

***DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE* March 2014**

Send Exchange Bulletins to:

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Retired During the Week CANCELLED IN MARCH RAIN DELAYED

Next General Meeting March 27th 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

Executive Officers			Chairpersons		
President	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535	Apparel	Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555
Vice President	John Howell	951-247-1037	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
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			Courtesy	Harry & Kelly	760-248-6683
Board of Directors			Editor	Pam Maguire	951-316-2568
Roger Maguire	951-316-2568		Finds/Month	Garry & Sherry	*0*-875-20*0
Pam Maguire	951-316-2568		50/50	Jill Molson	909-887-8024
Sandy Harter	951-216-5502		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Joe Harter	951-216-5502		Historian	Lisa Howison	951-734-7530
Mike Dunkerley	760-608-3228		Lady Luck	Dan Cornia	909-797-6111
Bob Wright	909-882-6806		Librarian	Bruce Sherman	
Harry Crawford	760-248-6683		Membership	Judy Carpenter	951-674-3207
Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683		Name Tags	Judy Carpenter	951-674-3207
Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555		Programs	John Howell	951-247-1037
Art Fairchild	951-897-5433		Refreshments	Sandy Harter	951-216-5502
Lisa Howison	951-734-7530		Web Master		
George Howison	951-734-7530		Outings	George Howison	951-734-7530
Alternate Board	Members		Claims	Pam Maguire	951-316-2568
Dan Cornia	909-797-6111				
Mark Detter	909-801-1501				
Jill Molson					

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)

REFRESMENTS

To all the members who brought donuts

THANK YOU

Everyone really enjoyed them.

For our March meeting we will have cupcakes and muffins.

Please don't forget

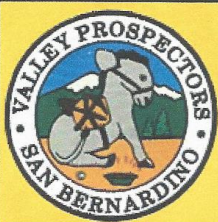
To bring 2 dozen each -----

KikO, Mary Schubert, Kelly Crawford, Lisa Howison, Dolly Kline

Thank you

Love to All

Sandy & Joe Harter 951-216-5502



Valley Prospectors, Inc.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(FILL-IN ALL THAT APPLIES)

Date:

VP Member No.

(MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON WILL FILL-IN)

Last Name:

First Name:

Spouse's Name:

Number of Children
UNDER 19 YEARS OLD
(IMMEDIATE FAMILY)

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone No.:

Email Address

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: Valley Prospectors, Inc. and its members are not responsible or 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 their guests are responsible for properly being informed of potential hazards or risks that may occur while engaged in recreational activities. "ENTER CLAIMS AT YOUR OWN RISK". I have read and understand this agreement and agree to the above. I accept all liability for myself or my guests.

Signature of Member:

INITIATION FEES AND DUES

The initiation fee shall be \$100.00 total (may be paid in monthly installments*)

The annual dues shall be \$40.00. Annual membership dues are due on January 1st and are not prorated.

Option 1 (Total due in full)

Annual Dues (\$40.00) and Initiation Fee (\$100.00)

Total \$140.00 due in full and not prorated.

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Option 2 (Payment Plan)

Annual Dues (\$40.00) and first installment of initiation fee (\$20.00 of \$100.00) \$

*NOTE: RESTRICTIONS DO APPLY WITH THIS OPTION

Every new member will receive one name badge with their name on it. Additional name badges for family members will cost \$5.00 for each badge. If you want additional family name badges please enter their names below. You may list additional names on the back of this application.

	First Name:	Last Name:		First Name:	Last Name:
1	FREE FREE FREE	FREE FREE FREE	4		
2			5		
3			6		

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash: \$

Check Number:

Amount: \$

Money Order Number:

Amount: \$

Make Check or Money Order
payable to:
Valley Prospectors, Inc.

Send Application and
Payment to:

Valley Prospectors, Inc.
Membership Chairperson
33220 Wildomar Rd.
Wildomar, CA 92595

Valley Prospectors, Inc. has claims in Holcomb Valley, Cajon Pass, Coolgardie, Randsburg, and Downieville. The majority of our claims are dry. We try to have an outing to one of our claims each month, weather permitting. We observe all BLM rules and regulations.

Valley Prospectors, Inc. Membership Application - Revised 01/01/2013

Schedule of Events for Valley Prospectors for 2014

Mar. 13th	<u>Retired During the Week CANCELLED RAIN DELAYED</u>
21,22 & 23	Coolgardie Outing
27th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
28th	Trona Centennial Celebration V.P. Booth
April 10th	Retired During the Week
13th	Summit Sunday
24th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
25,26 & 27th	Coolgardie Outing
27 & 27th	Las Vegas Show-V.P. Booth
May 3rd	Membership Picnic
8th	Retired During the Week
23,24,25 & 26th	Coolgardie Outing
29th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
June 12th	Retired During the Week
22nd	Summit Sunday
26th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
27,28 & 29th	Big Bear Outing
July 10th	Retired During the Week
25,26 & 27th	Big Bear Outing
31st	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Aug. 14th	Retired During the Week
28TH	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
29,30,31 & 1st	Big Bear Outing

