

## **DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE June 2014**

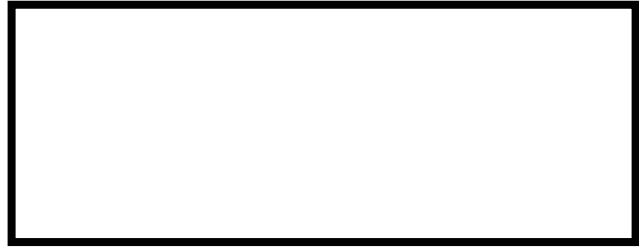
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**Next General Meeting June 26th at 7:00 PM**

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### **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.**



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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 Placer 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 give a BIG THANK YOU to Kelly & Harry Crawford for being in charge of Refreshments the last two months. And thank you Mary

Schubert for helping Kelly. Thanks to all who brought cookies for the meeting. For Our meeting in June there will be donuts. Please remember to bring 2 dozen each. Mary Schubert Kiko Pat Ferraccio Harry & Kelly Crawford

**Hope to see you soon!**  
**Love to All**  
**Sandy & Joe Harter 951-216-5502**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3 thru August 24 **DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER** at the Museum of Ventura Co.  
Large private collection of Replica Diamonds 805-653-0323

### Schedule of Events for Valley Prospectors for 2014

June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Retired During the Week
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Summit Sunday
26 <sup>th</sup>	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
27,28 & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Big Bear Outing
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Retired During the Week
25,26 & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Big Bear Outing
31 <sup>st</sup>	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Retired During the Week
28 <sup>TH</sup>	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
29,30,31 & 1 <sup>st</sup>	Big Bear Outing
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Retired During the Week
19,20 & 21	Ransburg Outing & Old West Days Booth on 20 <sup>th</sup>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Retired During the Week
12 <sup>th</sup>	Summit Sunday
24,25 & 26	Rendezvous Outing
30 <sup>th</sup>	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Retired During the Week
20 <sup>th</sup>	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
27,28,29 & 30	Coolgardie Outing
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party & General Meeting



Beautiful Sunset at Coolgardie



Follow the leader



Can I come out now



Do Not Disturb



Steve talking about gold prospecting



Digger Dan talking about dry washing

## Las Vegas Show

What a show, I don't know the lady's name (Mary Schubert knows) Saturday's drawing, won the gold pendent (Steve S donated the gold chain for the pendent) and Steve won the 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing of the day which was a small gold piece,

But was still a great looking piece of gold.

Saturday's show was lots of fun. Kiko McDonald bought a \$100.00 bag of gold from us and was so happy; she showed almost everyone who was looking at our gold bags for sale, so we sold 4-\$100 bags that day. One woman was so

Thrilled by the amount of gold in the \$100 bag that she came back about an hour later, and bought another \$100 bag.

That night after the show, Steve S and party went to the Asian (I think that was the place) dinner house, because they didn't have the type of beer he wanted they went to the store a bought him a 12 pack of his brand and gave it to him with

Frosted glasses, Later that night Steve S, Mary S, Mike Dunkerly, Andrea Frost & Lorraine Frost went to the Spa to take care of their sore muscles. Art Fairchild got his son-in-law Al Krelnikov signed up to the club and paid cash.

Saturday was a great day also. Bud Smith won the 7.83 gram nugget we raffled off with another small but great looking nugget that Steve S. donated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing. A woman whom I forgot to get her name won the 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing.

Friday setup workers where Steve & Mary Schubert, Kiko McDonald, Bud Smith, Joe & Sandy Harter, Mike Dunkerly, Lorraine & Andrea Frost, Art Fairchild, Pat Ferraccio, Alvena Frost ( Lorraine's Mother-in-law)

Saturday's workers where Steve & Mary Schubert, Joe & Sandy Harter, Mike Dunkerly, Andrea, Lorraine & Alvena Frost, Bud Smith Kikuke McDaniel. Art Fairchild, Pat Ferraccio.

Sunday workers and clean up. Steve & Mary Schubert, Joe & Sandy Harter, Mike Dunkerly, Andrea Frost Kiko McDaniel,

WE DID GOOD. A LOT OF POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS. YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE SMILES ON THE KIDS FACES WHEN THEY SAW THE GOLD AND ON SOME OLD TIMERS (SENIOR').

