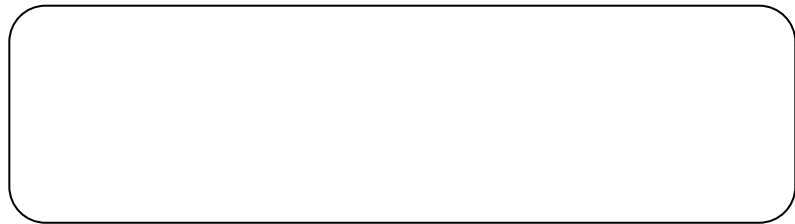


DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

June 2022

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Next General Meeting: June 7th, 2022, 6 pm - San Bernardino Elks Lodge

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 first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at 2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, Ca.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at 5 pm before the General At the Elks Lodge. – Join in for Tasty Tuesday in their dining room.



“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.

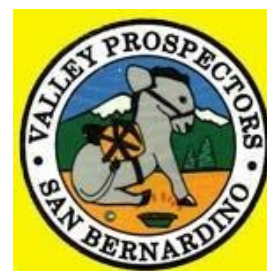
Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.

Valley Prospectors Officers and Members-at-Large 2022

Executive Officers		Chairpersons			
President	Garry Devlin	951-768-0880	Apparel	Rosie Duysings	951-237-8051
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			Courtesy	Susan Birrell Diane Railsback	760-954-1915
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Stu Luce	909-560-0474		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Jill Molson	909-887-8024		Historian	Stu Luce	909-560-0474
Mike Muir	909-882-9052		Librarian	Mark Lash	909-792-4473
Albert Naki	909-733-6473		Membership	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Katherine Naki	909-733-6441		Name Tags	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Diane Railsback	760-954-1915		Programs	Tommy Purscelley	909-820-1898
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7715		Refreshments	Michelle O'Brien	
Ernie Tovar	909-492-4479		Claims	Bob Dudley	480-225-5013
Alternates			Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Joe Chavez (1)	909-553-1722		Wagon Master	Varies by Outing	
Mark Lash (3)	909-792-4473				
Coreena Ross (2) (Life member)	530-274-1838				

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



Valley Prospectors Presidents Message

2022 PREZ SAYS Garry Devlin – June 2022

Sometimes when you are looking for something, you can never find it, yet it is right in front of you. you simply overlook it. and it takes a family member or a friend to point it out to you. Likewise, many of our members overlook the fine points of finding gold out on our claims, oftentimes we have the attitude of being a know it all, and you can't tell me anything I don't already know. Other times those who do know want to share what they know and the new kid on the block doesn't want to listen, " I watched UTube"

Goals can be a useful tool, A written goal on a sheet of paper on your refrigerator door is somewhat a magical instrument. If you work toward that goal you will be amazed at what you can do.

With a little patience, a little learning, and a whole lot of practice. an outing to one of our claims will be and can be an exciting adventure.

Remember it is what you put into it, is what you will get out of it. Valley Prospectors is the greatest club in the whole San Bernardino Valley. The Good old Days of the 49 miners, they had one heck of an adventure. We can too.

Remember, the next meeting in July will be in Big Bear, The Elks lodge will be dark that night. August is Dark at the Elks club, and so is the month of September. We will be meeting elsewhere.

Keep your calendar out and plan to go out and have some fun.

Garry Devlin

**Meeting Date - The First Tuesday of the Month - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
New locations for July and September, check the calendar of events.**

June 7th, 2022, 6 pm – 8 pm PST - General Meeting Zoom Information

I want to invite those members who can't attend in person to join us via Zoom. Below is information to join a Zoom Virtual meeting if you have a computer. If you don't – no problem. You can join the meeting with your telephone – just call 1-669-900-6833, enter the meeting number and passcode and you will hear us all. Let's stay connected in 2022.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81123262617?pwd=cndNd1BOTGJqd2NubFhDd0I1NDdRUT09>

OR Call 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 811 2326 2617 Passcode: 728291

If you have club outing pictures, and articles please e-mail them to Coreena Ross at coreenaross@gmail.com or valleyprospectors49@gmail.com.

