

The GOLD PAN

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Comstock Gold Prospectors
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BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting Jan. 26, 2010

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your calendars !!!)

Jan 26, 2010	-	Board/General Meeting
Feb 23, 2010	-	Board/General Meeting
Mar 23, 2010	-	Board/General Meeting
Apr 27, 2010	-	Board/General Meeting
May 25, 2010	-	Board/General Meeting
Jun 22, 2010	-	Board/General Meeting

1 Year Gold – NYSE

<u>1/11/2010 – 8:30 a.m. PST</u>	\$1,152.90
One Year High (at closing)	1,214.80
One Year Low (at closing)	810.10

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>1/11/2010 – 8:30 a.m. PST</u>	\$ 18.70
One Year High (at closing)	19.21
One Year Low (at closing)	10.55

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Life isn't fair, but it's still good. When in doubt, just take the next small step. -- Kanaka

I want to thank Mike Wiegand for his service as our President in 2009 and for all his hard work for our Club. He will still be in service to the Club as our Vice President for 2010.

We had 45 to 50 people come to the Christmas Party to celebrate, which was pretty good considering the snow and ice storm that hit that evening. I want to extend a special thanks to our hostess, Virginia Brown, all of the cooks, and our set-up crew that made the party possible. The turkey and ham and all the fixens were delicious. Also I take my hat off to that table display of desserts. We had a great display of gifts for the drawings and door prizes thanks to Jim and Nadine and Eldon.

We first had a blessing on the food by Mike. our President. and then ate and had fun. After our wonderful meal we had our drawings.

Claire Wiegand read the "Miners Christmas" poem to the membership and she did an awesome job. Thank you Claire.

I believe we had some members who traveled from Oregon to make the Christmas party too. We also had some people who tried to get to the party and could not make it due to the icy roads and we all were sorry we missed you (Manny, Lee, and Gary and anyone else I may have missed).

Shifting gears, I want to let the membership know that the Claims Committee went to the Shiloh and put up a couple more signs on the trail opposite side of the road from the Yuba river on Wednesday 12/30/09. The group of three people who went were Bill Vogt, Manny Figueiredo, and Grant Garrison. Mike Wiegand, Kevin and Al could not make it.

Remember -- whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger. Over prepare, then go with the flow. And always choose life.

Your new president serving the Club,
Grant M. Garrison "Woody".

"When I thought I couldn't go on, I forced myself to keep going. My success is based on persistence, not luck." --- Norman Lear

Membership Chairperson/Historian Comments

Supplemental material to Chris Ralph's presentation at the November meeting:

Bulletin 193: Gold Districts of California - Sesquicentennial Edition, California Gold Discovery to Statehood, Seventh Printing, 1998, 186 p., 1 plate, scale 1:1,000,000. An overall guide to gold deposits in California, this bulletin describes the principal features of each gold-bearing district. Longer descriptions of selected districts cover location and extent, history, geology and character of gold deposits, list of mines and bibliography. Cost: \$20.00

Ordering Calif. Geological Survey Publications:

<http://www.consrv.ca.gov/cgs/information/publications/Pages/ordering.aspx>

Website for Topographic maps and Aerial Photos:

<http://terraserver-usa.com/>

Nevada Mining Information and Maps:

<http://keck.library.unr.edu/default.htm>

Nevada Mining District Files online:

<http://www.nbmjg.unr.edu/mdfiles/mdfiles.htm>

Other Nevada Geology Information:

<http://www.nbmjg.unr.edu/>

Chris Ralph's Prospecting website:

http://nevada-outback-gems.com/prospect/chris_prospect.htm

Links to keep up on what is happening with dredging:

California Fish and Game:
www.dfg.gov/suctiondredge
ICMJ: www.icmj.com

New Claim Maps:

I have been working on redoing the claim maps. The goal has been to make them more useful and in electronic form so that ultimately they can be posted on the Web. So far I have completed the maps for Adavenone, Nadine, Tammy, Who-Do, and 7 N 7. Copies of the new maps were available at the November meeting and will be available at future meetings. Included in this newsletter is the map for Adavenone. This map is included for two reasons. For one it will give everyone an idea of what the new format is like (all maps will be essential the same way). The other reason for its inclusion is due to the fact that this claim has been changed. If you have previously worked this claim you need to check the new map. Some area is no longer a part of the claim and new area has been added. There were problems with our previous filings and these problems have been corrected. I am still working on the remaining three claims (Lucky Linda, Shiloh, and Ken Bennett). If anyone needs a copy of any of these 5 claims and can't make a meeting then you should e-mail me at vvogt@sbcglobal.net. Please put in the subject line "CGP map request" and include in the body of the request the map(s) you need, your name as it appears on your membership card and your renewal date so that I can confirm membership status.

