

DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE January 2014

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Huntington Beach
Metal Detecting



PAY YOUR DUES BEFORE JANUARY 31 TO AVOID LATE FEES!

Next General Meeting January 30th at 7:00 PM

Web Address: 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 2014

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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

At the January General Meeting we will have cookies for desert. Thanks to all that volunteered to bring cookies.

**Love to All
Sandy & Joe Harter
951-216-5502**



HUNTINGTON BEACH METAL DECECTING

January 25th 10am at the Piet
 Bring quarters for parking and your metal detectors
 And have fun finding treasurers at the beach

For more info Call George Howison at t951-734-7530



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. Must be postmarked no later than Jan 31, 2014 to avoid the late fee
 Make check or money order payable to: *VALLEY PROSPECTOR'S INC.*

Mail to: *Valley Prospector's 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

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 1st of each year and are not prorated. If postmarked after February 1st 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

Schedule of Events for Valley Prospectors for 2014

January 25 th	Huntington Beach Metal Detecting-Meet at Pier at 10am
30 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Feb. 13 th	Retired During the Week
21,22 & 23	Ransburg Outing
27 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Mar. 13 th	Retired During the Week
21,22 & 23	Coolgardie Outing
27 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
28 th	Trona Centennial Celebration V.P. Booth
April 10 th	Retired During the Week
13 th	Summit Sunday
24 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
25,26 & 27 th	Coolgardie Outing
27 & 27 th	Las Vegas Show-V.P. Booth
May 3 rd	Membership Picnic
8 th	Retired During the Week
23,24,25 & 26 th	Coolgardie Outing
29 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
June 12 th	Retired During the Week
22 nd	Summit Sunday
26 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
27,28 & 29 th	Big Bear Outing
July 10 th	Retired During the Week
25,26 & 27 th	Big Bear Outing
31 st	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm

Aug. 14 th	Retired During the Week
28 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
29,30,31 & 1 st	Big Bear Outing
Sept 11 th	Retired During the Week
19,20 & 21	Ransburg Outing & Old West Days Booth on 20 th
25 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Oct. 9 th	Retired During the Week
12 th	Summit Sunday
24,25 & 26	Rendezvous Outing
30 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Nov. 13 th	Retired During the Week
20 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
27,28,29 & 30	Coolgardie Outing
Dec. 7 th	Christmas Party & General Meeting

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

Prez Says:

A special thanks to all the members that came to the first board meeting. Welcome to valley prospectors 2014. We plan to do more gold panning and mining this year. Thanks to all the help the yearly outing are scheduled, the audit is done, and the budget is ready to vote on. We will be doing the storage inventory after the first general meeting. If you would like to help let me know. May all your pans have gold. **Steve**

Valley Member

We were notified by friends of Marie Baca that she passed away in August. Her and George were both great members and always happy they will both be missed.

Valley Member

Captain Sutter's Own Story Of The Gold Discovery

The most prominent man in the neighborhood of the California "gold diggins" is Captain John Augustus Sutter, the chief pioneer and statesman of the area - effectively the Daniel Boone of that part of the country. He was formerly an officer in the Swiss guards of Charles X. of France. After the revolution of 1830, in that country, he came to the United States. Emigrating to California, where he obtained a grant of land from the Mexican government, and founded the settlement known as Sutter's Fort, at the location of what has now become Sacramento, the capital of California. Upon his land, the first discovery of the richness of the soil was made, and his house and the settlement around it has been, ever since, the resort of persons going to and from the placers, and a depot for provisions and articles used by the miners. Stores and workshops have been established, and a considerable amount of business is transacted there. Captain Sutter is held in very great respect by the people of the settlement and those stopping at his house on the road to the placers.

Several versions of the account of the discovery of the gold mines have been circulated, but the true one, in the Captain's own words, is given in a published account. The account is here inserted, both because of the interest connected with the discovery, and in order to correct wrong versions of the matter.

