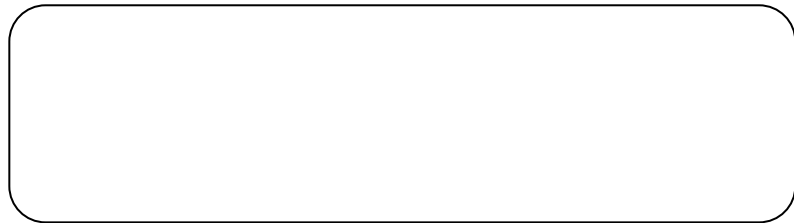


# Drywasher's Gazette

June 2023

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Next Meeting – Jun 6, 2023, @ San Bernardino Elks Lodge  
2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, CA

## Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated  
*To promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity.*

## A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

General Membership Meeting is held first Tuesday of each month at  
6:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at 2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, CA.

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*VP Members Susan, Diane, Lois, Cyndy, Lorraine, Ellen, Randy, Art, Rosie, Mindy, and Mike all joined in on the fun.*

## Arizona Meteorite Tour Was a Hit!

We had a great time. Smores, gem/mineral bingo, meteorite hunting, relic hunting, buckets of petrified wood, a huge hole in the ground, Quirky Stewarts Rock Shop and Friendship. What better way to spend a few days in the desert!



### **Oro Rico-Coolgardie Gold Outing May 20 **\*\*IMPORTANT CHANGE\*\*****

**This trip will not be a group outing anymore. Members are still welcome to visit the claim independently, but there will be no one meeting in Barstow to lead anyone to the claim site.**

As an alternative, many members will be joining the Orange Belt Mineralogical Society field trip to Kokoweef mine. Kokoweef is known for Popcorn/Cave onyx. If you wish to attend, all the info is on their Facebook page. Join the page and then scroll down to the outing info. Then you must fill out the survey. It costs \$20 per bucket. This isn't open to the public place, you must be invited, so this is a really great opportunity.

### **Indian Gulch Outing Jun 3 **\*\*LOCATION CHANGE\*\*****

As you may have heard, the Forest in Holcomb Valley is closed until June 30. So, our June 3 outing will not be at Indian Gulch. Joe Dixon offered to be wagonmaster to go to the Summit Claim. Meet Joe at the Camp Cajon Monument meeting at 8:00 am and leave at 8:30am.

## Valley Prospectors Presidents Message June 2023 PREZ SAYS

Welcome to the finest, most outstanding group of miners here at Valley Prospectors.

We will welcome into our history a new Federal Holiday. What an amazing time that we live in America, and to welcome the New Federal Holiday "Juneteenth." When Union Major General Gordon Granger issued Order Number Three in Galveston, Texas June 19, 1865," he created an end to chattel slavery for the last of the African Americans.

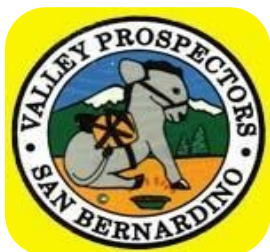
Many wonderful events have taken place this year, and many more events are upcoming. We hope all members can attend. One of the upcoming events is our Member Appreciation Weekend starting on July 21, 2023. On Friday, some members will be gathering to set up camp, and most of us will be arriving for the Saturday picnic, games and the meeting at High noon. If you are planning on coming to the outing, please give us the number of people who will be attending with your group so we don't run out of hot dogs. With hot dogs you can dress them up anyway you wish, or just let them go swimming in a pool of Pork and Beans, or chili, and smother them with cheese and onions, Yummy. Or just eat them plain. Or if you don't prefer a hot dog. You can always use the toppings over chips and make an appetizer. This is a potluck, bring what you like, and share. The hot dogs will be there.

To All Members, I received an email asking me to contact the member who left their bucket of finds at the San Bernardino Elks Lodge. The Elks were very concerned that someone left their valuables behind. If you bring things into the Elks for the Finds of the Month, it is your responsibility to take them home with you. Please do not leave anything at the Elks Lodge.

I want to thank our guest speaker in May for the wonderful job he did, Thank you "Doc" Dennis Hannon for the wonderful dowsing presentation.

