picnic in Yucaipa
 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th Coolgardie Outing
 28th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

June

25th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting
 26th, 27th & 28th Big Bear Outing

JULY

24th, 25th & 26th Big Bear Outing
 30th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

AUGUST

21st, 22nd & 23rd Big Bear Outing
 27th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

SEPTEMBER

18th, 19th, & 20th Ransburg Outing
 19th Old West Days

OCTOBER

23, 24TH & 25th Ord Mountain Rendezvous
 29th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

NOVEMBER

19th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting
 26th, 27th, 28th & 29TH Coolgardie Outing

DECEMBER

6TH Christmas Party