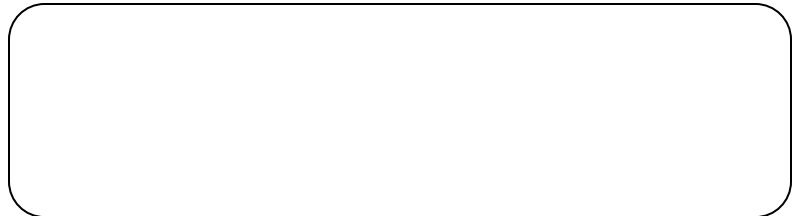


February 2019

**Send Exchange Bulletins to:
Art Fairchild 3795 Orchid Dr.
Highland, CA 92346
artfairchild85@gmail.com**



Web Site: <https://www.valleyprospectors.com>

Valley Prospectors Inc. PO Box 2923, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2923

Next General Meeting: March 28, 2018, at 7:00

Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is an educational organization dedicated
“To and Promote Gold Prospecting, as a healthy family activity”.
You’re invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that is
held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm
in the Knights of Columbus Hall at:
1729 E. Baseline Street, San Bernardino, Ca... Map is on our website.
The Board of Directors meeting will be at 6pm before the General
Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Bernardino



“A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION”

Remember that all prospectors may be judged by the example “You set.” Leave flora and fauna as you found it. “Do Not Destroy Any property, public or private!” “Obey all laws”. Please do not litter,
Each member of Valley Prospectors Inc. should strive to set a good example for others.

Officers for 2019

Executive Officers				Chairpersons		
President	Lorraine Frost		760 868 6564	Apparel	Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683
Vice President	Gene Lepper		951 674 3207	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Secretary	Judy Lepper		951 674 3207	Budget	Sue Baranauskas	909-335-7113
Treasurer	Sue Baranauskas		909-335-7113	CFMS	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
				Courtesy	Trish Dudley Delores Stratton	480 943 0535 909 797 2131
Board of Directors				Editor	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683			Asst. Editor		
Harry Crawford	760 248 6683			Finds/Month	Garry Devlin & Sherry Livingston	951-768-0880
Jill Molson	909 887 8024			Lady Luck	Albert Naki	909-733-6473
Albert Naki	909 733 6473			50/50	Sherry Livingston	909-875-2090
Steve Schubert	951 943 0535	cell	9519411147	Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Sherri Livingston	909 875 2090			Historian		
Bruce Sherman	951 780 7715	cell	9517562109			
Bob Dudley	480 225 5013			Librarian	Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115
Dolores Stratton	Cell 9099365495			Membership	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Katherine Naki	909 733 6441			Name Tags	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Jack Stratton	Cell 9096338413			Programs	Gene Lepper	951 674 3207
Garry Devlin	951 768 0880			Refreshments	Mary Schubert	951 943 0535
Alternate Board	Members			Outings/Retired during the week	Don Osborne	951 817 0524 714 287 0782
Trish Dudley	480 261 7373			Claims	Bob Dudley	480 261 7373
Horst Friedrich	760 473 9775			Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535

CLAIMS

The 2 Burro's Placer Claims 20 acres

Coolgardie Placer Claim Harvey's Oro Rico 120 acres

Gold Venture & Pickett 3 Placer Claims, 20 acres ea.

Hungry man 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims 550 total acres

Indian Gulch and Indian Flat Pacer Claim 60 acres

Jackass 1, 2, & 3 Placer Claims 160 acres

Miner's Folly Placer Claim 60 acres

Moriah Placer Claim 15 acres

Pickett 2 Placer Claim 30 acres

(Cajon Pass) Summit Placer Claim 60 acres

SNAKES BEWARE: BE CAREFULL AT ALL OF OUR CLAIMS.

CAMPING OVER NIGHT AT COOLGARDIE

BE COURTEOUS, BE KIND, PLEASE TURN OFF GENERATORS 11pm

& 6am if you can.

