

# ***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

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**MARCH 2017**

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**Web Site: ["www.valleyprospectors.com"](http://www.valleyprospectors.com)**

**Next General Meeting: March 30, 2017, at 7:00 PM**

## **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 2017

<b>Executive Officers</b>			<b>Chairpersons</b>			
President	Jill Molson	951-522-3545	Apparel	Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683	
Vice President	Gene Lepper	951-674-3207	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564	
Secretary	Judy Carpenter	951-674-3207	Budget	Sue Baranauskas	909-335-7113	
Treasurer	Sue Baranauskas	909-335-7113	CFMS	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664	
			Courtesy	Sandy Harter	951-216-5502	
<b>Board of Directors</b>			Editor	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433	
Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683		Asst. Editor			
Penny Straight	909-301-2437		Finds/Month	Garry Devlin & Sherry Livingston	951-768-0880	
Art Fairchild	951-897-5433		50/50	Harry Crawford	760-248-6683	
Sandy Harter	951-216-5502		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433	
Harry Crawford	760-248-6683		<b>Historian</b>			
Dan Cornia	909-797-6111		Lady Luck			
Katherine Naki	909-335-9363		Librarian	Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115	
Albert Naki	909-335-9363		<b>Membership</b>			
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115		<b>Name Tags</b>	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564	
Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555		<b>Programs</b>			
Sherry Livingston	909-875-2090		<b>Refreshments</b>	John Howell	951-247-1037	
Garry Devlin	951-768-0880					
			<b>Outings/Retired during the week</b>			
<b>Alternate Board</b>		<b>Members</b>		<b>Claims</b>	Jill Molson	951-522-3545
John Howell	951-247-1037			<b>Show &amp; School Rep.</b>	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
<b>Stewart Luce</b>	<b>909-560-0474</b>					
John Bonson	909-794-4401					

## 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 Placer 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

### **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**

## Presidents Message:

Come out to II Burro claim at Randsburg March 17-19, 2017. This is a good location for metal detecting. Please call Gene Lepper if you are going. We are starting signup sheets for activities so we will know approximately who is going. GPAA Gold Show at the South Point Casino Las Vegas is April 22-23, 2017, with set up on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Membership Appreciation Day is May 20, 2017 at 7<sup>th</sup> Street Park in Yucaipa. We need a chairman and volunteers to work on the details for that day. In the past, we have had a barbeque, pot luck, metal detection contest, games and raffles. Let's make these activities fun and well attended. Jill.

## February 23, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes -

**Meeting called to order** by President Jill Molson at 6:04 PM. Roll Call by Jill Molson, 4 members excused due to illness/other, 3 alternates. **Minutes of the last meeting-** motion by Art F. - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan C. to accept as published in the February 2017 newsletter Vote- Pass  
**Committee and Chairpersons-** **Apparel** -Kelly sick **Claims-** Jill, nothing new **Courtsey-** Sherry L. filling-in for Sandy tonight **Table Raffle** – Art F., GOLD BAGS Tonight **Newsletter-** Need articles by March 1 to Art F. **Finds of Month-** Garry, nothing new **Gold Sales-** Art is also looking to **purchase gold** for the GPAA Gold and Treasure show. Contact Art if you are interested in selling some gold. **Program-** tonight is member's collections **Events/Outings** generally 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of each month, (see newsletter), subject to change, added August outing in Big Bear Miner's Folly. John Bonson working with rock club for September Old West Days to tour a private claim at Randsburg. Next outing Mar 17-19 Randsburg- there will be a sign up sheet see Gene Lepper  
**Treasurer-** will report at General Meeting per Sue B. **Refreshment-** John Howell next month muffins /cupcakes  
**Old Business:** 2 Left over calendars from the Christmas party will be placed on the courtesy table, 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve to whom ever wants one.  
**New Business:** Survey result by Judy. Motion to purchase VP Business cards and Envelopes -Approved BLM road clousers in Coolgardie should not effect claim access  
Motion to adjourn Art F. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gene L. 6:32 PM  
Minutes of the meeting by Judy Carpenter Secretary 2017

