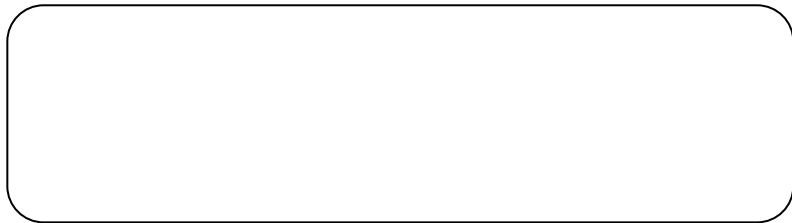


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Next Meeting – May 2, 2023, @ San Bernardino Elks Lodge
2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, CA

Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated
To promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity.

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

General Membership Meeting is held first Tuesday of each month at
6:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at 2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, CA.

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Big Bear's Big Mining History

Most locals and visitors immediately think of the beautiful lake dominating the landscape. Beyond the water's edge is a history of prehistoric communities and epitomizes the Southern Californian experience of the Gold Rush.

The mining towns of Belleville, Clapboard Town and Union Town were located in the Holcomb Valley region from 1860 until the early 1900s. Silver, copper, of course gold, continued to be mined locally on a large scale through 1958. Additional mining towns popped up in Lone Valley and Rattlesnake Canyon. The Rose Mine, near Big Bear City reached 1,000 feet deep into limestone host rock and is now designated as a national historic site. The ore mined is composed of galena, malachite and cuprite. The foundations of the Doble mine works are a short drive out of Big Bear and offer a beautiful view of the area.



A Special Thank You!

Cabochon Class Fundraiser – Thanks to Stacey, Joe, Michelle, Lorraine, Rufina, Dwayne, Lisa, and Yvonne for attending the cabochon making class! We all had a great time and some beautiful art was made! Cyndy and Lois donated the class fee back to Minor Miners...Wow!!!



Borax Mine Tour - Cyndy and Lois also took our group out to tour the Borax Museum and then rock hounding some of their favorite spots. We collected some rose color calcedony and then headed out to collect some Jasper, Agate, and some mystery rocks! Two minor miners attended, collected some great rocks and got an agate rock kit! Thank you Stacey, Joe, Kenzie, Riley, Jordan, Zoey, Lee, Lorraine, Susie, Diane, Cyndy and Lois for attending!

Upcoming Outings

<p><i>Bottle Hunting Outing</i> <i>Sunday April 16</i> We are meeting at Trader Joe's in Redlands and leaving promptly at 9:00 am.</p>	<p><i>Meteor Crater Outing</i> <i>starting April 27</i> Meeting at Meteor Crater RV Park on Thursday night, April 27. Looking forward to seeing everyone!</p>	<p><i>Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Show May 6-7</i> Introduce the world to Gold Mining. Volunteers needed. Antelope Valley Showgrounds.</p>
<p><i>Big Bear Mystery Metal Detect Hunt</i> <i>May 13</i> Arrive early. Leaving Boulder Bay @ 9:00am for the fun to begin! Reservations Closed.</p>	<p><i>Oro Rico-Coolgardie Gold Outing May 20</i> Meet at Starlight Donuts in Barstow at 7:00am. Check in on the Facebook Group to make sure the trip is still a go and who is leading it before heading out.</p>	

Valley Prospectors Presidents Message May 2023 PREZ SAYS

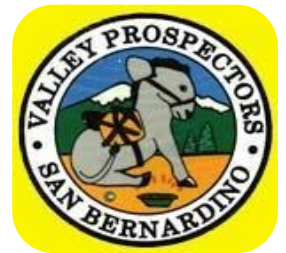
As the old saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers." Years like this usually bring out the most beautiful desert flowers, and I am sure this year will not disappoint us. Since most of our claims are in the desert. Enjoy. And try not to disturb the vegetation while digging the soil. Most of us are mindful, and we do a great job, but there are people who do not belong to our claims, and they do harm.



