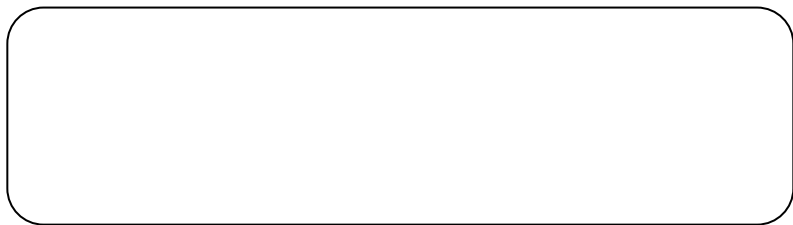


# DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

November 2022

Send Exchange Bulletins to:  
Valley Prospectors  
PO Box 2923  
San Bernardino, CA 92406-2923  
valleyprospectors49@gmail.com



Web Site: [www.valleyprospectors.org](http://www.valleyprospectors.org)

Email: valleyprospectors49@gmail.com

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

Next Meeting – November 1, 2022 at Elk Lodge, San Bernardino

## 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.

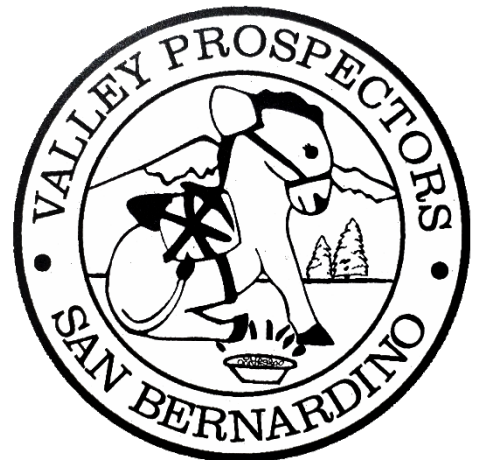
## “A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION”

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.\*

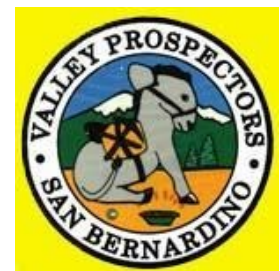


## Valley Prospectors Officers and Members-at-Large 2022

| Executive Officers                |                                 | Chairpersons |                    |                                  |              |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| President                         | Garry Devlin                    | 951-768-0880 | Apparel            | Rosie Duysings                   | 951-237-8051 |
| Vice President                    | Tommy Purscelley                | 909-820-1898 | Blood Bank         | Lorraine Frost                   | 760-868-6564 |
| Secretary                         | Steve Schubert                  | 951-943-0535 | Budget             | Lorraine Frost                   | 760-868-6564 |
| Treasurer                         | Lorraine Frost<br>(Life Member) | 760-868-6564 | CFMS               | Bural LaRue                      | 909-874-5664 |
|                                   |                                 |              | Courtesy           | Susan Birrell<br>Diane Railsback | 760-954-1915 |
| Board of Directors                |                                 |              | Editor             | Coreena Ross                     | 530-274-1838 |
| Susan Birrell                     | 760-954-1915                    |              | Asst. Editor       | Lorraine Frost                   | 760-868-6564 |
| John Bonson (Life Member)         | 909-794-4401                    |              | Finds/Month        | Bural LaRue                      | 909-874-5664 |
| Larry Kennedy                     | 909-574-0863                    |              | Lady Luck          | Albert Naki                      | 909-733-6473 |
| Bural La Rue (Life Member)        | 909-874-5664                    |              | 50/50              | Sherri Livingston                | 909-875-2090 |
| 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                        | 909-239-6944 |
| 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                     | 951-780-7115                    |              | 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)<br>(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) VP Summit Placer Claim** 60 acres



## Valley Prospectors Presidents Message

### November 2022 PREZ SAYS Garry Devlin

Sometimes we kind of feel like the road is coming to an end, and as we continue to drive we find that we are still driving and the dirt road we were expecting never shows up but we find ourselves driving in a circle so slight we cannot tell until we return to the very location that we started at and life is funny, and you never know where or how you came to that station in your life. You have never dreamed that you could ever do what you are venturing to do at this time.