May 3rd, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

Valley Prospector Board Minutes - May 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. There were 14 board members present, 2 excused absences, and 3 others absent. Minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter were accepted. The treasurer report was given by Lorraine. Our editor, Coreena, requested all articles be emailed to her by May 10. There was a question as to whether the club should offer fluorescent shirts for safety purposes, Rosie will check on costs for fluorescent shirts. Old business: Lorraine provided an update on the Rendezvous schedule, some of the event times have changed. The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm. Submitted by Steve Schubert

May 3rd, 2022 General Meeting Minutes

Valley Prospector General Meeting Minutes - May 03, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. Gene Lepper led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was one guest in attendance. Minutes of the last meeting were printed in the Gazette. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John, seconded by Art. The minutes were approved.

Steve gave an update on coming events - Palomar Gem Show June 11-12.

Sherry announced the 50/50, Albert was absent, so no Lady Luck tonight, Art offered a special raffle – 3.9 gram Gold Nugget – to be raffled off at the June meeting, to raise funds. Lorraine reported on membership, with 260 family memberships, 8 of which are lifetime, and 2 new members being added this month. The club has accepted 8 new members so far this year.

Wagonmaster: the last outing was at the Summit Claim, our next outing will be the CFMS show on May 6,7,8. There will also be a May 21 outing at Randsburg. Meet at the Jail and leave at 9 am. Art reported that all is well with gold sales. Lorraine reported that Steve Dowling met with Forestry, and they indicated we needed to install new discovery markers on our Northern Claims. They are all missing.

The program tonight was about bottle collecting. George Willoughby gave some great tips and suggestions on where to look for old bottles. Thank you, George, for a great show of your finds. Chad is moving out of state, so he offered a backpack filled with crevice tools and other prospecting gear. It became the second draw from 50/50.

Old business: The Dec 3 Christmas Party will be held at the Pinion Hills Community Center, more information coming soon. New business: Steve reminded people of our Code of Ethics. Finds of the month winners: Gold 1st Joe 2nd Ernie 3rd Steve

Metal detecting 1st Mike R, 2nd Mindy R. 3rd Brian T.

50/50 Mindy – Bruce

Door prize: Amy Brinkman (on Zoom). Badge prize: Gene Lepper Harbor Freight Gift Card

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:35 pm – submitted by Steve Schubert

Librarians Report

If you checked out the book Mining in San Bernardino, the book needs to be returned back to the chapter library. Another member would like to read it. Thank you! Mark Lash, Librarian

Blood Bank News – Lstream.org

Your donations of blood are critically needed, and it is just another way for our club to support our community. If you can donate, mention **MVP** as our club code. You will help so many people with your kind donation.

<https://www.lstream.org/>

June Birthday Wishes

We would like to extend a Happy Birthday to all of our June birthday revelers. Know that your fellow club members are wishing you a wonderful year ahead.

Have you visited a Valley Prospectors Claim lately?

Be sure to 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/>submit your claim report. Our claim chair, Bob Dudley, uses this information to file our work assessment documents on

Survival Gear on the Claims

President Garry Devlin has a list of suggested essentials that should be kept in a car while going out prospecting on the Valley Prospectors Claims. The items that should be in your vehicle are a blanket, shovel, whistle, flashlight, non-perishable food such as fruit bars, peanut butter and crackers, life savers candy,etc. 3 gallons of drinking water per day, Gatorade. A bucket, feminine pads for large cuts, duct tape, tie wire, first aid kit, jumper cables, tool box, spare tire with air in the tire. A fully charged cell phone and the cell phone charger. A roll of quarters and some one dollar bills for the coin operated machines.

Minor Miners Events and Activities

1. Monday May 9, Wagonmaster Brian Teeling spent ANOTHER 4 hours (over 8 hours total) breaking the rock blocking the access to our Indian Gulch Claim. You should have seen the tools this guy brought! He wanted to make sure that we could all have safe passage to all areas of the claim! So on our June 11 outing remember to thank Brian for the hard work. (Below is a picture of Brian using numerous tools!)

2. Some of our Minor Miners attended the CFMS event in Lancaster. 2 hardworking MM's completed a Rock, Mineral, Fossil scavenger hunt and they got to pan for gold and keep their gold! Congrats! (Violet and Evan panning))

3. Our next Minor Miner event will be Sat. 18 June in Hesperia. We will have a scavenger hunt and cabochon making techniques. RSVP to Susie/Diane by May 15 so we can get the materials ready!