"I was sitting one afternoon," said the Captain, "just after my siesta, engaged, by-the-by, in writing a letter to a relation of mine at Lucerne, when I was interrupted by Mr. Marshall a gentleman with whom I had frequent business transactions bursting hurriedly into the room. From the unusual agitation in his manner I imagined that something serious had occurred, and, as we involuntarily do in this part of the world, I at once glanced to see if my rifle was in its proper place. You should know that the mere appearance of Mr. Marshall at that moment in the Fort was quite enough to surprise me, as he had but two days before left the place to make some alterations in a mill for sawing pine planks, which he had just run up for me, some miles higher up the Americanos River.

When he had recovered himself a little, he told me that, however great my surprise might be at his unexpected reappearance, it would be much greater when I heard the intelligence he had come to bring me. 'Intelligence,' he added, 'which, if properly profited by, would put both of us in possession of unheard-of wealth millions and millions of dollars, in fact.' I frankly thought, when I heard this, that I thought something had touched Marshall's brain, when suddenly all my misgivings were put an end to by his flinging on the table a handful of scales of pure virgin gold. I was fairly thunderstruck, and asked him to explain what all this meant, when he went on to say, that, according to my instructions, he had thrown the mill-wheel out of gear, to let the whole body of the water in the dam find a passage through the tail-race, which was previously too narrow to allow the water to run off in sufficient quantity, whereby the wheel was prevented from efficiently performing its work. By this alteration the narrow channel was considerably enlarged, and a mass of sand and gravel carried off by the force of the torrent. Early in the morning after this took place, he (Mr. Marshall) was walking along the left bank of the stream, when he perceived something which he at first took for a piece of opal, a clear transparent stone, very common here glittering on one of the spots laid bare by the sudden crumbling away of the bank. He paid no attention to this ;"but "while he was giving directions to the workmen, having observed several similar glittering fragments, his curiosity was so far excited, that he stooped down and picked one of them up.

' Do you know,' said Mr. Marshall to me, ' I positively debated within myself two or three times when standing there, that I should take the trouble to bend my back to pick up one of the pieces, and I had decided on not doing so, when, further on, another glittering morsel caught my eye the largest of the pieces now before you. I

condescended to pick it up, and to my astonishment found that it was a thin scale of what appears to be pure gold.' He then gathered some twenty or thirty similar pieces, which on examination convinced him that his suppositions were right. His first impression was, that this gold had been lost or buried there by some early Indian tribe perhaps some of those mysterious inhabitants of the West, of whom we have no account, but who dwelt on this continent centuries ago, and built those cities and temples, the ruins of which are scattered about these solitary wilds. On proceeding, however, to examine the neighboring soil, he discovered that it was more or less auriferous. This at once decided him. He mounted his horse, and rode down to me as fast as it would carry him with the news. "At the conclusion of Mr. Marshall's account," continued Captain Sutter, "and when I had convinced myself, from the specimens he had brought with him, that it was not exaggerated, I felt as much excited as himself. I eagerly inquired if he had shown the gold to the work-people at the mill, and was glad to hear that he had not spoken to a single person about it. We agreed," said the Captain, smiling, "not to mention the circumstance to any one, and arranged to set off early the next day for the mill. On our arrival, just before sundown, we poked the sand about in various places, and before long succeeded in collecting between us more than an ounce of gold, mixed up with a good deal of sand. I stayed at Mr. Marshall's that night, and the next day we proceeded some little distance up the South Fork, and found that gold existed along the whole course, not only in the bed of the main stream, where the water had subsided, but in every little dried-up creek and ravine. Indeed I think it is more plentiful in these latter places, for I myself, with nothing more than a small knife, picked out from a dry gorge, a little way up the mountain, a solid lump of gold which weighed nearly an ounce and a half.

