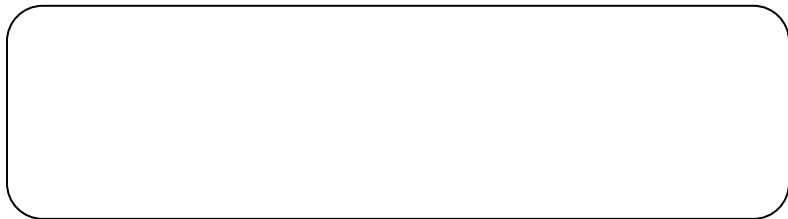


# ***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

**December 2020**

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**Next General Meeting: Still on hold due to Covid-19 Restrictions**

## Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated

“To Promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity.”

You’re invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that are

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. A map is on our website.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at 6 pm 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,

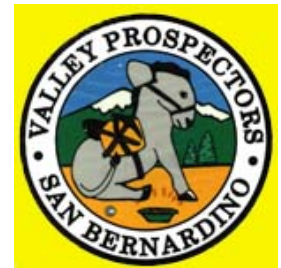
\*Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.\*

## Officers for 2021

<b>Executive Officers</b>			<b>Chairpersons</b>		
President	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564	Apparel	Trish Dudley	480-490-0975
Vice President	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Secretary	Judy Lepper	951-674-3207	Budget	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Treasurer	Vacant		CFMS	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
			Courtesy	Susan Birrell Diane Railsback	760-954-1915
<b>Board of Directors</b>			Editor	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
John Bonson	909-794-4401		Asst. Editor	Vacant	
Dan Cornia	909-797-6111		Finds/Month	Garry Devlin Sherry Livingston	951-768-0880
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Bob Dudley	480-225-5013		50/50	Sherri Livingston	909-875-2090
Trish Dudley	480-490-0975		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Gene Lepper	951-674-3207		Historian	Corenna Ross	530-274-1838
Sherri Livingston	909-875-2090		Librarian	Vacant	
Jill Molson	909-887-8024		Membership	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Mike Muir	909-882-9052		Name Tags	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Albert Naki	909-733-6473		Programs	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Katherine Naki	909-733-6441		Refreshments	Michelle O'Brien	
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7715		Outings/Retired during the week	Don Osborne	951-817-0524 714-287-0782
<b>Alternates</b>			Claims	Bob Dudley	480-225-5013
Stu Luce	909-560-0474		Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
John Howell	951-247-1037		Wagon Master	Mike Dunkerley	760-608-3228
Tommy Purscelly	909-820-1898				

## 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, Placer Claim** 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



## **Prez Says – Lorraine Frost – Dec 2020**

We continue to be in a locked-down situation. We can't meet and even our outdoor activities are being restricted in California. I'm excited that vaccines are now going to be available. I keep hoping that in 2021 we will be able to meet again. I will try to schedule some Zoom events so we can stay connected. I will ask the officers and board members to meet via Zoom to approve the 2021 budget and discuss our options for 2021. Stay strong, healthy, and safe. We are one big family. Stay connected on Facebook – [Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino, Inc.](#) Join our Group to interact with fellow prospectors. Don't forget to renew your membership by Jan 31, 2021 to avoid late fees.

## **2021 Valley Prospectors Election Results**

Well, the count is in. Thank you for voting in the 2021 Valley Prospectors Elections. We had 100 ballots returned. 94 approved the slate of officers and directors, one no vote and 5 were blank. Congratulations to the following individuals who agreed to continue in their positions for 2021. Your support and continued efforts to keep Valley Prospectors thriving are greatly appreciated.

The following members were re-elected: Lorraine Frost – President, Steve Schubert – Vice President, Judy Lepper, Secretary, the Treasurer is still vacant. Lorraine Frost, Steve Schubert and Judy Lepper will share the Treasurer's role and be the signatories on the Bank Account.

The following members were re-elected as Directors: John Bonson, Dan Cornia, Garry Devlin, Bob Dudley, Trish Dudley, Gene Lepper, Sherri Livingston, Jill Molson, Mike Muir, Albert Naki, Katherine Naki and Bruce Sherman. Three alternates were also re-elected: Stu Luce, John Howell, and Tommy Purscelly.

Thank you again for all agreeing to continue in your positions and thank you to those members who voted to approve this full slate of officers and directors. We hope 2021 will be a better year for getting together and finding gold.

## **Man of the Year 2020 and Woman of the Year 2020**

Since we were unable to hold regular meetings, the club was not able to select the Treasurer of the Year and Prospector of the Year for 2020. Members were not able to bring in their finds to receive votes. However, both Bob Dudley and Dolores Stratton, our last years winners of the Man and Woman of the year, did share their thoughts on who should be recognized for 2020.

Drum roll please:

**Man of the Year for 2020 – Tommy Purscelly**  
**Woman of the Year for 2020 – Lorraine Frost**

Both Bob and Dolores wanted to recognize these individuals for their continued support of the club. Tommy was diligent in visiting many of the claims throughout the year and then made sure he reported his work so the claims committee could use this information for our Assessment work. This is very important to the club. Thanks Tommy – we hope you found a lot of gold in the process. Dolores wanted to thank Lorraine for her continued efforts to keep it all going in this challenging year. Thanks, Lorraine, for fulfilling multiple roles this year – we know how dedicated you are to the club.

## **Have you visited a Valley Prospector Claim lately?**

Be sure to submit your claim report. Our claim chair, Bob Dudley, uses this information to file our work assessment documents on an annual basis. You can submit the online form and it will be emailed directly to Bob so that Valley can record the claim work assessment. He will collect these throughout the year. Don't forget to report your Northern Claim visits too.

<https://www.valleyprospectors.org/claims/claim-report/>

## **Local Gold History**

### **Summit Valley**

Valley members have access to several claims in the Summit Valley. We have the Summit Claim and the Hungryman Claims. Wikipedia describe the area as such:

**Summit Valley** is a [valley](#) along [SR 138](#) in the [San Bernardino Mountains](#), east of [Cajon Pass](#) within [San Bernardino County, California](#).

Its mouth lies at an elevation of 3,048 feet (929 meters) west of the source of the [Mojave River](#), at the [confluence](#) of the [West Fork Mojave River](#) and [Deep Creek](#). The West Fork Mohave River descends from [Silverwood Lake](#) reservoir through the eastern part of Summit Valley to the confluence. The western half of Summit Valley narrows into what is called [Horsethief Canyon](#), that reaches to the head of Summit Valley at [34°19'34"N 117°25'39"W](#), just east of the summit of Cajon Pass.<sup>[1]</sup>

A few of our members have been out to the Summit Claim and let us know that it is getting a bit trashy. Should you visit any claims, please pick up the trash and haul it out so we can keep our claims clean. Hope to hold an outing soon so we can all pitch in.

## **Are you an aspiring writer?**

The Gazette is always looking for great articles about mining and prospecting. If you write or know of articles that would interest the members, please send to [valleyprospectors49@gmail.com](mailto:valleyprospectors49@gmail.com) Our members have inquiring minds and love to hear about the history of gold prospecting and mining.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All**