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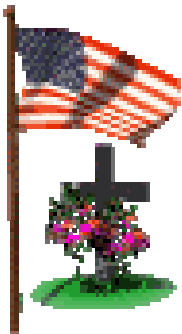
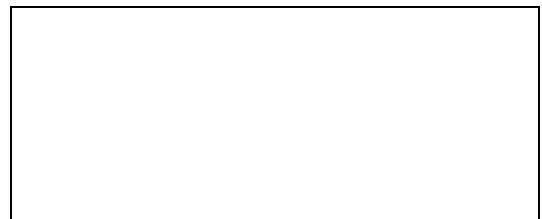
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Next General Meeting is May 25, 2006 @ 7:00 PM
Last Thursday of Each Month
Knights of Columbus Hall1
729 E. Baseline Road
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Humor in the Club

- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of cheques.
- Borrow money only from pessimists; they don't expect it back.

We're on the WEB

<http://geocities.com/valleyprospectors>

- Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- Despite the high cost of living, it's still extremely popular.
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

I spent last weekend out near the Burros Claim and found out someone turned on the heat switch. I and a few friends were walking some claim markers for a little over an hour, when we got back to the trucks we all realized our skin had turned a bright red and were digging in the ice chests for something wet and cool. Summer is here folks, at least in the desert. Plenty of water, sunscreen and don't forget those snakes, snake guards for those detecting. I personally didn't see any, but many of our members have, just ask Mario. Fact is, the desert in the summer can be a dangerous place, but if you take a few precautions and very your digging hours to morning and late afternoon you can still have a good time.

When it gets hot, I think of cool water and dredging. Our Yuba claims are the perfect place for that. Tall trees, cool water, yellow gold, a perfect match. You can sluice, pan, and dredge, drywash and highbank. It's a bit of a drive, but worth doing at least once. Which brings up our program for this month, Dee and Terry Stapp will give a talk on Dredging. Both Dee and Terry are very experienced dredgers; it should be a good program.

I forgot to mention our claims along Holcomb Creek; they will have water flowing for another month or so. So get your sluice out or maybe a small dredge and try your luck a little closer to home.

So get ready for summer and have a great time.

Kent Bryant

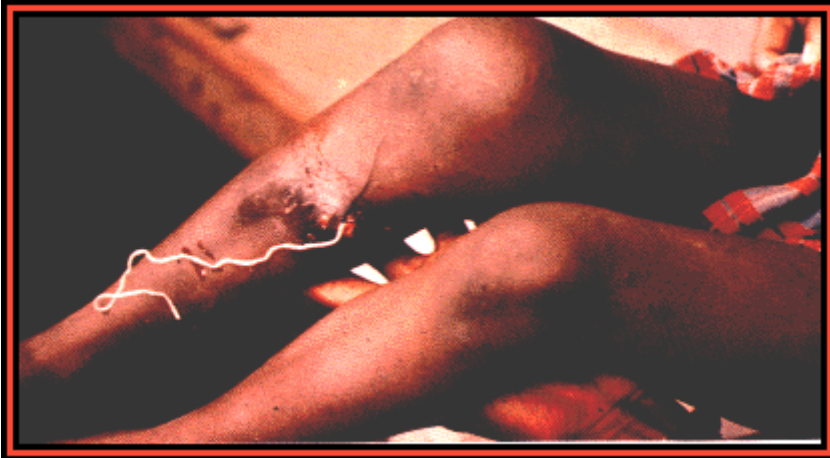


Editors Corner

A motion was made at your board meeting this month to not accept animal entries for the finds of the month. The motion passed unanimously. One of last month's entries was a *Crotalus cerastes* one of the three subspecies of sidewinder rattlesnakes found on the way to Coolgardie. It did win a prize and a gold bag went to one of our fine members. However, because of the risk to members who wanted to handle the dead snake, your board decided to avoid injury to any member in the future. They felt that the finds should be limited to more traditional entries such as gold, silver, diamonds, etc. I must say the specimen was a very fine healthy young snake (prior to its demise) and I was as guilty as others who wanted to pick it up and examine it more closely.

Years ago at the university I conducted an autopsy on a large constrictor and within its stomach; I was surprised to see a healthy colony of nematodes. This worm parasite would most likely love to live within any human ignorant enough to handle a contaminated snake without bio safety clothing and proper lab safety procedures. I extracted the worms and have them in my personal collection stored in a preservative solution to this day. Without proper handling, this very dead snake could have very easily given me and my family a bad case of worms. Some nematodes are the most horrible types of human contamination imaginable.

My wife would not have been happy with me if I had contaminated our three small sons with a bad case of worms. Keep in mind that all nematode eggs and babies are microscopic in size and are easily transmitted from skin contact. These microscopic critters can easily bore inside you without you even knowing it until later. Nature has given them the tools to survive as a parasite and they are very successful being what they are.



