

# The GOLD PAN

The newsletter of the  
**Comstock Gold Prospectors**  
 November 2009



## *BLACK BILLIE*

**Next Meeting Nov. 24, 2009**

### **UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(Mark your calendars ! ! !)

Nov 24, 2009 - Board/General Meeting  
 Dec 22, 2009 - Christmas Pot Luck  
 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>11/9/2009 – 9:30 a.m. PST</u> | \$1,106.70 |
| One Year High                    | 1,106.70   |
| One Year Low                     | 709.50     |

### **1 Year Silver – NYSE**

|                                  |          |
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| <u>11/9/2009 – 9:15 a.m. PST</u> | \$ 17.65 |
| One Year High                    | 17.68    |
| One Year Low                     | 8.92     |

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

The Club's elections will be held at the next meeting. The ballots received in this newsletter can also be mailed to the Club and counted at the November meeting if you are unable to attend. We were able to have one person for each elected position, just barely. There will be a chance for anyone who wishes to run for an elected office to be a "write in" candidate. Please consider this. A good place to begin is at the Member-at-Large position. There are no clear cut duties. The four Members-at-Large officers round out the board, giving more points of view.

If you feel there are things that the Club should be doing or not doing, you can always go to any Board member and voice your concern. But if you are a Board member you can bring things up at the Board Meeting directly. On the other hand, if there is something you like that the Club is doing, please let someone on the Board know. Everyone needs a pat on the back sometime.

My sincere thanks to all of you who helped in word and deed,

Mike Wiegand

### **SPEAKER FOR NOVEMBER MEETING**

Our speaker for the November meeting will be Chris Ralph, co-editor for the ICMJ Mining Journal. He has a degree in Mining Engineering from the Mackay School of Mines in Reno. After working for precious metal mining companies conducting both surface and underground operations, Chris has continued his interest in mining as an individual prospector.

Chris will speak on Researching Gold Deposits and How They Can Help You Find Gold.

## GPS DISCUSSION

Bill Vogt gave a talk on the Global Positioning System at our October General Meeting. Just in case you didn't get a chance to copy them down, below are the references he gave to us concerning GPS. Thanks, Bill for the very informative discussion.

### Internet:

<http://www.kowoma.de/en/gps/index.htm>

<http://www8.garmin.com/aboutGPS>

<http://www.trimble.com/gps>

### Books:

"GPS for Dummies", 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Joel McNamara  
"GPS Made Easy Using Global Positioning Systems In The Outdoors", Lawrence Letham  
Manufacturer's Manual for specific GPS unit



### BLACK NOVEMBER (A Turkey's View)

*When I was a young turkey, new to the coop,  
My big brother Mike took me out on the stoop,*

*Then he sat me down, and he spoke real slow,  
And he told me there was something that I had to know;*

*His look and his tone I will always remember,  
When he told me of the horrors of....Black  
November;*

*"Come about August, now listen to me,  
Each day you'll get six meals instead of just three,*

*"And soon you'll be thick, where once you were  
thin,*

*And you'll grow a big rubbery thing under your  
chin;*

*"And then one morning, when you're warm in your  
bed,  
In'll burst the farmer's wife, and hack off your  
head;*

*"Then she'll pluck out all your feathers so you're  
bald 'n pink,  
And scoop out all your insides and leave ya lyin' in  
the sink;*

*"And then comes the worst part" he said not  
bluffing,  
"She'll spread your cheeks and pack your rear with  
stuffing".*

*Well, the rest of his words were too grim to repeat,  
I sat on the stoop like a winged piece of meat,*

*And decided on the spot that to avoid being  
cooked,  
I'd have to lay low and remain overlooked;*

*I began a new diet of nuts and granola,  
High-roughage salads, juice and diet cola;*

*And as they ate pastries, chocolates and crepes,  
I stayed in my room doing Jane Fonda tapes;*

*I maintained my weight of two pounds and a half,  
And tried not to notice when the bigger birds  
laughed;*

*But 'twas I who was laughing, under my breath,  
As they chomped and they chewed, ever closer to  
death;*

*And sure enough when Black November rolled  
around,  
I was the last turkey left in the entire compound;*

*So now I'm a pet in the farmer's wife's lap;  
I haven't a worry, so I eat and I nap;*

*She held me today, while sewing and humming,  
And smiled at me and said "**Christmas is  
coming....**"*

(Contributed by Virginia Brown)

## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

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Date: Tuesday, December 22, 2009  
Time: Set-up at 4 p.m. Chow down at 6 p.m.  
Place: Masonic Lodge, Sparks (Same place as our meetings)

Good food, great door prizes, gifts !!! The Christmas Potluck takes the place of our December meeting. A list will be passed around at the November meeting enabling you to sign up for the dish you'd like to bring. The turkey, the ham and the coffee will be provided by the Club. Installation of officers for the year 2010 will take place at the dinner.