Art Fairchild ( reporting )

**Prez. says:** I am back and glad to be here. Doctors gave me a good checkup and I can get back to gold mining. Members have stated they would like programs and we will do our best to have interesting and informative ones. John will be our speaker for June. His program will be on filing mine claim paperwork and keeping them active. Ed and Renee will be camped on Holcomb creek around the 15th for two weeks. If you go up to Big Bear stop and say hi or join them. We went to the CFMS gem show and said hello to a lot of friends. The host club put on a great show. We really need a chair to plan the appreciation picnic. We could sure use some ideas for the picnic and some activities. We still need volunteers for this and shows. This is our club and we need to support it. Let me know what I can do for valley and may all your pans have gold. **Steve**

**Valley Prospectors Board Meeting May 29 2014 Start Time:6:20 pm**

President Steve Schubert is back,(Welcome back Steve, the meetings have been way to quiet!) and opened the meeting with roll call. A quorum was met. No minutes from the last board meeting. Sue B read a thank you letter from PLP for our donation to help them fight our cause. Jennefer J asked for a motion to could give more money to PLP. 2nd by Digger Dan. Discussion followed and the board to ask the members to make a donation of \$2,000. to PLP. Yes's had it with one No. Membership: Judy C.~ We have 28 new members for this year. Editor Report: Pam M.~ Pam said that she will have Mike Kline be her helper for the newsletter. Claims: Pam~ on June 14th a trip to Ord Mountain is in the planing to "sample" the area for a possible claim there. Old Business: Web site: Sue B found a Web site company who would like to do our web site for us. Savvy WebMedia, made up a sample contract and what the cost would be. Pam motioned to open discussions on contract, with a 2nd by Pat. Lively discussion followed, with a "Web Site Committee" picked. Pat F, Pam M, Jill M, and Sue B to get together with Savvy to work out deals. New Business: Pam said she would check out Gilman Ranch in Banning for the Members Appreciation Picnic. !!!!! WE NEED A CHAIRPERSON FOR OUR PICNIC!!!! Steve S called for Adjournment at 6:44 pm all in favor of that!  
Minutes by: Jennefer Jercha, 2014 Secretary, for Valley Prospectors INC.

**VALLEY PROSPECTORS GENERAL MEETING MAY 29 2014**

Call to Order: At 7:00 pm by President Steve Schubert, Welcome Back Steve!! Pledge of Allegiance by: Prez Steve. Courtesy: Kelly C.- 55 members tonight with 5 guests. Minutes of the Last Meeting: Jennefer J- Motion made to have the minutes excepted as written in the newsletter by Ed R., 2nd by Calvin, ok'ed by members with one no. Treasurers Report: Sue B.- Sue read our income and out go for this last month. Steve and Pam M. read upcoming events for other clubs. 50/50: Jill M.- Get your tickets! Lady Luck: Digger Dan- Lots of goodies tonight, get your tickets!! Refreshments: Kelly for Sandy H.- Tonight Cookies, next month DONUTS!!! Membership: Judy C.- 2 new members this month for a total of 28 for the year. Wagon master: Art for the GPAA show- VP made a profit. With Bud and Prez Steve winning nuggets! Congratulations guys! Pam M.- Pam stated that we did not have a Coolgardie outing "We had a puppy convention!" There where 27 members, 2 guests, and 21 Fur kids present! And it was Warm (103 highest I heard). Next Outing: June 27-28-29, BIG BEAR!, where it should be much, much, much cooler. Summit Sunday is Sunday, June 22. And RDW will be announced. Finds of the Month: Garry- Come over and Vote. Gold Sales: Art F.- We have gold for sale. Library: Bruce S.- Have lots of books. Editor: Pam M. Pam announced that Mike Kline is going to learn how to do the newsletter and help her out. Have all articles to her by June 5th. Claims: Pam: Looking for new claims. If you have any ideas contact Pam. Blood Bank: If you gave blood please contact Lorraine Frost. The Blood Bank only informs her of the number of members who give, not the names. Roger M asked about the Blood Drive prizes for last year since they where not handed out, Lorraine stated that she will get to that ASAP. Apparel: Pat F.- We have new woman T-shirts!! Pink! Camo!! (yes!!!), will be in soon. Historian: Lisa H.-send Lisa your outing pictures. Rendezvous: Anyone wanting to chair this event, contact Pres Steve ASAP. Steve talked about the Yucaipa Gem show and our demo on dry washing/panning. Refreshments at - 7:25pm. Resume meeting time -7:45 pm. Old Business: Steve told of the website and that the board wanted to go with the Company SAVVY MEDIAPROS to but together a new website for VP. We have a "committee" for this. The members are Jill Molson, 50/50 and board member, Sue Baranauskas -Treasurer, Pat Ferraccio- Apparel and board member, and Pam Maguire- Claims, Editor, and Board member. All "suggestions" can be posted to their e-mail address in the newsletter or call. Please Remember that these members do work and have familys also, so don't just call to "chew the fat" so to speak. New Business: Walt Evens told the members about a new prospecting store in Hesperia. It's in his old store in Hisperia. The new store's name is "Mining Supplies and Treasures". Motion was made to give PLP a check for \$2000. next month for court expenses by Bruce, 2nd by Ed R. Discussion by members. All members in favor of this and the motion was carried. WE NEED A CHAIRPERSON for the Members Appreciation Picnic. If you want to chair this event, Get in touch with Steve S ASAP. 50/50: Jill- \$33.00 for tonight and it went to~~ Clyde King~~ Door Prize: Andy. Badge Prize: Judy C. Finds of the Month: Gold: 1st- Don B. 2nd- Justin, 3rd- Judy C. Detecting finds: 1st- Steve M. 2nd Don B. Motion for adjournment at 8:05 by Lisa H and 2nd by Ed R. All in Favor, take it away Digger Dan with Lady Luck....  
Minutes by Jennefer Jercha Secretary for,  
Valley Prospectors INC., 2014

