

# Mission and Code of Ethics

## "You're invited to be our guest"

General membership meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1729 E. Baseline, San Bernardino, CA. Map on our website.

The Board of Directors meet on the first Thursday each month at 7:00 PM. Big Apple Restaurant, corner of Arrow & Locust in Fontana.

Valley Prospectors Inc. is an educational organization dedicated to promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity.

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 the laws. Please do not litter. Each member of Valley Prospectors Inc. should strive to set a good example for others.



*DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE*

*January 2009*

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**Next General Meeting Thursday January 29 7:00 PM**

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## New Officers for 2009

<b>Executive Officers 2009</b>				<b>Committee Chairpersons</b>	
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Steve Pepper		760-318-4261		David Rempel	
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### **Coolgardie Report on January 8<sup>th</sup>;**

**Barstow Bob reports the ground is very wet all the way to China. He has been going out with Sam and dry washing but they covered some area's to work this winter. He said the reason the ground isn't drying out is because the dirt was frozen for about 3 weeks. You can go out if you have something other than a dry washer but at this time our dry washers are taking a break.**

### **Library**

A lot of members have taken books, magazines and /or videos home from the library and have not returned them. Please return them at the next meeting. Also if anyone has books, magazines or videos that they would like to donate to the club for our library please bring them to the meeting or call me at 909-904-5993.


Ed Riehl, Library

It is once again time to renew your membership in Valley Prospectors. **Dues in the amount of \$35.00 are due and payable as of January 1, 2009.** Please send your renewal check, money order or cash and a copy of the membership renewal application with any updated information to me at:

**Debbie VanHolland**  
**Membership Chairperson**  
**5206 Cedar Street**  
**Riverside, CA 92509**

Please submit your renewal prior to March 1st 2009 to avoid paying a late fee on your membership renewal. Payments postmarked after March 1st 2009 are assessed a late fee and become \$45.00, postmarked after June 1st 2009 they are considered delinquent and you must pay the full \$135.00 to reinstate your membership.

Thank you and hope to see you out there digging soon.

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<b>MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL</b> (PLEASE FILL-IN ALL THAT APPLIES)			
Date: _____		VP Member No. _____	
Last Name: _____		Number of Children	
First Name: _____		Spouse's Name: _____	
		UNDER 19 YEARS OLD (IMMEDIATE FAMILY)	
Mailing Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Telephone No.: (____) _____		Email Address: _____	
<p>The annual dues shall be \$35.00. Annual membership dues are due on January 1st and are not prorated.          If postmarked after March 1<sup>st</sup> the amount is \$45.00 and postmarked after June 1<sup>st</sup> the dues are delinquent and you must rejoin Valley Prospectors by paying the full \$135.00 fee.</p>			
<b>PAYMENT METHOD</b>			
Cash: \$ _____			
Check Number: _____		Amount: \$ _____	
Money Order Number: _____		Amount: \$ _____	
<b>Make Check or Money Order          payable to:          Valley Prospectors, Inc.</b>	<b>Send Renewal and          Payment to:</b>	<b>Valley Prospectors, Inc.          Membership Chairperson          5206 Cedar St.          Riverside, CA 92509</b>	

### **A letter from the Web Master**

Happy New Year, I hope everybody is staying warm. Because of the changing of the year, I thought it would be a good time to change our web site with a new look. Hopefully by the time you read this it will be completed. I need more input, please. If you can think of anything that needs to be placed on our web site, don't hesitate. With a quick email, it will be there that fast. This is a member's web site, all members should be involved.

May every member and their family have a wonderful 2009.

Gary Schiszler: Valley Prospectors, Inc. Web Master

### **Things to do in Quartzsite, Arizona**

January 2 - January 11, 2009 **Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show**

January 10 - January 25, 2009 **Main Event**

January 16 - January 25, 2009 **Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama**

January 17 - 25 . 2009 **Sports, Vacation & RV Show**

January 28 - February 1. 2009 **Hobby Craft & Gem Show**

January 21- 25 2009 **Annual Pow Wow**

January 30 - February 8, 2009 **Tyson Wells Arts & Crafts**

January 28 - February 8, 2009 **Rock & Roll Car Show**

February 27- March 1, 2009 **Blue Grass Festival at Tyson Wells**

February 28, 2009 **Chili Cook-Off & State Salsa Championship**

**The Valley Prospector Secretary, Jennefer Jercha**

### **WANTS ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO KNOW:**

**That its inventory time again!!!**

**A inventory needs to be done on ALL of your idem that belong to the Club.**

**Please take the time and document it. Spelling is not important, but it does help to know what you have.**

**You can either bring it to the Jan 29 th 2009 General meeting or you can E- it to me at j4inidy@aol.com Either way, make sure your name and what Committee your on is on the paper work..**