UPCOMMING EVENTS

Venture Gem * Mineral Show March 1 & 2 At Ventura Fair Grounds
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Show May 3 & 4 in Yucaipa

Last Chance to Renew

It is the Member's responsibility to pay their annual dues

Annual Renewal Dues are now \$60.00

The following people have not yet paid their annual renewal dues for 2014

If you have forgotten to pay your renewal dues or think you have already paid them & /or do not wish to renew your membership with Valley Prospector's Inc. Please contact Judy at 951-674-3207

Aceves	-----	Stokes
-----	-----	Stradtner
Ball	-----	Straight
Barker/Bullman	Johnson, Dick & Sue	Tepe
-----	Jones	Timko/Sheehan
Bellantoni	Knudson	-----
Boymoushakian	Leader	Uhlman
Bradt	Leicht	Van Beek
Breslin	Lemos	Van Why
Bruce	Ludwin	Webster
Callaway	Lemos	Whidden
Chacon	Ludwin	Wilcoxson
Courson	Loza	Wolfley
Curtis	Manser	Wolleson
Davidson	Marciniak	Woodin
de Fremery	Matz	Yeoman
De Haven	-----	Zadadil
De La Cruz	Melchior	
De Puey	Miller	
Di Baccos	Morgan	
Fambry	Nay	
Figuero	Nichols	
Fisher	Nielsen	
Fitzpatrick	Pearsom/Weiss	
Fkanders, Nancy	Perry	
Florence	Perryman.Vespa	
Forbush	Purcell	
Freeman	Qualm	
Gleason	Rivera, Jr.	
Glover	Roberts	
Graves	Secord	
Hearn	Smith, Edmund	
Huffman	Smith, James & Sharon	
Huges	Smith, John & Elizabeth	

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You will not longer receive the Monthly Newsletter via E-Mail. To read the Newsletter go to our website www.valleyprospectors.com and click on the Newsletter tab, then click on the Link for the Newsletter that you desire to read.

Board meeting minutes:

John out sick. Request for secretary for meetings. Steve will be show chair for the GPAA show April 26 and 27th and the CFMS show May 30 31 and June 1st. The Yuciapa show on May 3rd is the same day our appreciation picnic is scheduled. Pam had mine owners sign the lease agreements and Sue wrote the \$1.00 checks. The program for tonight is metal detecting by Kent. He always does an outstanding program. Pat Ferraccio club apparel is out for two months due to surgery. Take time to send him a get well card. Art is in the market for some more gold for gold sales and some more nuggets. Sell your gold to the club we really appreciate it. Retired during the week for March is cancelled all the areas we would go are under water wet or closed due to rain and landslides. Will reschedule for April. I Sent check for the Las Vegas show can use more help if you are going up. We decided not to do the Lancaster show in April. If you would like to be the wagon master for this show contact Steve. We received numerous e-mail concerning our website and members not being able to access information from it. Pam and Art will look into this and report to the board in March. May 6th Steve, Joe, and Dan will be doing panning demonstrations at the Yuciapa gem club meeting as guests of their organization. Voted to send PLP \$2000.00 will be taken to general meeting for approval.

Prez Says:

Prez. Says: We appreciate every member's comments and e-mails. Your board tries to answer every one. Sometimes we do not know how to help or answer to your satisfaction but we still do care about all our members. Please keep telling your board about your concerns and comments and we will keep trying to help each and every member. There were questions about Speicher Park in Highland. Hal and Jan's son and family were killed in a traffic accident. The construction firm, friends and Valley prospectors helped build the park and memorial place. Valley members came together because they were members of our club. The construction company donated all the materials and friends and valley members became construction workers for two weekends and did the memorial service. Address for Park is at 1535 Arden (Pacific and Arden) San Bernardino, Ca.

BLOOD BANK NEWS "MVP"

Due to the Health Protection laws I can no longer receive information about who has donated. If you would kindly email me when you donate than I can recognize you in the newsletter. I know that Jim Smith and Pam Maguire have been great supporters of the "MVP" blood drives. This supports our members and communities. Last year 26 donations were recorded for Valley Prospectors. We have gone down in our participation. Please consider becoming a donor, it is very fulfilling. I will request a quarterly count of donations from LifeStream. Stay tuned. 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>

The Adventures of "Portuguese Joe"

