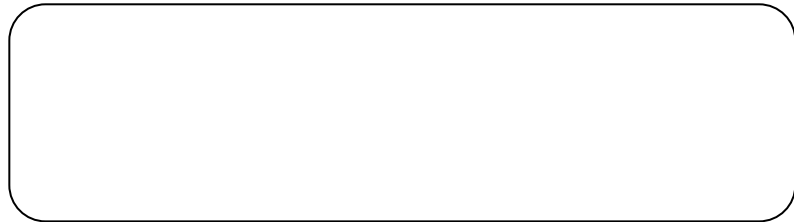


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Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 3rd at the Elks Lodge

Mission and Code of Ethics

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

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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2023 Yuba Nugget Hunt

By Randy Lunn

The Yuba Nugget Hunt gets bigger and better every year. Originated and hosted by Tim MacMaster of Blue Lead Gold Productions, the NorCal gold community has fully embraced the event and has helped it grow into the premier gold outing of the summer. Over 150 folks flocked to the Union Flats Campgrounds this year to participate, share stories and celebrate America.



Tim
Master of Ceremonies

Since 2018, Tim has produced 95 high quality gold themed videos that showcase mining techniques, the beauty of the Sierras, and gold seekers young and old. Tim is also a talented musician and has produced a trademark theme song that lets you know you are back on the Yuba.

Many other popular Gold Prospecting YouTubers attended as well.



Jeff Smith (Smith's Gold)



*JC (The Minin' Hawaiian) and
Jerry the Prospector*



Todd (Top Cat)



Bedrock Bennett



Camp America Gathering at Union Flats

Four contiguous claims along the North Yuba stretching almost one-half mile were available to be hunted including the Valley Prospector's Pickett III claim, Tim's Petey's Place claim, a private claim owned by well-known participants and a public claim.

The rapidly flowing high water in the Yuba presented a crossing challenge that was met by many and most found at least a few flakes. Some did even better with a 7 gram specie and a 3+ gram nugget being the best finds. Over 20 small nuggets were found with the wet-suited snipers doing the best down river.

At 4pm everybody assembled back at Camp America in Union Flats organized by Top Cat (Todd). With flags flying the boisterous group discussed the day and showed off their finds of the day. Tim again this year had distributed playing cards sealed in envelopes that gave everyone a chance to win prizes including three grams of gold. Most of the prominent NorCal YouTubers

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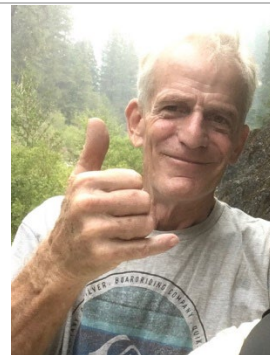
including Two Toes (Gary Honan) and many other folks contributed generously to the prize pool. Mining tools, tee shirts, artwork and gold were won by over two dozen people. Old friends and new friends conversed well into the evening. Most everyone's parting words were, "See ya next year."



Gary Honan (Two Toes) with his Two Nuggets



Close up of that beautiful Yuba Gold



Tim, always a friendly "Aloha"



The event was well attended by Valley Prospector members. I counted 12, but I am sure more were there. Camping out were Dale and Coreena Ross, Jim and Yvonne Mack, Mike and Susan Hook and Randy Lunn. Other members I saw were Jason Sprouse, Art and Rosie Duysings, and Mike and Mindy Ryan who may have also had camp sites.

Wagon Master Report August North Yuba Claims Outing

Dear Valley Prospectors,

The August outing at the Pickett III and the Gold Venture Claims on the Yuba River was a great success. The members and guests of Valley Prospectors were fun and we enjoyed their company.

Dale and I had the wonderful opportunity to do a meet and greet with the members of Valley Prospectors. The following members who attended the outing were Brent and Dane Peterson, Jason Sprouse and his wonderful wife. Jim and Yvonne Mack, Mike and Susan Hook, Randy Lunn, Art and Rosie Duysing, Mike and Mindy Ryan, Mark Perryman, Jim and Annette Mott, Kalina Colterdrone, Raymond Proefrock, Ali Bickell and Evan Boyd and their son Adrian Bickell. Anton Pizzola, and his grandsons Hunter, Joe and Dylan.