## The Advice of a 49er to New Prospectors:

Much time is lost in the mines by those who are led, by exaggerated stories of success, from a place where they are working with some advantage, to flee and seek a better location. Leave the work of prospecting, principally, to the more experienced miners. There is an excitement connected with the pursuit of gold which renders one restless and uneasy—ever hoping to do something better. The very uncertainty of the employment increases this tendency. A person may be making his quarter ounce a day, and hears that a person a few miles from him is making an ounce. He is accordingly dissatisfied, and removes to the new diggings, there, probably, to be again disappointed. These exaggerated stories are most generally got up by traders in the place, in order to bring customers to their stores. I have noticed that those who remain most constantly in one place are in the end most successful.

When you have marked off your claim upon a bar—a place which has been proved—dig down to the rock! Many have been losers by relinquishing their work before it is finished. The gold is generally scattered upon the primitive rock. All the rich deposits are here. You may dig over the quarter part of your claim and find little gold, while a parcel containing pounds may lie concealed in the last corner. A friend from Philadelphia, who marked off a claim at the Chinese diggings, dug it partly out, came to water, which disheartened him, and gave it up. Three miners went into it at once, and in a few hours had taken out nearly 20 ounces. The necessity of perseverance in such an employment must be apparent to all. You cannot hope to accomplish anything without it. Your motto must be, "Hope on, hope ever." The treasure you seek may lie at the bottom of your next claim—it may be beneath the next stone.

Be careful of your health! This once gone, your hopes are at an end. An unfortunate miner at the Mariposa diggings, who had brought upon himself an attack of scurvy by the neglect of his health, said to me, during a visit made to him, "I would give all the gold of California, if I had it, for the health I had two weeks ago!" Fortunately, the supplies of provisions at the mines are better and more abundant than they were; and there will be yet greater improvement in this respect.

Vegetables, of which we had none at first, are now regularly furnished. The great care should be, to guard against the influence of working in the water. To this you are necessarily exposed; and, from my observation on this point, the danger arising from this exposure may, in general, be safely met by the care the miner takes of himself in his hours of rest. It is not his being wet during the time of labor which is most likely to prove injurious, but his remaining so during the reaction which takes place in the system at the close of labor.

As you value your health, then, do not enter upon your hour of rest at noon, and especially do not leave work at night, without throwing aside your wet garments and putting on dry ones. You will soon be aware of a great change which takes place in the temperature of the air, among the mountains, during every night of the year. You may lie down, wet and tired, at night, and perhaps not need a blanket, while before morning you will feel the need of two or three. It is not generally the most robust or vigorous who best stand the labor, the privations, or the exposure they are sure to meet. These seem the most liable to the many diseases of the country; and perhaps it is for the

very reason that, trusting to their strength and vigor of constitution, they do not take the necessary care of their health.

