

DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

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Next General Meeting: May 26th, at 7:00 PM

Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is an educational organization dedicated
"To and Promote Gold Prospecting, as a healthy family activity".
You're invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that is
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 is 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



"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.

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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 Placer 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. See web site.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Help schools get the extra's they need by saving
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.

box tops for education.

President's Address

Greetings to everyone. We have a new Claim's Committee that will meet on June 4th. They will review every thing. Every member can join the committee. I still need more help from the club members, including a Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and volunteers for a legislative committee to keep up with the changes that are affecting our rights as prospectors. The letter writing program went quite well. I mailed quite a few letters. We need to let the Appropriations Committee know that small miners do not have unlimited funds. Let me know if you would like to help.

THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER IN JUNE UNLESS SOMEONE STEPS UP AS EDITOR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

General Meeting 5/26/16

Dr. Erik Melchiorre

Title: Big Gold-How does it form, and what does it's shape tell us? This lecture will present photos of several hundred ounces of large nuggets found recently in the Western USA, and details on their shape and chemistry. The shape of the large nuggets provides insight into how they formed and were modified. For example, nuggets moved by rivers have different shape than nuggets moved by flash floods. Transport can modify the purity of the gold by leaching out silver from the nugget alloy. Recent research in Australia has established that some strains of bacteria live on gold and can actually cause nuggets to slowly grow.

Dr. Melchiorre is a member of Valley Prospectors and has been a prospector for over 25 years. For his day job, he is a geology professor at CSUSB, and studies gold and copper deposits.

Valley Prospectors time to go to school. Friday May 13th at 7:30 AM. Grand Terrace Elementary on Grand Terrace Rd. Program set at 7:30 AM. We start at 8:30 AM. There will be 100 4th graders and we need 10 gold miners to assist students with gold panning. We teach the students about California history and the Gold Rush. We have equipment for display and hands on, but could use more if you can bring new or old mining gear.

Lady gold miners are needed also. If have questions or need help call Steve at 951-941-1147. (215 north, exit WA/Mt. Vernon, right onto Mt. Vernon, left onto Grand Terrace Rd School on the right. See you there, thank you, Steve Schubert.

Minutes of Valley Prospectors Board Meeting 4/28/16

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Members present: Jill Molson Art Fairchild, Sue Baranauskas, John Bonson, Penny Straight, Gene Lepper, Bruce Sherman, Bob Wright, Sandy Harter, Harry Crawford, Steve Schubert, Bural LaRue, and Judy Carpenter. Treasurer' (Sue Baranauskas) Balance in account off \$40, waiting for statement from bank. Membership (Steve Schubert): nothing new. Drywasher's Gazette: volunteers are needed or it will not be sent out to members. A committee can work on it. Volunteers needed ASAP or no newsletter next month!!! Claim's Committee: meeting during General Meeting tonight. Program tonight at General Meeting: letter writing about BLM 2017 Budget to increase claim fees for small claims and Joshua Tree National Park BLM annexation. Courtesy: no report. Wagon Master: no report. Gold Sales (Art Fairchild): ready for school visit May 13, 2016 @ Grand Terrace elementary school (100 students) (girl students want to pan with women) and selling to members (\$10 bags). Library (Bruce Sherman): doing fine, getting books back. Lady Luck (Art Fairchild): gold tonight. Historian needed. VP 2015 Inventory set for 4/30/16 at 8 AM at U-Haul @ 110 So. D Street: Art, Steve & Mary, and Harry. Calendar (Pam Maguire has a budget for it) and Christmas Party, December 4th, 2016, at Native Sons of the Golden West, 2701 Del Rosa Dr. @ Date. Secretary still needed. June 3-5, 2016 Gem show in Big Bear. Asking for participation. New group. Not this year. PLP Fundraiser with tickets available for many prizes (member used to get tickets for club) \$1/ticket Brought up by Sue Baranauskas. Motion to get one book of tickets (\$25) by Steve Schubert and 2nd by Gene Lepper. Passed. Meeting closed at 6:35 PM.

Minutes of Valley Prospectors General Meeting 4/28/2016

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by President, Jill Molson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bruce Sherman. Courtesy (Sandy Harter): 3 guests and 1 new member (Jack Howell). Motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting, 1st Art Fairchild, 2nd Penny Straight, passed. No treasurer's report. Events: May 13, 2016 gold program at Grand Terrace elementary School, meet at 7:30 AM (contact Steve Schubert, 951-941-1147, for information)(see note in Newsletter). 50/50 \$5/6 tickets, drawing tonight. Lady Luck: gold bags tonight. Refreshments: next month cake (Albert, Clyde King, & Kelly Crawford). Wagon Master: no report. Gold sales: \$150 on table for Lady Luck. Claims Committee meeting during refreshment break. All members are welcome to join the committee. Membership: Steve mentioned new member Jack Howell. Library: doing fine. The program for the evening was letter writing to Ken Calvert, Chairman of the Interior Committee, about the BLM Budget for 2017 to raise fee for small mines. Finds of the month: gold 1st Jim Leefer, 2nd Jim, 3rd Lund, & 4TH Stratton. Treasure: winner Stratton. 50/50 winner Bob Sullivan. Door prizes: won by Jim Danner and Lois Papner. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

