

# ***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

**May, 2015**

**Send Exchange Bulletins to:**

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**Next General Meeting: May 28<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

<b>Executive Officers</b>				<b>Chairpersons</b>		
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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

## **Membership**

### **Please Welcome New and Rejoining Members In May**

Valdare DiPrinzio, Raymond & Elaine Yeoman, John & Josie Kane Family, Frank & young son Trypp Cohan, Mario Escamilla

## **Programs and Guest Speakers**

We are lining up some great guest speakers for the general meetings please mark your calendars

May 28- Augie @ AKAU Alaska Gold & Resort - Nome, Alaska [www.akaugold.com](http://www.akaugold.com)

June 25- PLP Public Lands for the People, Walt Wegner [www.plp1.org](http://www.plp1.org)

*Guest speakers may be subject to change*

**\*\*\*\* ATTENTION ALL VALLEY PROSPECTOR's MEMBERS\*\*\*\*:**

**WE HAVE A NEW AMENDMENT TO OUR RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR YOU TO ENTER IN YOUR PACKET THAT YOU GOT WHEN YOU JOINED UP WITH VALLEY.**

In the Rules and Regulations under Membership: Please add the following:

"New Members" that join Valley Prospectors INC. on or after November 1st and up to December 31st, in any given year, shall have the dues part of their initiation fees apply to the next year dues.

**THIS APPLIES TO NEW MEMBERS ONLY."**

**(Thank you!)**

### **Wagon Master Report**

Coolgardie Outing April 24-26, there were 11 Valley members and 3 guests. Apparently the weather was much better the weekend before as many of our members went to Coolgardie the prior weekend.

The outing weekend was rain Thursday night and wind Friday and Saturday. No camp fires or pot luck due to the windy conditions.

The next outing will so be at Coolgardie Memorial weekend May 22-25. Not sure if there will be a Wagon Master or Pot Luck. If someone wants to sign in members and guest that would be great

### **Prez Says**

I don't have a lot to say as I have been dealing with my Fathers passing and his Estate. To say the least, the IRS is a big pain in the Arse, also trying to figure out a Lawyer written trust. That being said there is some info on the Dredging front and the DFG, Below is a letter from Dave McCracken explaining what is happening pretty much as we speak.

In a surprising oral ruling on 30 April in San Bernardino, Judge Ochoa instructed our attorney that we could not file for injunctive relief in Siskiyou County to prevent California Department of Wildlife (DFW) wardens from enforcing the unconstitutional suction dredge moratorium. The judge instructed that our motion for injunctive relief should be decided in his own courtroom at 8:30 am on the 23rd of June. The good news is that he also suggested that he is inclined to grant us the relief we are asking for.

Therefore, the existing status quo has not changed. Prospectors believe Judge Ochoa's Ruling allows us the right to operate our dredges. More dredgers are arriving in Happy Camp by the day to begin the 2015 season. DFW wardens warn that they will be out seizing dredging gear that is in violation of the unconstitutional moratorium. And Judge Ochoa ruled that there will be no civil remedy available for dredgers to stop the unlawful conduct of DFW wardens for another 8 weeks or so.

But in a surprising turn of events on the first of May, California Fish & Wildlife (DFW) wardens arrested two suction dredgers on the Klamath River who had recently discovered a very substantial underwater gold deposit. The arrest was because they refused to sign the citations they were being issued. The citations were written for violating the unlawful moratorium and 2012 regulations, both which

have already been struck down by Judge Ochoa in San Bernardino County. This case will allow our Siskiyou County Court to decide in early June if wardens have any authority to enforce a moratorium that has already been struck down as illegal. "Dave McCracken"

So, there you have it, if you are up for a fight and confiscation of your equipment, some are dredging. I am not recommending any Dredging on our Northern Claims at this time. Also our Plans of Operation at this time, state that we will not dredge until the State sets Regulations for Dredging. In my opinion, it is time to cancel our Plans of Operation on the Northern claims, as technically they are not required for our operations per the Forestry Regulations. Some might disagree, but when you read the regulations, they do not apply...  
Kent Bryant, President.

### **Vice President Thoughts-**

**We need volunteers!** Please consider volunteering for one or more of the upcoming events, School panning Demo, Rendezvous, Guest speaker at a General Meeting, next year Board Member, running for an office of Valley Prospectors', Christmas party, or write an article for the newsletter.