Annual Update for Life and Honorary Members:

Just a reminder, Article III, Section 2b of the Bylaws requires an application be submitted every year. For renewing members the date would be their anniversary date and for grandfathered Life and Honorary members we request that you do this during the first quarter of the year. Please note that the application form now contains two signature lines. This is for family memberships where there are two adults. Please be sure and have a signature for both adults where applicable. If you read the application you will see that you are releasing the Club, its members, and its Board of Directors from any legal or financial claim. This is why we need a **current signed application** on file for all members.

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER 22, 2009 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The following were the lucky Door Prize winners:

Cheryl Robinson
Amy Garrison
Becky O'Connell
Irene Vogt
Virginia Brown
Auri Adbison
Jim Bowman
Aaron Robinson
Todd Smith
Tim Syrse
Bud Miller won the Silver Round

The winner of the drawing for new member Gold was Carla Hoch.

Cheryl Robinson won two silver rounds in the Membership drawing.

The winner of the Old Timer drawing, open to members who have been in the Club for more than fifteen years, is Kevin Conway. The prize is a free one year membership. Since Kevin is a Life Member, he will receive a check for the cash equivalent.

The lucky winners of the Christmas Drawing are:

First Prize	Gary Rose - The Gold Wheel
Second Prize	Amy Garrison – Faceted Gemstones
Third Prize	Bill Vogt – Cabochon Gemstones

Claire Wiegand read the poem "Miner's Christmas".

The rest of the Christmas Party was devoted to eating and conversation. The food was great and there was lots of it.

Notes by Tom Newell, Secretary

**SEE PICTURES OF
THE CHRISTMAS DINNER AT OUR
WEB SITE (<http://www.cgpgold.org>)**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

November 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mike Wiegand. Present were Mike W, Grant G, Nadine M, Bill V, Leland W and Claire W. Absent were Jennifer N, Jim R, Mike M, Lee N and Gary N.

Corrections to the minutes: Bill Vogt was in attendance at the last meeting.

Old Business: Nelly Ramynke is doing all the paperwork to make sure that the Club is up to date on its nonprofit status.

The website is progressing slowly.

Claims: There was an error in the paperwork for the Adavenone. It has been corrected. Bill will order claims signs. There was a motion by Al G. to send \$100.00 to PLP. Grant G seconded it and it passed.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 Claire, Grant seconded.

Minutes by Claire Wiegand

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

November 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mike Wiegand at 7:35 PM.

Corrections to the minutes: None, but in the newsletter, Ron Orbas wants to carpool from Carson City to the meetings. His phone number should be: 775-885-9162.

Treasurer's Report was given by Nadine Miller. Motion to accept by Dick T, seconded by Larry L.

Old Business:

The ban on dredging in California continues. Unless a miracle happens, the study will take until late summer of 2011. The PLP has lawsuits against California. Donate to them if possible.

Virginia will pass around signup sheets for the Christmas pot luck. Raffle winners will be drawn for the Gold Miner and two other prizes.

Claims Report: Bill V and Grant G went to Sacramento to correct the error in the Adavenone paperwork. It is now correct.

The scoping meeting for the suction dredging in California in Sacramento was well attended with between 500 and 600 in attendance. The one in Fresno had about 180 – 250 there.

The 7 n 7 is hard to get to now with a few inches of snow and ice.

The Ken Bennett, Shiloh and Lucky Linda claims will get new markers.

New Business:

The Club is getting its nonprofit status back.

Don Costar found some things he thought he had lost. He brought in a 1963 Gold Deposit Survey and a Southern Pacific Railroad Map. He gave them to the Club for further exploration. Thanks Don!

Guest Speaker: Chris Ralph, Associate Editor of the ICMJ, spoke. His topic was, Researching Gold Deposits and How They Can Help You Find Gold. He was very informative.

A gold sucker was found on one of the claims. If it is yours, go to the gold store. If no one claims it, it will be put on the raffle table.

Drawings: Of the new members, Warren Burns won the gold. Donald Libby of Carson City was not present and did not win a silver round. There will be two silver rounds next month.

Mike Grether won a silver round for membership.

Minutes by Claire Wiegand

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General Meeting
4th Tuesday of each month
7:30 PM at the
Masonic Wadsworth Lodge #25
2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV
(Corner of Pyramid & York Way)

Board Meeting
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6:30 PM – prior to the General Meeting
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ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Bliss, Bridget & Probst, Geoffrey	Reno, NV
Burns, Kathy & Warren	Sparks, NV
Dronen, Kathleen & Ron	Reno, NV
Fainelli, Nghia & Robert	Fernley, NV
Loy, Mary Beth	Reno, NV
Robinson, Cheryl & Mike	Winnemucca NV
Stewart, John	Fernley, NV
Trudell, Darryl	Dayton, NV

Remember, if you have been elected to a Board position, your attendance is required at **all** Board meetings. If you can not attend, be sure one of the Board members has your proxy to allow for completion of necessary business.

Notice to All : The Board welcomes new ideas about outings, claims, speakers, programs, activities, social events, fund raising, public awareness, training programs, prospecting successes, anecdotes, hints, tall tales, lies, and gossip.

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