We also invited Melissa and Patrick Meadlin as guests to come and visit the claims and to get to know the Valley Prospectors members as well.

Dale and I wish to thank everyone who attended the Pickett III and Gold Venture Claims on the Yuba River and we hope that everybody who attended the outing got some Gold in their pans.

Respectfully submitted,

Coreena and Dale Ross



View looking West on the Claim

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Valley Prospectors President's Message October 2023 PREZ SAYS

Hello Fellow Valley Prospectors,

We are already a week into Fall and the year is about over, a couple more months we will be seeing the big turkey in the oven and Santa Claus, Wow.

The summer heat kept a lot of us from venturing out into the blazing hot desert. Looking for gold, many went to the claims up north in the cooler part of the state. It seems there was no place that you could really go to escape the sweltering summer sun.

Weather in October is supposed to be cooler in Barstow, and maybe a few clouds on Sunday the 15. so our outing should be very comfortable, so we can enjoy our rendezvous.

We are a couple of months from December, but now is the time to prepare for that occasion, we need a head count of how many members are coming. And the food that you will be bringing (PotLuck) remember this is your Dinner, and Electing your new set of officers for the year 2024,

Hopefully we will have a new way to vote this year, Because in the past. Most of you never filled out the complete ballot.

I have talked to many of you and you shared that you don't want to be president. You say you're too busy, don't have enough time.

On top of being President.

- I am the Family History Director for the Rialto Stake. (22 years.)
- The Recording Secretary for the Native Sons of the Golden West. (10 yr.)
- Board member of the Mission Creek Tribe. (18yr.)
- Member of the Crestline Holding Company. (9yr.)

All you have to do is Organize your calendar. And I can tell you that I enjoy each one of my responsibilities and try to do my best at each of them. Sometimes I can't make it to the outings, but when I was nominated, I told you all how packed I Was. Two years ago I was doing all of this. and all of the above.

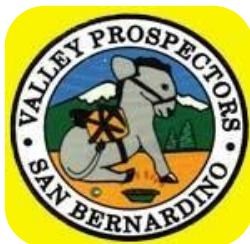
- I was still working.
- I was a Grand Officer, (Grand Trustee) for the NSGW (8 yr.)
- A docent for the California Citrus State Historic Park.(10yr.)

I wasn't here alone, I had many of you that stepped in to help. And you too will have that help if you take the Helm of Valley Prospectors or any other position. It is always good to get new ideas, and members to serve.

Hope to see all of you up in Barstow at the Rendezvous.

President Garry Devlin

Garry Devlin
President 2023



Valley Prospectors September 5, 2023 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Garry Devlin @ 6:04 p.m., at Elks Lodge #836.

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Devlin.

COURTESY CHAIR: Sherry reports 3 guests tonight.

MINUTES: as read in the newsletter. Motion to approve 1st Steve/2nd John, passed by consensus.

TREASURER: report given by L. Frost.

MEMBERSHIP: L. Frost reports 268 memberships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: VP S. Birrell announced:

1. There is a special drawing in process for a mini trommel, winner to be drawn at the Holiday party.

CLAIMS: L. Frost reports the Plan of Operation for Union Flats is still under review. All claims have been filed and paid. She would like to hold a training class for anyone interested in learning how to file claims.

EVENTS: Steve reports that the Miner's Folly picnic was a great success.

EDITOR: Coreena reminded members all info is needed by 9/10.

GOLDMASTER: Art reported inventory for large gold is holding, but small gold needs to be purchased.

FINDS OF THE MONTH: Everett reviewed the voting process.

Break at 6:32 p.m. Reconvene at 6:57 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. John H. suggested that \$30,000 of the club claim account be placed in a CD interest bearing account. Discussed. Treasurer Frost will research and take it to the board. Discussion was tabled.

AS OF SATURDAY,

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

GOLD IS

\$1,913.48 PER OUNCE.

\$61.52 PER GRAM.

<https://pricegold.net/>

NEW:

1. L. Frost introduced new online election voting, \$36 for the link.
2. Coreena advised the need for a new claim marker sign. She is authorized to have etching done.
3. L. Frost and Coreena explained Union Flats reservation process and length of stay. They will research.