Also many of the current members have been doing more than their share to support or help VP over the past several years and are getting tired, please give them a break and do your part. Step up and volunteer- this is your club.  
Gene Lepper- Vice President

### **VALLEY PROSPECTORS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 30 2015

Start Time: 7:01 pm

Call To Order By Pres. Kent B. A quorum of Board members was met. Minutes of the last meeting: Motion by Kent to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter, 1st by Gary J, 2nd by Kelly C. All members in favor. Membership: Judy C.- We have 343 members as of now. We had 377 last yr at this time. Editors Report: Pam M.- All articles to her by May 7th. Claims: Pam M.- A discussion about the Yuba claims and the Plans of Operations and what will be needed if and when we can dredge up there. Programs tonight: Gene L. Ralph Lewis, from the Kokoweef Mine will speak. Courtesy: Kelly C.- All is good. Refreshments: Joe H.- Muffins tonight. Wagon Master of last Outing: Judy and Gene: They had 11 members and 4 guests. The wind had a lot to do with the no shows and no pot luck also. R.D.W.- Joe for George H.- May 21 Summit claim. Meet at the Micky D's at 9 am. Gold Sales Art F: We did great at the Vegas show!! Now he needs more gold!! Have some to sell? Call Art. School/show Chair: Steve S.- Kent for Steve: Steve has 2 schools that want us to do some demos. One in Riverside this month and one in June in Glendora. Steve needs Help!! All Steve if you have a weekdays off and can help out. Lady Luck: Digger Dan: He has a lot of Digging stuff on the table tonight. Old Business: NONE. New Business: Kelly C. talked about a BLM meeting in yucca Valley last week and High Desert has invited us to come to one of their meetings on the 2nd Tues of the month to talk about what the BLM wants to do with the road to our claims. Gene L put in new shelves in the storage room and suggested that we raffle off the charcoal BBQ. that we don't use. Gene motioned, 1st by art 2nd by Dan. all in favor to take it to the members tonight. Meeting Adjourned at: 6:44pm.

### **VALLEY PROSPECTORS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 30 2015

Start Time: 7:01 pm

Pledge Of Allegiance By: Kent B. Motion to Accept the Minutes as written in the newsletter made by Jennefer J. 1st by Bart V.H. 2nd by Steve.

All in favor. Treasures Report: Sue B. Read the accounts to the members. Membership Report: Judy C.- We have 344 members, 27 life members, and 1 Honorary member as of this date. Lady Luck: Digger Dan: We have lots of good mining/digging stuff tonight. Refreshments: Joe H.- Tonight is Muffins and next month will be Cookies. Wagon Mistress: Judy C.- They had 11 members and 4 Guests. It was very windy and no pot luck or campfire. Next Outing is the Memorial weekend. May 22 thru the 25th in Coolgardie. R.D.W.- Joe H for George H.- Thursday May 21 is the Summit outing. Meet at the Micky D's off 138 at 9 am!! Courtesy: Kelly H.- We have 49 members and 8 Guests tonight. Finds of the Month: Garry- Come up and Vote. Gold Sales: Art F.- Art Presented Sue Baranauskas Her Win of the 2 Wonderful looking nuggets from Sunday's Raffle at the Vegas Gold Show!!! Way to go Sue! Also Art gave a report of the accounts of income that they made there. Art also stated that now the Gold sales needs Gold!! If you have some for sale, please give him a call. Mary S. thanked all who came and helped out. Shows/School Chair: Steve S. He needs some Help!! We have a School in Riverside that we need about 8-10 members to help out in May and in June we have more to do also. CALL STEVE IF YOU CAN HELP OUT. Library: Bruce S. We have books and maps for you all to check out. Editor: Pam M.- Have all articles to her by May 7th. Claims: Pam M.- Nothing as of now. Pam Read Upcoming Events

from other clubs. Blood Bank: Mary S. for Lorraine F.- Horst gave blood in March and April, 2 times he gave! Thank you Horst! Refreshment time: 7:25 to 7:35 pm.

Program for tonight is Ralph Lewis from Kokoweef Mine. THANK YOU RALPH!! VERY NICE JOB!! Next Month is Alaska Gold and Resort in Nome Alaska. Old Business: NONE. New Business: Kelly H gave us information on BLM "Maybe" Road closures in the future. And that the High Desert Gold Diggers would like our members to attend one of their meetings to talk about it. They have their meetings on the 2nd tuesday of every month in Victorville. Kelly has the address, give her a call. The Board decided to Raffle off the older Charcoal BBQ in storage if the members would like at the Picnic on Sat May 2nd. Judy gave a motion to do that, and it was 2nd. The Members Ok'ed the Raffle of the BBQ at the Picnic. Door Prize: won by Dwayne L and Badge Prize: won By Tom L. Finds of the Month: Gold- 1st: Gene L. 2nd: Bruce. Metal Detecting: 1st: Don B. Motion By Kent to Adjourn at 8:25 pm 1st by Bruce and 2nd by Gary..

TAKE IT AWAY DIGGER DAN AND LADY LUCK!!!

## **BLOOD BANK NEWS - "MVP"**

Thank you for another great job of notifying me about your donations. Monty Quinn gave in January and March. Jim Straight and Lorraine Frost were also recent donors. Every donation counts. Won't you consider joining the team of blood donors? It is very rewarding knowing you are helping someone in need. Be sure to mention "MVP" as our group so you can be counted. Check out the local donation centers at <https://www.lstream.org/>

The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless. Valley Prospectors - Supporting our Community one donation at a time.

Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson (760) 868-6564 [mailto: res06mtu@verizon.net](mailto:res06mtu@verizon.net)

## **Here is the next outing for RDTW:**

**For May: Summit Time;** we will be going to the Cajon Summit on May 21st. We will meet up at 9:00 am at the McDonalds parking lot right off of the 15 and 138. Weather permitting.

We will be heading to Coolgardie on April 16th. We will meet at the intersection of Irwin Rd and Copper City Rd at 10 am, if you know where the claims are feel free to head on up and we will meet you there.

We will be testing a new claim for the club. For more information contact George or Lisa Howison at: Celtichearts2@aol.com, 951-734-7530 or 951-733-0839

## **Las Vegas Gold Show**

A wonderful time was had in Las Vegas. The show was great sure a great crowd. We had 19 people up there helping in Valley Prospectors booth. Some of us went up on Thursday and we had dinner with Tom and Lynn Mc Andrews, member of valley quite a while ago. "So good to see them" On Friday we helped GPPA set up, & then set up our booth. That night we had 23 people joining us for dinner at the buffet. A great time was had by all. The staff at South Point was great they set up eating areas for us so we could all be together each night. Sue Baranauskas (Valley member) was one of the lucky winners of a gold nugget on Sunday. "A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED IN THE BOOTH" The workers were: Kelly and Harry Crawford, Art Fairchild, Joe Harter, Mike Dunkerley, Horst Friedrich, Lorraine, Andrea and Alvena Frost, Barbara Woolery, Pat Ferracio, Kiko Mc Daniel, Bud Smith, John Howell, Sandie Butler (friend of Barbara Woolery), Trisha and Bob Dudley (Steve Schubert's Sister and her husband), Steve and Mary Schubert. THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THE SHOW AND WORKING. Steve and Mary Schubert

## **Valley Prospectors Member Appreciation Picnic**

Saturday was a perfect day for a picnic. We had a 19 members show up. Mike Dunkerley did a great job setting up and planning the picnic. All the food was great. Thanks Pam the hot dogs were really good. (Her special kind) We had a dress up contest, Metal detecting hunt and good food. Thanks to Dan for going early and saving the spot for us. A fun time was had by all. Steve





### **SCHOOL GOLD PANNING - MAY 21, AT 8 a.m.**

Valley will be going to Terrace View in Grand Terrace on Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> to do a Gold Panning talk and demonstration for 99 kids in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade there. If you are free and would like to come and help the kids do there panning please call Steve for directions. We need you there by 7:30 a.m. Thank you, Steve Schubert 951-943-0535

We will be going to an event in the City of Glendora on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> to show kids how to pan for gold. If you would be interested in helping please let Steve know, More information later

### **In Passing**

Another golden rose was added to heaven on March 26, Bessie Friedrich passed away. She will be deeply missed a wonderful person never complaining always smiling. A wonderful friend, all our love and sympathy goes to her husband Horst. We will miss you Bessie ☺



# 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.



## For Sale

Beck Drywasher, in good shape, Includes 1 gas motor, and 1 - 12 volt elect. Motor, \$450.00 Call Ralph Willis 909-770-3887 (as shown above)



Keene, Diamond Pacific, Garrett, White's & Tesoro dealer

Store hours: Wed.-Sat. 10am.to 4pm.

9565 C Ave. Hesperia CA. Suite M

(760) 244-9642 (760) 244-9439



## MINING SUPPLIES & TREASURES

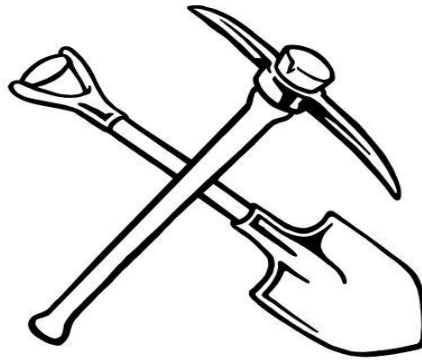
# ***Gold Miners Bonanza!!***

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

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

***Keene  
Gold Pans  
Drywashers  
Sluices  
Fossils  
Crystals***

**9565 C AVE. SUITE K  
Hesperia, CA 92345  
760-244-9642**



***BBQ  
Used & New  
Items  
Great Deals  
Fun People***

## **PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE INC. 501 C-3**

**GRAND RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS – JULY 16, 2015**

**KERN COUNTY MINING CLAIM,  
VARIOUS METAL DETECTORS,  
MINING EQUIPMENT,  
AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**TICKETS ARE \$1.00 EACH OR A BOOK OF 12 FOR \$10.00**

**COME JOIN IN THE FUN AND GET YOUR TICKET BEFORE THEY  
ARE ALL GONE!**

## **Schedule of Events for 2015**

### **MAY**

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Coolgardie Outing  
28<sup>th</sup> 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

### **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