

***DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE* October 2014**

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COOLGARDOUTING OCT 24TH, 25TH & 25TH- POT LUCK SAT. NIGHT 4:30PM

Next General Meeting: October 30th at 7:00 PM

Web Address: 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, 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 2014

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President	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535	Apparel	Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555
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Dan Cornia	909-797-6111				
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Jill Molson	909-887-8024				

CLAIMS

Burro 1 & 2 Placer Claims 10 acres ea

Coolgardie Placer Claims 40 acres ea. and the New **“Straight Gold”** 120 acres

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 Pacer 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

ATTENTION: You must have all documents listed below when you visit any 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)



2014 Christmas Party

LOCATION AMERICAN LEGION POST 79

2797 DEXTER DR, RIVERSIDE

VALLEY PROSPECTORS INC. WILL PAY FOR THE DINNER

DINNER WILL BE CATERED BY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 79

11 AM TO NOON SOCIAL NOON IS DINNER

GERNERAL MEETING TO FOLLOW

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST BY DECEMBER 1ST TO ATTEN

CALL KELLY CRAWFORD AT 760-248-6683 OR PAM MAGUIRE 951-316-2568

WE WILL COLLECT A NEW TOY FOR THE TOYS FOR TOTS. BRING THEM UNWRAPPED



At the May meeting for the board and general membership, granted permission (as required) for John H to conduct a special raffle. The pictured quartz and crystalline gold specimen (total weight 21.3 grains) from the Sierra Nevada Mountains has been put up as the prize. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5, with the drawing at the October meeting. You don't have to present to win. Make sure to print legibly your name and phone number on the back of the ticket.



Welcome Newest Member's

Of Valley Prospectors

Virginia and Tim Riley from Oregon House, CA

Valley Prospectors currently has 373 members, including 25 life members and 1 honorary members. This doesn't not include spouses, partners, or family children under the age of 18.

We are seeking volunteers for the 2015 Executive Board, members -at-large, wagon master, claims committee and other positions.

Please step up and think about helping the Valley Prospectors' but doing something today.

Randsburg Outing Sept. 18 -21

Well the weather was beautiful and company even better. We had to put on jackets on Thursday eve. We had not one but 2 potlucks, one on Friday eve and one on Sat. eve. Food was great! Those at claim were Dennis W. and his Dad Tony, Horst and Bessie F, Clyde K, Lorraine and Alvena F, Mike" Dunk", John B, Dan C. John H. and Steve and Mary S. And we had a bon fire on Friday night. Thanks Mike for wood. We even had a coyote come into camp to visit guess it wanted some of our potluck to.

On Sat we all went in and set up a Gold Panning Booth at the Wild West Days in Randsburg. We showed people how to pan for gold and sold gold to them to take home. We had a great group of people that came up to help. They were Horst and Bessie Friedrich, Don and Sue Baranauskas, Lorraine and Alvena Frost, John Howell, Dan Cornia, Mike Dunkerley, Clyde King, Lisa and George Howison, and Steve and Mary Schubert. Thank you to ALL who came up to help at the booth. We met a lot of really nice people there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Schedule of Events for Valley Prospectors for 2014

Oct.	12 th	Summit Sunday
	24,25 & 26	"" Coolgardie Outing
	30 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Nov.	13 th	Retired During the Week
	20 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
	27, 28, 29 & 30	Coolgardie Outing
Dec.	7 th	Christmas Party & General Meeting-rsvp by Dec. 1 st to attend

BLOOD BANK NEWS "MVP"

Thanks to all who continue to donate on behalf of Valley Prospectors – "MVP". I have tried to contact Life Stream on several occasions to get our number of donations for the year. Still have not made contact. My last call was a bit more fruitful. They at least asked for my phone number and email address.

I want to thank Monty Quinn for letting me know that he has made two donations in the recent months. 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 appreciated. 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>

RANDBURG

Article written in the Bakersfield California, in April 9, 1927. Reprint from The Tailings Pile

"STAGE TO GREET GOLDEN DESERT FESTIVAL GUESTS -- 2000 Miners to present Varied Program at Sunday Jubilee- It's "Ransburg or Bust" in Bakersfield today, and all of Kern County is preparing for the trek to the desert mining community to witness the thirty-second anniversary celebration of the discovery of gold on the Mojave desert.

