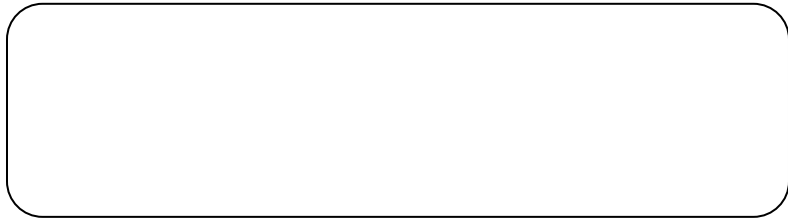


# ***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

**April 2021**

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**Web Site: [www.valleyprospectors.org](http://www.valleyprospectors.org)**

**Email: [valleyprospectors49@gmail.com](mailto:valleyprospectors49@gmail.com)**

**Mail: Valley Prospectors, PO Box 2923, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2923**

**Next General Meeting: Virtual Zoom meeting on April 29, 2021**

## **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 last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

in the Knights of Columbus Hall at:

1729 E. Baseline Street, San Bernardino, Ca. A map is on our website.

**The Board of Directors meeting will be at 6 pm 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,

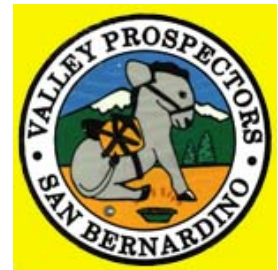
**\*Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.\***

## Officers for 2021

<b>Executive Officers</b>			<b>Chairpersons</b>		
President	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564	Apparel	Trish Dudley	480-490-0975
Vice President	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
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			Courtesy	Susan Birrell Diane Railsback	760-954-1915
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John Bonson	909-794-4401		Asst. Editor	Vacant	
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Bob Dudley	480-225-5013		50/50	Sherri Livingston	909-875-2090
Trish Dudley	480-490-0975		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Gene Lepper	951-674-3207		Historian	Corenna Ross	530-274-1838
Sherri Livingston	909-875-2090		Librarian	Vacant	
Jill Molson	909-887-8024		Membership	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Mike Muir	909-882-9052		Name Tags	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Albert Naki	909-733-6473		Programs	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Katherine Naki	909-733-6441		Refreshments	Michelle O'Brien	
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7715		Outings/Retired during the week	Vacant	
<b>Alternates</b>			Claims	Bob Dudley	480-225-5013
Stu Luce	909-560-0474		Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
John Howell	951-247-1037		Wagon Master	Mike Dunkerley	760-608-3228
Tommy Purscelly	909-820-1898				

## 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



## Prez Says – Lorraine Frost – April 2021

Thank you again to all the members that joined in the March Zoom General meeting. I'm so looking forward to seeing everyone soon. If you wish to join the VP Board Zoom meetings, just send a request to [valleyprospectors49@gmail.com](mailto:valleyprospectors49@gmail.com) and I'll send you the link. All are welcome.

Stay connected on Facebook – [Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino, Inc.](#) Join our Group to interact with fellow prospectors.

### April 29, 2021 General Meeting Zoom Information

Yes, we are going virtual. Below is information to join a Zoom Virtual meeting if you have a computer. If you do not – no problems. 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 us reconnect in 2021. Use these same links and meeting ID for the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. In June and July, we will be holding meetings during the Miner's Folly outings. Check out the updated Calendar of Events in this newsletter.

Lorraine Frost is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88009541947?pwd=ZXRFWDBqVGFKY1JvYm1GN3d6anZidz09>

OR Call 1-669-900-6833 Enter Meeting ID: **880 0954 1947** Passcode: **770831**

### March 25, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lorraine Frost via Zoom at 6:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said before the review of the Treasurer's Report which was emailed to the membership. Lorraine welcomed the 13 members who were able to join in. Thanks to Amy & Brent C., Lorraine & Andrea F., Steve and Mary S., Coreena R., Susan B., Brian T., Bruce K., Randy L., Jill M., and Bob D. for joining the Zoom session. Seeing members from across the state was great. Lorraine provided an update on where the club stood financially. She did indicate that membership needed to purchase a return address stamp, all agreed. The next topic was the upcoming meetings and events. Knights of Columbus has not responded to our inquiries as yet, so we don't have a hall to hold meetings. Lorraine shared that AMRA was having an event in Arizona. Some members plan to attend. Not sure if members will be out at Coolgardie this coming weekend. Lorraine will look into adding an event on the Facebook Group to see interest in outings. Stu Luce sent Lorraine some information on Goldfield. There was a discussion about the trip to Tonapah and Goldfield. The dates may be a problem (Please note that we will be moving this event to early Fall – Dunk injured himself and is not available for Memorial Weekend, and Jim Butler Days happen Memorial Weekend in Tonapah so it will be very busy). The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm after members had a chance to catch up on what they had been doing recently. Submitted by Lorraine Frost

### Camping on Valley Prospector Claims

Did you know that you can camp on our claims without paying a fee? This is especially helpful at our Northern Claims. However, we have limited sites available. We have no spots at Moriah, you will need to pay and reserve a campsite at the Rocky Rest Campground to be close to the claim. We have three (3) spots for Pickett III / Gold Venture (Union Flats Campground) and two (2) spots at Pickett II (Wild Plum Campground). Our Club Liaison, Stephen Dowling, usually is at the Union Flats Campground during the open season, so only 2 spots may be available. You can request a Forestry Parking Permit on the club Members Only website:

<https://www.valleyprospectors.org/members-only/northern-claims-permits/>

We are implementing a calendar for these sites so that we do not overbook. Also note, that if all the fee-free sites are taken, you can always purchase a campsite from <https://www.recreation.gov/>. If you have an America the Beautiful Pass, the cost is substantially discounted. We are planning an outing in August at the Pickett III/Gold Venture claims, August 20 – 27, 2021. Hope you can join us.

