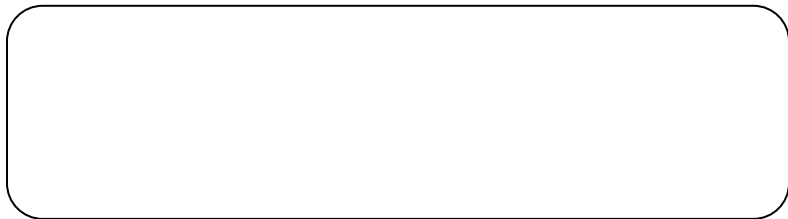


***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

March 2021

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Phelan, CA 92329-3990
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Web Site: www.valleyprospectors.org

Email: valleyprospectors49@gmail.com

Mail: Valley Prospectors, PO Box 2923, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2923

Next General Meeting: Virtual Zoom meeting on Mar 25, 2021

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,

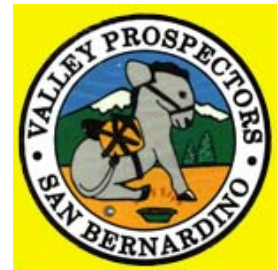
Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.

Officers for 2021

Executive Officers			Chairpersons		
President	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564	Apparel	Trish Dudley	480-490-0975
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			Courtesy	Susan Birrell Diane Railsback	760-954-1915
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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	Vacant	
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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 – Mar 2021

We got off to a great start this year. On February 25th, fourteen members joined in on our first ZOOM General Meeting. It was great to see and talk to members and hear about how they have been during this horrific pandemic. It was also fantastic to connect to members who may not normally have been able to join us at regular meetings due to distance. I liked that we could reach out to many of our members that cannot make the in-person meetings. Well, we are going to try it again. I hope more will be able to join us in March. Check out the details in the Newsletter. I've set up meetings for the last Thursday in March, April and May. We will use the same login information, so keep this Newsletter handy.

The Board members will meet on the Third Thursday of each month via Zoom. Not knowing when facilities will be able to reopen, we have decided to move our general meetings to our outings beginning in June at our Big Bear Claim – Miner's Folly.

Remember, the passcode to the Members Only website changed on February 1, 2021. The new passcode was sent to all members who were current or renewed for 2021. I sent out a reminder via email to every current member. Please keep this confidential, it is one of the benefits of being a member.

Stay connected on Facebook – [Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino, Inc.](#) Join our Group to interact with fellow prospectors.

March 25, 2021 General Meeting Zoom Information

Yes, we are going virtual. Below is information to join a Zoom Virtual meeting if you have a computer. If you do not – no problems. You can join the meeting with your telephone – just call in to 1-669-900-6833, enter the meeting number and pass code and you will hear us all. Let us reconnect in 2021. Use these same links and meeting ID for the March 25th, April 29th, and May 27th meetings.

Lorraine Frost is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88009541947?pwd=ZXRFWDBqVGFKY1JvYm1GN3d6anZidz09>

OR Call 1-669-900-6833 Enter Meeting ID: **880 0954 1947** Passcode: **770831**

February 25, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lorraine Frost via Zoom at 6:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said prior to review of the Treasurer's Report which was emailed to the membership. Lorraine welcomed the 14 members who were able to join in. Thanks to Bonnie V., Bruce V., Tommy P., Bural and Pat L., Coreena R., Steve and Mary S., Andrea F., Randy L., Dalton P., Jill M., and Bruce K., for joining the Zoom session. It was great to see members who live afar from San Bernardino. Lorraine provided an overview of income and expenses for the current 2021 year. The membership report followed with 238 current members and 36 members still needing to renew. Unfortunately, it was also reported that three of our members had recently passed: Bill McIntyre, Geoffrey Piatek, and Luis Martinez. Our heartfelt sympathies were extended to their families. Of the 238 current members, 8 verified Lifetime members remain on the Valley Prospector Roster. Next was the review of the balanced 2021 Budget by Lorraine. A motion to accept the 2021 budget was made by Steve S. and seconded by Andrea F. The 2021 budget was approved unanimously. The final topic of the meeting was the upcoming Calendar of Events. Since Covid-19 restrictions are still in effect, the VP Board recommended that we hold Zoom meetings through May and start meeting during our outings in June. This was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm after members had a chance to catch up on what they had been doing recently. Submitted by Lorraine Frost

Camping on Valley Prospector Claims

Did you know that you can camp on our claims without paying a fee? This is especially helpful at our Northern Claims. However, we have limited sites available. We have no spots at Moriah, you will need to pay and reserve a campsite at the Rocky Rest Campground to be close to the claim. We have three (3) spots for Pickett III / Gold Venture (Union Flats Campground) and two (2) spots at Pickett II (Wild Plum Campground). Our Club Liaison, Stephen Dowling, usually is at the Union Flats Campground during the open season, so only 2 spots may be available. You can request a Forestry Parking Permit on the club Members Only website:

<https://www.valleyprospectors.org/members-only/northern-claims-permits/>

We are implementing a calendar for these sites so that we do not overbook. Also note, that if all the fee-free sites are taken, you can always purchase a campsite from <https://www.recreation.gov/>. If you have an America the Beautiful Pass, the cost is substantially discounted. We are planning an outing in August at the Pickett III/Gold Venture claims, August 20 – 27, 2021. Hope you can join us.

