

The GOLD PAN

The newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

June 2010



BLACK BILLIE

Next Meeting June 22, 2010

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Mark your calendars !!!)

- June 22, 2010 - Board/General Meeting
- July 4 Weekend - Outing – Adavenone
- Jul 27, 2010 - Board/General Meeting
- Aug. 21-22 - Outing – Ken Bennett
- Aug 24, 2010 - Board/General Meeting
- Labor Day - Outing*
- Sept 28, 2010 - Board/General Meeting
- Oct. 2-3 - Outing – Tammy
- Oct 26, 2010 - Board/General Meeting
- Nov 23, 2010 - Board/General Meeting

* = tentative

1 Year Gold – NYSE

6/7/2010 – 8:15 a.m. PST	\$1,232.10
One Year High (at closing)	1,237.10
One Year Low (at closing)	909.10

1 Year Silver – NYSE

6/7/2010 – 8:15 a.m. PST	\$ 17.68
One Year High (at closing)	19.52
One Year Low (at closing)	12.65

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Membership,

Hope all is well with everyone. Remember June is the time to get out there and look for gold. When you go out to the claims make sure you are safe and you bring the right tools for the job. Try not to go alone, and try to buddy up with someone because there is safety in numbers. Make sure you have your Club ID card handy and remember to follow your gut feeling when you are prospecting. Be careful in the rivers. Due to the heavy run off it is easy to be swept away due to fast currents. If you are going to one of the desert claims make sure you bring plenty of drinking water and some shade with you. Also, don't forget to tell someone where you are going and when you will be back.

Have fun out there and happy hunting.

Your President Grant M. Garrison (Woody)
servant to the membership

SPEAKER FOR JUNE MEETING

Dana Allen will be the speaker for the June meeting and will speak on X-ray fluorescent spectrometers (Spock analyzers) – for instant assay in the field.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dyette, Adrian & Maureen	Sparks, NV
Fromelius, Eric	Reno, NV
Hunter, Jayson	Reno, NV
Leech, Dalton & Norel, Penny	Olympic Valley, CA
Roseman, Stan	Damascus, MD
Sudassy, Andrew	Wheaton, MD

CLAIM MAPS

Maps of our claims may be obtained from Bill Vogt at 775/747-3145 or Email: Wvogt@sbcglobal.net

DRIVING ON ROADS

Stay on the existing roads; don't "pioneer" new ones. This could be against the law. (Under some of the "new laws and regulations," even some existing access roads are no longer to be used; and technically they are no longer considered to be "roads.") If you have old copies of maps, keep them, as they show the "non-roads." Make sure you keep out of areas that are off limits to vehicles. Check ahead with the proper county, state, or federal agencies.

Due to current "smog laws," most of the vehicles manufactured since about 1975 have catalytic converters, which become extremely hot. It has been said that a fire can be started by parking a vehicle with a hot catalytic converter in a grassy area.

Usually, the most common off-highway problem is getting unstuck, mostly from sandy areas. (A reliable hand-operated air pump to refill the tires after letting some air out, but not too much, is a big help in the sand.) If your vehicle is equipped with electronic ignition, an extra control unit is worth taking along. I always carry a spare starter, extra belts, assorted rubber hose stock, motor oil, transmission fluid, and other items that experience has taught me to carry.

Remember, driving in desert areas really tests a vehicle, especially its cooling system. Anti-freeze is currently very expensive. Make sure your cooling system is in shape with good hoses, belts, and a clean radiator so it doesn't boil away. If your vehicle has an air conditioner, you might be better to leave it "off." Mine hasn't worked for years.

Also, sharp rocks and some spiny plants can ruin a tire. Buy only good tires; don't try to economize here! Make sure you have at least one good spare, and check to make sure the spare's wheel fits the vehicle and the tire has air before you go. Oil pans, loosely hanging mufflers, pipes, and power steering hoses can be sliced by a rock. I can remember, during the summer of 1954, jamming rags into a long gash in the oil pan while out in central Nevada so it would hold enough oil to make it back to nearby Eureka for repairs.

Carrying a few extra short pieces of 2" x 4" lumber; an extra car jack or two plus a "come-along," a hunk of carpet to put under a wheel for traction in sand, a length of chain, a good shovel, extra water, oil, gas, and tools, as well as the other items you normally carry, can give you more security to get rolling again in case of a breakdown.

What does the successful hunter drive? "Whatever he can afford" is the best answer. I have always found older pickups a good value. I prefer one with a short wheelbase for tight areas and a small, light camper shell for storage and personal comfort. Its age and mileage aren't critical; its overall condition is. Four-wheel drive is nice, but you can still become stuck. If your vehicle has a limited-slip differential, it should handle most areas. Make sure your vehicle is roadworthy and in shape for making trips. Equip yourself with essential spare parts and fluids.

(by Jim Straight, *Follow the Drywashers Volume 3.*)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

May 25, 2010

President Grant Garrison called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM.

Board Members Present: Grant Garrison, Bill Vogt, Nadine Miller, Jim Richards, Mike Maxwell, Ron Orbas, Tom Newell, Gary Nielson, Lee Nielson, Claire Wiegand

Absent: All Present

Members Present: Al Gottsch

Corrections to Minutes: None

Treasurer's Report: Nadine Miller. Motion to Accept: Bill Vogt, Second: Gary Nielson. Approved

Claims Report: Bill Vogt and Grant Garrison

Ken Bennett: No change.

7&7: No change in the status of the boundary dispute. Will put the idea of selling the claim to the members in the General Meeting that follows.

