

The GOLD PAN

The newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

March 2010



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Next Meeting March 23, 2010

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your calendars !!!)

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>3/8/2010 – 8:15 a.m. PST</u>	\$1,124.90
One Year High (at closing)	1,214.80
One Year Low (at closing)	868.70

1 Year Silver – NYSE

<u>3/8/2010 – 8:15 a.m. PST</u>	\$ 17.25
One Year High (at closing)	19.21
One Year Low (at closing)	11.89

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The "apple of your eye" Is an Old English expression for the eye's center, or pupil. The whole body is tuned to protect that pupil from harm; eyelids reflexively snap shut at the slightest hint of danger; tear ducts bathe your eye with a cleansing liquid if any irritant enters; nerve endings scream "danger" at the slightest pain pressure.

As your servant to the Club I urge you to take as much of your whole being as your whole body takes care of your eye. Start to prepare yourself to find gold and enjoy the time you get to spend looking for it with your friends and partners. Remember your worst day looking for gold is a lot better than sitting around at home not looking and just dreaming about it.

Now that I spoke my mind I want to let you know I spoke with Steve Tibbals our speaker for March the meeting and he said he was looking forward to speaking at the meeting. He is the manager at a Hard rock mine in Lovelock and has 35 years in the business.

Also I want the Membership to know our Vice President has resigned due to health reasons. Mike Wiegand will be missed as an officer but his well being for his body should come first -- and Mike -- Thanks for your hard work for the Club!

See you at the meeting everyone.

Woody Grant Garrison your President and servant to the Club.

**See the Minutes of the General Meeting
(herein) for information about the Mineral
Identification Classes to be held this month.**

**BRING YOUR NO-LONGER-WANTED
MINING EQUIPMENT TO THE MARCH
MEETING
MINING EQUIPMENT SALE**

You are invited to bring any mining equipment that you would like to sell to the March meeting. For those of you who are looking for mining equipment (used or new), this will be a good time to see what other members have to sell. For any additional information about this event, contact Al Gottsch who is heading up this event.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON &
CLAIMS COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

By Bill Vogt

Grace Period Change:

At the February general meeting, the grace period specified by the by-laws (Article III, Section 2e) was unanimously changed from 60 days to 30 days to be implemented after the next meeting. Consequently, on March 24, 2010, I will begin using this new grace period to determine when a person on the waiting list can be added to the Club. Remember, if you are dropped from the membership list due to failing to pay your annual dues, you must pay the fee as though you were a new member and, if there is a waiting list, you go the bottom of the list if you want back in. The best policy for everyone who wishes to stay active with the Club is to have their dues paid by their anniversary date which is always shown on the newsletter and membership cards.

Yearly Updates:

Remember, if you are an Honorary or Life member you are still required, by the by-laws, to submit a signed application annually and the Board has requested that this be done during the first quarter of the year. To date, there are still 16 (39%) members in this category that have not yet sent in their applications.

Claims Report:

Due to various problems, amended location notices were filed for both the Lucky Linda and Shiloh claims. New maps have been produced and were handed out at the February meeting and are also included in this newsletter. If you have worked either of these claims before you need to check these maps before going to them because there have been changes to the boundaries. In the case

of Shiloh there was no change to the actual claim but the map was changed to correctly show the boundaries. The old map showed the claim going downstream beyond the gaging station but it doesn't. In the case of Lucky Linda, the claim has actually been reduced by 20 acres. The upstream boundary has been shifted and is now further downstream. Both of these claims will be thoroughly marked within the next couple of months.

We will also be filing an amended location notice for the Ken Bennett claim as well as producing a new map. The amended notice is required to clear up some possible confusion created by our prior notice. We have discovered that we have been overfiled in all of section 8 (lower end of claim) by 5 different claims and are taking action to correct this situation. We are anticipating a major effort to get this claim well marked once we are able to get into it.

April Speaker:

I will be April's guest speaker discussing how to research, file, and then maintain claims (primarily placer) in both Nevada and California. If you have any specific questions you should get them to me in advance so that I have an opportunity to research them if I need to.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR MARCH

Our speaker for the March meeting will be Steve Tibbals who will talk to us about Hard Rock and Placer Mining. Steve is the manager of a hard rock mine in Lovelock, NV.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

February 23, 2010

President Grant Garrison called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

Board Members Present: Grant Garrison, Bill Vogt, Nadine Miller, Jim Richards, Mike Maxwell, Tom Newell

Absent: Mike Wiegand, Claire Wiegand, Lee Nielson, Gary Nielson

Club Members Present: Al Gottsch

Corrections to Minutes: None

Motion to accept minutes: Jim Richards
Second: Al Gottsch. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nadine Miller.
Read and approved.

