

The GOLD PAN

The Newsletter of the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

November 2011



BLACK BILLIE

**Next Meeting November 22, 2011
7:30 PM**

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS
(Mark your calendars)

Nov. 22, 2011 - Board/General Meeting
Dec. 13, 2011 - Christmas Party

1 Year Gold – NYSE

11/15/2011 – 5:31 pm PST	\$1,738.60
One Year High (at closing)	\$1,900.30
One Year Low (at closing)	\$1,314.90

1 Year Silver – NYSE

11/15/2011 – 5:33 pm PST	\$32.58
One Year High (at closing)	\$48.48
One Year Low (at closing)	\$25.62

A Big Welcome to our New Members:

Charlie & Robin Barnes, Yuba City
Geoff Bueschen, Sparks
Tami & Dion Halvorson, Reno
Barbara & Ronald Mayfield, Reno
Shane Patterson, Carson City
Jok & Gail Simons, TX
Mark & Annette Stringer, Oroville
Desider Wiegand, Fernley

Dear, Membership,

Let me start this Letter with the, My Holiday Golden Rule--don't do to others what you wouldn't want them to do to you. There are narrow and wide gates. I recommend you enter through the narrow gate. For the wide gate leads to the broad road which can lead to destruction; most people take the easy path. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Now on to other things Bill, Ron and I went out to check out some areas in Pershing county which had some creeks that we could possibly dredge. The good news is the creeks were big enough to dredge but when we sampled them we did not find any gold. We checked out four creeks. The other bad news is the places we are checking out are about 320 miles round trip--give or take 20 miles. Bill, Ron and I are going to check out some more places in Nevada that have some creeks that I know about; and later on in March / April / May we are going to check out some places in northern Washoe Nevada.

Back to some good news we have another 120 acre claim in the Bucks lake area that joins the other three claims we have and give us about 630 acres together if the club approves it will add it to our list of claims we have.

The next two things I want to tell you is that the Xmas party is the second Tuesday in December and you have until that day to mail in your vote for the new officers and board members at large that are up for election. At the meeting on November 22nd Nadine and Virginia will ask people to sign up for pot luck dishes that you can bring.

Your President,
Grant M. Garrison
Servant to the membership
I/E Woody

Tammy Outing By Bill Vogt

Since Sherm Tresca and I were carrying the Club dry-washer and Vac.Pac we went to Tammy on Friday morning just in case there were members there early. We had just barely got our campsite set up when Randy Austin showed up followed within an hour by Anthony Urso. Both Randy and Anthony are frequent visitors to Tammy so they quickly had their campsites set up and their drywashers in position. The only thing that slowed them down at all was a flat tire that developed on Randy's vehicle just after he got into camp which he attended to during the weekend. For Sherm and I it was a little different. While I had been to Tammy many times I had only recently started dry-washing. It was Sherm's first time to Tammy and just his second time drywashing. We were a little uncertain as to where and how to begin but Randy and Anthony got with us and gave us some good advice on where to set up and how to proceed. We all got in a few hours of drywashing that day and when Sherm and I panned out we had a couple of nice pickers. Randy and Anthony, on the other hand, did not pan their material. Their strategy is to take their concentrated material home and pan it there. They believe they already know where the gold is and they want to concentrate their effort on moving material.

After a chilly night we all quickly warmed up by getting back to the drywashers. We were joined around 10AM by members Anita and Steve Clark who did not plan on spending the night and had come by just to see what drywashing was all about. We showed them how to set up the Club drywasher and after some tips and instructions from Randy and Anthony they set about seeking their fortune. They left in the afternoon taking their concentrate home to be panned later. They told me at the next meeting that there was a nice gold smile in their pan and I heard that they are now the proud owners of a drywasher. Mark Gentile showed up shortly after the Clark's and planned on spending the night. While he had brought his own drywasher he moved to the Club's unit when the Clark's went home.

No one else showed up that day until after dark when we saw a vehicle pull in down the road a bit. In the morning we were visited by member Hugh Ezzell. Hugh said he was going to be there about a week and initially he was just going to do some sampling. He indicated he wasn't going to be drywashing and when we left later that day we went by his camp and saw that he was on a completely different level when it comes to desert prospecting. Mark left with Sherm and I and Randy and Anthony were planning on leaving on Monday. I can't be certain but I thought I heard Randy yell to Anthony as we drove off something like "now that they are gone lets go to our secret spot." And here I thought only Bud and Nadine had a secret spot at Tammy.