Time is moving a little too fast here in these last days, and remember when you woke up. Your mother would be in the kitchen kneading bread, baking pies, and doing laundry. Running the clothes through the washing machine wringers and hanging them out to dry. She would go back into the kitchen to bake the bread or rolls that she was making. Then we would all jump into the old pink station wagon and head off to grandma's house where we would go play, and that was at 9:00 a.m. Then with all the cousins that were dumped out at Grandma's house, we would forever play and play. Then we all would pile back into the pink station wagon, all six of us and we would be home by 1:00p.m. We jumped onto our bikes and rode off into the wild blue yonder where we disappeared until our stomachs hit our backbones and we all came back home just like the birds in the nest in our old Valencia orange tree at around 5:00p.m., and I think you get the picture.

When I was younger the mountains were larger, and the ocean was bigger, and people were friendlier. People always wanted to invite you into their cars, or look for a dog, and yes I did walk five miles to school, it was faster than the city buses.

Really, all I wanted to say this month is Have a Happy Thanksgiving, bake some pies, make your own bread, and roast your own turkey. Our holidays would not be joyful, but full of pain and misery. Now we can rejoice and know that we will be able to celebrate the rest of the year.

Without all of you raising your voices and volunteering and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for jumping in and keeping the Valley Prospectors Club alive. I am looking forward to our December meeting and remember to cast your votes.

President Garry Devlin

### Zoom Meeting Information

Last Meeting via Zoom unless we have a special speaker or such.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81123262617?pwd=cndNd1BOTGJqd2NubFhDd0l1NDdRUT09>

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## Valley Prospectors October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Garry Devlin at 5:30 pm.

There were 13 board members present 2 were excused and 4 were sick.

There were no minutes since there has not been a board meeting recently. The treasurer's report was given by Lorraine Frost. She also reported that 2 new members have been added to the roster. Coreena Ross, our Gazette editor stated that the deadline for articles would be Oct 10th. Lorraine reported that all paperwork had been filed for Valley Prospector's claims. She will be asking PLP for help with the Plan of Operation filing. There will be two programs for this evening's meeting. Courtesy talked about the upcoming Christmas Party. It was decided to ask for a \$5 RSVP, which would provide the member with 10 drawing tickets. This will help with sign-ups to get a head count. Club apparel reported they are running low on some sizes in apparel.

Refreshments –Lorraine Frost reported as wagon master for the outing to the summit claim There was a confirmed claim jumper and the mess he was making was reported to the Sheriff and BLM Office. Lorraine Frost shared that the High Desert Keepers will help with the cleanup of the area if we schedule a time and volunteers with them. Thanks to Brian T. and Kent B. for the photos of the claim disaster and to Kent for the cleanup. Ernie T. also helped in the cleanup. CFMS – Burl L. is going to the November Veteran's day meeting. Blood Bank – Judy and Gene Lepper donated. Library – Mike Lash has a new phone number. It was recommended that new committee members be provided with more training when they take over jobs in Valley Prospectors. The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

Submitted by Steve Schubert

## Valley Prospectors General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Garry Devlin at 6:07 pm.

Mary led the Pledge of Allegiance. Courtesy acknowledged 2 guests, Susan also recognized Lisa C. for the items she donated to the club. Minutes of the last meeting were printed in the Gazette, and a motion to accept by Garry and seconded by John, motion passed. The treasurer report was given by Lorraine Frost and she did a great job. Coming events outlined the upcoming Rendezvous 2022 and Steve Schubert confirmed that we have porta potties and lots of events. 50/50 was available, see Sherry. Susan and Diane are helping out Albert by handling the Lady Luck tonight, thanks for all their help. Stacey D. shared that she would be able to be the Lady Luck Chair in 2023. That will be a big help. Refreshments – Michelle had to work tonight, so Lorraine brought refreshments. Lorraine updated members on the Claims -all paperwork filed and completed and all fees have been paid. Club apparel sold some items tonight, need to clear out inventory so we can order more. Lorraine presented tonight on all the paperwork needed to submit claim assessment work and small miner fee waivers with the counties and BLM. She outlined the deadlines, necessary information on the forms, how each county handles claims differently, and that she would be interested in giving a class next year so we have more members able to complete this work for Valley or on their own claims. She used the Claim Reporting Forms from Valley members to help fill out who performed the work on the claims throughout the year. That is why these submittals are so important. More to come later.

Nominations were open for 2023 officers and Members-at-Large. The following is the slate so far.

