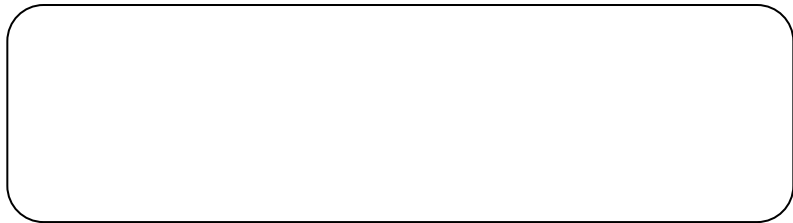


DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

December 2021

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Next General Meeting: January 4, 2022, 6 pm - San Bernardino Elks Lodge

Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated

“To Promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity.”

You're invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at: 2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, Ca.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at 5 pm before the General At the Elks Lodge. – Join in for Tasty Tuesday in their dining room.



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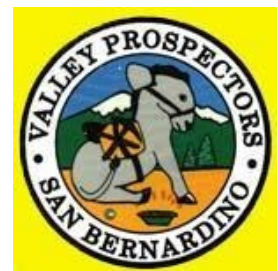
Remember that all prospectors may be judged by the example “You set.” Leave flora and fauna as you found it. “Do Not Destroy Any property, public or private!” “Obey all laws”. Please do not litter.

Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.

Valley Prospectors Officers and Members-at-Large 2022					
Executive Officers			Chairpersons		
President	Garry Devlin	909-875-2090	Apparel	Vacant	
Vice President	Tommy Purscelley	909-820-1898	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Secretary	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535	Budget	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Treasurer	Lorraine Frost (Life Member)	760-868-6564	CFMS	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
			Courtesy	Susan Birrell Diane Railsback	760-954-1915
Board of Directors			Editor	Coreena Ross	530-274-1838
Susan Birrell	760-954-1915		Asst. Editor	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
John Bonson (Life Member)	909-794-4401		Finds/Month	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
Larry Kennedy	909-574-0863		Lady Luck	Albert Naki	909-733-6473
Bural La Rue (Life Member)	909-874-5664		50/50	Sherri Livingston	909-875-2090
Stu Luce	909-560-0474		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Jill Molson	909-887-8024		Historian	Vacant	
Mike Muir	909-882-9052		Librarian	Vacant	
Albert Naki	909-733-6473		Membership	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Katherine Naki	909-733-6441		Name Tags	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Diane Railsback	760-954-1915		Programs	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7715		Refreshments	Michelle O'Brien	
Ernie Tovar	909-492-4479		Claims	Bob Dudley	480-225-5013
Alternates			Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Joe Chavez (1)	909-553-1722		Wagon Master	Mike Dunkerley	760-608-3228
Mark Lash (3)	909-792-4473				
Coreena Ross (2) (Life member)	530-274-1838				

CLAIMS

The 2 Burro's Placer Claims 20 acres
Coolgardie Placer Claim Harvey's Oro Rico 120 acres
Gold Venture & Pickett #3 Placer Claims, 20 acres ea.
Hungry Man 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims 550 total acres
Indian Gulch and Indian Flat Placer Claim 60 acres
Jackass 1, Placer Claim 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



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Welcome to our new editor – Coreena Ross

NEW CLUB MEETING DAY – FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 6-8 PM



2022 PREZ SAYS – Garry Devlin - January 2022

Fellow members of Valley Prospectors, for those who did not attend our December Holiday Fest. and Election of our new officers, you miss a great time and fellowship, this fest was for each and every one of our Prospectors and families.

We bid farewell to the presidency of Lorraine Frost and all those who decided not to run for office. We wish them a happy goldfield in their spare time.

You elected Garry Devlin to be President of Valley Prospectors, and returned some of our board members, and put new prospectors on the board.

Welcome to all.

We start our new year out in a larger room in the beautiful Elks building on top of the hill. the first Tuesday of the month, at 5 pm

Officers meeting. then 6 pm for all Prospectors. On January 8, Audit and planning for the year, all are welcome, get information at our meeting for time and place.

We are one of the finest Prospectors Club around, My goal is to make it the finest and greatest of them all, and the only way to bring this to the past is with all of you. I welcome those to the north of us who watch over our claims there. Great prospectors.

I invite all of you to bring a friend to our meeting, more people need to get out and venture into our claims as new members. We have been locked down for way too long. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at our meeting. We have positions that need to be filled, so step up to the plate.

Wagon Ho, Let's get ready to rock and roll and move them out.

See you all in January

Garry

Membership Renewals - Now Due

Be sure to renew your membership - still only \$40 annually - no later than January 31, 2022. A renewal notice was mailed to every member that needs to renew. You can send a check, pay online via PayPal (small convenience fee) or send \$40 via Zelle (Memo Name and Membership number on transaction) to valleyprospectors49@gmail.com Email valleyprospectors49@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Blood Bank News – Lstream.org

Thank you to Gene Lepper, Judy Lepper, and Bural La Rue for their recent donations to Lifestream. Your donations of blood were critically needed, and it is just another way for our club to support our community. If you can donate, mention **MVP** as our club code. You help so many people with your kind donation.