**I know, its not fun but its what we need to do for our club.**

**Thank you for your time.**

**Jennefer**

**VALLEY PROSPECTORS BOARD MEETING**

**JANUARY 03, 2009**

**Called to order by Kent B. at 1:20 pm. (38 present) Roll call with 17 board members present. 2 board members absent, and 2 committee members absent. Minutes of last meeting approved. Treasure: Report by Steve S. We have money. Membership: Debbie V.: 4 renewals and 1 new member. Debbie suggested that the club have a renewal form and a new members form. Kent made a motion to give Pat Keene of Keene Engineering to have a free renewal for all the donations he and his company have donated to the club for the rendezvous . 1st by Gary J. 2nd, and passed. Claims: John H: John is putting all claims records and documents on a DVD. Burrow's claim news: Everyone needs to have a permit from the BLM to park and/or work the Burrow's claim. This permit is "free as of this time", but you need to go and get it from the office there. John, we also got a complaint from the BLM in Barstow, about all the holes not refilled on our claims there. Programs: Don B: January meeting, Bural is going to talk about how to talk to the schools. Feb. meeting, John H on how to file a claim. Editor : Pam M: Pam is adding a 2 month calendar to the news letter. Need articles for the newsletter also. Courtesy: Pam M: Discussion on flowers and card. Gold Sales: Steve S. We still have gold to start the new year. Club Apparel: Larry K: Sales where good for 2008. CFMS: Bural: There is a show in San Jose at the San Clara Fairgrounds, April 18 & 19th. Contact Bural for more information. Blood Bank: Mary S: There was 48 donations in M.V.P.'s name in 2008. Thank you everyone who donated blood. Lorraine Frost will be taking over for Mary S this year. Thank You Lorraine**

**THANK YOU MARY FOR ALL OF YOUR BLOOD DRIVE SERVICE!**

**Lady Luck: Neva: We made \$122.95 on the Christmas Party Raffle. Jan. Meeting will be Gold bags, Feb. Meeting, will be White Elephant, bring what you got for Christmas that you don't want and see if you get something you do want. Finds Of the Month: Kent is not going to do Find this year, John H will do for the months of Jan, Feb, and March. Lee Hoffman will fill in for John, when he can not make it. Refreshments: We have new Refreshment people, Rose and Keith Sanchez have volunteered to do this job. So let's all help out . Library: Ed R. Please return books so Ed can update the books. Wagon Master: WE HAVE NO WAGON MASTER. Do you want to do this? Just say so. Old Business: Steve S. motion for the board to give a Honorary Membership to the Morey's for all the time and help they have given our club. 1st by Bruce K. and 2nd, passed by board. Letter of complaint brought before the board. Tabled for closed session. New Business: Dan, wanted to know about our CD accounts, CD accounts explained. Members roster explained and noted. Membership fee's discussed and explained. Mary S. for Webmaster Gary S: Web site maybe down for 4 to 7 days do to server change on the site. We have a Gold show/outing this month. The GPAA Gold Show is at the ORANGE SHOW IN SAN BERNARDINO FAIR GROUNDS . JANUARY 10TH AND 11TH (Sat and Sun), The show is from 10 am to 5 pm on Sat., and 10 am to 4 pm on Sun. We will have a booth there. Come and help out if you can. Break at 3:03 pm . End break at 3:25. Budget reviewed and adjustments made. Outings for 2009 scheduled and noted. Break at 5:20 pm. Closed session on a " Letter of Complaint" was discussed and action taken. Meeting ended at 6:15 pm**

**Jennefer Jercha Secretary**

**Valley Prospectors Inc.**

President message, January 2009

Welcome 2009, I guess it's time for a change, at least that is what our new President says. Time will tell what changes will affect the small scale miner out there. We are a shrinking group as a whole and need to be aware of what is coming down the pike so we can let our voices be heard.

We have some new Board Members and new Chairpersons this year, new blood is what will keep Valley Prospectors strong. If you can help, please don't be shy, ask what you can do, even something as a little as staying a few minutes after the meeting to clean up and straighten chairs is helping. When it comes to the Claims, there is always something to do, yes here it comes, you've heard it before, ready, **FILL YOUR HOLES**. This is an ongoing problem and is required on our Claims, we will call for a work party to meet and start filling holes soon on our Coolgardie Claims. We generally get an hour or two of filling holes at our monthly outings, it would be great if we could get more involvement to share the load.

There was quite a bit moisture out in Coolgardie this past December, it will be awhile before things dry out. Time to set up a recirculating system or just bring out your detector. I haven't been out to the Summit claims this year, but I am sure it is wet there too. If we get some more rain, Horse Thief Canyon should be flowing, there is good gold to be found down there and a sluice will make it much easier to collect.

Happy New Year to All  
Kent Bryant

## **Banning Man Has 'Gold Touch'**

(this appeared and was written by the Record Gazette)

BY TRACI KRATZER  
Record Gazette

Digging around in the dirt may not seem like a fun way to spend the day for most people but for Banning resident Roger Maguire it has its rewards. Maguire, 58, is a part-time gold prospector. He and his wife, Pam, began mining and prospecting five years ago and have found a hobby that allows them to spend time with one another and meet new and interesting people along the way.

Being out there, meeting the people you meet. It beats sitting at home all day, Maguire said.