Submitted by Susan Birrell



Remember to fly your American Flag on June 14th, Flag Day!



President's Ponderings

Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated "To Promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity." What is a non-profit? It is a legal entity organized and operated for a collective, public or social benefit. Any revenues that exceed expenses must be committed to the organization's purpose. At our first board meeting, we approved a budget that was over budget. By a little over \$2,000.00, because we knew that most of the committee chairs would keep to the budget or below. We passed the budget. The reason for this message is that I, as President, want our members to know how much I appreciate each and every one of you, and all the Board members. Volunteering their time and talents.

Each of us is on a limited budget, whether you are working, or retired. We only have so many resources during the month. At our meeting, we have different fun things that our members can help us raise funds so that we will not be over budget.

So, when I questioned why we could not do a raffle. It is not permitted by the sponsor. When we are going to educate the public about Gold Prospecting. That's the way it has always been in the past. We are in the future now. We now spend over \$75.00 to fill our gas tanks. We are asking our members to donate their money to help us at our booth, six to eight or more people will be driving up, mostly by themselves because carpooling doesn't work doing multi shifts.

I bring this up. Because we may need to rethink the difference shows that we go too. I would like to go as many as we can, although I do not want to burden our members with going over their budget.

We want to keep it as a healthy family activity. And not a burden on them. The personal expense for our members is a major concern to me. So, the next President and Officers will have to decide. A couple of factors. Number one is to promote Gold Prospecting. Two, are they willing to allow us to recruit new members? Three, can we raise money, Raffles Etc. Until gas prices come down, these are important questions that we must ask.

Every month we are told how much money we have in the bank, it sounds impressive, but until all the budget costs come in and the property taxes on the claims are paid, there is not much left.

It's about our members, how much are we going to ask them to pay out of pocket, to have an out-of-town show. Asking to have a raffle is not too much, raising money is not an evil thing to do when you can barely meet expenses. Being a non-profit does not mean you have to wear sackcloth and ashes.

President Garry Devlin

SAVE THE DATES

Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino

presents

Rendezvous 2022

October 21, 22 & 23 2022

Ord Mountain Camping Area

**3 metal detecting hunts, gold panning contest, Lady Luck, Chili Cook-off,
Kids events, Rock Talk, and Potluck**

Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2022

Revised May 12, 2022

May 20-22	2Burros – on Sat, May 21 meet at 9 am at Randsburg Jail for an escort to the claim – Steve Schubert Wagonmaster
Jun 7	VP General Meeting – San Bernardino Elks Lodge – 6-8 PM
Jun 10-12	Big Bear Claims (Miner's Folly) – Meet at 9 am on Sat, Jun 11, at Miner's Folly to caravan to Indian Gulch claim – Brian Teeling Wagonmaster
Jul 5	VP General Meeting – Moved to July 16 th outing in Big Bear.
Jul 15-17	Big Bear Claims (Miner's Folly) – VP Member Appreciation Picnic at 12 noon on Saturday, July 16 – food and games provided
Jul 23-24	GPAA Gold & Treasure Show – Pomona Fairgrounds – Sat 10-5 – Sun 10-4
Aug 2	NO MEETING
Aug 5-14	VP Northern Claims – Union Flat Campground – VP Gathering on Aug 7th at Noon
Sep 6	VP General Meeting – Moved to Sep 11 th outing
Sep 11	Summit Sunday - Meet at McDonald's - Hwy 138 offramp at 9 am, meeting to be held at Old Camp Cajon area prior to heading to claims. The site is just further down the road from McDonald's.
Sep 16-18	Randsburg Claims (2Burros) – Old West Days – Sept 17-18 Valley Prospectors may host a Gold Panning Booth - TBD
Oct 4	VP General Meeting – San Bernardino Elks Lodge – 6-8 PM
Oct 21-23	VP Rendezvous – Ord Mountains, Barstow - All local prospecting and metal detecting clubs are welcome
Nov 1	VP General Meeting – San Bernardino Elks Lodge – 6-8 PM
Nov 12	Coolgardie – Meetup TBA
Dec 3	VP Christmas Party - 11 am – 2 pm – Piñon Hills Community Center, Off Highway 138 - 10433 Mountain Road, Piñon Hills, CA