UP COMING EVENTS

May 13 Grand Terrace Elementary School Gold Panning

June 3-5 Minerals in the Mountains Big Bear Lake, CA

June 4 New Claims Committee Meeting 11AM Wildomar, CA

June 18 & 19th

Underground Gold Miners Museum Gold Show ----- Alleghany, Ca



"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 or call 951-316-2568

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

Dear Fellow Prospectors, I am a former member of Route 66 Gold Mining Club and I live in Whittier, CA. At age 70, gold prospecting is too much work for me. I would like to sell the following two pieces of my gold mining equipment: 1. Keene Dry Washer with hand Crank and DC Motor. The new ones cost approximately \$829. I purchased it new, have only used it twice, and I am asking \$400 for it. 2. Keene 2"Highbank/Combination Power Sluice and Dredge Kit (I never used it), 5-HP Briggs & Stratton Engine (includes extra hose). New this would cost approximately \$1,500. I am asking \$500. All of the equipment is in excellent condition. (See attached pictures.) Please contact: Don Eschbach, Phone: 562-943-8736, Email: donkathyesch@verizon.net



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

Old hand crank puffer, \$125.00 / Call Sam 909-887-0505

For Sale

1992 HOLIDAY RAMBLER MOTORHOME

32 FEET -- 66,494 MILES

\$12,000 OR BEST OFFER, Call; ARLENE EDER -- 951-242-2285

For Sale

Keene 151 drywasher in good working shape last used in Quartzsite this Feb as picture shows \$650.00 located in



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URGENT CALL TO ACTION

PLEASE SHARE WITH EVERY GOLD CLUB AND MINING CLAIM OWNER:

Mining claim owners.....BLM has just released its new 2017 budget proposal and guess what, they are attempting again to eliminate the small miners waiver. For those miners who own 10 claims or less, one can file the small miner's waiver for about \$10.00 per claim making holding a claim affordable. What this proposal will

do is eliminate this and make holding mining claims so costly that most miners will not be able to hold them or afford them.

The proposal is almost word for word what they proposed last year which raised the fees by unbelievable amounts. Last year's proposal was shot down; this one needs to be as well.

Imagine you own a claim of 160 acres; you pay property taxes on it and your small miners waiver fee, that is still affordable at typically under \$100 annually. What this will likely do is raise that amount you pay for this one claim from \$10 (waiver) to over \$1,200 for that same claim. For Associations and clubs like GPAA, Coarsegold, Delta, East Bay and UPI, their costs could go into the 10's of thousands or even more. Let that sink in for a minute

This is all by design folks; they cannot attack the 1872 mining act, so they just use regulation and strangling fees to make it so expensive that the normal miner and gold club cannot afford it. They are trying to require special permits to mine.....but then don't issue permits or even have a process in place to apply for the permit they say you need.

Fees, yellow-legged frog, sue and settle, EPA, BLM, USFS, and DFG the list goes on and on. We have to band together and when things like this come up, you must respond.

Call your Congressperson today and tell them to strike this language from the budget proposal period. Click [here](#) to find your **Congressperson**make the call.

Click **BLM Budget Proposal** to see the actual text proposed by BLM to raise the fees, it is on page BH-11.

This does not pertain to just hard-rock mining. If you read the actual language, it is written to be inclusive and will affect placer claims.

PICTURES NEEDED

I am looking for pictures that you have taken thru the years at club events. I need them for a calendar to make and hand out at the Christmas party in December. If you have some interesting pictures please email them to me at ladygolddigger1246@yahoo.com or bring them to the meeting and give them to me. Thank you,

Pam Maguire

BLOOD BANK NEWS - "MVP"

Why is it Important to Give Blood? What is your type? There are four blood groups: type O positive/O negative, type A positive/A negative, type B positive/B negative, and type AB positive/AB negative.:

In a room of 100 people this is the number of each type within that group: 45 with type O, 38 with O+, 7 with O-, 40 with type A, 34 with type A+, 6 with A-, 11 with type B, 9 with type B+, 2 with B-, 4 with AB, 3 with AB+, and 1 with AB-..

THE RAREST TYPE OF BLOOD IS THE TYPE THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN YOU NEED IT.

Let's help increase the number of Southern California donors - mention "MVP" as our group so you can be counted. Check out the local donation centers at <https://www.lstream.org/>

Thanks to our recent Blood Donor Hero's: Monty Quinn

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:LFrost35@gmail.com>

Welcome to our newest members and their families:

Bill Beecher, Michael Koski, Jim & Annette Mott, Jim & Leticia Harper, Brian & Laurie Porteous, Ray Grabiec, Jim Danner, Denver & Andrea Mason, Dan & Susan Kaufman, John Cizek, and Jack Howell

2016 Schedule of Events

Date	Activity	Notes
January 28	VP General Meeting	7 pm – 9 pm
January 30	Metal Detecting and Sampling at Silver Lake	Meet at Arco Station on D St. Victorville at 10 am
Feb 19	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show	Pomona FairPlex – Valley Panning Booth setup 3 pm
Feb 20-21	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show	Pomona FairPlex – 10 am – 4 pm
Feb 25	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
Feb 27-28	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show	Las Vegas – no VP Panning Booth
Mar 19-20	Coolgardie	Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Mar 31	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Apr 23-24	Coolgardie	Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Apr 28	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
May 26	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
May 27-30	Coolgardie	Memorial Weekend at Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Jun 25-26	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Claim
Jun 30	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Jul 23-24	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Claim
Jul 28	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Aug 20-21	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Claim
Aug 25	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Sep 17-18	Old West Days	Randsburg – Burro's Claim
Sep 24-25	Coolgardie	Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Sep 29	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Oct 22-23	TBD	Rendezvous or Randsburg
Oct 27	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Nov 17	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Nov 24-27	Coolgardie	Thanksgiving Weekend at Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Dec 4	VP Christmas Party/Mtg	