Thank you from Valley Prospectors Members who need their peace & quite

President Says, Lorraine Frost

Thank you to all the volunteers at the Ventura Gem & Mineral Show the weekend of March 2-3. I also appreciate those who are planning to support Valley for the National CFMS show on March 8, 9, & 10th. All of us love seeing the glow on children's faces when they find their first gold. Lets hope we can inspire a new generation to become Real Prospectors. I'd like to recognize all our Past Presidents of Valley Prospectors. Look for the Article in the newsletter that lists those that I've been able to remember. Please email me at lfrost35@gmail.com If you can help fill in the blanks. Also if you have some great ideas for meeting programs, be sure to share with our VP, Gene Lepper.

Valley Prospectors' Inc. Board Meeting February 28, 2019

Knights of Columbus Hall, San Bernardino CA

Meeting called to order by VP President Lorraine Frost 6:27 PM

All board members present – 1 guest Mary Schubert

Minutes of the last meeting -Motion to accept as written Steve S. 2nd Gene L. Vote: Carry/Pass

Treasurers Report with January's monthly balances By Sue B.

Claims Chairman Bob Dudley gave a brief update on Plans of Operation new expiration date of 2022

Judy requested that the new Plan of Ops be put on the website for members only to make copies.

Claim Committee will have a meeting ASAP and start working on some projects, IE. Painting post and replacing or adding new post to claims.

Bob D. Motioned to have a \$250 check for Claims post supplies 2nd Jack S. Discussion Vote- Carry

Steve D. will be wagon Master for the August 16-19th outing, Bob has information.

Membership has new membership cards See Andre Frost if you have not gotten a 2019 card and paid your dues The web access code will be printed on the bottom of your receipt letter with the new cards

Bruce S. has about 40 VHS tapes no one has ever checked out from the library suggest he bring to next general meeting and give them away FREE. Possibly transfer a few of the VP rendezvous historic tapes to CD's flash drives

No New Business at this time-

Old Business-

a. GPS Class next month for the General meeting program BRING YOUR GPS

b. Website- Lorraine looking for proposals from Missy and Jerry to bring to the board. Lorraine suggest Valley Prospectors' pick up the .ORG name as well. Garry D. motioned to pick up the .org name 2nd Albert N. vote: Carry

c. Dues Increase for 2020 vote of the General Membership will be March 28th

d. Claims Lap Top from Storage- Bob D. now has. What is the password? Does anyone know? Jill M. gave some insight on the password. Thank you, Jill.

e. P. O. Box Key and Storage key/card- Steve S. asked for another month to try and find from John H.

f. Review of Constitution-By sometime this year Possible in May

Motion to adjourn- Gene L. 2nd Albert N. 6:54 PM

Minutes of the General Meeting February 28, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Lorraine Frost at 7:09 PM Pledge of Allegiance led by- Mary S. Lorraine welcomed everyone to the meeting tonight.

Motion to accept Minutes of the January meeting as written- John H. 2nd Tommy P. Vote-Pass

Courtesy -Dolores & Trish - 1 guest Shane Bower President of High Desert

Announcements- Lorraine Frost flier from Gold King Creek Alaska and Western State Collecting in Reno NV Mar 22-24 Also Bural La Rue talked about the upcoming CFMS show in Pomona Mar 8-10Valley will have a panning booth. Apparel- Kelly Crawford has some older items for sell, looking for vender to make hats.

