

# ***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

**June 15**

**Send Exchange Bulletins to:**

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**Next General Meeting: June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM**

**Web Address: [valleyprospectors.com](http://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 Street, 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 and 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

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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

**NOTICE:** 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

Thank you to everyone who brought all the yummy goodies. They were greatly appreciated! We will be having donuts for June. Please don't forget to bring two dozen each. Pat, Kelly, Judy, and George. Also Mary Schubert will have a cake for those who have Birthdays in March. Thank you Mary, Great idea! Love & Prayers Joe Harter 951-216-5501

## **REFRESHMENTS**

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Thanks

Joe Harter

## **VALLEY PROSPECTOR GENERAL MEETING MAY 28 2015 TIME: 7:02 PM**

Call To Order by: Pres. Kent Bryant. Pledge of Allegiance By: Digger Dan C. Motion to accept last months minute as written in the newsletter with a few corrections by: Digger Dan, 2nd by: Gene L. All in favor. Treasurer: Sue B~ Report on our accounts. Membership: Judy C.~ We have 4 new members, 1 rejoin for this month. We have 348 Members now. Upcoming Events: Pam M. None. Kent read the flier from PLP about their "Oktoberfest 2015" IN HONOR OF JERRY HOBBS in Randsburg CA. 50/50: Jill M.~ Come over and get tickets. Lady Luck: Roger Zay~ We have Tickets 4 sale! Refreshments: Joe H.~ Cookies tonight and Donuts at June 25th meeting. Wagon Master: Debbie VH told of the good weather, pot luck and there where 12 members and 4 guests. Thank you Debbie for all your help out there. WE NEED SOME ONE TO BE WAGON MASTER/MISTRESS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. GENE L AND JUDY C HAS DONE THIS JOB SINCE THANKSGIVING 2014 TILL THE APRIL BARSTOW OUTING. THANK YOU GENE. THANK YOU JUDY. THE NEXT 3 OUTINGS ARE IN BIG BEAR. IF YOU CAN HELP OUT PLEASE CALL KENT B. Courtesy: Kelly C.~47 members tonight. Finds of the Month: Garry~ Come on over and cast your votes. Gold Sales: Art F.~ He needs Gold. Got Gold, See Art. School/Show Chairperson: Steve S.~ He thanked all who helped out at the school, and told of all the good stuff that happened. Library: Bruce S~ Lots of thing to check out. Editor: Pam M.~ Have all for newsletter to her by June 8th. Claims: Pam.M~ Nothing on claims. Blood Bank: Mary S. for Lorraine. Apparel: Pat F.~ We have lots of stuff come and get some. Historian: Lisa H.~ Send your pictures to her of your finds,outing,camp trips what have yous. Programs: Gene L.~ Tonight we have Augie Kruttsch from AKAU, Alaska Gold & Resorts, LLC in Nome Alaska. GREAT JOB AUGIE. GREAT PICS ALSO. Pres. Kent ran the laptop. The laptop had "issues" with Kent. Kent stated that it had a "touchy screen"( hummmmm). Refreshments:7:50 Resume meeting at:8:07. And Augie talked some more about AKAU. AGAIN, THANK YOU AUGIE. WE HOPE THIS YEAR IS A GREAT ONE FOR YOU. Old Business: Steve S.~ No School/Shows in June. New Business: WE NEED A NEW RAFFLE TABLE PERSON FOR THE MEETINGS. Digger Dan said he will get the goodies,You run the tickets. Pres. Kent stated that he will and can call on anyone seated to run it. LOL That Kent, Such a "Kidder"(?). 50/50: Jill~ Winner of \$28.50 is Roger M. Door Prize Winner-Tom L. Badge winner is:Digger Dan. Finds of the Month: Garry~ For Gold: 1st~ Randy, 2nd~Bart, 3rd~Louie(Gene L.). Metal Detecting: 1st~ Steve, 2nd~ Don.Motion to Adjourn by Lisa H, 2nd by Bruce S. All in favor at 8:20 pm.. Take it away Roger Zay.....