Gold, Gold, and more Gold, with all the wet weather we had, the gold is out there. The Golden God had brought forth many more finds to us. Don't just let it disappear from your eyes, many old-time prospectors have told thousands of stories about how they found a vein of gold as long as your eyes could see and they marked the location so they could return and dig. Just to find that their vein had just vanished just as a mirage in the desert. Mighty windstorms came and blew the sand to change the look of the surrounding desert, and to hold onto the gold that lies there. So, don't get discouraged if you don't find any gold, it is being saved for the one who talks to the ground.

Ask for permission to dig, you must show respect, and the Golden God will bring it to you. So once again go to our claims, and don't forget to thank them for all that you have found.



Garry Devlin  
President 2023





## Valley Prospectors May 2023 - Meeting Minutes

General Meeting called to order by President Garry Devlin @ 6:02 p.m, at Elks Lodge #836. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mary. Courtesy Sherry reports one guest, Dr. D. Hannon.

**Minutes:** as read in the newsletter. Motion to approve by Steve / 2nd by Rosie, passed by consensus.

**Treasurer:** current account report given by L. Frost.

**Membership:** Treasurer Frost reports 256 family memberships.

**Events:** VP Birrell reports:

1. 05/13 Big Bear Mystery metal detecting event, Boulder Bay Park, 9:00 a.m.
2. 05/20 Oro Rico event canceled. New scheduled event (not club associated) is invitation only Orange Belt Mineralogical Society Kokoweef rockhounding opportunity. RSVP \$2, per 5-gallon bucket.
3. Big Bear roads are still closed. 06/03 outing moved to Summit, J. Dixon to be wagonmaster, at Old Cajon Camp Monument at 8:00 a.m.

**President:** Devlin reminds members of the appreciation lunch on 07/22 at Miner's Folly claim. There will be games and raffles. Raffle tickets for 50/50/special raffle/Lady Luck available during the break and Finds of the Month voting.

**Apparel:** Rosie reports that inventory is available at current prices.

**Editor:** Coreena reminded members all info is needed by 05/10.

VP Birrell introduced Dr. Dennis Hannon, Master Dowsing. He gave an excellent presentation on the working theories of dowsing. And brought handouts and pendulums for everyone to try their hand! Break at 7:15 p.m. Reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

VP Birrell gave a PowerPoint presentation of the outing at Meteor Crater, Petrified Wood National Forest, Dobell Ranch. She reminded members of the Big Bear Mystery outing.

**Old Business:** Treasurer Frost reminded members that proposed changes in the constitution will be posted in June's newsletter, with a line-by-line ballot vote at the June meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Steve asks for volunteers for the Antelope Valley Fair Gem Show, 05/6-7, Saturday/Sunday, 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
  2. Treasurer Frost asks for volunteers for Maple Elementary School Hesperia event 05/10, 9:00 a.m.
- Finds of the month: Gold: Brian 3rd/, Everett 2nd/, Joe 1st/. Treasure: Susan 3rd/, Brian 2nd/, Joe 1st. 50/50 won by Cyndy , door prizes won by Gary/Katherine.  
Meeting adjourned by President Devlin at 7:45 p.m.  
Lady Luck was held.

AS OF MONDAY, MAY 9, 2023

GOLD IS

\$2,034.70 PER OUNCE.

\$65.41 PER GRAM.

<https://pricegold.net/>

### \*\*\*GENERAL REMINDER\*\*\*

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.

*Board of Directors meet at 5:15 pm before the General Meeting at the Elks Lodge. – Join in for Tasty Tuesday in their dining room.*

**Can't make it in person? Join in via Zoom meeting.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89402779413?pwd=cEtyZjZ5UjVWPT2xZMmdEeFRrT0hoZz09>

**Meeting ID: 894 0277 9413      Passcode: 958417**

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## Acknowledgements



A Special Thank you to Dr. Dennis Hannon, Master Dowser for introducing the world of dowsing to our members and helping us learn that dowsing is more than just two rods and looking for water. Thank you Doc for your expertise and time. We all got to take home a pendulum that Doc made for us!