Nadine: A group of Club members checked out the corner posts.

Tammy: A work crew is needed to check out corner posts.

Annual Claims Assessment Report:

A form is needed for reporting claim activity for each of the Club claims. This information will be used for filling the claims assessment report. The Club has small miner status with the BLM, which means that claim activity reports can be used to replace the annual claim fee. This saves the Club about a thousand dollars.

Old Business:

Corporation Resident Agent: Nellie Ramynke will be the Resident Agent for the Club.

Club Insurance: Gary Nielson has received one proposal. He will seek more.

New Business

SB889 Return of 2009 Dredge Fees: SB889 was passed by the California Senate. It now goes before the Assembly.

Impression Stamps for Club Correspondence: Bill Vogt asked the Club to purchase impression stamps with the Club logo and Club name to be used on Club correspondence. Motion to buy the stamps: Al Gottsch, Second: Mike Maxwell. Approved

Donation: Gary Nielson is donating a complete set of Nevada TOPO maps on CDs.

Club Outings: The format for the Club outings will be to announce a date and place at the General Meeting. All who attend will bring their own food with some extra for one meal that will be potluck.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:25

Minutes prepared by Tom Newell

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

May 25, 2010

President Grant Garrison called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Corrections to Minutes: None. Minutes accepted.

Treasure's Report: Nadine Miller. The treasure's Report was read. Motion to accept: Al Gottsch, Second: Ken Brown. Accepted

Claims Report: Bill Vogt and Grant Garrison

7&7: The boundary dispute has not been resolved.

Ken Bennett: Nothing to report

Nadine: Work party checked corner posts.

Motion to accept claims report: Al Gottsch, Second: Harley Ponsler.

Old Business: None

New Business:

SB889 Return of 2009 Dredge Fees Bill Vogt reported that SB889, the bill to return 2009 dredge fees to holders of California Dredge Permits has passed the Senate and is moving to the Assembly.

TOPO Maps: Gary Nielson has donated a set of CDs that contain a full set of Nevada TOPO maps. This set will be auctioned during the June meeting.

Outings: A volunteer for Outings Chairman is needed. If interested, Contact Grant Garrison.

The proposed format for the outings is a little different than previously reported.

The plan is:

The time and place of the outing will be announced at the General Meeting. Whoever shows up at the time and place will be the group for that outing.

Everyone will provide their own food with some extra for one meal which will be potluck.

The tentative schedule is:

Adavan - July 4th Weekend.
Ken Bennett – August 21-22.
Tammy – October 2-3.
Something for Labor Day weekend.

Claim Activity: Ron Orbas, Vice President and Claims Manager, needs to know what the members have done on each claim and the dates of their activity. This information will be used when filing the BLM annual claims assessment reports.

Community Service: Grant Garrison, President, would like to see the Club schedule at least four community service activities a year. The Club has presented a panning demonstration at the Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Suggestions from the membership were the Scout Jamboree near Fallon in August and maybe Dayton Valley Days. There were several volunteers for the Scout Jamboree. The dates for the Dayton Valley Days will be determined.

Vote to Sell 7&7 Claim: Motion to sell 7&7 claim: Al Gottsch, Second: Dave Weingarten. Approved by unanimous vote.

With a show of hands, most members would like to replace the 7&7 with a wet claim in Nevada if possible.

Speakers for Future Meetings:

June – Aaron Klemenah will present a talk on a portable multi-element x-ray spectrometer that can analyze for up to 20 elements in the field.

July – Metal Detectors

Need suggestions for August and September

Attendance Drawing: Ken Brown won the silver round.

Membership Drawing: Member drawn was not present. The drawing at the next meeting will be for four silver rounds.

New Members Present:

Roger Kelly
Hugh Ezzell
John Weaver
Mike Durfee
Ron Anderson
Aubrey Campbell

Roger Kelly won the drawing for the pieces of gold

Guests:

Allen Planke
Erin Krenen
Chris Novak
Carl Turnes

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Al Gottsch, Second: Dave Weingarten

Meeting Adjourned 8:45

Total Attendance: 52 with 48 members and 4 guests.

Minutes prepared by Tom Newell.

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
RAFFLE TABLE. . .**

. . . help to pay for the meeting hall. Please remember to contribute. It does not really matter what it is. Clean out your garage. If you don't have a use for it, someone else does. Don't throw it away; put it on the table. **One man's garbage is another's man's gold!** Thank you!

Mike Maxwell, Member at Large

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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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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

FOR SALE OR TRADE – Garrett Gold Stinger “Scorpion” Metal Detector. Comes with 2 search coils – 9” and 3”. Also has DVD and handbook. Used 3 times. Bought new and paid \$500.00. Will trade for gun or rifle of equal value or good deal for cash. Call Jim at (775) 303-2026.
(ad expires June 2010 issue)

FOR SALE – Like New Pro Line 4-inch Gold Dredge. Just bought in 2009, used 3 days on Yuba River in CA. It has the single sluice box, Honda GX 200 (6.5 HRP) motor, T-80 hookah with a quick coupler single air hook-up, stainless steel reserve air tank, 30 ft. of air hose, new regulator and harness, new full face mask, 20 ft. of suction hose, swivel nozzle, two weight belts with 95 pounds of weight, one with lead shot and the other with standard weights. Motor has only about 12 hours on it and has a warranty too! I am asking \$3,600 for it and also might take part trade??? Also will talk about delivery or shipping. Call Rick Herron at (775) 622-6803.
(ad expires June 2010 issue)

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