A few thoughts as to the various kinds of gold and gold-digging. The gold deposits are found in the quartz and slate formations, in decomposed granite, in sand and gravel beds, and in clay. The largest specimens are found between the layers of slate over which the stream flows vertically. The rocks and soil are frequently volcanic, like those of Pompeii. Lumps of gold are often found alone, and are no indication of the existence of a rich deposit. But the scale and dust gold is not found in this detached state; it exists generally in veins, though sometimes much scattered through the soil by the action of the water. The river diggings are sometimes upon the bars over which the stream has formerly run. These bars are covered with stones, which, with a portion of the soil below, must be removed, to the distance of several feet. When, by experiment, it is found to yield gold, the cradle is placed by the river side, and the dirt is washed through it, while the gold settles at the bottom of the machine. At the close of the work, this is washed down in pans, and then is dried in the sun or by the fire, and is still farther cleaned by blowing, by the magnet, or by quicksilver. The river diggings found in the channels require much more labor in the preparation, and must be worked by companies, sometimes of one hundred persons. A canal and dam must be made, to turn the water from the channel of the river. After that, the process is the same as the bar working. These constitute, generally, the summer diggings, as the rivers are low, and in a better state for being worked.

The winter diggings are found among the ravines and gulches, and upon the plains where the streams have formerly run. These are dry in summer, and can only be worked after the rainy season commences. But the Mexicans and Chilianos have a method of "dry washing," or winnowing the gold-dirt, much as grains are winnowed, the dirt being blown away, and the gold falling into the blanket or skin. The dry diggings are sometimes worked during the dry season, and the dirt thrown up in heaps, to be washed out when there is water. If worked in the rainy season, the water must be turned by small dams and canals, leaving the channel and its banks dry. This kind of labor is very difficult, but often pays well. The other kind of dry digging is the most laborious of all. It is sometimes the case that very rich deposits are found upon the small plains lying between the mountains. The river which formerly ran here has been displaced by the soil, which accumulates to a great depth. The soil must be removed, sometimes to the depth of twenty, thirty, or even forty feet, before the gold is found. When found, it sometimes proves very rich, but more frequently very poor. I have seen a company of nine persons labor for two weeks, keeping down the water with pumps, and, after all their toil, not find a grain of gold to reward their efforts. It is truly one of the most discouraging circumstances in a miner's life, that, although he may one day make his pounds, the next he may make little or nothing. It is equally disheartening to him to be working all day for the merest trifle, while by his side, and within a few feet of him, another is taking out his pounds. But let him persevere, and success may be his reward.



The actual time favorable for mining: during the year is very limited, the greater proportion of which is spent in preparations. Some of the river companies spent five and one six months' time, in making their canal, dam, and other preparations for two months' mining, in September, October, and November. Much time is lost during the excessive heat of the dry and the storms of the rainy season, and more in the profitless, but arduous labor of prospecting. Then much time must be spent in removing, in purchasing provisions, in building houses, &c. If all the days of actual mining were set down, they would not, I think, amount to more than seventeen weeks in the year.

I believe that in almost every case gold mines that are worked occur in loose soil, sand and gravel, where the gold is in grains, and has been washed out of the rocks. Such is the case in the Uralian Mountains and Siberia, where I believe that not one mine is worked in the solid rocks, although some veins are known. I should not, therefore, search for veins in the mountains, but try to find the best spots on the banks of rivers. Success must depend much, indeed, upon chance, though practice doubtless would afford some marks that would be of service. If you should find veins in the rocks, I doubt whether they would be profitable to work. I have a strong suspicion that gold will be found all along the western part of our Continent; perhaps through the whole of California and Oregon; for I suspect that this is the eastern side of a vast gold deposit in Asia, reaching as far west as the Uralian Mountains. If this opinion would increase the gold fever, I think you had better not mention it. It may not prove true.

## Joke of the Month

A few days after Christmas, a mother was working in the kitchen listening to her young son playing with his new electric train in the living room.

She heard the train stop and her son said, "All of you sons of b\*tches who want off, get the hell off now, cause this is the last stop! And all of you sons of b\*tches who are getting on, get your asses in the train, cause we're going down the tracks."

The mother went nuts and told her son, "We don't use that kind of language in this house. Now I want you to go to your room and you are to stay there for TWO HOURS. When you come out, you may play with your train, but I want you to use nice language."

Two hours later, the son comes out of the bedroom and resumes playing with his train. Soon the train stopped and the mother heard her son say, "All passengers who are disembarking from the train, please remember to take all of your belongings with you. We thank you for riding with us today and hope your trip was a pleasant one. We hope you will ride with us again soon." She hears the little boy continue, "For those of you just boarding, we ask you to stow all of your hand luggage under your seat. Remember, there is no smoking on the train. We hope you will have a pleasant and relaxing journey with us today."

As the mother began to smile, the child added, "For those of you who are pissed off about the TWO HOUR delay, please see the b\*tch in the kitchen."



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Thank you, Mary