

# ***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

1

**February 2017**

**Send Exchange Bulletins to:  
Art Fairchild 7074 Marigold Ct  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739  
artfairchild85@gmail.com**



**Web Site: ["www.valleyprospectors.com"](http://www.valleyprospectors.com)**

**Next General Meeting: February 23 2017, at 7:00 PM**

## **Mission and Code of Ethics**

Valley Prospectors Inc. is an educational organization dedicated  
"To and Promote Gold Prospecting, as a healthy family activity".  
You're invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that is  
held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm  
in the Knights of Columbus Hall at:  
1729 E. Baseline Street, San Bernardino, Ca... Map is 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



## **"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.\*

## Officers for 2017

<b>Executive Officers</b>			<b>Chairpersons</b>		
President	Jill Molson	951-522-3545	Apparel	Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683
Vice President	Gene Lepper	951-674-3207	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Secretary	Judy Carpenter	951-674-3207	Budget	Sue Baranauskas	909-335-7113
Treasurer	Sue Baranauskas	909-335-7113	CFMS	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
			Courtesy	Sandy Harter	951-216-5502
<b>Board of Directors</b>			Editor	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683		Asst. Editor		
Penny Straight	909-301-2437		Finds/Month	Garry Devlin & Sherry Livingston	951-768-0880
Art Fairchild	951-897-5433		50/50	Harry Crawford	760-248-6683
Sandy Harter	951-216-5502		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Harry Crawford	760-248-6683		<b>Historian</b>		
Dan Cornia	909-797-6111		Lady Luck		
Katherine Naki	909-335-9363		Librarian	Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115
Albert Naki	909-335-9363		<b>Membership</b>	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115		<b>Name Tags</b>	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555		<b>Programs</b>	Gene Lepper	951-674-3207
Sherry Livingston	909-875-2090		<b>Refreshments</b>	John Howell	951-247-1037
Garry Devlin	951-768-0880				
			<b>Outings/Retired during the week</b>		
<b>Alternate Board</b>	<b>Members</b>		<b>Claims</b>	Jill Molson	951-522-3545
John Howell	951-247-1037		<b>Show &amp; School Rep.</b>	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
<b>Stewart Luce</b>	<b>909-560-0474</b>				
John Bonson	909-794-4401				

## CLAIMS

**The 2 Burro's Placer Claims** 20 acres  
**Coolgardie Placer Claim Harvey's Oro Rico** 120 acres  
**Gold Venture & Pickett 3 Placer Claims**, 20 acres ea.  
**Hungry man 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

### **CAMPING OVER NIGHT AT COOLGARDIE**

**BE COURTEOUS, BE KIND, PLEASE TURN OFF GENERATORS 11pm & 6am if you can.**

**Thank you from Valley Prospectors Members who need their peace & quite**



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.

#### President's Message:

It was good to see a well attended meeting in January. We had a Claims Committee meeting with good attendance also. Our program was about AMRA (American Mining Rights Association) by Jeff and Reb Baraglia. They were very informative about AMRA and MMAC. We are going to gather more information on both organizations this month so we can make informed decisions about what the club will do this year and in the future. Please feel free to express your views on topics raised. I will always be open to your point of view and options. We need to hear all sides of the issue so we can make informed decisions with as much information as possible. Remember, this is your organization and everyone's opinion matters.

#### Minutes of the General Meeting January 26 201

Meeting called to order by President Jill M. at 7:02 PM Pledge of Allegiance- by Jill M.

Motion to accept Minutes of the Nov/Dec meeting as written- Stu Luce 2<sup>nd</sup> Gene Lepper Vote-Pass