January 4, 2022, 6 pm – 8 pm PST - General Meeting Zoom Information

I want to invite those members who can't attend in person to join us via Zoom. Andrea and I think we have worked out the bugs. Below is information to join a Zoom Virtual meeting if you have a computer. If you don't – no problem. You can join the meeting with your telephone – just call 1-669-900-6833, enter the meeting number and passcode and you will hear us all. Let's stay connected in 2022.

Lorraine Frost is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84241009380?pwd=VTkxcGRhV1BGc0hzYk5MNEFMci9FQT09>

OR Call 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 842 4100 9380 Passcode: 383863

November 9th, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Valley Prospectors' Inc. IN-PERSON MEETING

Board Meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Elks Lodge #836 2055 Elks Dr., San Bernardino CA

Meeting called to order by Valley Prospectors' President Lorraine Frost @ 5:30 PM

Executive Board & Members-at-large Roll Call – Quorum Met Excused Bob & Trish

Minutes of the last meeting as written in the newsletter – Motion- John H. 2nd Sherri L. Vote- Passed

Announcements- **1.** Bural La Rue CFMS meeting in Visalia CA this coming weekend. **2.** Old West Days San Bernardino county museum Jan 15 & 16 2022, DEMO Only, no gold sale. Please sign Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. **3.** GPAA Show Pomona Feb 5 & 6 2022. **4.** Ventura Gem & Mineral Show Possible in Mar 2022. **5.** VP Christmas Party Dec 4 Rialto Masonic Lodge 10 AM-3 PM. **6.** Articles, pictures, questions, concerns please go to valleyprospectors49@gmail.com

Treasurers Report- Lorraine gave account balances as of October 31, 2021. Rendezvous Event broke even.

Claims – Assessment paperwork filed. Apparel - Items for sale on the table. Need someone to take over.

Contact Lorraine if you need something special brought to the meeting. Editor- Coreena Ross will be working with Lorraine on the newsletter Membership- 4 New Memberships Got 2 from the Ord Mt Rendezvous.

Renewal reminders will go out in November with the Voting ballots Lady Luck- Gold Bags tonight Gold- Art F. Get well soon. Not feeling well tonight CFMS – Bural La Rue November Visalia CA New officers and dinner. Finds of the Month- Resume in 2022. 50/50- Sherri No 50/50 tonight

Rendezvous was fabulous Thanks to all the people who help put this event together and to the other clubs who participated.

Tonight General Meeting program- Nominations for Executive Board and Board Members, Zoom meeting & Youtube video of 2021 Rendezvous by Jon Carlson

Refreshments- By Michelle O'Brien and drink station Elks Lodge

Wagon Master- Anyone planning to go to Coolgardie for Thanksgiving?

New Business -

a. Lorraine Motioned to move the Board and General Meetings to the 1 st Tuesday of each month starting Jan 2022. 2nd Garry D. Discussion- Vote – all in Favor Pass

b. See Announcements: 6 items

Old Business-

a. Lorraine will reach out to members who have outstanding book loans from the library

Motion to adjourn- Judy L. 2nd Bruce S. 5:46 PM

November 9th, 2021, General Meeting Minutes

Valley Prospectors' Inc In-person General Meeting with ZOOM

Welcome Zoom members Coreena and Dale Ross, Don Osborne

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 2055 Elks Dr., Elks Lodge San Bernardino CA.

Call to order- Lorraine F. 6:02 PM Pledge of Allegiance- Lorraine

Courtesy- Sue Birrell and Diane Railsback No Guest - 38 members

Minutes of the last meeting as written- motion John H. 2nd Tommy Purcelley -Motion Pass

Announcements- Upcoming events:

VP Christmas Party Saturday, Dec 4, 11 AM -2 PM setup 10 AM Inland Empire Masonic Lodge CA260 S Palm Ave RIALTO CA Bring an unwrapped toy

CFMS November Visalia CA Bural La Rue

Old West Day, San Bernardino museum Jan 15 & 16 2022 Demo Only

GPAA Pomona show February 5 & 6 2022

Ventura Gem & Mineral Possible March 2022

Treasurer's Report- Lorraine gave detail of accounts with balances as of Oct 31, 2021 Apparel- Lorraine and Andrea did bring some of the inventory. See items for sale. CFMS- Bural La Rue Visalia CA in November

Editor- Coreena R. tag team with Lorraine on the newsletter. Possible help from Brent &/or Pat La Rue

Finds of the Month- Resume in 2022 Bural La Rue will take over. Claims- Assessment work filed. Continue using the online claim forms. No 50/50 tonight Sherri L. Lady Luck- Albert N. Gold bags Membership –

(current 274) 5 new members Renewal reminders and Ballots will go out after November meeting Program tonight- Nominations for 2022 Executive Board and Members-at-large. U tube video from Ord Mt Rendezvous

2021 by Jon Carlson. Refreshments- Michelle O, – Cookies, drink station from Elks Lodge

Break time 6:32 Pm Resume 6:45 PM Called back to order by Lorraine

Old Business

a. Claims Assessment work filed. Keep submitting the claim worksheets online

b. Nominations Jill M. Motioned to close nominations Gene L. 2nd. See ballot

New Business-

a. Lorraine Motioned to change the meeting days to the 1st Tuesday of each month 2nd Jill Molson discussion: larger room, more private, include drink station, cost \$5.00 more per hour Vote- Pass January 4th New Meeting day.

b. It was brought to the attention of the Members that Ernie Tovar donated coins back in July. Thank you, Ernie. Sorry, we were not aware of this.