President - Garry Devlin – Ernie Tovar

Vice President – Susan Birrell

Secretary – Diane Railsback

Treasurer – Lorraine Frost

Members-at-Large:

Coreena Ross- John Bonson- Bural LaRue- Joe Chavez- Albert Naki- Katherine Naki- Ernie Tovar- Mark Lash- Mindy Ryan- Mike Ryan- Rosie Duysings- Art Duysings- John Howell- Sherry Livingston- Dwyane Lowrey

Finds of the month: Gold: 1<sup>st</sup> place Susan Birrell and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Joe Dixon. The 50/50 was won by Joe Dixon. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

## Minor Miners

Minor Miners are making Snuffer Bottle Holders and Poke Bags for activities at Ord Mountain! The cost is free to our MMs but more kits will be available at \$12 for Snuffer Bottles Holder Kits and \$10. for the Poke Bags. We are limited to the number of kits available, so they are first come first served. Friday night is the Snuffer craft and Sat afternoon is the Poke bag craft. Minor Miners are also sponsoring the Sat night Quarter Mania Night hunt as well as a Saturday afternoon Rock Talk. BUT WAIT, THERE IS MORE.

Diane, Susan, Joe, and Stacey attended the PLP outing and made a new discovery for us! So, there is a special rock talk for everyone, young and old...it will be illuminating!!

## November Birthday Wishes

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

## Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2022

Revised September 15, 2022

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| 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 |

## Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino

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### Rendezvous 2022

October 21, 22 & 23 2022

Ord Mountain Camping Area

I 15 North – take Highway 247 (Barstow Road), Barstow – turn right, and approximately 16- 19 miles down Highway 247 you'll see a brown BLM route marker 6640 on the road. The road is on the east side. Take a left if you are coming from Barstow on this dirt road and you will see a large BLM Informational canopy sign posted for the area. Follow this dirt road up a small and easy grade. The camp area is on the left side of the road. It is not hard to see and it's easy to get to. GPS coordinates: N34

degrees 41.008, W116 degrees 57.398

Dry camping (primitive)\*

Due to the high costs of food, Valley will only be able to provide a continental breakfast on Saturday and PCSC will offer breakfast for a \$6 donation on Sunday. Thank you for your consideration.

| Time    | Friday   | Saturday                          | Sunday                |
|---------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
|         | 10/21/22 | 10/22/22                          | 10/23/22              |
| 8:00 AM |          | Breakfast 8:00 – 9:30             | Breakfast 8:00 – 9:30 |
| 8:30 AM |          | Continental by Valley Prospectors | By PCSC \$6 donation  |

## **Christmas-Holiday Party Info! Please read!**

Hello fellow Valley members! We are mixing up the Christmas Party this year! You must R.S.V.P. and pay a \$5.00 fee for participation in the festivities! In return, you will receive \$10.00 worth of Lady Luck Prize tickets! You may also purchase more if you wish! It is still a Pot Luck so please plan on bringing a side dish or dessert. We have a new location and it promises to be a great venue with great fellowship! The new location is Pinon Hills Community Center, 10433 Mountain Road, Pinon Hills, CA.

BUT WAIT, there is more!!! All MEMBERS will ALSO get drawing tickets for our Member Give Away with over \$1,200.00 worth of mining, rock-related, and outdoor items!!! And of course, everyone will walk away with a small item (we had mugs last year) as a thank you from Valley Prospectors for being supportive during the course of the year!

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU!! We need an exact count, payment, and what you will be bringing before Nov. 26!! You may R.S.V.P., pay and list what you are bringing at our November 1<sup>st</sup>, meeting, OR Via the Facebook Post under Events for the Christmas-Holiday party or BY RESPONDING to the email blast that will be coming to your email soon! One other way...send your payment, the number of folks attending, and what you will be bringing to share for the potluck to Susan Birrell Post Office Box 2828 Big Bear City, CA. 92314. Paying at the meeting is preferred. Those that did already sign up, please let us know what you are bringing. A GIANT THANK YOU for helping us with these protocols!!!  
The main dish of Turkey with stuffing and Ham will be presented by the board!

Thank you and we look forward to seeing everybody at the Christmas Party!  
Susan Birrell and Diane Railsback!

## **Blood Bank News – Lstream.org**

Donating blood is very important to people who are in accidents whether it be a car accident, a hiking accident, or even surgery. 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.