Courtesy -Sandy Harter 7 guest (3 new members) Don't know how many regular members, but look like a great crowd. John Bonson's name was left off the 2016 ballot as a board member. Motion to have John B. as an alternate on the board, Mary S. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Chad, all in favor -Pass. Announcements- Steve S. GPAA Gold Show at South Point casino April 21-23. See Steve or Mary for booking code discount on rooms. Bural LaRue – Federation show in Ventura, CA June 9-11 at the Ventura Fairgrounds See Steve for details. VP will have panning booth. March 4-5 Gem and Mineral show also a Ventura fair grounds. End of May- Grand Terrace Elementary panning day. Sue B. gave Treasurer's report for November and December 2016. Jill introduced the 2017 Executive Board, Members-at-large, Committee and Chairpersons to tonight members and guest. Many of your board members are doing double/triple duties. There are still positions to fill, VP needs your help. The AMRA outing at Slash-X was cold and windy, but there were 93 hearty, brave and die heart prospectors who attended. Hear some of our own VP members won things from the event give away, congratulations to all of them. See calendar for next outing. Lady Luck-White Elephant to night, gold bags next month and March the donated dry washer w/blower and hose will be raffled, buy your tickets now. Gold Sales are going so well gold chairperson is looking to buy small and fine gold for gold bags. So if you have gold to sale please see Art. Tonight's program are Board Members & Outing Coordinators, Jeff and Reb Baraglia from AMRA. AMRA offers free legal advice, education, membership and access to 70 claims in several states. Thank You Jeff and Reb for all you do to bring education to the miners. Visit [americanminingrights.com](http://americanminingrights.com) or facebook [americanminingrights](https://www.facebook.com/americanminingrights) to learn more about your mining rights. *Next month bring your COLLECTIONS.* Break 8:03 PM Refreshments donuts/coffee/snack cups, next month cookies. Resume 8:12 PM Old Business: Christmas party survey results next month, Renewals Due Now to avoid late fees, and fill out claims feed back forms monthly, turn into Jill. New Business: Vote on Budget – Motion to accept as written Gene L. 2<sup>nd</sup> Art F.- vote pass 100%. GPAA Show already discussed. Chad reports that water if flowing at Hungryman, good gold find. Door Prizes Bruce S. and Calvin S. 50/50 winner Barbara W. Finds of the Month- Gold only one entry by Don B., Treasure Don B. 1<sup>st</sup>, Dolores S. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack S. Motion to adjourn Gene L. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary S. What a great meeting- on with the table raffle. Minutes of the meeting by Judy Carpenter - Secretary

Included on this page is a claim log for all of you who go out to our claims. Every year when we file our claim paperwork, we are required to submit our activity on those claims. Please help us by submitting your experiences on our club claims.

Claims Feed Back Sheet  
(one per each claim please)

Date (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of claim

\_\_\_\_\_ Miner's Folly Placer

\_\_\_\_\_ Jackass I

\_\_\_\_\_ Jackass II

\_\_\_\_\_ Jackass III

\_\_\_\_\_ Indian Gulch Placer

\_\_\_\_\_ Harvey's Oro Rico (includes Jeremy I)

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold Ventur

\_\_\_\_\_ V P Summit Placer

\_\_\_\_\_ Hungryman

\_\_\_\_\_ Hungryman II

\_\_\_\_\_ Hungryman III

\_\_\_\_\_ Hungryman IV

\_\_\_\_\_ Chunker

\_\_\_\_\_ Burros Placer I & II

\_\_\_\_\_ Moriah Placer

\_\_\_\_\_ Pickett II Placer

\_\_\_\_\_ Pickett III Placer

Did you find Gold? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Was claim accessible? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Where the claim markers/post in place? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ if no please explain problem  
NW,NE,SE,SW etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Did you camp on the claim? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ How many days? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you encounter any NON-VP members working on VP claim? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many hours did you work? Less than 8 hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ More than 8 hrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Complaints:

---

---

---

The above information will be used for the Affidavit of Assessment Work (Proof of Labor)  
Notice of intent to Hold and /or BLM Maintenance Fees.

Optional: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ This is all  
by design folks;

## **BLOOD BANK NEWS “MVP”**

THE RAREST TYPE OF BLOOD IS THE TYPE THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN YOU NEED IT.

Let's help increase the number of Southern California donors - mention "MVP" as our group so you can be counted. Check out the local donation centers at <https://www.lstream.org/> Thanks to our recent Blood Donor Hero's: Monty Quinn The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless. Valley Prospectors - Supporting our Community one donation at a time. Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson (760) 868-6564 <mailto:LFrost35@gmail.com>

**Why is it Important to Give Blood?** What is your type? There are four blood groups: type O positive/O negative, type A positive/A negative, type B positive/B negative, and type AB positive/AB negative

## **TREASURE HUNTER FOR THE YEAR 2016 DON BARANAUSKAS**



From the Vice President

February's program-will be, bring your Collections! Bring whatever it is that you collect, examples; marbles, spoons, rocks, stamps, coins, old cars, (pictures of them anyway), pictures, post cards, awards, metals, hats, bottle caps, the sky is the limit. DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PROSPECTING related. Bring your own display cases, Share and Talk about with other members.

The GPAA GOLD SHOW will be coming up on April 22-23<sup>rd</sup> – South Point Casino in Las Vegas. Valley Prospectors will be having a gold panning booth so if you can help at the gold show. For more information call Steve at 951-943-0535. We also have code for rooms at South Point.





Fireman picking up presents for the kids Christmas



Woman of the yr 2016 Jill Molson



Man of the yr 2016 Robert (Bob) Wright



Prospector of the yr. 2016

Gene Lepper



# “Miners Sales”



**Members 1 ad, 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month.**

[Artfairchild85@gmail.com](mailto:Artfairchild85@gmail.com) 951-897-5433

**For Sale By Tom-909-584-8618**


Item 1;

Gold Buddy Pony Dry Washer with 11 in. riffle tray/grizzly mounted vibrator.