Claims Report: Bill Vogt

New claims maps have been completed and will be distributed during the general meeting. The new maps have corrected boundary locations. The Shiloh claim stays the same, just new corner locations. It was discovered that previous maps for the Lucky Linda claim had included areas that were in fact part of an adjoining claim. The new maps show the actual boundaries.

The Claims Committee is working on the paperwork for the Ken Bennett claims. The lower part of the claim has been over staked by at least four different people. Grant Garrison will send letters to these parties notifying them that they are in violation of the Club claims.

Motion to accept claims report: Jim Richards
Second: Al Gottsch. Approved.

Old Business:

Club is still seeking tax exempt – non-profit status.

Nadine Miller needs to find a new auditor to do the yearly audit. It was suggested that the Club have Nelly Ramynke do the audit.

Motion to have Nelly Ramynke do the annual audit: Jim Richards, Second: Al Gottsch. Approved.

Equipment sale will be at the end of the March meeting. Equipment will be available for viewing prior to the meeting.

New Business:

Mike Weigand has resigned as Vice President. Club will vote for a replacement during the March General Meeting. Grant Garrison will ask for nominations during the general meeting.

Bill Vogt has proposed a change to the bylaws to amend the grace period for payment of annual dues from 60 days to 30 days. If approved by the Club, this action would take affect as of the March meeting.

Motion to put this change in bylaws before the general membership: Jim Richards. Second: Al Gottsch. Approved.

Tom Newell will contact the People for Public Lands to find out if there is a class action lawsuit in the works or if they would sponsor one for recovering 2009 California Dredge Permit fees.

Motion to Adjourn: Jim Richards, Second: Al Gottsch.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Minutes prepared by Tom Newell

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

February 23, 2010

President Grant Garrison called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

Corrections to Minutes: None

Treasure's Report: Nadine Miller.
The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Claims Report: Bill Vogt

New Claim Maps are available. These show corrected boundary locations. The size of the Shiloh claim did not change, however the boundary locations have been updated. The previous maps for the Lucky Linda claim included what was actually part of an adjoining claim. The new maps show the corrected boundary locations. It is about 20 acres smaller than shown on previous maps.

The Orange County 49ers have one more year of access to the Lucky Linda claim.

Four different people have over filed the lower part of the Ken Bennett claims in section eight. The Ken Bennett claim was originally filed as a three mile long gulch claim running 66 feet wide on both sides from the river centerline. The plan is to place claim notices along the full three miles of the claim on both sides of the river at the 66 foot boundaries. Bill Vogt is asking for volunteers for this project. He anticipates putting up signs at the end of May. The sign up sheet is on the sign in table.

Old Business:

The equipment sale is on for the March meeting. Sale equipment will be brought in before the meeting for viewing. Actual sale to take place after the General Meeting is over. See Al Gottsch.

New Business:

Change in Bylaws

The Board has approved a motion to have the general membership vote on a change in the bylaws to reduce the grace period for payment of annual dues from 60 days to 30 days. If approved, this change would be effective as of the March 2010 meeting.

Motion was approved with no opposition.

Vice President

Mike Weigand has resigned as Vice President. Grant Garrison asked for nominations. The duties of the Vice President are to maintain Club claims and to file annual assessment reports.

Nominated for Vice President are: Ron Orbas and Ron Dunlap

Voting will be done during the March General Meeting.

Mineral Identification Class

Webb Varnum will be holding a mineral identification class on March 24 and 31 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Reno Gem and Mineral clubhouse on Rock Blvd.

The cost will be \$3 per night.

The book used for the class is "Minerals and Gemstones" available at Mill Street Rocks for \$9.95. The test kit is \$20 and consists of a scratch plate and harness testers. These kits will be ordered by Webb when he knows the number of people that will be attending the class. If you are interested in the class, you can contact Webb at 378-9475.

Possible Recovery of California 2009 Dredge Permit Fees
PLP will be contacted to find out if there are any class action lawsuits to recover 2009 permit fees or if they would be interested in filing one.

2010 Outings

Details will be finalized soon.

Speaker:

Chris Ralph presented a very interesting talk about Tertiary Channels in the California Mother Lode.

Chris had copies of his new book "Fists Full of Gold" for sale after the meeting.

Attendance Prize Drawing: Wyatt Erd won the silver round.

Membership Drawing: Member drawn was not present.

New Members Drawing: William Horn won the pieces of gold.

Guests: There were seven guests at the meeting.

Butch Collett
Aubrey Campbell
Ed Hampton
Steve Peterson
Tim Rudolph
Patty Rudolph
Betty Rudolph

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Minutes prepared by Tom Newell.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Collett, Charles	Reno, NV
Keyser-Cooper, Terri and Zewadski, Guy	Reno, NV

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

Board Meeting
4th Tuesday of each month
6:30 PM – prior to the General Meeting
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ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

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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.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

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