The weather over the weekend was beautiful but chilly after dark. As far as I could tell everyone did good prospecting and the Club equipment got put to a good use. Look for pictures on the Club website.

NEW CLAIM "Costar" by Bill Vogt

As announced at the October meeting the Club has located another claim in the Bucks Lake area. This claim is on the road between "Harrys" and "Billies" and has been named "Costar" after the Club's first president Don Costar who passed away earlier this year. The claim was previously named "Tuffis" and we became aware of its availability from one of the previous owners who is now a Club member. All the previous claim signs that were found have been repainted, a new discovery pole visible from the road has been erected, and all the paperwork has been filed. The claim is 160 acres and between it and Billies the Club has a little over 2.5 miles of Coquette Creek to prospect. A map of this claim is included in this newsletter.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING October 24th, 2011

President Grant Garrison called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

Board Members Present: Grant Garrison, Nadine Miller, Bill Vogt, Mike Maxwell, Jim Richards, Brandon Camp, Al Gottsch, Sherm Tresca, Ron Orbas

Members Present: Mike Wiegand

Corrections to Minutes: Claim name is 7N7 not 7&7.

Motion to accept correction to the minutes: Nadine Miller

Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller. All insurance premiums are paid for one year. These also cover the claims and the meeting room

Motion to accept the treasurer's report: Al Gottsch
Second: Bill Vogt
Voted and Accepted

Claims Report: Ron Orbas

There is an abandoned claim by Harry's and Billie's up for grabs. Discovery markers are put up and are good for 90 days. Motion to sell claim to member and lease back to club. Several claims are available for filing on. Their assessment work as not done. Some are close to Shiloh, Lucky Linda and Ken Bennett.

Rumor is that California high banker permits will cost \$1,000. The fine for not having a permit will be \$2,500.

Motion to accept claims report: Jim Richards
Second: Mike Wiegand
Voted and accepted

Membership Report:

Membership is now at 297. Three applications is being sent in. 12 are on the waiting list. There are 9 lifetime memberships available. One member is on life membership waiting list.

Motion to accept membership report: Al Gottsch
Second: Brandon Camp
Voted and Accepted

Old Business:

Outings

Ten people showed up for the outing at the Tammy.

We lost our non profit tax exempt status. This must be renewed each year.

Motion: Renew non profit tax exempt status every year when we do income tax return.

Motion to accept old business report: Jim Richards
Second: Bill Vogt
Voted and approved

New Business:

Motion to print in the bulletin the members who are no longer in the club starting in January to alert members that the people are no longer in our club.

Christmas party to be hosted by Nadine Miller and Virginia Brown on December 13th at 4PM.

Motion to include assessment paperwork in our newsletter.

Motion to Accept New Business: Al Gottsch
Second : Mike Wiggins
Voted and Accepted:

Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting: Al Gottsch
Second: Bill Vogt
Voted and approved

Board Meeting adjourn at 7:10

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
October 24th, 2011

President Grant Garrison called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Corrections to Minutes:

The correct spelling of our claim is 7N7 not 7&7

Motion to accept September Minutes: Jim Bowman
Second: David Weingarten
Voted and Accepted

Treasurer's Report: Read by Nadine Miller.

Motion to accept: James Bowman
Second: David Weingarten
Voted and Accepted

Membership Report:

We currently have 297 members in the club. Three people are sending in an application. There are 12 on the waiting list. There are 9 lifetime memberships available. One member on life membership waiting list.

Motion to Accept Membership Report: James Bowman
Second: Raymond Garr
Voted and Accepted

Claims Report: Ron Orbas

One claim is available near the Harry's & Billie's which was abandoned.

Motion to file on new claim: Raymond Garr
Second: David Weingarten.
Voted and Accepted

Motion to Accept the Claims Report: Virginia Brown
Second: David Weingarten
Voted and Accepted

Old Business:

We are working on our non profit tax exempt status which expires yearly.

Ask people on claims if they are a member
7N7 still for sale
Motion to accept Old Business report: Warren Burns
Second: Mike Wiggins
Voted and accepted.

Outings:

Club outing at Tammy's: was hosted by Bill Vogt and Sherm Tresca. Ten people showed up. Some did dry washing.