Some 2000 miners, many grizzled prospectors among the crowd of younger ore seekers, will be on hand at Ransburg bright and early Sunday morning to meet the advance guard of a caravan of automobiles that will wind its way across the wildflower laden Mojave from all parts of Southern California as well.

WAGON STILL THERE -- the crowds riding in comfortable automobiles over good roads, will follow somewhat the same route taken by three prospectors 32 years ago when they opened a tiny mining camp after striking it rich on the "discovery vein" of the Yellow Aster mine adjacent to the present camp of Ransburg . And the wobbly buckboard in which the trip was made will be on exhibition there.

Under the direction of the Ransburg Post, A

merican Legion, guides will be prepared to show thousands of visitor's point of interest in the modern mining development of gold, silver, tungsten, borax, potash, and mineral soap deposits.

Ransburg's giant mills will be running wide open, and the process of gold production will be shown from start to finish, including the final task of casting the pure gold ingots for sale....."

For the rest of the article, read it in the August 2014 copy of The Tailings Pile.

REFRESHMENTS

We want to thank everyone who brought the pies, cookies, and cherry fluff. Everything was so good and our members really appreciate those who donate them. Now for our October meeting we have 4 special ladies that will be baking up some special Halloween Treats!!!!!! We will have to see who's will be the best decorated. This just might be a contest! Thanks to all
Love

Joe & Sandy Harter
951-216-5502

PREZ SAYS:

Prez says: Here we are in October and election nominations are in progress. We have a good number of members at large on the ballot but are coming up short for executive members. We need you to run for president, vice president, and secretary. It's time for new blood to guide this club in 2015. Step up new members it's time to volunteer. We have a great organization and it will only go forward with your help and guidance. We had a great time at the Randsburg outing if you missed it; you missed the one and a half penny weight nugget. They are out there on our claim. Election nominations at the October meeting. See you there. May all your pans have gold in them. **Steve**



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VALLEY PROSPECTORS GENERAL MEETING DATE: SEPT. 25, 2014

Call to Order by: Pres. Steve Schubert. Pledge of Allegiance by: Jim Straight. Minutes of the last meeting: Jennefer J asked if the minutes were good as written in the newsletter. One change was noted. Motion to except the minutes with one change was 1st by Judy C. 2nd by Art F. All in favor with one no. Sue B gave the Treasures Report. Coming Events and letters: Steve S. and Pam M. read these. Special Raffles: PLP Nugget Raffle will be moved to the Christmas Party, so keep and buy more tickets!! Refreshments: Sand H.~ Tonight is Pies, and Next month Oct will be Cupcakes with Halloween theme! Membership: Judy C.~ 3 new members last month with a total of 49 for this year. Wagon Master: Steve S.~ Great turnout in Randsburg with pot lucks on Friday and Sat nights. They had 11 members, 2 guests, and one puppy. And they had 14 "helpers" at Old West Days. Next Outing: Coolgardie - Oct 24,25,26. Courtesy: Kelly C.~ We have 44 members tonight and 4 guests. Steve M is having surgery in the am, come up and sign a card at the courtesy desk. Finds of the Month: Garry~ Doing this early tonight: Gold 1st: Don B. 2nd Steve S. detecting: 1st: Don B. 2nd NONE. Gold Sales: Art F. ~the club could use some "picker nuggets". If you have some, contact Art. Library- Bruce: We got some new books/VHS in. Editor: Pam M. ~ Have all to her by Oct 5th (Sunday). Pam also read the "3rd Court of Appeals" about dredging. And Steve read the "Official" paper on this also. We are one step closer to getting our dredging back. (Happy dance, happy dance) CFMS: Steve got a letter from them, and a big thank you. Our Valley name is on their Banner/plaque for all to see. Blood Bank: ~ Mary S. for Lorraine F. Historian: Lisa H. ~ Need pictures. Lisa and George have agreed to do the Nominations for tonight. Lisa opened and closed nominations for the evening. THANK YOU LISA AND GEORGE!!! Refreshment time at 7:33 pm. Meeting resumed at: 8:02 pm.