### **Union Flat Campground Information**

#### [Tahoe National Forest](#)

Near Downieville, California: Union Flat Campground is located on the North Yuba River, near Highway 49. Visitors enjoy a wide variety of recreational activities in the area, including hiking, hunting, fishing, canoeing, and gold panning. **Campground Status** Open for Season availability through [Sun, October 31st, 2021](#).

### **You're Invited!**

Our Pickett III claim neighbor, at the Union Flats Campground, has invited club members to an awesome event: "Big Nuggets on the River". Tim Mac Master will be holding this event on Saturday, July 24, 2021. More details coming soon.

### **Are you an aspiring writer?**

The Gazette is always looking for great articles about mining and prospecting. If you write or know of articles that would interest the members, please send them to [valleyprospectors49@gmail.com](mailto:valleyprospectors49@gmail.com) Our members have inquiring minds and love to hear about the history of gold prospecting and mining.

### **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/>

### **Goldfield and Tonopah Nevada**

Both Stu Luce and Mike Dunkerley are excited to share information about Goldfield and Tonopah Nevada. Stu sent me a pile of information on both locations and Dunk used to volunteer at the Museum in Tonopah when he lived there. We want to know if there is interest by club members to visit these locations. We are postponing this event until the early Fall – perhaps in September. I'll scan in some of the documents Stu sent me. They are quite interesting.

"When Goldfield was booming from 1905 through 1910 it had all the amenities of any large city, with fancy restaurants, hotels, athletic clubs, church and social groups of every kind, theaters, shopping, sporting events, unions, all the general businesses of the day, casinos, red-light district, gold, high grading, and all the hopes of prosperity any individual would want to find." ( <http://www.goldfieldnevada.org/> ). Check out the walking-tour booklet put out by the Goldfield Historical Society ( <http://www.goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com/booklet/> ).

Tonopah Nevada has great Museums. They have the Central Nevada Museum and Tonopah Historic Mining Park. Both are great to learn about the local history and see actual mining equipment used in the 1900s.

There may be some opportunities for tours (fees may apply) but I'm sure it would be worth your while. Stay tuned for more details.

## Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2021 (Updated April 21, 2021)

Jan 21	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Feb 18	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Feb 25	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Mar 18	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Mar 25	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Mar 26-28	<b>Coolgardie Claims (Barstow)</b>
Apr 15	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm Zoom
Apr 23-25	<b>Randsburg Claims (2 Burros) &amp; Burro Schmidt’s Mine Tour on Apr 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am – rendezvous and carpool from claim</b>
April 28	<b>Kingman Turquoise Tour – Arizona 10 AM – 12 Noon</b>  <i>Kingman Turquoise Shop - 3471 W Chea Dr. Golden Valley, AZ 86413</i>
Apr 29	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
May 20	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
May 23	<b>Summit Sunday</b>
May 27	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Jun 5	<b>– Randsburg Panning Event – details to follow</b>
Jun 17	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Jun 25-27	<b>Big Bear Claims (Miner’s Folly) – VP Meeting on Jun 26<sup>th</sup> at Noon and Membership Appreciation Picnic at Big Bear –The Club will provide the meat, potluck for side dishes</b>
Jul 23	<b>Board Meeting in Big Bear – zoom if possible</b>
Jul 23-25	<b>Big Bear Claims (Miner’s Folly) – VP Meeting on Jul 24<sup>th</sup> at Noon</b>
Aug 20-27	<b>VP Northern Claims – Union Flat Campground – VP Meeting on Aug 21 at Noon (no internet access)</b>
Sept TBA	<b>Goldfield, NV &amp; Tonapah, NV</b>
Sep 17-19	<b>Randsburg Claims (2 Burros) – Old West Days? – Sept 18 VP Meeting on Sep 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon or Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> if needed via ZOOM</b>
Oct 22-24	<b>VP Rendezvous – Ord Mountains, Barstow VP Meeting on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon during Lunch hour</b>
Nov 18	<b>VP General Meeting - TBA</b>
Nov 25-28	<b>Coolgardie – Thanksgiving outing</b>
Dec 4	<b>VP Christmas Party</b>
	<b>11 am – 3 pm</b>
	<b>Location TBA</b>



# “Miners Sales”



Members: One ad, 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month

Minelab SD2200,

Very good cond., Stock SD and Mono coils

, Coiltek Platypus AT Coil

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Original Batteries Condition unknown, Tops can be installed

on new batteries, Hard Case

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\$1200.00