On our return to the mill, we were astonished by the work people coming up to us in a body, and showing us small flakes of gold similar to those we had ourselves procured. Marshall tried to laugh the matter off with them, and to persuade them that what they had found was only some shining mineral of trifling value ; but one of the Indians, who had worked at the gold mine in the neighborhood of La Paz, in Lower California, cried out, ' Oro-! oro!' We were disappointed enough at this discovery, and supposed that the work-people had been watching our movements, although we thought we had taken every precaution against being observed by them. I heard, afterwards, that one of them, a sly Kentuckian, had dogged us about, and that, looking on the ground to see if he could discover what we were in search of, he had lighted on some flakes of gold himself.' The next day I rode back to the Fort, organized a laboring party, set the carpenters to work on a few necessary matters, and the next day accompanied them to a point of the Fork, where they encamped for the night. By the following morning I had a party of fifty Indians fairly at work. The way we first managed was to shovel the soil into small buckets, or into some of our famous Indian baskets ; then wash all the light-earth out, and pick away the stones; after this, we dried the sand on pieces of canvas, and with long reeds blew away all but the gold. I have now some rude machines in use, and upwards of one hundred men employed, chiefly Indians, who are well fed, who are allowed whisky three times a-day.

" The report soon spread. Some of the gold was sent to San Francisco, and crowds of people flocked to the diggings. Added to this, a large emigrant party of Mormons entered California across the Rocky Mountains, just as the affair was first made known. They halted at once, and set to work on a spot some thirty miles from here, where a few of them still remain. When I was last up to the diggings, there were full eight hundred men at work, at one place and another, with perhaps something like three hundred more passing backwards and forwards between here and the mines. I at first imagined the gold would soon be exhausted by such crowds of seekers, but subsequent observations have convinced me that it will take many years to bring about such a result, even with ten times the present number of people employed." "What surprises me," continued the Captain, "is, that this country should have been visited by so many scientific men, and that not one of them should have ever stumbled upon the treasures; that scores of keen-eyed trappers should have crossed this valley in every direction, and tribes of Indians have dwelt in it for centuries, and yet that this gold should have never been discovered. I myself have passed the very spot above a hundred times during the last ten years, but was just as blind as the rest of them, so I

Legislative and Regulatory Update



Pacific Legal Foundation joins effort to overturn California dredging moratorium

In a welcome bit of news, The Western Mining Alliance reported that the Pacific Legal Foundation has agreed to join the court battle underway to restore the rights of suction gold dredgers in California. Most of the court cases have been consolidated and are scheduled to be heard in May 2014 in San Bernardino County.

One particular case of interest involves suction gold dredger Brandon Rinehart. In 2012, Rinehart was cited for operating a suction dredge without a permit. Rinehart argued that it was impossible to comply because the state refused to issue permits. The judge in this case would not consider Rinehart's claim that the State of California did not have the authority to interfere with his mining operation. Rinehart was convicted and has appealed.

Attorney James Buchal "has done a stunning job of attacking the State and we believe Rinehart will win his appeal on US Constitutional grounds," said The Western Mining Alliance.

Now Rinehart is going to get some additional help. Pacific Legal Foundation agreed to join "amicus curiae," which is a Latin term meaning "friend of the court." They will provide legal research and file briefs in support of Rinehart's case.

Pacific Legal Foundation has a stellar reputation, often standing up for the little guy. They have sued local, state and federal agencies on numerous occasions in cases involving individual rights, property rights, the Endangered Species Act, and excessive environmental regulations, and won many of these cases, even at the Supreme Court level.

You can view some of their recent victories at www.pacificlegal.org

We also recommend joining The Western Mining Alliance—they have been doing some excellent work on behalf of miners. You can find them online at westernminingalliance.org

Lady Luck White Elephant After Christmas Special

Bring your new, unused, unwanted, overstocked Christmas gifts to the Lady Luck raffle
January 30, 2014 General Meeting.

Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 and 13 for \$10.00. Hosted by Gene and Judy
Notice:

Needed Lady Luck chairperson for the rest of the year or volunteer for one meeting.
Contact Steve Schubert VP President 951-943-0535



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Thank you, Mary

Save The Date: April 4-7, 2014

Our **Gold Prospecting & Mining Summit** is scheduled for April 4 - 7, 2014, at the Eldorado County Fairgrounds in Placerville, California!

Our team of writers and experts will be providing classes on various topics and our advertisers will be there with the latest and best equipment!

Tradeshow and Lectures: April 5-6, 2014

Hands-on Training: April 4 & April 7, 2014

Pre-registration for hands-on training classes will begin at 8am PST on January 2, 2014

Note: To serve as many people as possible, only one training class per person

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