## Minutes of the General Meeting February 23, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Jill M. at 7:03 PM Pledge of Allegiance- by Bill Beecher  
Correction to the minutes of the January General Meeting- Dan C. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce S. to have John Bonson as an alternate board member-at-large- Pass Motion to accept Minutes of the January meeting as revised- Dan c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Garry D. Vote-Pass  
Courtesy -Sherry L. for Sandy H. tonight, no door prize double up next month.  
Announcements- Gem Show this weekend in Coasta Mesa if interested see Jill for free admission coupon Ventura Gem Show coming up June 9-11. GPAA Show at South Point casino April 21-23. . Treasurer's report by Sue B. Lady Luck- Gold Bags tonight, buy tickets for the donated dry washer w/blower and hose will be raffled next month. Gold Sales – Art looking for more gold to buy, needed for the gold show in Las Vegas. Tonight's program after the break – member's collections, some really fun collections. Next month – Rocks and Minerals from Lois & Cyndy of the Mining Supplies & Rock Shop. They also have a new booklet for sale about Barstow. Outings- Summit was canceled due to rain. March 17-19 Randsburg (the Two Burro), Gene Lepper will be wagon master, please use the sign up sheet. Sign up sheets for events, your name and phone numbers- does not mean you HAVE to be present just gives us an idea and a call back numbers if canceled.  
Break 7:58 PM Refreshments cookies, coffee' donuts, next month muffins/cupcakes. Resume 8:15 PM Old Business: Christmas party survey results. New Business: Motion to make a purchase of VP business cards and envelopes Gene L. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue B.- vote pass 100%. It's a new year get your Camp fire permits on line they

are free [www.preventwildfires.org/permits](http://www.preventwildfires.org/permits). We will be forming a committee for the member appreciation picnic- sign up sheet see Gene L. to help Door Prizes No door prize tonight double up next month. 50/50 winner Jim Straight Finds of the Month- 2 Gold entries, 1st- Gene L. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ernie T., Treasure only one entry Don B. 1<sup>st</sup>, Motion to adjourn Bruce S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Gene L.. Raffle table. Minutes of the meeting by Judy Carpenter - Secretary



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.

### **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/> Thanks to our recent Blood Donor Hero's: Monty Quinn The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless. Valley Prospectors - Supporting our Community one donation at a time. 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

**Our program for March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mining Supplies & Rock Shop owned by Cyndy Mandell & Lois Papner will present info on rocks, minerals, gold, field trips, classes & mining equipment. Beautiful samples will be made available to observe close up.**

The GPAA GOLD SHOW will be coming up on April 22-23<sup>rd</sup> – South Point Casino in Las Vegas. Valley Prospectors will be having a gold panning booth so if you can help at the gold show. For more information call Steve at 951-943-0535. We also have code for rooms at South Point.

Included on this page is a claim log for all of you who go out to our claims. Every year when we file our claim paperwork, we are required to submit our activity on those claims. Please help us by submitting your experiences on our club claims.

Claims Feed Back Sheet  
(one per each claim please)

Date (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of claim

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| _____ Miner's Folly Placer                  | _____ Hungryman II         |
| _____ Jackass I                             | _____ Hungryman III        |
| _____ Jackass II                            | _____ Hungryman IV         |
| _____ Jackass III                           | _____ Chunker              |
| _____ Indian Gulch Placer                   | _____ Burros Placer I & II |
| _____ Harvey's Oro Rico (includes Jeremy I) | _____ Moriah Placer        |
| _____ Gold Ventur                           | _____ Pickett II Placer    |
| _____ V P Summit Placer                     | _____ Pickett III Placer   |
| _____ Hungryman                             |                            |

Did you find Gold? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Was claim accessible? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Where the claim markers/post in place? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ if no please explain problem NW,NE,SE,SW etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Did you camp on the claim? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ How many days? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you encounter any NON-VP members working on VP claim? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many hours did you work? Less than 8 hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ More than 8 hrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Complaints:

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The above information will be used for the Affidavit of Assessment Work (Proof of Labor) Notice of intent to Hold and /or BLM Maintenance Fees.

Optional: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ This is all by design folks;



# “Miners Sales”



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

[Artfairchild85@gmail.com](mailto:Artfairchild85@gmail.com) 951-897-5433

**For Sale By Tom-909-584-8618**

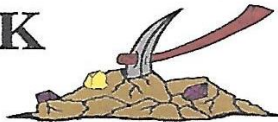
Item 1:

Gold Buddy Pony Dry Washer with 11 in. riffle tray/grizzly mounted vibrator.

The vibrator makes life easy when you get into damp dirt Asking \$250.00 cash

[miningsuppliesandrockshop.com](http://miningsuppliesandrockshop.com)

## **MINING SUPPLIES & ROCK SHOP**



9565 "C" Ave. Ste. K, Hesperia, Calif. 92345

**760-244-9642**

**Owners: Cyndy Mandell & Lois Papner**

Mining Equipment • Rough Rocks & Slabs  
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Beading Supplies • Classes  
Metal Detectors • Hand-Made Jewelry • Fossils  
Gifts • Books & Magazines • & More

Store Hours: Wed-Sat 10a.m. - 4p.m.