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~~~THANK YOU ROGER FOR YOUR HELP! YOU ARE A GIVER AND A BIG HELP TO US ALL(when you are not abstaining something :) ). ~~~

Minutes by Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for  
VALLEY PROSPECTORS INC. 2015

## Valley Prospectors report on Terrace View Elementary School

California gold mining history program. 13 miners Joe, Bural, Don, Art, Judy, Gene, Sam, Steve, Mary, Doug, Ernie, Jay, and John showed up to help pan and teach the 105 students about southern California gold finds. Steve brought pans, nuggets, sluice box, gold buddy, and 8 panning tubs. Sam and Don brought dry washers. Jay brought a gold cube. Steve started the program with a southern California history lesson. Bural was next showing pans from early days to present models. Next were Sam and Don with dry washer operation. Then Joe about metal detectors. Then Judy and Jay with wet equipment. The fourth graders were impressed with our knowledge about gold mining and our equipment. When we moved outside to do the gold panning Don brought out his dry washer and ran some dirt. Everyone was impressed with the operation of the puffer. The students had a great time panning and getting to keep their gold. Yes we helped 105 students and 3 teachers pan for gold. The teachers were very impressed with our program and how organized we were. Thank you to all the gold miners that helped. 3 girls were last and would only pan with Judy. They want us back next year. Thank you PTA for paying for the gold.



## **Schedule of Events for 2015**

### **June**

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

### **JULY**

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

### **AUGUST**

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

### **SEPTEMBER**

18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> Ransburg Outing  
 19<sup>th</sup> Old West Days

### **OCTOBER**

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

### **NOVEMBER**

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

### **DECEMBER**

6<sup>TH</sup> Christmas Party

## **Welcome Newest Members of Valley Prospectors'**

Rejoining- John Young

John Youngberg

John and Melissa Dyer

(This should be easy to remember all John's)

3 John's, Jude and Revelation the last books of the New Testament

## PRESIDENT SAYS

I have been asked by members if we can Suction Dredge on Valley Claims, the answer is no, not at this time. Despite Judge Ochoa's ruling in our favor, the State is not issuing Dredge permits and is still staying it is illegal. Why some are out there Dredging, there are also some that have been cited and equipment confiscated.

The other reason is that our Plans of Operation will not allow us to dredge due to State law prohibiting dredging as our Plans of Op state that we have to follow " ALL " State and Federal Laws. Even if we could Dredge there is some language in our Plans of Op, that we are limited to a 2.5" Water Intake, there is no determination if this an actual Water Intake or Suction Nozzle Intake as they both intake water. This language is not needed, in our Past Plans of Op, we stated that whatever was legal per DFG, we could use any size nozzle up to the largest nozzle stated in the Regulations.

We also do not have a Liaison which is required per our Plans of Op; this person would stay on the claim at Union Flat Campground. The Liaison would keep track of all members using the claims and logging their names, license numbers and copies given to the Camptonville Ranger.

Below is the first page of our Plans of Operation for our Northern Claims, you will see the problems.

Aces Forest Service Evaluation of Plan of Operations FS 2800-5 VI and Terms and Conditions FS 2800-5 VIII.

This authorization shall be kept at the work site and made available to any Forest Officer or Law Enforcement Officer upon request

This authorization may not be implemented until all permits, and/or authorizations required by law or regulation from other Federal, State or local agencies are acquired and/or complied with and any required bond accepted.

Claim Name(s): Pickett #3 Placer/Gold Venture Operator: Valley Prospectors Inc.