FINDS OF THE MONTH: Gold: 3rd/Ernie, 2nd/Joe, 1st/Mike.

Treasure: 3rd/Mindy, 2nd/Mike, 1st/Susan.

50/50 won by John, door prizes won by Mike, Ernie.

Meeting adjourned by President Devlin at 7:33 pm.

Lady Luck was held.



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*



**Regional
News**

From CFMS

A GREAT SHOW IN BILLINGS!

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Rep
to AFMS

The Billings Gem & Mineral Club hosted one terrific show August 3-6 in Montana. It was the combined show and convention of the Northwest Federation and the American Federation. Because I've literally just returned home after driving 18 hours over two days, I'm still working the kinks out of my legs, but I promise a full report on this fun-filled event, along with news of interest to us all within CFMS. This includes news related to juniors programs, competitive exhibiting, a new-and-improved AFMS website, and more. At this stage, I can say that we have one tough act to follow when our California Federation hosts the American Federation show in Ventura come May 2024. The Billings club put on a class act all the way around

Southern CA Upcoming Show Listed by CFMS

December 2-3, 2023 – Barstow, CA
Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral
Society

Cora Harper Community/Fitness
Center 841 Barstow Rd., Barstow,
CA 92311 Hours: Sat. & Sun. 10-5

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Website: <http://www.mdgms.net>

2023 Valley Prospectors Ord Mountain Rendezvous

Friday October 27th-29th

Hosted by Valley Prospectors

The fun starts at 10am Friday, October 27, 2023
at the Ord Mountain Primitive Camping Area.

Time	Saturday 10/28/23
8:00 AM- 9:30 AM	Continental Breakfast \$5 Donation <i>*By Hi-Desert Gold Diggers</i>
9:00 AM	Kids Scavenger Hunt Pick up the list
9:30 AM- 10:30 AM	Jim Straight Memorial Metal Detector Hunt <i>*Sponsored by Valley Prospectors \$20</i>
11:30 AM	Kids Metal Detecting Event - FREE
Noon- 2:00 PM	Lunch - \$5 Hot Dog, Chips, & Water <i>*By Valley Prospectors</i>
2:00 PM	Rock Talk & Activities <i>*Sponsored by VP Minor Miners</i>
3:00 PM- 4:30 PM	Gold Panning Contest <i>*Sponsored by First Class Miners \$5</i>
4:00 PM	Chili Cook-Off Judging Bowls Due @ 4 pm!!!!
4:30 PM	Potluck
6:00 PM	Bingo 25 Cents a Game Winners Split the Pot



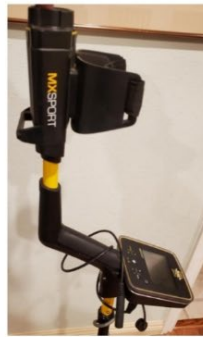
Time	Friday 10/27/23
10:00 AM	Early Arrivals
12:00 Noon	Trash Hunt **FREE Entry**
2:00 PM	Visit Local Claims
6:00 PM	Campfire, Singing & Smore's

DIRECTIONS: 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) Contact Lorraine Frost 760-868-6564*

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****Updated** Calendar of Events**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
Oct 21	Archeology Day Minor Miner Event	Full day of Rock Activities for the kids location on RSVP
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 called "VP Members Only" for any last-minute updates. If you are not on Facebook, please e-mail or text another member who has access.*

*****GENERAL MEETING 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=cEtyZjZ5UVVPT2xZMmdEeFRrT0hoZz09>

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Minor Miner's Event Archeology Geology Day October 21, 2023

Saturday Oct 21 is our Archeology-Geology Day event for our Minor Miners. All adults members are also invited to join us. We will be discussing the Mohs Scale for grading rocks, discussing and displaying fluorescent rocks, learning about core samples, and using rocks at home and in everyday use. The Minor Miners will be presenting. Please join in to support them and everyone that attends will learn something new!

We will have hot dogs, chips, and water for members in attendance. The event is in Wildomar and it begins at 9:30 am! Address will be sent to folks that RSVP on Facebook at Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino, Inc. **WE NEED A HEAD COUNT ASAP** for non-Minor Miners attendees! Thank you.

Link to Facebook Group Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino, Inc.:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/533196370681388>