Blood Bank- Lorraine- Life Stream, mention MVP when giving blood. Claims- Bob D. Claims committee will meet Tuesday Mar 12 9:00 at the Lepper home to prep new claim marker post. Art F. has a pole hole digger to donate. All corner post will be white, with blue tops and green band. Latitude and longitudes will be added. Editor- Art Fairchild- have picture, articles and stories to him by Tuesday March 5. Gold Sales- Art F. has gold and silver for sell and some jewelry Treasurer's Report Sue Baranauskas- reported balances on Jan 2019 VP General account and Claims account. Lady Luck- Albert N. white Elephant tonight, buy your tickets Next month will be Gold Bags. Thank you, Albert. Library -Bruce Sherman has about 40 VHS tapes that have never been checked out from library will bring to next general meeting and the will be FREE to whom every wants them. Possible have a few of the VP historic tapes transfers to CD or flash drives. 50/50 -Jill Molson doing tonight but looking for a new person to take over, Sherri L. has volunteered to do 50/50. Thank you, Sherri. Membership- Andrea Frost- New Cards. If you have paid your dues and not yet received your new cards, see Andrea tonight she may have them. All left overs will be mailed. 7 new members in Jan. Shows- Steve S. VP will have panning booth at Pomona, sign up to help work at the panning booth. Retired during the week contact Don O. 951 817-0524 Wagon Master- Outing rained out in January. Weather permitting Mar 15-17 Coolgardie Refreshments- Mary Schubert, coffee and cookies provided by the board members. Break time: 7:45P Resume: 7:593P Program Gene Lepper- tonight is Judy Lepper Tips on Purchasing Mining Equipment Next Month will be GPS class with Bob Dudley BRING YOUR GPS and learn how to use them. Old Business- increase in the annual dues to \$50 for 2020, to offset the operating cost. General membership vote at the March 28 meeting after two newsletter publishing's. New Business: Shane Bower invited all members to High Deserts next meeting Mar 12 for a special guest speaker from AZ. See Shane for Location, time and date. Also, High Desert and AU Mohave would like to join VP prospectors for the Rendezvous in October. Possible article in the CFMS newsletter. Mar 31 is last day for renewal. Website to pick up the .org name as well as the .com and .net. Warning of VALLEY FEVER boom in the high desert due to all the recent rains. Door Prizes Kelly C. and Kathryn N. Congratulations! Ladies 50/50 winner -Leonard Shear Finds of the Month- Gold 1st Bob Dudley. 2nd John Howell 3rd Joe Dixon Treasure 1st Dolores S. 2nd Jack S. 3rd Albert Naki Motion to adjourn 8:33 P. Bruce S. 2nd Tommy P.- all in favor Raffle table. Minutes of the meeting by Judy Lepper - Secretary

Important Notices- PLEASE READ

2nd Notice

A motion was made at the January 2019 VP Board meeting to increase annual VP dues to \$50 effective December 1, 2019 for the 2020 Membership year and beyond. This is the 1st of two notices published in the newsletter per our constitution (see below). Annual dues were last increased in 2012. This motion was made due to the rising costs of club operations, claim fee increases, postage increases (effective January 27, 2019), and other expenses. In addition, GPAA no longer hold a Gold Show in our area and this provided the club with a large portion of its revenue. A vote of the general membership will be taken during the March General Meeting, March 28, 2019, to affirm or reject this motion.

VP Constitution

Article III, Section 2, (c) "The amount of the initiation fee and annual dues will be determined by the Board and approved by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the members voting at a general meeting (not later than the October meeting), to be effective as of December 1st. The changes MUST be published two (2) Months in advance in our newsletter prior to voting."

The Website *password* has been changed. Please note that on your renewal receipt at the bottom of the page you will find the new password. You may also call Andrea Frost-membership at 760 868-6564. You will only get the new password if your annual renewal dues have been paid or you are a new member.

General Notice to Members

Dear Members: Thank you for your patience as we change over our membership card processing. We apologize for the delays this year, but all is in order now. You should receive your current membership card no later than mid March. Be sure to note that the Website *password* has been changed. The new password is at the bottom of your renewal receipt. If you have any questions, please email lfrost35@gmail.com. You will only get the new password if your annual renewal dues have been paid or you are a new member. I'm transitioning the membership chair over to my daughter, Andrea Frost, but we are still in transition for now.
Thanks, Lorraine Frost and Andrea Frost

Membership Renewal - NOW DUE

Your Annual Renewal is now Due. Please fill out the renewal form in the newsletter and send your \$40 renewal dues to (checks payable to Valley Prospectors, Inc.):

Valley Prospectors
PO Box 2923
San Bernardino, CA 92406

A \$20 late fee will be assessed if your renewal is received between February 1, 2019 and March 31, 2019. Should you miss the late renewal deadline of March 31, 2019, then you will need to reinstate your membership at the cost of \$140.