I want to take time to welcome our new members to Valley Prospectors. We take pride in our organization, and hope that all feel welcome and at home with our group. Please take time to look at our online calendar, and website. I take this time to say travel safe, and stay alert while driving to our claims. Always remember to take plenty of water, a blanket, and of course a shovel, and a bucket. Bandages, and if you get hungry quickly take some food. It is always good to take a buddy.

Until June Stay Well,

Garry Devlin
President 2023



GENERAL REMINDER

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.

Board of Directors meet at 5:15 pm before the General Meeting at the Elks Lodge. – Join in for Tasty Tuesday in their dining room.

Can't make it in person? Join in via Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89402779413?pwd=cEtyZjZ5UVVPT2xZMmdEeFRrT0hoZz09>

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Valley Prospectors April 2023 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Garry Devlin @ 6:00 p.m., at Elks Lodge #836. Pledge of Allegiance led by Rosie.

Courtesy Chair: Sherry reports one new member, James. She also reports that Cecilia is volunteering to be part of Courtesy.

Minutes: as read in the newsletter, copies on tables. Motion to approve 1st Gene/2nd Mark, passed by consensus.

Treasurer: report given by L. Frost. Accrued interest for the year on all accounts is \$2.76.

President Devlin has appointed VP Birrell as Parliamentarian/Sergeant of Arms. Events: VP S. Birrell announced:

1. Boron Borax Museum 04/08, 9:00 a.m., with a rockhounding field trip following in the same area with members Cyndy and Lois.
2. Elks Easter Brunch 04/09, 9:00/11:00 a.m. \$27.
3. Meteor Crater 04/27-30, details in newsletter.
4. May meeting 05/02 speaker, special master Dowser Dr. Dennis Hannon 5. Mystery Big Bear outing 05/13, last call to sign up.
5. The Cabochon event was successful. Minor Miners made \$140., with proceeds from Cyndy and Lois donated back to Minor Miners.
6. Ord Mountain Rendezvous committee met and created a tentative schedule of events.

Announcements: VP S. Birrell announced:

1. There is a special drawing in process for a gold nugget.
2. A mining garage sale is ongoing on the back tables.
3. Rocks are on display on the back table for a donation to Minor Miners.

Membership: L. Frost reports membership is at 254 family (8 lifetime), and 42 non renewals.

Claims: L. Frost reports the Plan of Operation for Union Flats is still under review, but 15 parking permits have been issued.

Picket #3 needs renewal update. Education: Steve reports that the school event in Bakersfield was successful with 8 volunteers. New school event in Phelan is scheduled 04/21. Volunteers needed. Apparel: Rosie reports prices are going up. Inventory is at current prices. Editor: Coreena reminded members all info is needed by 04/10.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President G. Devlin reports there is a need to purchase new gold supplies. Gold prices are at \$2020.60. He needs to increase the budgeted purchase amount from \$3000 to \$5000. Motion made by John/Coreena to increase the budgeted amount to \$5000. Consensus by members present. Art will be directed to purchase the gold.
2. Treasurer L. Frost explained proposed constitutional changes. Changes will be posted in two consecutive newsletters and voted upon at the June general meeting. Each change will be voted upon separately.
3. President Devlin reminds members that no outside food is allowed in the Elks Lodge, 50/50 and Lady Luck (prizes, gold, coins) tickets are available during break. Break at 6:57 p.m. Reconvene at 7:25 p.m.

CFMS: Burel reports art classes are available in Aug/Sept in Marysville. Finds of the month: Gold: 3rd/Brian, 2nd/Ernie, 1st/Joe. Treasure: 3rd/James, 2nd/Joe, 1st/Albert. 50/50 won by Everett, door prizes won by Coreena, Ernie. Meeting adjourned by President Devlin at 7:36. Lady Luck was held.

MAY SPEAKER



Master Dowser Dr. Dennis Hannon
will be joining us
at the next General Meeting
on May 2nd, 2023

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2023 Board & Committee Members

If you need to reach out to any Board or Committee member, e-mail valleyprospectors49@gmail.com Phone: (760) 868-6564 or look on the club website directory under Members Only.