Another instance which clearly illustrates the fact that Dame Fortune is impartial with the distribution of her favors is found in the story of Portuguese Joe, a simple sailor who came up into the mines from San Francisco Bay to seek his fortune early in the spring of 1850. After working around for a few weeks in various well known mining localities with but poor success, he concluded that he would do a little prospecting in some less frequented locality. Purchasing a diminutive donkey, he packed the animal with all

necessary tools and supplies for his journey and wandered forth. It was not long, however, before he returned again to purchase further supplies, and it was surmised from the size and weight of the gold in his sack that he had struck it rich. But everyone wanted to know where? Not a word could be gotten from him, however. He was followed a number of times, but, suspecting this would happen, old Joe would go miles out of his way upon his return to deceive them. The local miners were emphatic that Yankee ingenuity could not be foiled by a Portuguese sailor; and one dark night, when he had started back to his camp upon the donkey, two old miners followed his trail. 'The donkey and its rider suspected this, and consequently traveled nearly all night around among the hills, through many rocky ravines and dark canons, but only to find to their great astonishment, when, as they slid down the side of a steep hill near the dawn of day and landed upon a small bar upon the South Fork of the American River, that closely following them and sliding down the same steep descent in their rear, were the two old miners. The Adventures of "Portuguese Joe"

Well, Joe was a good-natured fellow, and was rather glad of their company, for the bar was very rich and large enough for all. They found, on investigation, upon the richest part of the bar the sand and gravel was only from six inches to a foot in depth, and that the gold was coarse and easily found in the crevices of the slate bed rock, and from this time forward it was called "Portuguese Joe's Bar." How much this Portuguese sailor took from his bar was never exactly known, although it was estimated to be about \$60,000; nor of his ultimate end, for, alas, his was a sad ending, and of the incidents, being an eye-witness, I have at this late day a very vivid recollection.

During one of his frequent visits into Hangtown, astride of his diminutive donkey with his feet dangling upon the ground, for he was a very tall man, upon passing along through the noisy street, for it was Sunday, the affectionate animal, either from accident or fun, very suddenly elevated that portion of his anatomy above the saddle, and the rider was thrown forward upon the cold ground. Assisting him again to his feet, a bystander, in a very careless although innocent manner without the least design to injure or cause harm to anyone, remarked that Joe reminded him very much of Caesar, since both had been placed under similar circumstances. Upon being asked why, in the hearing of Joe, he answered that they both fell by a brute ass (Brutus). Joe gazed sadly upon the thoughtless miscreant to see if he was in dead earnest or only intended it as a joke, and being satisfied that it was no joke, he strode sadly astride of his beast which he sat down upon, turned his head toward the setting sun and departed never to return again. This vile attempt to destroy the peace and happiness of a fellow being in the eyes of the miners was equivalent to manslaughter, and a jury being immediately formed the culprit was arraigned before the bar (in the nearest saloon), received his sentence, the finding and sentence very heavy, as the jury was numerous and very dry – a round of drinks for all was required. Exactly what became of Portuguese Joe was never known. It is said by some that he went away off to Europe, and settled amidst the dense forests in the German Empire. Not All Prospectors Were so Successful as Joe:

Here is another story of a man who came to seek his fortune in the California mines. While a friend was seated by me, before the Captain's blazing fire, we were speaking of the great number of persons who come to the California gold mines, and, after working a few days, become discouraged, and abandon mining. He related the following instance, which he knows to have taken place in 1849. A merchant from New York came up to the goldfields with high expectations, having made all his arrangements and preparations to carry on mining for one season. The fascinating interest which invests this whole subject at a distance had drawn him on. Being a strong and vigorous man, blessed with the grace of perseverance, he attributed the want of success, of which so many complained, to their indolence or want of energy. The question he frequently put, on his way to the mines, was,

"How much may be made by hard and persevering labor?" as if he thought that such labor must be guaranteed to succeed. He reached the mines - saw, on the bar below him, some miners hard at work. As he watched them, he thought, "That, indeed, is hard work, and here is an opportunity to judge for myself."

He directed the muleteer to wait while he went down to the bar. There he saw the preparations which had been made for washing, the stones and dirt which had been removed before the gold could be reached. He saw the men at the bottom of the pit, knee deep in mud, filling the buckets. He followed those buckets to the cradle, watched the operation of washing the dirt through the cradle. As they prepared to wash down in pans, he inquired, "How many buckets of dirt have been washed to procure the gold now in the machine?" "Twenty five," was the reply. "And how many buckets can be washed out in a day?" "Sometimes more and sometimes less; we wash out one hundred and fifty." "How many men in your company?" "Four." While these inquiries were going on, one of the company was panning down the gold, and brought it to where they were seated upon some rocks. "How much gold is there in that pan?" the merchant eagerly inquired.

One said there was \$2, while the others thought there was not so much. It was weighed, and found to be \$1.62. He could make his own calculations of their day's labor. The sum total was \$9.72 : for each of the four men, \$2.43. He looked about him. There was all that pile of rubbish to be removed – enough to employ them the whole day - before they could wash the gold at all. "Where are your tents?" he asked. "We have none." came the answer. "Where are your provisions?" "This gold is needed for us to purchase them."

"Well you had better purchase mine, which can be done cheap, as I shall be on my way to San Francisco in ten minutes." He had made up his mind about the work involved, and to San Francisco he returned, and in three weeks was established in the employ of a commission auction store.



Miners Sales



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Members can run 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month.
Send ad's to pamus@gmail.com or Call 951-316-2568

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Thank you, Mary