Don't miss this opportunity to renew your membership at the low cost of \$40. We have lots planned for 2019 and we hope you continue to join your fellow prospectors.

Best regards,
Lorraine Frost - 2019 Valley Prospector President elect - Valley Prospector Membership Chair

VENTURA GEM SHOW

We had a great time in Ventura. We did really good at gold panning booth. It sure was a great show, we showed a lot of people how to pan and we sold a lot of gold. The workers at this show were: Lorraine Frost, Bob and Trisha Schubert, John Howell, Burl LaRue, Chad and Terri Gurney and Steve and Mary Schubert. The weather was rainy, but the club put us up inside, so we were nice and dry. It is always so great to see the people from the Ventura Gem Club so friendly and right there to make sure we were well taken care of. They even fed us lunch both days. One member came by to visit Art Reyes. Good to see him.

Thank you, Steve Schubert show chair,

CFMS SHOW

(CALIFORNIA'S NATURAL TREASURES)

THE CLUB WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT CFMS SHOW

MARCH 8 – 10, 2019

POMONA FAIRPLEX

BUILDING #6 – POMONA, CA.

FRIDAY 10-5 – SAT. 10-5 -- SUNDAY 10-4

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WORK THE BOOTHS CALL
STEVE SCHUBERT AT 951-943-0535 THANK YOU**

REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to Sue Baranauskas, Bruce Sherman, Harry and Kelly Crawford for volunteering to bring refreshments for Feb. General Meeting. They were all very good.

The volunteers for March General Meeting are: Regular cookies -- Gary Devlin, Gene Lepper, Steve Schubert and Sherri Livingston will bring the sugar free. We now have sugar free for people who have diabetes so they can have goodies to at the meeting. **THANK YOU TO YOUR BOARD.**

Mary Schubert – refreshment committee

The March Program

**Please bring your GPS to the March 28th General
Meeting**

Bob Dudley will be doing as presentation.

Bring your questions as well.

BLOOD BANK NEWS MVP

THE RAREST TYPE OF BLOOD IS THE TYPE THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN YOU NEED IT. Let's help increase the number of Southern California donors - mention "MVP" as our group so you can be counted. Check out the local donation centers at <https://www.lstream.org/>. The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless. Valley Prospectors - Supporting our Community one donation at a time.

Thank you to our most recent donors: Jim Straight and Mike Lucas.

Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson (760) 868-6564 <mailto:LFrost35@gmail.com>

Why is it Important to Give Blood? What is your type? There are four blood groups: type O positive/O negative, type A positive/A negative, type B positive/B negative, and type AB positive/AB negative

Jim Straight: Jim is recovering from pneumonia at Assisted Living residence at Magnolia Grand, 8537 Magnolia Ave Riverside, Ca. He would like Visitors.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Help schools get the extra's they need by saving box tops for education. These labels are on cereal, snack bars, fruit snacks, Kleenex and lots of other products. Please bring to club meeting and give to Mary Schubert.

Thank you, Mary.



"Miners Sales"



Members 1 ad, 3 times through the year for free.
Commercial ads are \$5.00 per mon

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Membership Renewal

Primary Member Last Name _____ VP Member # _____

First Name _____ Spouse/Domestic Partner Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Cell Phone Number (_____) _____

Email _____

How would you like to receive the newsletter? Email _____ US Mail _____

Is it okay to publish your picture or members of your family in the newsletter? Yes _____ No _____

Payment Method – Make payable to : **VALLEY PROSPECTORS, Inc.**

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Money _____

Order# _____

The annual dues shall be \$40, \$60 if received after January 31st, \$140 if received after March 31st

Annual Membership dues are due beginning January 1st of each year and are not prorated. If postmarked after January 31st a \$20 late fee will be added. If postmarked after March 31st the dues are delinquent and you will be removed from membership. You may reinstate your membership by paying the full \$140 as required by new members. Send payment to Valley Prospectors, PO Box 2923, San Bernardino, CA 92406.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