Program for tonight is One of our members, Gary Crabtree about his time(s) in Alaska and the Gold. THANK YOU GARY. NICE GOLD PICTURES! Next Month will be Nominations for Officers. Old Business: Kelly talked about the Christmas Party. Dinner starts at 12 Noon. If you want to join us you will need to sign up. New Business: A discussion on our storage unit and the cost. 50/50: Jill M.~ The winner of \$36.50 is Lucky C. Door Prize winner is: Phil A and the Badger prize winner is: rusty H. Motion to Adjourn by Ed R. at 8:28, 2nd by Pam M. Ok'ed by our wonderful members. Take it away Digger! **Minutes by: Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for Valley Prospectors INC. 2014**

VALLEY PROSPECTORS BOARD MEETING SEPT 25 2014

President Steve Schubert opened the meeting with roll call A quorum was met. Steve asked that the minutes of the board meeting that was printed in the newsletter be excepted as written, Motioned by Pam M, 2nd by Digger Dan, with all in favor. Editor's Report: Pam M.~ Discussions on Advertisements. Program tonight: Gary Crabtree and his Alaska gold hunts. Refreshments: Sandy H.~ Tonight Pies and next month (OCT) Cupcakes, Halloween Style. Discussion about the Christmas party for this Dec. Joe H. Motioned for the raffle table to have a limit of \$1000. 2nd by Jill M. all in favor, with 1 (one) No. Gold Sales: Art F. In need of some "picker nuggets". Historian: Lisa H still in need of pic of outings. Steve asked Lisa and George to be in charge of the Nominations for the next few meetings. They agreed. Old Business: Pam M asked about the "Court of Appeals" for the dredging. Will be read at the Gen Meeting. New Business: Steve talked about the storage unit, which we have had at the same place since 1978. John H and Steve are looking into a new area with better price. Our lease is up in April 2015. Steve called for adjournment at 6:35 pm Ok'ed by the board. **Minutes by Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for Valley Prospectors INC, 2014**

Dear friends and neighbors:

Want to feel good? Want to get rid of those stinky shoes? Help out the Rancho Foothills Girl Scouts make holiday dreams come true, give them your old shoes as long as they have soles left to help fund their Green Santa Program. Girl Scouts are collecting used shoes for recycling to earn money for our Green Santa fund. Green Santa is a neighbor program of supplying holiday wishes of children served by local nonprofits, including Foothill Family Shelter, Steven's Hope, and Pacific Lifeline.

Thank you, Lily Troop 10504 gives to Mary at The Oct. General Meeting

Finding Gold While Cleaning Up Old Workings

Wolf Creek, Boston Ravine, and Grass Valley ravine were rich. Woodpecker ravine paid well, but not so well as the others I have mentioned. Pike Flat, through which Wolf Creek runs opposite Grass Valley to the north, had a very rich lead, which extended about half way the length of Pike Flat, and then turning to the left, run out in the old Point and Day diggings at the edge of the flat and on the hill. The Day Company found a specimen of clear gold worth five hundred dollars (clear means that it had not rock mixed with it). The Flat was about twelve feet deep down to the bed rock. The lead was from six inches to two feet deep, and thirty or forty feet wide. The Day and Point diggings paid well, the latter more regularly than any other diggings I ever worked in. The trouble with these mines was that they did not last long. None of them lasted longer than five or six years, and many not so long as that.

The miners ran a ditch and tunnel into Pike flat to drain the mines, as it was very wet. We on the point were troubled somewhat with water, but little, however, as our claims did not extend far into the flat. We had a flume at the end of our runs into which the "tailings" ran. We cleaned out this flume once in three or four weeks, and even then did not save all the gold, for some would run away with the dirt. Nothing was ever invented capable of saving all the gold. It was fine as flour. We never found any pieces of gold at the point larger than two or three dollars. The Day Company ran their "tailings" into a ditch which had never been cleaned out. No one knew how much gold was in the ditch, but the Company offered the gold for sale for fifteen hundred dollars, but no one would take it; so it was cleaned out by themselves, and they realized \$10,000. The expense of cleaning the ditch was not more than one hundred dollars. What a little fortune for us, if we had only known the amount of gold in the ditch.