CAMC #(s):301753, 301754

Plan #: P00 - 2015-0517-002352

Address:

1. Project Description NOV 1 4 2014

a). Dredging, dry washers, highbanking, power sluicing and stream set sluice with a maximum water intake of 2.5", and/or hand sampling mining activities that comply with all local, state, and federal Laws and regulations. Changing laws and regulations must be followed. This authorization does not circumvent any current or new laws and regulations that are in effect, or become in effect, for the duration of this authorization. Dredging will take place only when the dredge ban is lifted.

Valley Prospectors, Inc will designate, by letter, email or other written means, one or more liaison officers, who will have the authority to coordinate with the USDA Forest Service in matters regarding:

1)

The implementation and interpretation of this authorization.

2) The authorization of individual Valley Prospectors, Inc members to use and occupy National Forest System Lands under the terms and conditions of this approved operating plan.

3) The resolution of disputes that may arise relating to the use and occupancy of these unpatented mining claims.

4) Minor modifications of this authorization and/or other matters relating to the use and occupancy of National Forest System Lands under the general mining law of 1872, as amended.

5) Valley Prospectors, Inc. or the Liaison Officer(s) must maintain a chronological log of all individuals and vehicles they authorize to conduct mining or mining related activities on any of the unpatented mining claims included in this authorization. This log shall include the following information: name of mining claim, name of operator, nearest mile post or landmark to the campsite, description of authorized vehicles(s), including vehicle registration plate number and state of issue, and duration of stay (date of arrival and date of departure). This log will be available for inspection by any USDA Forest Officer or Law Enforcement Officer in the discharge of their duties. At the end of each dredge season, but no later than November 1 of each year, this log will be given to the District Ranger at the Yuba River Ranger Station, 15924 Highway 49, Camptonville, CA 95922.



**29 palms City Council is holding a meeting in regards to the West Mojave Plan (WEMO).**

**TUESDAY, MAY 12th, 5:00 pm, City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road, 29 Palms, CA 92277**

HELP!!! I will be in Riverside with my daughter as she qualified for CIF swim Prelims.

We need members to unite and tell the council we are against the plan to close roads which we use to access our claims as well as use for prospecting.

1. BLM has no business closing any roads.
2. Their plan is ridiculous as they want us to identify roads we need to remain open. Time consuming and near impossible as they have marked every trail, road, detour, sandy wash. Also, just because we don't have a claim off of a certain road, doesn't mean we might not use the road for prospecting. Better solution would have been for property owners who are complaining of newly marked routes to identify routes to close and leave the remainder open. Too late now but that might have been a compromise between the two sides.
3. Because of that we don't want to support the plan at all.
4. Poorly planned and poor execution of public meetings by BLM. They need to scratch it.
5. Loss of revenue for city if prospectors no longer come here to look for gold.

(My thoughts only)

I cannot make this one people. I need you to come out and make your voice

### **Copy of Judge Ochoa's January 12 Ruling on Federal Preemption Available for Download**

by Scott Harn  
Editor/Publisher  
ICMJ's Prospecting and Mining Journal

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I have spoken with several suction gold dredgers who have resumed dredging in California based on Judge Gilbert Ochoa's January 12, 2015 ruling on federal preemption.

In a nutshell, Judge Ochoa ruled that federal mining law preempts state law. He called the State of California's permit requirement a "scheme" because the State requires permits for suction gold dredging but refuses to issue such permits.

I've been informed by a few dredgers that they have resumed dredging and, when approached by law enforcement, have presented the law enforcement officer with a copy of Ochoa's January 12 ruling. While this has satisfied some of the law enforcement officers, a small number of dredgers have reported they were cited and some of their equipment was confiscated.

To resolve the enforcement issue, attorney James Buchal, on behalf of the New 49er's and other plaintiffs, filed for a restraining order in Siskiyou County to prevent law enforcement from issuing citations and/or confiscating equipment. The State of California immediately filed papers to get the restraining order case moved to San Bernardino to Judge Ochoa's courtroom. Judge Ochoa has granted the State's request.

Buchal met with Judge Ochoa in late April to try to resolve this issue.