Upon signing, member agrees to have read and understand the Valley Prospectors Rules and Regulations for all claims, and hereby agrees to the following:

“I understand and agree to acquire all necessary permits, Park passes, Wilderness passes, which are applicable to my prospecting activities. I will fill in all holes dug while prospecting in an environmentally responsible manner. In addition, I understand that prospecting in certain areas can be dangerous, including but not limited to: open pits/shafts, wild animals and reptiles, not being prepared for weather conditions, along with the possible presence of noxious gases or chemicals. I assume my own responsibility and accept all risks, as well as that of any of my family or guests. I agree to hold the Valley Prospectors, Inc. and any affiliated claims or property owners or managers harmless of any liability.”

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Don Osborne: Outings/Retirees and weekday events

It is my pleasure to follow George and Lisa Howiston's guidelines when they led the weekday events program. With a few weeks and further input from you the members I have high hopes that these outings will be successful and rewarding to all. Weather permitting and until further notice we will initiate the following.

Scheduled outings will be held on the Wednesday proceeding the scheduled VP clubs outing at the same location designated. Exception, Randsburg will defer to Summit Claims.

Staging for high desert claims: 6:15am, McDonald's in Cajon Pass (138 off), depart 6:30am. Short stop in Barstow 1st and Main St (Donut Shop), depart 7:30am.

Staging for Big Bear claims: 6:15am, McDonald's in Highland (off the 210 @ Baseline St east to Seine Av), depart 6:30am. Short stop in Fawnskin 39226 N Shore Dr (North Shore Café), depart 7:30am. These time frames should put us on our claims by 8am.

Please give notice by Sunday evening prior to the event if you may be attending via email to; osbod007@hotmail.com or text; 714-287-0782. Either way, COMUNICATE!

I will be asking that all who participate be vigilant in signing a claim feedback form and reporting back to me their time spent on the claims along with their technique and results. This time can include any property improvements and clean-up. Bob Dudley is our claims chairman and needs this information for our yearly assessment work.

Finally, all member input graciously accepted, this is your club, let's make it work for everyone's mutual benefit. Thank you and hope to see you soon. Don Osborne

Dear VP Members:

Help fill in the gaps for past Presidents. I can't remember them all. Please email me with their Names and year(s) served. I'd also like to record the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as well. The club started in 1977 so we have a lot to recall. Any old newsletters might help us fill in the blanks. Email me with info at lfrost35@gmail.com

Here is a start:

Year	President	Year	President	Year	President	Year	President
1996	Dee Stapp	2002	_____	2008	_____	2014	Steve Schubert
1997	Dee Stapp	2003	_____	2009	_____	2015	Kent Byrant
1998	Chad Gurney	2004	_____	2010	_____	2016	Jill Molson
1999	Chad Gurney	2005	_____	2011	_____	2017	Jill Molson
2000	_____	2006	_____	2012	_____	2018	John Howell
2001	_____	2007	_____	2013	Lorriane Frost	2019	Lorriane Frost

Event Calendar

Meetings, Outings & Shows dates and locations- No Wagon Masters available

February 16 Coolgardie (Barstow)

February 28 Board Meeting 6:00 PM General Meeting 7:00 PM

March 2 & 3 Ventura Gem/Mineral

March 8-10 CFMS Pomona Fair Grounds

March 16 Coolgardie (Barstow)

March 28 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00 PM

April 20 Randsburg (Two Burrow)

April 25 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

May 18 Big Bear (Miners Folly)

May 30 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

June 15 Coolgardie (Barstow)

June 22 Member Appreciation Picnic Yucaipa Community Park

June 27 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

July 20 Big Bear (Miners Folly)

July 25 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

August 16-19 Northern CA Claim

August 29 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

September 14 Randsburg (Old West Day)

September 26 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

October 25-27 Rendezvous Ord Mt.

October 31 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

November 21 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

November 28-Dec 1 Coolgardie (Barstow)

December 7 Annual Christmas Party and General Meeting TBA