Motion to accept Outing Report: James Bowman
Second: Al Gottsch
Voted and accepted

New Business:

The Christmas party will be hosted by Virginia Brown and Nadine Miller on Saturday December 10th at 4PM. If Saturday not available we will try for Tuesday December 13th. Also volunteering are Kim Pon and Raymond Garr.

Drywasher for sale @ \$275.00, bought new for \$450.00 call 775-267-4702

Fisher f75 metal detector with extras for sale cost new \$750.00 call 775-450-0119

Club insurance is paid for one year. This covers the claims and our meeting room.

November 11 to 13th the Gem and Mineral Society will be at Sacramento Scottish Rite Temple at 6151 H Street, Sacramento, California.

Suggestions on what the club would like to hear someone speak on:
How to verify a claim at the BLM
How to find and file a claim
Chris Ralph could demonstrate the use of metal detectors
How to use a GPS

Bylaws to be changed: expulsion to be lifetime, article 3, section 5

Motion to donate \$100 to PLP by Grant Garrison
Second by Dave Weingarten
Voted and accepted with one opposed

Motion to buy Vac-Pac for Christmas raffle: Tom Gass
Second: Ken Brown
Voted and accepted

James Sprag passed away

Motion to accept New Business Report: Tim Syriac
Second: Dennis Ramey **Club Notices:**

Attendance Drawing: Steve Clark won the silver round.

Membership Drawing: Not present, drawing goes to 4 silver rounds next month.

New Members Present:

Desi Wiegand (winner of the drawing)
Randy Watkins

Guests:

George McCormack
Rod Peterson
Doug LaFaith
Marty LaFaith
Ulus Bottoms

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn meeting: Anita Clark
Second: Raymond Garr
Meeting adjourned 8:30

Minutes prepared by Linalu Bowman.

Contributions to the Raffle Table...

...help pay for the meeting hall. Please remember to contribute. It does not really matter what it is. Clean our 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 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
4th Tuesday of each month
6:30 PM – prior to the General Meeting
(same location as general meeting)

Club Officers – 2011

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CLASSIFIED SECTION

FOR SALE:

2003 Honda Rincon 600, all service done, new tires.
Talk to Al Gottsch for info or call:
Steve Hand
530/908-6373

To place or renew a business ad, send a check to
Comstock Gold Prospectors, c/o Brandon Camp, 1479 S.
Wells Ave #14, Reno, NV 89502.
Include your ad layout and your phone number or email
address.

Full Page Ad:	\$50.00 per month
Half Page Ad:	\$25.00 per month
Quarter Page Ad:	\$12.50 per month

Personal ads are free to members for a
maximum of 3 editions of the newsletter.

**Comstock Gold Prospectors
Claim Assessment Work Form (Please Print)
(Mail to Club PO Box attention VP or bring to meetings)**

Name of Claim: _____ **CAMC/NMC:** _____

Date(s) Work Performed: _____

Number of People Performing Work: _____ **Total Hours:** _____

Names of People Performing Work

Address of People Performing Work

Description of Work Performed:

Materials Used

Cost of Materials



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GOLD GENIE, NUGGET FINDER, GREY GHOST.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. A family membership includes applicant, a spouse or significant other and their children under 18 years of age (membership cards are issued to adults only).

YEARLY DUES:	
INDIVIDUAL	New \$65.00 Renewal \$35.00
FAMILY	New \$75.00 Renewal \$45.00

Reason for Application: New member Renewing Members Grandfathered Life member annual update _____
 Note: Article III, Section 2b of the Bylaws requires an application be submitted every year. For renewing members the date would be their anniversary date, for grandfathered Life members that should occur in the first quarter of the year.

I'm interested in: Placer Mining Metal Detecting Dry Washing Other Prospecting

Sign me up as: New Member Renewing Member Age. Equipment Owned: _____

Enclosed is a: Check Money Order in the amount of \$ _____

Please Print the following information: (Include spouse/significant other if this is a Family Membership with two adults)

NAME(S): _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 Email address: _____
 Email Club Newsletter? Yes No

I hereby apply for membership in COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS, I, the undersigned, fully understand that whatever recreational event I or my family attend, I am fully responsible and at no time will have legal or financial claim against, nor will hold responsible, any member or club officer of COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS, for any damages or injuries received by my participation in any event. I will be responsible for my own actions and the actions of my family or guests.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE
 APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____
 DATE: _____

OTHER SIGNATURE: _____
 DATE: _____

MAIL TO: COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS, PO BOX 20781, RENO NV 89515-0781