The largest nematode ever found was in the placenta of a female whale that was slaughtered during the Alaskan whaling era. As she was being butchered on the ramp, the worm decided to come out. The dockworkers threw their tools down and started running for their lives. This nematode was very active. . . over 30 feet long. . . as big around as a man's wrist. . . and most capable of boring a hole through a human in a

heartbeat. The local university sent a specialist who named it Giagantus. The next time you visit your doctor, ask to see your doctor's medical caducei. Historically, the center staff of the caducei is not entwined with two snakes, but rather with two nematodes. Many of the modern caducei are depicted with snakes. They are all historically incorrect! The originals were nematodes. Worms that infected the Pharaoh (and many others of ancient Egypt) were treated by ancient physicians by carefully extracting them and safely disposing of them much to the pharaoh's pleasure. What you see above is a Dracunculus medinensis or a nematode that infects the tissue just under the skin. The 30-inch long rather thin worm was carefully rolled around the physician's wooden staff making sure not to break the worm in half. If the worm were to break in two, thousands of eggs would be released inside the patient. Usually the female worm drops off the host and into water. The eggs are then released and the babies attach to another host. By carefully rolling the worm around the staff, the physician would then transport the parasite to the dry Egyptian sands. Without the Nile, the mother worm and her offspring soon dried up and were gone forever. The transmission of this parasite is water borne and is active in the Nile to this day. However, it is only a matter of time before this species, or a subspecies contaminates the water of the lower Colorado, or maybe lake Perris, or Mohave River Basin. . . if it hasn't already.

The month of May is the month of service. There is no greater service than giving one's own life. May is when we honor the veteran. This is why this month's Gazette is adorned with poppy flowers. Poppies are the flowers that have been chosen to represent service. They are the flowers that spring up in the fields of war. Poppies germinate following disruption of the soil and the addition of lime salts into the soil. Both frequently occur following an artillery barrage. The fields of war following Napoleon, WWI, and WWII were all filled with poppies. For many years poppies have been sold to help support the surviving family members of fallen soldiers. To them we give our gratitude.

This month Ronnie & Loreta Ashburn and William & Neva Golsch won the email gold drawing. Keep up the good work. Becoming e competent is not always an easy task. It sometimes takes time, money, effort, patients, and a little skill. E service is the future. Each year technology advances and we must try and keep abreast of these advances or be left behind.

Soon, more technology will be available to you the VP member. As gold becomes more valuable, more technology will invade the industry. For those of you that are or are becoming more computer savvy, your gold finding skills will improve. Let me give you an example. Many of you have a computer. How many have a laptop? How many of you have an inverter in your car? Anyone have a GPS (Global Positioning System)? You can connect your GPS to your laptop, plug your laptop into your inverter, plug your inverter into your cigarette lighter on your dash, stick your arm out the window (holding your GPS in your hand), and Wallaaa! You have made a self guided directional finder that will show you where you are on your computer screen and where you need to go on the map that will track your movements right up to your favorite claim post. Pay attention! Don't hit the post, John will get mad! If you do hit the post, back up, make all necessary repairs, return all VP claims equipment to pristine condition and tell no one what you did. I will disavow any responsibility and will provide one discounted ticket to Mission Impossible (evening showing) if you keep your mouth shut. After several completed missions you should be able to navigate your auto while fiddling with the computer equipment without incident. If you just can't seem to coordinate the equipment while driving, you have authorization to draft an assistant. Sometimes a spouse works out for this task. You must, however, get a pre-signed release of liability and non-disclosure agreement. This is to avoid future embarrassing confrontations in front of friends and family when your assistant finds out how much you spent on the equipment that you can't seem to operate on your own. Additionally, if you damage stuff, you have help to fix it and your assistant can't tell anyone. . . that's the non-disclosure part. Email me if you have questions or if you need any blank forms.



Valley Prospectors General Meeting 27 April 2006

Called to order 7pm. Pledge by Kent. Courtesy: Jack 59 members and 5 guests. Accept minutes of the last meeting 1st Dec 2nd John passed. Treasurer report: Pat. Kent read coming events and correspondence. Lady luck: Dan in for Neva gold bags. Membership report: Pat sent out applications to call in. Wagon master report: Digger Dan great turnout 12 people for the potluck at Coolgardie. The grill worked great. All found gold and saw snakes. Iris Festival needs volunteers to help sell gold May 19th - 21st. Kent we need a wagon master for the Coolgardie outing May 26th - 29th. Finds of the month: Terry 6 entries for treasure and 3 for gold. Gold sales: Steve we have gold. Library: Excused. Editor: Cornel Signing up for E-mail saved the club \$67.00 this month. Cornel raffled 2 \$10.00 gold bags to E-mail signups. Claims: John will announce claims committee startup. Fiddlers Gulch by the Burros claim has high levels of arsenic. If you work the Burros please wear a dust mask. We must have a liaison for the northern claims to free camp on the claims. Liaison for Valley can camp on Haypress Creek. 3 claims are for sale in northern California. CFMS: Pat CFMS Gem show is June 9-11 at Calaveras county

fairgrounds. Blood bank: Mary we need 24 donations for the year and have 7 so far. Dave Miliken donated a \$100.00 gemstone for the blood bank raffle. Club apparel: Travis we have hats. Programs: John for may dredging. Program for tonight John Howell on sluice box operation and question and answer. 8:00 to 8:15 break. Refreshments: Dee next month sandwiches volunteers Dee, Don, Gary, Jennifer, Ruth, and Susan. Old business: Kent liaison for northern claims. New business: Cornel can you kill rattle snakes? Yes, as many as you want. Bill motion for wagon master budget to be increased to \$300.00 or \$30.00 per outing. 2nd Allen no discussion passed. 50/50: Grady. Door prize: Ed. Badge drawing: Dee. Finds of the month: Traditional gold 3rd Dan, 2nd Gene, and 1st Dave. Treasure: 3rd Howard, 2nd Jennifer, and 1st Gary. Motion to close 1st Lee 2nd Dan closed 8:30pm.