Another Special Thank You to George Willoughby who donated his time and expertise to take Valley Prospectors out to his secret bottle hunting site. We all had a great time! Thank you George for all that you do for our club!



### Blood Bank News – Lstream.org

Gene and Judy Lepper donated a gift of Life.  
Thanks for helping this Club give back to the Community.



Historical Society and other local non-profit organizations will have several events to attend!  
Call (831) 479-1500 to REGISTER TODAY!

All prices are for full length of event  
\$20 per adult (18+)  
\$5 Children (12-17 years old)  
Anyone under 12 is free with paid adult.

Vendor registration is still open as well. Call for more details.

## PROSPECT IN DOWNIEVILLE!

-We have been granted access to prospect for gold in the Downie River and the North Fork Yuba River within town!

-Gold mining and prospecting equipment vendors including;  
[www.goldcube.com](http://www.goldcube.com), [www.gold-n-sand.com](http://www.gold-n-sand.com), [www.adventuresinprospecting.com](http://www.adventuresinprospecting.com) and many more!

-Expert equipment demonstrations by the people that make them!

-Professional seminars on prospecting and mining techniques by real-life pros, including geologists and more!

-Many historical tours and opportunities to experience the California Gold Rush like it was in 1849. The Sierra County

ICMJ & Reinke Mining's Downieville Gold Rush Days happening August 10-13, 2023

Additional Details to Come.

## Proposed Revisions to Valley Prospectors Constitution

*To be voted on at the June 6, 2023 General Meeting*

*Printed in Drywasher's Gazette for member review. At the June 6, 2023, VP general membership meeting a vote on each separate recommendation will be held. If you have any questions, please bring them to the May and June meetings. These and several grammatical changes as well can be reviewed on the VP Members Only website.*

*Below are the changes to the articles and sections in Valley Prospectors Constitution and By-Laws and Rules and Regulations that the subcommittee is recommending the membership consider.*

*Proposed Changes are in Red*

### VP Constitution and By-Laws proposed changes

**Article III, Section 1** Memberships in Valley Prospectors are family memberships consisting of a maximum of two adult members **in the same household** and their dependent children under age 19. A family membership and membership: are jointly or severally the same as to rights and privileges of the Corporation. Voting rights shall be limited to adult members of the Corporation and shall not exceed more than two (2) voting members per membership, per family.

**Article V, Section 9** Elections will be held by written **or electronic** ballots in accordance with the Rules and Regulation, except to fill vacancies in accordance with Article V, Section 4.

**Article VII, Section 1** Corporation equipment and other physical assets **worth over \$500** shall not be sold, donated, dispersed or otherwise disposed of, except in accordance with California law and with the prior approval of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the membership present at the next general meeting.

**Article VII, Section 3** All approved expenditures on behalf of the Corporation shall be payable by checks, **debit card, or electronic transactions** upon presentation to the Treasurer with a receipt or signed hand-written accounting. All expenses **above 25% of the** pre-approved annual budget Must be approved by the Board prior to payment.

**Article VIII, Section 1, item 1** Changes shall be published **at least twice, consecutively, electronically or in print.**

**Article VIII, Section 1, item 2** The vote must be at **the next regular general meeting after the two months publication** of the proposed changes.

**Article II, Section 2** The general membership meeting will be held on **a monthly basis as determined by the Board at the December Annual Meeting.**

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## VP Rules & Regulations proposed changes

### Article II, Section 3 **The general**

membership meeting and Board of Directors meetings will be held at a location determined by the board and announced in the newsletter and other electronic means.

**Article II, Section 4** The Board of Directors may change the primary general meeting location or meeting from one location or date to another, provided that a new location and/or date is published in the newsletter and emailed to members prior to the meeting.

**Article II, Section 5** Guests are welcome to attend one association meeting and/or may attend one (1) function on an Association claim(s) without becoming a member. Exceptions may be made by the Board upon written request. The Board may take action whenever the guest policy is abused.

**Article III, Section 3** At the December Annual meeting, the Board will determine the percentage of the initiation fee that shall be set aside as a reserve to purchase mining claims or maintain the Association's existing mining claims. These funds may also be used to establish any bonds that may be required.

**Article IV, Section 2 (B)** In the absence of any board position, the Vice-president shall be responsible to ensure those duties are fulfilled.