We worked on our claims at Shady Creek for two years, and then sold out for eight hundred dollars each, which was four or five times as much as we paid. One of the partners sold his share later for one thousand dollars. One time when I was at work on my point claims, before selling out at Shady Creek, Clark, one of my partners, came to me with a specimen which he had found while at work washing some tailings. It consisted of a quartz rock a little larger than my fist, one end of which was full of gold. The Day Company evidently had not seen the specimen when they worked the ground for the first time. I asked him how much it was worth, and he said between two hundred and fifty and three hundred dollars. We weighed it as well as we could, and estimated the value at two hundred and sixty-nine dollars. It was put up at auction, and knocked off to me for two hundred and seventy dollars. I intended to take it home with me, but having use for the money I crushed it, and realized two hundred and sixty-nine dollars, losing just about one dollar by the operation.

One Sunday morning I started for Shady Creek over the stage road, called Robinson's road, from the name of the man who had built it, and as I was drawing near the bridge over the South Yuba River, I met a suspicious looking man on horseback. He wore a big cape which covered him all up but his legs. After he had passed me, he suddenly stopped and asked me the time of day. I told him I did not know, still keeping my eyes on him and walking away as fast as I could. I thought the man intended to rob me. At that time I still had the specimen with me, which I was intending to show to my partner Edward at Shady Creek. I didn't give the stranger a chance, however, to get the "drop" on me. I arrived at Shady Creek, and my partners told me I had the best specimen they had seen for a long time. I came home by stage, as I did not care to encounter any more men in long capes, especially when I had the two hundred and seventy dollar specimen.

There was an old shaft on our upper claims full of water – it was essentially like a well. Two years before all the miners in that vicinity used to clean up their gold here. It was supposed there were several hundred dollars in the shaft, as some gold

is always wasted in cleaning up. One morning three men put a windlass in the shaft, and commenced cleaning it out. I told them the ground belonged to us, and forbade them working there. They said they used to "pan out" there and so had the right to clean out the hole. I went down town to get the sheriff to stop them. One of the lawyers told me that it would cost ninety dollars to employ the sheriff, and it would take all day to execute the necessary papers. In the meanwhile the shaft would be cleaned out.

He had a suggestion and wanted to know the location where I was at work, and how many men I had with me. I told him on the Point claims, where ten or twelve men were working. He said they had no right to clean out the shaft, and advised me to take my gang and forcibly put the intruders off the ground. At noon we all went to where they were cleaning out the shaft, to see if we could not make them leave. I had a talk with them before we commenced operations in forcing them to leave. They finally consented to leave it out to the decision of a "court" of three men. They were to appoint one man, I another, and the two appointees would select a third. I told my man whom to have for the third man. He was a ditch agent and an old miner. The three men decided in my favor, I asked the men who were working on the shaft if they were satisfied, and they said they were, and left. Clark, my partner, was very indignant because I left it out rather than force them off. He said, "Put them off the ground." I told him it was better to leave it out to a decision, as no honest miner would decide against us, and besides all trouble would be avoided. We afterwards cleaned out the shaft, and realized between three and four hundred dollars by cleaning out that short little shaft.

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



GOLD IN HEAVEN

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel heard his plea and appeared to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you."

The man begged the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules. The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him.

The angel reappeared and informed the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase and filled it with pure gold bars and placed it beside his bed. Soon afterward, he died and showed up at the gates of heaven to greet St. Peter.

St. Peter, seeing the suitcase, said, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!"

The man explained to St. Peter that he had permission and asked him to verify his story with the more...



Miners Sales



Members can run 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month. Send ad's 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

Metal Detector's for sale: Minelab 3500 with bag, headphones, 2 battery packs and 2 heads \$3,000.00

Whites 6000 with bag, headphones, extra battery pack and 3 heads: hot shot, deep scan 950 and big foot. \$525.00

Mining equipment for sale: Keene High Banker, custom box for high efficient recovery with pump and motor. \$450.00

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