Valley Prospectors Board Meeting 4 May 2006

Called to order by Kent 7:03pm. 17 present 2 absent. Motion to accept board minutes Steve 1st Mary Mary 2nd passed. Treasurer report: Pat. Bural should we change money market account. Kent check on CD rates. Pat to check. John we should get the check from Soper Wheeler by Aug. Pat to check on \$2000.00 cash bond for Big Bear reclamation will e-mail Sandy. Membership: Bural 3 new members this

week. 95 not paid. John has one pending. Bural to send out reminder letters. Editor: Cornel how much are gazette ads. Pat \$5.00 for business card size \$20.00 for half page. Cornel we saved \$60.00 by using e-mail. We can do a lot of things on the electronic media. John motion for Gary to set up domain name. Dan 1st John 2nd Discussion on cost \$30.00 to \$50.00 Passed. Claims: John new claims mines are going back in operation. We need to actively pursue placer areas. Have 2 members volunteer for liaison on northern claims. Soper Wheeler to start bridge construction in June. John motion for Terry Stapp to represent Valley and be coordinator during bridge construction and be reimbursed up to \$500.00 for gas. Discussion Passed. Kent you need to set up the claims committee John. Programs: John for May Dee and Terry Stapp on dredging. Courtesy: Jack we need a volunteer for May. Wagon master: Dan for May Mary Mary signs and Steve and Mary pot luck Saturday and Sunday breakfast at Coolgardie. Iris festival needs volunteers to get people to join club and show how to pan gold. Gold sales: Steve has gold and flyers for Dan. CFMS Bural big show in June at Calaveras. Blood bank: Mary 7 donations and thanked Dave for the gemstone pendant for the blood bank raffle. New business: Terry can Cornel put in the newsletter no dead or live animals at the club meeting. Mary Mary to check on having a membership appreciation day this year. Dan the members need to put more articles about gold mining in the newsletter. Discussion about claim jumpers. Kent Harvest fair Nov. 4th 5th and 11th 12th needs a chairperson. Meeting close 8:10pm.

Steven E. Schubert Secretary



Yuciapa Iris Festival

When..... Friday, May 19 4 to 8 pm
 Saturday, 20th 9 to 6 pm
 Sunday, 21st 9 to 5 pm

Where..... Yuciapa Community Park
 34900 Oak Glen Road

What.....

Dan Cornia is chairing the festival this year. It will be bigger than ever. This year they have more attractions and have added live music. Thousands will be attending. Valley Prospectors is sponsoring a gold panning booth and Dan could use some help. Give him a call if you want to help.

Dan

909-797-6111



WAGON MASTER --- Coolgardie Outing

Wagon masters for the May 26, 27 & 28 will be Steve and Mary Schubert. We will not be able to be there until Sat. morning -- so Phil and Mary Mary will be putting signs out on Friday for us. We will be having a pot luck on Sat. evening followed by bingo and a camp fire (weather permitting).

On Sunday we will be serving Biscuits and Gravy for breakfast. We will have a coin hunt at 10 a.m. We will have to leave on Sunday as work calls on Mon. but those who wish may stay on. See you all there.

Steve and Mary Schubert

BLOOD BANK NEWS

By chairperson – Mary Schubert

Memorial Day Weekend starts the beginning of summer when families come together for holiday activities, picnics, barbeques and baseball games. Vacation schedules may take many of you out of the area and the need for blood and blood components is ongoing. With your support, we can make a difference in the lives of many patients as they strive to meet blood needs during the summer. In April we had another 3 donations. I wish to thank William Hare, Arvid Melvin, and William Vejchar for donating last month. **THANK YOU ALL !** We now have 10 donations for our club so far this year.

I mentioned at the last general meeting that I was looking for some type of coin or something to give as a raffle gift for blood donation during the year. **THANKS** to Dave Milliken, he came forward and donated to our club a beautiful **GREEN TOURMALINE** made into a pennet to be used as the raffle gift at the end of the year. Each time you donate blood your name will be entered into the drawing at the Christmas Party. **THANK YOU DAVE VERY MUCH!!** It's absolutely **BEAUTIFUL**. I will bring it to each meeting if you would like to see it.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE. PLEASE DONATE BLOOD AT YOU BLOOD BANK. MENTION "MVP" SO OUR CLUB GETS CREDIT FOR YOUR DONATION.

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More Blood Bank News

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