### **HELMS OUTPOST**



- \*Gold Mining Equipment and Supplies
- Sluice Boxes
- Dry Washers
- Books and Magazines
- Pans, Classifiers and much more!!!
- \*Buy and Sell Placer Gold
- \*Handmade Items
- \*Pet Supplies
- \*Consignments

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Victorville, CA 92392  
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**Lady's and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Look what's on the Raffle table**

**AZ Desert Gold Drywasher**

**Only been used a few times. According to the manufacture you can move more dirt then the Keene 151. It comes with a Blower & Vacuum (all in one), Hose and empty 1 gallon gas can. Original price \$395.00 for Drywasher and another \$150.00 for blower and vacuum with hose.**

**All it takes is one small dollar for a raffle ticket.**

**This was donated by club member Tom Kimbrel.**

**It's small but mighty.**

**Get your tickets in advance for the March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 drawing after the regular meeting.**



**Valley Prospectors**  
**PO Box 2923, San Bernardino, CA 92406**  
[www.valleyprospectors.com](http://www.valleyprospectors.com)

**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 31<sup>st</sup>, \$140 if received after March 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Annual Membership dues are due beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and are not prorated. If postmarked after January 31<sup>st</sup> a \$20 late fee will be added. If postmarked after March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

### California State Water Board Workshop Report

On January 18<sup>th</sup> there was a State Water Board Workshop from 1 to 5pm in San Bernardino regarding suction dredging and its impact on the mercury content of California's waterways. The issues presented by Board personnel included: 1. Should dredge permits be issued? 2. What types of equipment should be permitted? 3. What kind of protective practices should be required? 4. Should monitoring be required? And 5. What prohibitions should apply? The California Legislature has actually moved to create a path for existing statutory prohibition against dredging to move forward. This is so based on the recently enacted SB 637 (effective Jan. 1, 2016) which sets up a two step process – 1. The Water Board 1<sup>st</sup> must issue a permit or a waiver to dredge and then 2. The Dept. of Fish & Wildlife issues a permit. The bad news is that it will take until 2018 before the Water Board develops regulations to structure the 1<sup>st</sup> step of the permit process.



Please join the West Coast Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Association's 30<sup>th</sup> annual open hunt held at Rancho Jurupa Campground in Riverside, California.



#### Food Available for Sale

Saturday Only  
Breakfast & Lunch



#### Saturday Night Potluck

Bring a dish and join us for a Potluck  
Dinner on Saturday Night

#### 10 Great Hunts!

All coil sizes allowed  
Headphones mandatory except  
Junior and Night hunts  
Pinpointers okay except Night hunt  
"Go for the Gold" hunt back by  
popular demand!!



#### Big Drawings

Prize Drawing  
Treasure Chests  
Special Kid's only Drawing  
50/50 cash drawing  
Silver Drawing

Visit our website: [www.westcoasters.org](http://www.westcoasters.org)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Notes</b>
January 20-22	American Mining Rights Assoc. Meeting	See Page 5 this newsletter
January 26 2017	VP General Meeting	7 pm – 9 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
February 19 2017	Summit Claim outing	Meet at McDonalds hwy. 138 & 15 freeway at 8am
Feb 23, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
March 17,18 & 19, 2017	Ransburg	Potluck on Saturday
Mar 30, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
April 21-22-23, 2017	<b>GPAA Gold &amp; Treasure Show</b>	<b>Las Vegas South Point Hotel Setup Fri Apr 21</b>
April 27, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
May 20, 2017	Members Appreciation Day picnic	Yucaipa 7 <sup>th</sup> street Park. 11am till.
May 25, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
June 16, 17 & 18, 2017	Coolgardie Outing	Potluck on Saturday
June 29,2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
July 15,16 2017	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Placer Claim
July 27, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
<u>August 19 &amp; 20, 2017</u> August 31, 2017	<u>Big Bear,</u> VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	<u>Miner's Folly Placer Claim</u> 6 pm 7 pm
September 16, 2017	<b>Old West Days</b>	<b>Randsburg – Burro's Claim</b>
September 28, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm. Officers Nominations 7 pm
October	TBD, To Be Determined	Rendezvous
October 26, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm. Officers Nominations 7 pm
November 23,24,25,26 2017	<b>Coolgardie</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Weekend at Harvey's Oro Rico Claim</b>
November 30, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
December 3, 2017	VP Christmas Party/Mtg	2701 Del Rosa Ave, San Bernardino, CA