The vibrator makes life easy when you get into damp dirt Asking \$250.00 cash

miningsuppliesandrockshop.com

## MINING SUPPLIES & ROCK SHOP



9565 "C" Ave. Ste. K, Hesperia, Calif. 92345

**760-244-9642**

---

miningsuppliesandrockshop.com

Mining Equipment • Rocks & Rock Slabs • Fossils  
Classes • Workshops • Education • Beading  
Hand-made Jewelry • Consignments • Silver & Copper  
Wire & Sheets • Silver Solder • Findings • Gifts  
Tumbled Glass & Rocks • Rock Saws • Tumblers  
Diamond Pacific Dealer • Dry Washers • Gold Pans  
Metal Detectors • Books & Magazines • & More

---

**We Buy & Sell Gold & Silver**

## HELMS OUTPOST



- \*Gold Mining Equipment and Supplies
  - Sluice Boxes
  - Dry Washers
  - Books and Magazines
  - Pans, Classifiers and much more!!!
- \*Buy and Sell Placer Gold
- \*Handmade Items
- \*Pet Supplies
- \*Consignments

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!**

14444 California Ave Suite C  
Victorville, CA 92392  
(760) 868-5838

**www.helmsoutpost.com**



**Lady's and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Look what's on the Raffle table**

**AZ Desert Gold Drywasher**

**Only been used a few times. According to the manufacture you can move more dirt then the Keene 151. It comes with a Blower & Vacuum (all in one), Hose and empty 1 gallon gas can. Original price \$395.00 for Drywasher and another \$150.00 for blower and vacuum with hose.**

**All it takes is one small dollar for a raffle ticket.**

**This was donated by club member Tom Kimbrel.**

**It's small but mighty.**

**Get your tickets in advance for the March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 drawing after the regular meeting.**



**Valley Prospectors**  
**PO Box 2923, San Bernardino, CA 92406**  
[www.valleyprospectors.com](http://www.valleyprospectors.com)

**Membership Renewal**

Primary Member Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ VP Member # \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Domestic Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive the newsletter? Email \_\_\_\_\_ US Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Is it okay to publish your picture or members of your family in the newsletter? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method – Make payable to : **VALLEY PROSPECTORS, Inc.**

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Money \_\_\_\_\_

Order# \_\_\_\_\_

The annual dues shall be \$40, \$60 if received after January 31<sup>st</sup>, \$140 if received after March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Annual Membership dues are due beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and are not prorated. If postmarked after January 31<sup>st</sup> a \$20 late fee will be added. If postmarked after March 31<sup>st</sup> the dues are delinquent and you will be removed from membership. You may reinstate your membership by paying the full \$140 as required by new members.

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:**

Upon signing, member agrees to have read and understand the Valley Prospectors Rules and Regulations for all claims, and hereby agrees to the following:

"I understand and agree to acquire all necessary permits, Park passes, Wilderness passes, which are applicable to my prospecting activities. I will fill in all holes dug while prospecting in an environmentally responsible manner. In addition, I understand that prospecting in certain areas can be dangerous, including but not limited to: open pits/shafts, wild animals and reptiles, not being prepared for weather conditions, along with the possible presence of noxious gases or chemicals. I assume my own responsibility and accept all risks, as well as that of any of my family or guests. I agree to hold the Valley Prospectors, Inc. and any affiliated claims or property owners or managers harmless of any liability."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Notes</b>
January 20-22	American Mining Rights Assoc. Meeting	See Page 5 this newsletter
January 26 2017	VP General Meeting	7 pm – 9 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
February 19 2017	Summit Claim outing	Meet at McDonalds hwy. 138 & 15 freeway at 8am
Feb 23, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
March 17,18 & 19, 2017	Ransburg	Potluck on Saturday
Mar 30, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
April 21-22-23, 2017	<b>GPAA Gold &amp; Treasure Show</b>	<b>Las Vegas South Point Hotel Setup Fri Apr 21</b>
April 27, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
May 20, 2017	Members Appreciation Day picnic	Yucaipa 7 <sup>th</sup> street Park. 11am till.
May 25, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
June 16, 17 & 18, 2017	Coolgardie Outing	Potluck on Saturday
June 29,2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
July 15,16 2017	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Placer Claim
July 27, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
August 31, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
September 16, 2017	<b>Old West Days</b>	<b>Randsburg – Burro's Claim</b>
September 28, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm. Officers Nominations 7 pm
October	TBD, To Be Determined	Rendezvous
October 26, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm. Officers Nominations 7 pm
November 23,24,25,26 2017	<b>Coolgardie</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Weekend at Harvey's Oro Rico Claim</b>
November 30, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
December 3, 2017	VP Christmas Party/Mtg	2701 Del Rosa Ave, San Bernardino, CA