Buchal reported, "I told the Judge that unless and until relief was entered, other miners would continue to file for relief. Judge Ochoa stated that although he had been tempted to sign our form of proposed order on the

motions for summary judgment that had been granted back in January, granting relief against Department enforcement, he ultimately concluded that there might be "due process" problems because there hadn't been enough of a hearing on the form of relief.

"He said that he had signed the State's form of order on the motions for summary judgment, and indeed had already signed it, though it has not yet been released. (This form of order is 'plain vanilla' and just states that the mining interests prevailed on all the motions for summary adjudication).

"At this point, I told him that in light of his comments about providing due process, I was inclined to re-tool the Siskiyou County papers and bring the question of injunctive relief against the Department directly before him. The Judge demanded that we work out a schedule with Mr. Solomon to accommodate a hearing for relief from Department enforcement, allowing the Tribal and environmental parties a full opportunity to participate.

"In sum, I believe that, thanks to the pressure of The New 49'ers and their members, we have finally convinced the Judge that he needs to address the question of relief, and that we have a reasonable chance of getting him to act on his 'temptation' and grant us the relief."

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

### "nugget baby" joke

In a [South American](#) mining district Mrs. Brown presented her husband with a 12 pound baby boy. Mr. Brown was so delighted that he went to the News office and told that he had found a 12 pound nugget of gold as good as any to be found in South America. The paper, naturally, sent a reporter to get particulars. This is what happened:

Reporter: Does Mr. Brown live here?

Mrs. Brown: He does.

Reporter: Is he in?

Mrs. Brown: No he isn't.

Reporter: I understand he found a nugget of gold weighing 12 pounds.

Mrs. Brown: (Seeing the joke) Yes.

Reporter: Can you show me the exact location where it was found?

Mrs. Brown: I'm afraid Mr. Brown would object as it is private.

Reporter: Is the hole far from here?

Mrs. Brown: No, it is quite handy.

Reporter: Has Mr. Brown been working the claim long?

Mrs. Brown: Almost ten months.

Reporter: Was Mr. Brown the first to work it?

Mrs. Brown: He thought he was.

Reporter: Was the work difficult?

Mrs. Brown: It was at first but easier after the shaft opened.

Reporter: Is the water plentiful?

Mrs. Brown: Yes, sufficient to carry on the work.

Reporter: Has he gotten to the bottom yet?

Mrs. Brown: No, but quite near it.

Reporter: Do you think there are any more nuggets?

Mrs. Brown: Yes, if the claim is properly worked.

Reporter: Has he worked it since he found the nugget?

Mrs. Brown: No, but I told him it was time to start.

Reporter: Do you help him?

Mrs. Brown: I do my level best.

Reporter: Do you think he will sell the claim?

Mrs. Brown: No, he finds too much pleasure in working it himself.

Reporter: Can I see the nugget?

Mrs. Brown: Certainly.

She brought the baby in for inspection. The embarrassed reporter departed very quickly.





# 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](mailto: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

NEED TO SELL ONE OF MY DESERT FOX SPIRALS ALL COMPLETE AND COMES WITH AN EXTRA WHEEL WHICH IS CALLED THE REPLACEMENT WHEEL \$ 300.00 ALL COMPLETE WITH THE CARRYING CASE, TOM 909-584-8618.



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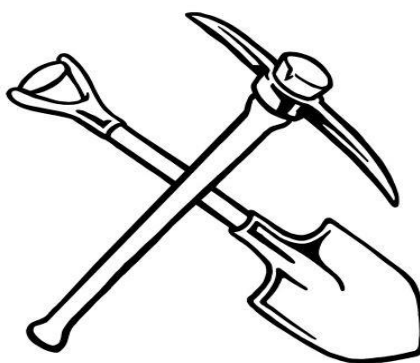
# ***Gold Miners Bonanza!!***

**COME SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PLP AND VETERANS ON ARMED FORCES DAY!!!**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10am-4pm**

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