Executive Officers

President	Garry Devlin
Vice President	Susan Birrell
Secretary	Diane Railsback
Treasurer	Lorraine Frost

Board of Directors

Joe Chavez	Albert Naki
Stacey Dixon	Katherine Naki
Art Duysings	Coreena Ross
Rosie Duysings	Mike Ryan
Sherry Livingston	Mindy Ryan
Dwayne Lowrey	Ernie Tovar

Alternates

Randy Lunn (1)
John Bonson (2)
John Howell (3)

Chairpersons

Apparel	Rosie Duysings
Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost
Budget	Lorraine Frost
CFMS	Bural LaRue
Courtesy	Sherry Livingston
Co-Editor	Michelle O'Brien
Co-Editor	Coreena Ross
Finds/Month	Everett Miller
Lady Luck	Stacey Dixon
50/50	Sherry Livingston
Gold Sales	Art Fairchild
Historian	Stu Luce
Librarian	Mark Lash
Membership	Andrea Frost
Name Tags	Andrea Frost
Programs	Susan Birrell
Claims	Lorraine Frost
Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert
Wagon Master	Varies by Outing

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) VP Summit Placer Claim 60 acres

AS OF MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

GOLD IS

\$1,998.35 PER OUNCE.

\$64.24 PER GRAM.

<https://pricegold.net/>

Proposed Revisions to Valley Prospectors Constitution

To be voted on at the June 6, 2023 General Meeting

These will be printed in the next two Drywasher's Gazette for review. At the June 6, 2023, VP general membership meeting a vote on each separate recommendation will be held. If you have any questions, please bring them to the May and June meetings. These and several grammatical changes as well can be reviewed on the VP Members Only website.

Below are the changes to the articles and sections in Valley Prospectors Constitution and By-Laws and Rules and Regulations that the subcommittee is recommending the membership consider.

Proposed Changes are in Red

VP Constitution and By-Laws proposed changes

Article III, Section 1 Memberships in Valley Prospectors are family memberships consisting of a maximum of two adult members **in the same household** and their dependent children under age 19. A family membership and membership: are jointly or severally the same as to rights and privileges of the Corporation. Voting rights shall be limited to adult members of the Corporation and shall not exceed more than two (2) voting members per membership, per family.

Article V, Section 9 Elections will be held by written **or electronic** ballots in accordance with the Rules and Regulation, except to fill vacancies in accordance with Article V, Section 4.

Article VII, Section 1 Corporation equipment and other physical assets **worth over \$500** shall not be sold, donated, dispersed or otherwise disposed of, except in accordance with California law and with the prior approval of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the membership present at the next general meeting.

Article VII, Section 3 All approved expenditures on behalf of the Corporation shall be payable by checks, **debit card, or electronic transactions** upon presentation to the Treasurer with a receipt or signed hand-written accounting. All expenses **above 25% of the** pre-approved annual budget Must be approved by the Board prior to payment.

Article VIII, Section 1, item 1 Changes shall be published **at least twice, consecutively, electronically or in print.**

Article VIII, Section 1, item 2 The vote must be at **the next regular general meeting after the two months publication** of the proposed changes.

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VP Rules & Regulations proposed changes

Article II, Section 2 The general membership meeting will be held on a **monthly basis as determined by the Board at the December Annual Meeting.**

Article II, Section 3 **The general membership meeting and Board of Directors meetings will be held at a location determined by the board and announced in the newsletter and other electronic means.**

Article II, Section 4 The Board of Directors may change the primary general meeting location or meeting from one location or date to another, provided that a new location and/or date is published in the newsletter **and emailed to members** prior to the meeting.

Article II, Section 5 Guests are welcome to attend **one association meeting and/or may attend one (1) function** on an Association claim(s) without becoming a member. Exceptions may be made by the Board upon written request. The Board may take action whenever the guest policy is abused.