Union Flat Campground Information

[Tahoe National Forest](#)

Near Downieville, California: Union Flat Campground is located on the North Yuba River, near Highway 49. Visitors enjoy a wide variety of recreational activities in the area, including hiking, hunting, fishing, canoeing and gold panning. **Campground Status** Open for Season availability through Sun, October 31st 2021.

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 Our members have inquiring minds and love to hear about the history of gold prospecting and mining.

ALL I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM AN OLE' PROSPECTOR/MINER

*Never put all your nuggets in one poke (sack or bag)
There is no such thing as too much gold
Don't be afraid of getting dirty, a little dirt never hurt anyone
Stake your claim and guard it carefully, squatting is not a right
Don't claim jump another man's claim, his property, his family or his wife
Don't get greedy- you could miss the Mother Lode
Pan out your troubles
Gold Fever is contagious
Mining can be a gamble, hazard, or risk
Mining is a labor of love or loss
Good things come to those who dig
Always lend a helping hand, pick or shovel
Prospecting for Gold can be hard work, with little return
Approach trouble as you would an ole stubborn mule- look it in the face
If you go out looking for only one thing, that is all you'll ever find
A JACKASS- is a man who is stupid incompetent fool
It's not about the Gold, it's about the camaraderie and reward of great stories*

*Thoughts by
J K and L E Lepper*

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/>

Kingman Turquoise Mine, Arizona

History

The stones for Kingman jewelry were first mined by the Navajos dating back to 600 AD. On the Northwestern border of Arizona, the Kingman Turquoise Mine is an enormous open pit that has turned out a great quantity of the finest quality turquoise available. This mine, defined by its turquoise nuggets, displays the hue of an energized blue in contrast with its black matrix. While still an electric blue, the high-grade Kingman turquoise shows a gorgeous silver matrix instead of the average black. These stones are often set apart by their eye-catching color range from a dark sea blue to an electrifying white blue. These stones also possess natural cracks, displaying their true silver or black matrix mentioned above, making for beautiful Kingman jewelry.

The Mine

The Kingman Turquoise Mine in Arizona has produced the largest quantity of turquoise stones in recorded history. The sheer amount and quality of Kingman jewelry's blue coloration have made its stones one of the most fashionable styles of jewelry worn in America. The mine was first discovered by James Haas in the late 1800s. However, the mine was relatively unheard of until Leonard W. Hardy launched a successful marketing campaign from 1950 to the 1970.

Valley Prospector Tour of Kingman Turquoise Mine Shop and Cutting Rooms - <https://www.colbaugh.net/>

Kingman Turquoise Shop - 3471 W Chea Dr Golden Valley, AZ 86413

Arrangements have been made for Valley Prospectors members to tour the cutting rooms and shops of the Kingman Turquoise Mine. We unfortunately will not be able to visit the actual mine but hope to hear quite a bit about it during the 1-2 hour tour. If you are interested in joining this event, please send an email confirmation to valleyprospectors49@gmail.com. There is limited space available. Our thoughts are to stay in Laughlin and drive to the Shop on April 28, 2021. You are welcome to stay in Laughlin before and after the tour day. The tour will take place on April 28th from 10 am to 12 noon. There is an RV park at the Riverside Hotel and rooms are very inexpensive at the other Laughlin Hotels as well. The shop is only about a 30-minute drive from Laughlin, Nevada. I need to confirm the count of attendees by March 19, 2021. So, get your confirmation in early.

Next Month – Let's talk Goldfield, Nevada and Tonapah, Nevada

Valley Prospectors are looking to take a trip to Nevada and check out Goldfield and Tonapah. Both Stewart Luce and Mike Dunkerely are very familiar with these areas. Will this interest you? Stay tuned.

Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2021

Jan 21	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Feb 18	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Feb 25	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Mar 18	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Mar 25	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Mar 26-28	Coolgardie Claims (Barstow)
Apr 15	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm Zoom
Apr 23-25	Randsburg Claims (2 Burros) & Burro Schmidt’s Mine Tour on Apr 24th at 10:30 am – rendezvous and carpool from claim
April 28	Kingman Turquoise Tour – Arizona 10 AM – 12 Noon
Apr 29	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
May 20	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
May 27	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
May TBA	– Tonapah, NV? Or Summit Sunday
Jun 5	– Randsburg Panning Event – details to follow
Jun 17	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Jun 25-27	Big Bear Claims (Miner’s Folly) – VP Meeting on Jun 26th at Noon and Membership Appreciation Picnic at Big Bear –The Club will provide the meat, potluck for side dishes
Jul 23	Board Meeting in Big Bear – zoom if possible
Jul 23-25	Big Bear Claims (Miner’s Folly) – VP Meeting on Jul 24th at Noon
Aug 20-27	VP Northern Claims – Union Flat Campground – VP Meeting on Aug 21 at Noon (no internet access)
Sep 17-19	Randsburg Claims (2 Burros) – Old West Days? – Sept 18 VP Meeting on Sep 19th at Noon or Sept 23rd if needed via ZOOM
Oct 22-24	VP Rendezvous – Ord Mountains, Barstow VP Meeting on Oct 23rd at Noon during Lunch hour
Nov 18	VP General Meeting - TBA
Nov 25-28	Coolgardie – Thanksgiving outing
Dec 4	VP Christmas Party
	11 am – 3 pm
	Location TBA



“Miners Sales”



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