**Article IV, Section 2 (C) (4)** Removed

**Article IV, Section 4 (D)** Provides a quarterly Budget/Expenditure report to the general membership.

**Article IV, Section 4 (E)** Give the current financial report at each Board and General meeting.

**Article V, Section 4 (D)** Maintain the original copy of all membership applications.

**Article V, Section 5 (A)** Greet members and guests at each general meeting and record attendance.

**Article V, Section 5 (B)** Coordinate and manage the badge and attendance drawings at each general meeting and special events.

**Article V, Section 5 (C)** Removed

**Article V, Section 5 (D)** Plan and coordinate a Holiday party in the month of December for the Association

**Article V, Section 13 (G)** Gold bags will be marked at 40-60% "above" its cost.

**Article V, Section 16 (C)** Removed

**Article V, Section 17 (C)** Traditional Gold can be found by dry washing, panning, sluicing, metal detecting, and/or dredging.

**Article V, Section 17 (D)** All other treasures may be found with a metal detector or other means.

**Article VII, Section 1 (A)** Maximum of three (3) keys will be permitted. One will be retained by an Executive Board Member and the other two (2) by members of the Board and/or Committee Chairs.

**Article X, Section 1** These Association Rules and Regulation shall be changeable as necessary by, two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members present at any regular meeting. Changes shall be published electronically or in print. If voting is required by mail, the changes must be approved by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the responding membership.

*End of Proposed Changes.*

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## \*\*Updated\*\* Calendar of Events

DATE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
May 13	Big Bear Metal Detect Hunt	Meet at Boulder Bay @ 9:00am – All Spots Filled Contact: Susan Birrel
May 20	Oro Rico-Coolgardie Gold Outing	<b>*CHANGE*</b> This will no longer be a group outing. No one will be meeting to lead members to the claim
May 20	Orange Belt Mineralogical Society field trip to Kokoweef mine	Please see Orange Belt Mineralogical Society Facebook page for additional details and forms.
Jun 3	<b>*LOCATION CHANGE* Summit Claim Outing</b> (was Indian Gulch)	Meet Joe at Camp Cajon Marker @8:00am. Leaving to claim promptly @ 8:30am
July 8-9	Wrightwood Mountaineer Days Booth	Volunteers Needed. Contact: Steve Schubert
July 21-23	Miner's Folly – VP Club Picnic	Sat Noon Meeting and Games
Aug 4-13	Yuba River Claims Outing	Contact: Coreena Ross (Wagon Master)
Sept 16	Randsburg Mining Days	Local festival starts @8:00am. Claim outings done independently.
Oct 21	Archeology Day Minor Miner Event	Full day of Rock Activities for the kids location TBD
Oct 27-29	Ord Mountain Rendezvous	Metal Detecting events, potluck, great get together with other local clubs.
Nov 18	2 Burros Claim Outing	Meet at Claim
Dec 2	Annual Holiday Party & Potluck	11am-2pm Pinon Hills, CA

**\*\* As always events are subject to last minute change due to weather or availability. Please make sure to check the Facebook group for any last-minute update. If you are not on Facebook, please e-mail or text another member who has access.**

### Highlighted Local Business



**Mining Supplies and Rock Shop**  
Rough Rocks, Slabs, Cabochons, Minerals, Crystals,  
Grit, Tumbled Stones, Rocks for Tumbling.

**Cyndy Mandell & Lois Papner**  
cynmandell@me.com & lpapner@me.com

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Hesperia, California 92345  
eBay: miningsupplies 760.508.1081



### Experience a True Gold Rush Vacation in 2023

Alaskan Gold Country at its finest in a two-week trip to Nome, Alaska taking place the last week of July through the first week of August for a cost of \$4,200. (Cost does not include transportation to the site.)

For more details, please contact Don Starr - 951-663-3716 or email [lindastarr2@gmail.com](mailto:lindastarr2@gmail.com). He hopes to be at the June 6th VP meeting to answer questions in person as well.

Offered through **AKAU - Alaskan Gold Rush Vacation Adventure Resort**  
Website: [akaugold.com](http://akaugold.com)



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*