

DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

January 2015

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Next General Meeting: January 29th at 7:00 PM

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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

Officers for 2015

Executive Officers			Chairpersons		
President	Kent Bryant	951-202-9616	Apparel	Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555
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Lisa Howison	951-734-7530		Web Master		
George Howison	951-734-7530		Outings/Retired during the week	George Howison	951-734-7530
Alternate Board	Members		Claims	Pam Maguire	951-316-2568
Steve Schubert	951-943-0535				
Dave Miliken	951-972-5451				
Jill Molson	909-887-8024				

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.

Mining Legend leaves Legacy of Hope

PLP President Jerry Hobbs dead at 71

Public Lands for the People President Jerry Hobbs has died. He passed away Dec. 28, after a long battle with kidney and heart disease. He was 71.

Gerald Hobbs, better known as Jerry, was a legend in the mining community, and the founder of PLP, a land rights advocacy group. The membership-based, non-profit organization was established in 1990 and has been fighting to keep public lands open for multiple uses, including prospecting and mining, ever since.

Jerry joined the U.S. Marines after graduating high school in Pueblo, Colo. After leaving the Marine Corps, he moved to California from Colorado and became involved in gold mining. He supported himself by dredging for gold in the Mother Lode region for several years and then moved to Azusa, Calif., where he opened a gold prospecting store, Azusa Gold.

Jerry was first and foremost a miner. He was tough, and he was strong. Jerry believed in conservative principles, the Constitution and the Mining Law of 1872, and he fought against big government interference in the daily lives of prospectors and miners. He was not afraid to speak up and stand up for the rights of others. He was a fighter and despite being delivered some knockout punches in life, he always rose to his feet for the next round. He never let down his guard. He was steadfast in his belief in the rights of the individual and was fiercely independent.

Membership Dues

Membership renewals are going slow. Many people haven't renewed as of January 5, 2015. Too many to list. If you have already sent in your renewal form with a \$40 payment, Thank You, I should receive it soon.

Make payment to: Valley Prospectors'

Mail to: Membership Chairperson

33220 Wildomar Rd.

Wildomar CA 92595-8283

A \$20.00 Late Fee will be added as of February 1 so renew NOW! If you are not sure if you have renewed or you have sent in your renewal and have not received a new card please contact me (Judy) at 951-674-3207.

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

Upcoming Events

Ventura Gem Show, March 7 * 8th Sat. 10-55pm Sun 10-4pm

Ventura Fair Grounds, Admission is Free

REFRESHMENTS

We are having cookies at the January Meeting provided by: Mary, Judy, Jennifer, Kelly, and Art.

Thank you all, Sandy & Joe Harter

951-216-5502

Pomona Gold show nuggets

**Combined 206.9 grains combined weight.
1 nugget will be raffled off on Saturday and the other one on Sunday**



Nice Coolgardie view



Beautiful Sunsets



Jennefer Jercha Woman of the Year



Art Fairchild Man of the Year

BLOOD BANK NEWS "MVP"

Thanks to all who continue to donate on behalf of Valley Prospectors – "MVP". I contacted Life Stream and finally got our count from Dec 2013 through Sept 2014. Our total count is 14. We have historically had about 30-40 donations a year and I know it is much more difficult to recognize those who gave. The office will no longer give us your name or date of donation. Our only way of knowing is when you share your donation receipt with me or call or email me the information. I want to thank all those who have given so far. It is greatly appreciated. In particular, I want to thank **Monty Quinn** and **Pam Maguire** for their recent donations. Much appreciated. Please remember that our Blood Bank account is a service to our members and the community. If you can make a donation, it is much needed. You can check for local donation centers or events at <https://www.lstream.org/> *the need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless.* Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson (760) 868-6564
<mailto:res06mtu@verizon.net>

Prez Says:

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KENT BRYANT:

THERE WILL BE NO JANUARY 29TH 2015 Board Meeting DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE HAD IT AT STEVE SCHUBERT'S HOUSE ON JAN. 4TH 2015. IF YOU SHOW UP FOR ONE, WE WILL BE GLAD TO PUT YOU TO WORK... JUST KIDDING...

Welcome to the New Year!

We've had our first Board Meeting, we have a full calendar thanks to members stepping up to Chair our upcoming events. Steve Schubert will be in charge of the GPAA Gold Shows in February and April. Steve will also be in charge of our School Programs, talking to 4th Graders about the Gold Rush in California and how it built this State.

Mike Dunkerly has stepped in to Chair the Member Appreciation Day and our Rendezvous in October.

If you would like to help in any capacity with these events, please contact Steve and Mike, they can't do it alone and is a good way to help out, "YOUR", Association.