Article III, Section 3 **At the December Annual meeting, the Board will determine the percentage of the initiation fee** that shall be set aside as a reserve to purchase mining claims or maintain the Association's existing mining claims. These funds may also be used to establish any bonds that may be required.

Article IV, Section 2 (B) **In the absence of any board position, the Vice-president shall be responsible to ensure those duties are fulfilled.**

Article IV, Section 2 (C) (4) **Removed**

Article IV, Section 4 (D) Provides a quarterly **Budget/Expenditure** report to the general membership.

Article IV, Section 4 (E) Give the current financial report at each Board **and General** meeting.

Article V, Section 4 (D) **Maintain the original copy of all membership applications.**

Article V, Section 5 (A) **Greet members and guests at each general meeting and record attendance.**

Article V, Section 5 (B) **Coordinate and manage the badge and attendance drawings at each general meeting and special events.**

Article V, Section 5 (C) **Removed**

Article V, Section 5 (D) Plan and coordinate a **Holiday** party in the month of December for the Association

Article V, Section 13 (G) Gold bags will be marked at **40-60%** "above" its cost.

Article V, Section 16 (C) **Removed**

Article V, Section 17 (C) Traditional Gold can be found by dry washing, panning, sluicing, **metal detecting**, and/or dredging.

Article V, Section 17 (D) All other **treasures may** be found with a metal detector **or other means.**

Article VII, Section 1 (A) Maximum of three (3) keys will be permitted. One will be retained by an **Executive Board Member** and the other two (2) by members of the Board **and/or Committee Chairs.**

Article X, Section 1 These Association Rules and Regulation shall be changeable as necessary by, two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members present at any regular meeting. Changes shall be **published electronically or in print.** If voting is required by mail, the changes must be approved by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the responding membership.

End of Proposed Changes.

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****Updated**** Calendar of Events

DATE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
Apr 22	2 Burros Claim Outing	<i>Meet at Claim</i>
Apr 27-30	Meteor Crater/Dobell Ranch Holbrook, AZ	<i>Contact: Susan Birrell</i>
May 6-7	Antelope Valley Show Booth	<i>Volunteers Needed. Contact: Steve Schubert</i>
May 13	Big Bear Metal Detect Hunt	<i>Meet at Boulder Bay @ 9:00am – All Spots Filled Contact: Susan Birrell</i>
May 20	Oro Rico-Coolgardie Gold Outing	<i>Meet at Starlight Donuts in Barstow @ 7:00am</i>
Jun 3	Indian Gulch Claim Outing	<i>Leaving Fawn Park in Fawnskin, CA @7:00am</i>
July 8-9	Wrightwood Mountaineer Days Booth	<i>Volunteers Needed. Contact: Steve Schubert</i>
July 21-23	Miner's Folly – VP Club Picnic	<i>Sat Noon Meeting and Games</i>
Aug 4-13	Yuba River Claims Outing	<i>Contact: Coreena Ross (Wagon Master)</i>
Sept 16	Randsburg Mining Days	<i>Local festival starts @8:00am. Claim outings done independently.</i>
Oct 21	Archeology Day Minor Miner Event	<i>Full day of Rock Activities for the kids location TBD</i>
Oct 27-29	Ord Mountain Rendezvous	<i>Metal Detecting events, potluck, great get together with other local clubs.</i>
Nov 18	2 Burros Claim Outing	<i>Meet at Claim</i>
Dec 2	Annual Holiday Party & Potluck	<i>11am-2pm Pinon Hills, CA</i>

**** As always events are subject to last minute change due to weather or availability. Please make sure to check the Facebook group for any last-minute update. If you are not on Facebook, please e-mail or text another member who has access.**



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*

Highlighted Local Business

Mining Supplies and Rock Shop
Rough Rocks, Slabs, Cabochons, Minerals, Crystals,
Grit, Tumbled Stones, Rocks for Tumbling.

Cyndy Mandell & Lois Papner
cynmandell@me.com & lpapner@me.com

Hesperia, California 92345

eBay: miningsupplies 760.508.1081