Door Prize – Stacey Badge - Jill

Motion to adjourn Bruce S. 2nd John H. Time: 7:11 PM

December 4, 2021, General Meeting Minutes

General Membership, VP Christmas Party, and Election Results

What a wonderful Christmas Party! The best in a long time. Thank you, Susan & Diane.

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the tables & hall and thank you to Dwayne & Rufina for the use of the table decorations. The Potluck food was amazing this year, thanks to all the cooks, bakers, and those who brought side dishes and desserts. Thank you to all those who helped clean up. Thank you, Barbara Woolery, and to the Rialto Masonic Lodge.

Bural La Rue won the odd coffee/cocoa mug. There was only one like it and there is only one like Bural also. Ballots counted by Dunk and a very good-looking tall man.

The Lorraine handed out 2020/2021 Awards and the Man of Year was awarded to Albert Naki. Tommy Purscelley and Albert Naki were both unable to make it to the Christmas Party. Woman of the Year was presented to Susan Birrell from Lorraine Frost.

Elections were held at the December 4th General Meeting. The outgoing Valley Prospectors' Executive Board Officers for 2020/2021 were Lorraine Frost-President, Steve Schubert-Vice President, and Judy Lepper-Secretary. The new officers and members-at-large were elected as follows:

Official Valley Prospectors' Executive Officers 2022.

President- Garry Devlin

Vice President- Tommy (Thomas) Purscelley

Secretary- Steven Schubert

Treasurer- Lorraine Frost

Members-at-large are:

Katherine Naki, Bruce Sherman, life member Bural La Rue, Stu Luce, Ernie Tovar, Diane Railsback, Mike Muir, Jill Molson, Larry Kennedy, Susan Birrell Albert Naki, life member John Bonson, Alternates 1. Joe Chavez 2. Coreena Ross 3. Mark Lash

Minutes by Judy K. Lepper 2020/2021 Secretary

Interesting Gold Notes



Gold created in a lab

The first U.S. Gold Rush was in Georgia in 1828, followed by California in 1849, Colorado in 1859, South Dakota in 1874, Alaska in 1898, and Nevada in 1902 (the famous Comstock discovery in 1859 was Silver). Some regions of Arizona have been mined for Gold for more than 600 years. Indians mined Gold in 1565 to trade with Spanish Conquistadors in Florida.

Check out this fun animated video about the Origins of Gold (TedTalk) - https://youtu.be/jf_4z4AKwJg

Have you visited a Valley Prospector Claim lately?

Be sure to submit your claim report. Our claim chair, Bob Dudley, uses this information to file our work assessment documents on an annual basis. You can submit the online form and it will be emailed directly to Bob so that Valley can record the claim work assessment. He will collect these throughout the year. Don't forget to report your Northern Claim visits too.

<https://www.valleyprospectors.org/claims/claim-report/>

December 2021 Christmas Party

What a wonderful Christmas party Valley Prospectors put on this year. We had 42 members and their families in attendance. The Inland Empire Masonic Lodge gave us plenty of space to eat, drink and be merry. A big thank you to Barbara Woolery for helping us schedule the hall. The toys brought by our members were donated to Sparks of Love at the Rialto Fire Department just down the street. Thanks, Andrea and Garry for dropping off the presents. They were very grateful. Thank you to Susan, Diane, Rufina for the great decorations and setup. Also, thank you to all the early arrivals who helped set up and get the room ready for the event. Many hands make light work. Everyone attending went home with a special holiday mug as a gift. Our main dish of turkey and hams were donated by Steve & Mary Schubert, Michael Robertson, Michael Dunkerley, and Lorraine Frost. Michael treated us to smoked turkey, it was delicious. Congratulations to our outgoing board and the incoming officers and members-at-large. Each received a Certificate of Appreciation and gift cards as a thank you. Your support of your club is always greatly appreciated. A special shout out to this year's awardees,



Susan Birrell as Woman of the Year and Albert Naki (he was unable to attend due to work) as Man of the Year. Since we were unable to meet much in 2021, we did not have our other



awards. Just can't wait to see what happens in 2022. The President also gave special awards to Ernie Tovar, Mary Schubert, and Michael Dunkerley for their continued support of the club.

Thank you so much for allowing me to be your President in 2019, 2020, and 2021. It was a lot of hard work, but I love being part of such a fantastic and friendly group.

Warm Regards, Lorraine Frost