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

## **Shark Tooth Outing**

Our Shark Tooth Collecting outing is going to be on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Bakersfield. We will be going but would like to include TWO MORE people on this outing.

Most of us are camping the night before at "A Country RV Park" in Bakersfield if you wish to join us. You need to make your own camping arrangements. The outing costs \$40.00 per person and it is guaranteed to come away with some aquatic animal items! All tools are included in the price. We will caravan in together with the Quarry owner.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on this outing.  
Susan Birrell and Diane Railsback

## THE GOLDEN BEAR NUGGET



**Weight: 1 oz., 19.2 gr. troy**

**Maximum height: 2¼ inches**

**Maximum width: 1 5/16 inches**

This outstanding and unusually formed crystallized gold nugget is the property of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

The history of the nugget is rather obscure. According to the State Division of Mines, it was discovered in 1871 in the early California town of Yankee Jim, located in Placer County. Legend has it that it was found by a 14-year-old girl, who kept it until her death at the age of 76. Upon her death, a son or brother pledged the nugget for a loan from an engineer from the Division of Mines. The nugget was foreclosed by the engineer. He wanted to recover his money and offered it to C. D. Woodhouse, who regularly visited the Division of Mines. Mr. Woodhouse purchased the nugget for \$300 in 1937. He displayed it to the CFMS, which voted in June 1938 to purchase it. Funds were raised by subscription throughout the Federation, and at the Fourth Annual CFMS Convention in San Bernardino, it was first displayed to its new owners. The Federation completed the payment in 1940. Mr. Woodhouse attempted to obtain more data on the nugget from the Division of Mines engineer but was unsuccessful.

The purchase price was \$300, but its value as a unique specimen—like anything that cannot be duplicated or replaced—can be considered in the realm of “priceless.” Physically, the Golden Bear is a magnificent specimen and is readily recognized by its characteristic shape. It is customarily on exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, but during the period of the annual convention, it is carefully removed for display to its member owners.

Small replicas of the Golden Bear Nugget are used as California Federation pins and lapel buttons. This replica with a crossed silver gavel is used as a pin for the past Club Presidents, and with crossed gold gavel for past CFMS Presidents.

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# Honoring All Who Served and Thanking Them for Their Service to Our Country



## Honor Your Club's Unsung Heroes!

(as printed in AFMS Newsletter, October 2022 by Judi Allison)

Valley Prospectors club is a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) and the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) and as such we are encouraged to participate in their programs. In the October 2022 AFMS Newsletter, Judi shared that all clubs can highlight a special person in their club that has contributed much to the organization. We will submit the following to our California representative: Chris Ward. Send the following: Name of Person or Couple to be honored, Submission year, Name of Club, Submitted by, email address for the electronic version, a narrative of approximately 75 to 100 words of reasons for the honor, and a picture for publishing (if desired). If you would like to nominate someone for our club. Send this information to [valleyprospectors49@gmail.com](mailto:valleyprospectors49@gmail.com) by November 15, 2022 so we can coordinate our submissions.

## Volunteerism (reprinted from CFMS Newsletter, Oct 2021, by Ellery Borow)

We will be holding our Valley Prospectors Elections in November and December 2022 for the 2023 slate of Officers and Members-at-Large. Ellery provides some great reasons to volunteer in your club.

“Here are a few ideas to encourage members to move up to being volunteers:

- Serving a club is fun. Helping a club be a better club is fun. Keep this fun front and center.
- Being a part of the team that makes the club work so well is an uplifting and rewarding experience.
- Make sure the effort of volunteers is recognized, appreciated and valued.
- Let prospective volunteers know there are experienced club members willing to offer their knowledge and support with the position - that they do not have to go it alone.
- Offer mentoring options so a prospective volunteer can get their feet wet before becoming the chair of this or that committee.
- Publicly thank volunteers for what they do. Keep the smiles genuine.
- Consider offering incentives such as earning point for this or that effort where highest point earners are offered a prize (such as a pass to a museum, a fine specimen, or a tuition to attend the EFMLS Wildacres program).
- Encourage prospective volunteers to utilize their skills - maybe the best organizer can run the show, the best baker can provide a portion of the meeting refreshments, the best technician can direct the club's lapidary shop, the best researcher put on a club program or two.
- Keep the position requirements clear so volunteers know what they are volunteering to accomplish.
- Be mindful that some positions require more effort than others, and those positions might be best managed by breaking them into smaller modules”