I would also like to thank everyone who stepped up to become Board Members, and everyone else who keep the Club running. The Newsletter doesn't write itself, the Gold doesn't show up under a pillow, the Raffle prizes aren't delivered by Santa Claus, the Refreshments don't come out of a vending machine, etc, it's Our Members that do this. Step up and give a hand, most of us have two.

Valley Prospector's January 4 2015 Board Meeting

Place: Past President Steve Schubert's house. After a wonderful meal of Venison and Boar burgers and some "Gator tates" the Meeting was Begin At 1:02 pm with Past Pres. Steve Schubert handing over the Presidency to Kent Bryant.

President Kent called for roll call, and a quorum was met. Minutes of the Nov 2014 and the Dec 2014 (Christmas Party) were passed as written by all. Treasurer: Sue B.~ Gave a short accounting of our account. Membership: Judy C. ~ Renewals are ongoing and we have 5 new members as of Dec 2014. Editors Report: Pam M.~A talk about buy stamps for the year and having the printing company doing the printing and labeling for valley was discussed. This will be brought up to the Gen Members at the Jan meeting. Claims: Pam M.~ All OK. Programs: Our New Vice Pres. Gene Lepper:~ Next program will be "How to maintain your Small Mining Equipment". Courtesy: Kelly and Harry C.~Bobby Rafferty and Jerry Hobbs Passed away. Jack Sneed is not doing good and Walt Evens broke his hip. Club Apparel: Pat F.~ All is good. Kent suggested some new hats. Pat and Joe to look into them for the club. Refreshments: Sandy H.~We will have cookies for the meeting Jan. 29 2015. Outings: Dunk will be the host of the Randsburg Old West Days On Jan. 24th. Contact Mike Dunkerly about it. WE HAVE NO WAGON MASTER!! If you want to be a Wagon Master, tell Kent B at the meeting. Lisa said that George H will still do the "Retired during the Week" this year. Gold Sales: Art F.~ "We now have gold". We have some nice pieces for the GPAA Show also. Blood Bank: Lorraine F.~ She explained how the blood bank now works. Library: Bruce S.~ All is good. Lady Luck: Digger Dan (great job last yr Digger!), Feb will be White Elephant month. Steve Schubert is our "Show and School Chairperson". He is the one to see about shows and school outings. John H talked about Claim Jumpers on our northern claims. There will be a "Members Appreciation Picnic" May 2nd At the Yucaipa park (like before) Dunk will host this event also. Learn more at the General Meeting!!! That Dunk! Give, give, and give some more. Old Business: Storage unit was discussed again. Claims to be updated online. Some things are wrong. And Steve would like to have some kind of "fliers" made up for school programs. Pres Kent asked for Adjournment at 2:01 pm. 1st by Art, 2nd by Gary J. all in favor. Pres Kent asked to reopen the meeting, (under New Business) Motion by Pam, Kent asked about if we wanted to have a Rendezvous this year. Discussion and it was agreed that we would have one, with Dunk Chairing this one also. (Dunks new name " The Giver, Dunk") Motion to close the Meeting by Judy C and Art F. Minutes by Jennefer Jercha



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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 Fax _____

Email: (Optional) _____

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



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



Store hours: Wed.-Sat. 10am.to 4pm.
 9565 C Ave. Hesperia CA. Suite M
 (760) 244-9642 (760) 244-9439

Keene, Diamond Pacific, Garrett, White's & Tesoro dealers.

Jokes of the Month

How do you make soup gold?
 You put in fourteen carrots.....

Q: What are the three rules of finding gold?
 A: Mine, mine, mine.

Q: Why did the miner take a balloon ride in a thunderstorm?
 A: He heard that every cloud has a silver lining.

Q: Why did the miner stay in California instead of moving north?
 A: Because he didn't like the sound of a place called "Ore-gone"

Q: What did they call the miner that threw himself down his mine shaft?
 A: A claim jumper.

Q: What do you call the diggers with no clothes on?
 A: Strip miners.

Q: Why does everyone love gold?
 A: You can't help but dig it.

Schedule of Events for 2015

JANUARY

24TH Ransburg Outing

29th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

FEBRUARY

7 & 8TH Pomona Gold Show

22nd Summit Sunday

26th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

MARCH

20, 21 & 22ND Coolgardie Outing

26th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

APRIL

24, 25 & 26TH Coolgardie outing or

25 & 26 Las Vegas Gold Show

MAY

2ND Membership Appreciation Picnic in Yucaipa

22, 23, 24 & 25th Coolgardie Outing

28th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

June

25th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

26, 27 & 28 Big Bear Outing

JULY

24, 25 & 26TH Big Bear Outing

30TH 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

AUGUST

21, 22 & 23 Big Bear Outing

27TH 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

SEPTEMBER

18, 19 & 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

26, 27, 28 & 29TH Coolgardie Outing

DECEMBER

6TH Christmas Party