Maguire, who is a landscaper for the Desert Hot Springs Water District, immersed into the life of prospecting after watching a television program called Gold Fever. After watching the program a few times he and Pam joined a prospecting group in San Bernardino called the Valley Prospectors. As a member of the group, the Maguire's have access to several gold claims throughout the United States but Barstow is their favorite spot because it has good gold now the Maguire's try to make it out to the area three times a month. Even their son has gotten involved in their endeavors.

Earlier this month, Maguire was recognized for his prospecting when the Valley Prospectors named him Prospector of the Year. In order to obtain the title Maguire had to compete against other prospectors every month to see who had turned in the most gold. At the end of the year the points were tallied and Maguire came out the victor.

Although gold can fetch some nice money, it goes for about \$840 an ounce,

Maguire said prospecting for him is more about having fun than getting rich. But, finding the gold is still a treat.

Prospecting is like fishing, you never know what you are going to get he said. When you find the gold though its pretty amazing because you are the first person to see it. Maguire said when he is out working the claims he remembers what he has read about people prospecting in the old days.

The history is really interesting he said. The U.S. was built on the gold standard

Maguire encourages people who are interested in gold prospecting to join a prospecting club that way they can have access to claims. He said the initial fee to join the Valley Prospectors is \$100 and then there is a \$35 fee for the year.

You can spend two weeks at a time on one claim for less than \$200 he said. Sure you have to bring your own supplies and food but what hotel can you stay in for two weeks for \$200.

While out on the claims he said he has come across a few people trying to prospect without authorization, those people are called Claim jumpers.

When he encounters a claim jumper Maguire said he first will ask if they are a member of a club and they tell them that they aren't allowed to be in the area without being a member. Often times he asks them to join the Valley Prospectors.

Maguire said with the recent downturn in the economy he has noticed a lot more people becoming interested in gold prospecting.

We're not doing this to get rich Pam said. It's our retirement project. Although we aren't retired yet

We've done good over the years Maguire said. It's enough gold to pay for gas.

### CALIFORNIA GOLD

Print this word puzzle. Find the words in the list below in the word puzzle and circle them. Look for the words down, across, diagonal, and even backwards!



- MARSHALL GOLD DISCOVERY
- MINER
- AMERICAN RIVER
- PANNING
- COLUMBIA
- GOLD SEEKERS
- BODIE
- MALAKOFF DIGGING



- SHOVEL
- SHARPA
- PICK
- EMPIRE MINE
- GOLD
- PLUMAS-BUREKA
- PAL
- GOLD RUSH

# Outings for 2009

January	No Outing-GPAA Gold Show, San Bernardino, Orange Show
February 28	Summit Claim
March 27, 28 & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Coolgardie Claim
April 17, 18 & 19 <sup>th</sup>	GPAA Gold Show-State Line
April 18 & 19 <sup>th</sup>	CFMS Show
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Appreciation Day
May 29, 30 & 31 <sup>st</sup>	Coolgardie Claim
June 26, 27 & 28 <sup>th</sup>	Big Bear Claim
July 24, 25 & 26 <sup>th</sup>	Big Bear Claim
August 28, 29 & 30	Big Bear Claim
September 25, 26 & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Coolgardie Claim
October 23, 24 & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rendezvous Rancho Jurupa, Riverside
November 27, 28 & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Coolgardie Claim
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Valley Prospectors Christmas Party

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### Contents:

- (1) Valley Prospectors, Inc., Claim Rules and Regulations
- (2) Special Rules for Northern California (Yuba River Claims)
- (3) Claim Maps to all claims
- Burro 1 & 2 Placer Claims 10 acres ea
- Coolgardie Placer Claims 40 acres ea
- Gold Venture & Pickett 3 Placer Claims 20 acres ea

- Hungryman 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims 120 acres ea
- Indian Gulch 1 & 2 and Indian Flat Pacer Claim 20 acres ea
- Jackass 1, 2, & 3 Placer Claims 160 acres ea
- Miner's Folly Placer Claim 60 acres
- Moriah Placer Claim 15 acres
- Pickett 2 Placer Claim 20 acres ea
- (Cajon Pass) Summit Placer Claim 51 acres

**Plan of Operations (Yuba River Claims)** *You will need a copy of the appendix with the Plan of Operations*

**Appendix** *You will also need a printout of both A and B for each claim*

**Moriah Claim A**

**Moriah Claim B**

**Union Flat Claim A**

**Union Flat Claim B**

**Wild Plumb A**

**Wild Plumb**

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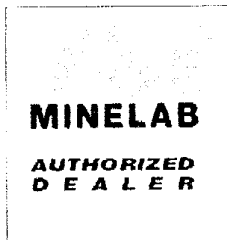
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# JANUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Board Meeting Steve & Mary's
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 GPAA Gold Show
11 GPAA Gold Show	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 General Meeting 7pm Knights of Columbus Hall	30	31

# FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Ground Hog Day	3	4	5 Board Meeting 7 pm	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Brithday	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents Day	17	18	19	20	21
22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25 Ash Wednesday	26 General Meeting 7 pm Knights of Columbus Hall	27	28 Summit Outing