The drawing for the Spiral Wheel will take place. It's not too late to buy tickets for this raffle. They are available at Reno Prospector's Supply or from some of the Board members. They are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift for a man if you are a man and bring a gift for a woman if you are a woman. We should keep the price of the gift around \$10.00. If you bring a child to the Potluck, please bring a wrapped gift for that child.

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

August 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mike Wiegand at 6:24 PM. Present were Mike W, Grant G, Nadine M, Lee N, Gary N, Mike M, Claire W, Jim R, Al G. Absent were Jennifer N and Leland W.

Corrections to Minutes: Vern Murray was not kicked out of the Club.

Treasurer's Report: Nadine Miller

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Motion to Accept: Bill V., 2<sup>nd</sup> Al.

Old Business:

A certified Return Receipt Letter will be sent to Vern Murray.

Claims Report: Bill and Irene Vogt and Bud and Nadine Miller put up posts on The Tammy. Members will get

written notification of the boundaries so there are no conflicts. The owner of a neighboring claim might be interested in a yearly lease or even selling the claim to the Club. Grant will negotiate for the Club. Grant is still trying to get in contact with the person who took down our signs and put up his signs on the 7N7. He will keep working on this.

New Business: The Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 22. We need a chairperson to coordinate it. The Club provides the turkey and ham. Nominations will be held at this meeting.

Kevin McFarland is now the chairman for Outings.

Bill has arranged for Chris Ralph to be guest speaker for November. He is Associate Editor of the ICMJ. His topic will be, "Researching Gold Deposits and How They can Help you Find Gold".

Motion to Adjourn: Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Al.

Minutes prepared by Claire Wiegand

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

August 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mike Wiegand

Treasurer's Report: Nadine Miller

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Motion to accept Larry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert.

Claims Report: Bill, Irene, Bud and Nadine marked the Tammy. The markers are up on the Nadine. Bruce Brodhead is helping Grant find claims in Nevada where we can dredge. Motion to accept Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Clayton.

Visitors:

Al Gold and Kevin Krichbaum

New Members:

Wyn Ramsey (won the gold)  
Tom Davis  
Steve and Anita Clark  
Frank Silveira  
Joe Silveira

New Business:

The Christmas Party will be held during the Dec. meeting on Tuesday, December 22. Food will be served at 6:00 PM. Set up will begin at 4:00. We need a chairperson. The gift exchange will be for everyone who brings a gift. Guys bring for guys, gals bring for gals. There is a \$10.00 maximum per gift. Virginia Brown will cook the turkey. Wyn and Tom will help. There will be door prizes. The raffle winners will be drawn during the party.

First prize is the Spiral Wheel. 2<sup>nd</sup> is a bottle of gems worth \$200.00. 3<sup>rd</sup> is a bottle of gems worth \$100.00. The gems were donated by a member. Tickets are still on sale at the meetings and at Reno Prospector's Supply. You can sign some out and sell them to others who do not come to the meetings. They cost \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6.

Elections will be held next month. Nominations and/or volunteering: President-Grant Garrison, Vice Pres.-Mike Wiegand, Treasurer-Nadine Miller, Secretary-Tom Newell, Editor-Lee Nielson, Membership Chairman/Historian-Bill Vogt, Members-at-Large-Mike Maxwell, Claire Wiegand, Jim Richards, Gary Nielson.

Ron Orbas had two items to discuss. First, he found some glasses at the Adevan. They are Grant's! Ron would also like to carpool from Carson City to the meetings.

Claims along the Carson River were discussed. You can power sluice there.

Donate to the PLP if you can. They have 4 lawsuits concerning dredging in California.

Guest Speaker: Bill Vogt spoke on GPS units.

Membership: Grant Garrison pulled his own number and won the silver Round.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Minutes prepared by Claire Wiegand



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**General Meeting**  
4<sup>th</sup> 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**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
6:30 PM – prior to the General Meeting  
Masonic Wadsworth Lodge #25  
2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV  
(Corner of Pyramid & York Way)  
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

### **Club Officers – 2009**

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### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Clark, Anita & Stephen | Fernley, NV |
| Jurschak, Faith & Jim  | Reno, NV    |
| Silveira, Frank        | Reno, NV    |
| Silveira, Joseph       | Reno, NV    |

### **CARPPOOLING - CARSON CITY TO SPARKS**

Club members who are interested in carpooling from Carson City to the Club meetings, please contact Ron Orbas at (775) 775-9162,

### **Board Members at Large**

Mike Maxwell  
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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 -- Camel Mountain Goat Trommel Concentrator.** Used one time. Like new with Rubbermaid container. Paid new \$695.00 plus S&H. Will sell for \$500.00 or trade?. Russell Rehbein (775) 450-3616.

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Half Page Ad: \$25.00 per month  
Quarter Page Ad: \$12.50 per month

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