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### 7th Annual Contra Costa County Chapter Outing at Bear River



**HOPE TA SEE YA AT DA NEXT  
DEM DAR OUTING!**

**November 11-13 at Coulterville**



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR OFFICERS



President

Great time at the Contra Costa Chapter Bear River outing, including a great potluck and raffle. Lots of things going on with the planned events including a pancake breakfast, duck races, metal detector hunt, kids games, and more. Linda has included a full report in this newsletter, including pictures.

The next event on our calendar is the annual Coulterville outing scheduled for the weekend of 11/12-13. We will be returning to our traditional pre-Thanksgiving **POTLUCK** dinner on Saturday evening, 11/12. Check in this newsletter for the list of food needed and please let Georgia know what you plan to bring so that she can fill in the list. If you have not heard, the Jefferies Hotel is open again for those of you that want to stay in a historic setting.

### Schedule for Saturday 11/12

9:00 a.m. - UPI meeting at the old schoolhouse  
11:00 a.m. - Metal detecting hunt across from the tennis courts  
Gold panning contest (after the hunt)  
Elections (if necessary) before dinner  
5:00 p.m. - Set-up and potluck dinner at the old schoolhouse  
Raffle after dinner

**Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Mariposa County Food Drive and receive one free ticket to special gold raffle.**

We will have plenty of prizes in the raffle, including gold. There will be a Blue Bowl raffled Saturday evening. Also, a very nice ring will be raffled over the next few outings. The metal detector hunt will have its challenges. We will be burying some MONEY and also some tokens that will be cashed in for prizes at the potluck. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this final outing of the year.

Don, UPI President



Vice President

Wow, I can't believe another year has passed so quickly. It seems like just recently that we were scouring for nominees for Officer and Director positions and headed to Coulterville for elections and to enjoy our pre-Thanksgiving day feast! I hate to start off on a negative note, but, I must say that as of the time of this writing, we have no "new" nominees for this year's elections, and that's not good! This club has been in existence for 64 years but, only because of the outstanding volunteers who worked to make it happen! I can't even begin to imagine, after all those years, that the club could, in time, become non-existence because there are no folks to step-up to fill our Officer and Director positions.

Most Officer and Director positions are not difficult and most don't require a huge amount of time, however, when there are not enough volunteers to fill all the positions, a lot of extra work gets placed on just a few individuals. We need folks to step up and keep this club going strong!

All Officers and Directors serve 2-year terms. The current year (2011) is an odd year so the position available are President, Secretary, and two Director positions (Outing Coordinator and Publisher/Editor-in-Chief). Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these positions. To be eligible for office a member must be in good standing with UPI for 1-year or more at the time of election (November) and no nomination can be accepted without prior approval from the nominee. Voting will take place at the pre-Thanksgiving Potluck on Saturday, November 12th in Coulterville. If you are not able to attend the dinner, please make sure to return your absentee ballot included in this newsletter. Hope you are available to step-up and help out. See you at Coulterville.

May There Be Gold In Your Pan, Ed Ozga, UPI Vice President

## JEST FER FUN!!!

### NEW QUESTION OF THE MONTH

How many words can you make from the word Covote?

**DEFINITION:** The process of digging in river-borne gravels by tunneling until bedrock is hit. The tunnel is dug in hopes of finding a rich bedrock deposit deep in the gravel bar.

**RULES:** 3+ letters, no plurals slang or proper nouns used. We found 33 words in 15 minutes. All words verified with the Oxford dictionary. (See Page 8 for our answers.)



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### -YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED-

I am looking for your camp side recipes, stories of your outings, club information, items for sale, etc. Please contact me with your information and input.

Linda Moore, Editor      Bellmusic4u@sbcglobal.net      (707) 552-2393



**The old miner sez:** Keep our forest an claims kleen an pleez foller da rules.

# Contra Costa County Chapter News

## CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER 7th ANNUAL OUTING AT BEAR RIVER

I stand corrected. Someone mentioned at the outing that this was Contra Costa Chapters 7th Annual Outing, not 6th, and, what an outing it was! If you missed the 7th Annual Contra Costa Chapter outing that was recently held from September 15-19, 2011, at Bear River, CA, you missed an outstanding good time! Let me start by saying that the camaraderie I saw was like none I had ever seen before. Everywhere I looked there were friends helping friends and strangers too! Folks mentioned it was the best outing ever! We got up to the river Thursday mid-day only to find a line of folks already anxious to get the party rolling! After getting approximately 30 sites set up (some including valet parking), we got to the river in search of the elusive yellow metal. Around dinner, **Paula** picked up a gold bag in the daily attendance raffle and we nestled in to rest for a big day of digging on Friday.

We started Friday with fresh coffee brewing and a huge pancake, sausage, and egg breakfast provided by Contra Costa Chapter. **Myself, Dave, and Brandy** did the cooking and we heard we did a mighty fine job. Off to digging and more families arriving by the hour! All total, we had approximately 50 families arrive at different times throughout the trip. Back to digging and what great weather we had for it! Friday's 3:00 duck race provided **Julie** with a cool \$45.00 for tickets for the Saturday night raffle! Nighttime came and it was time for movie night and popcorn provided by our Chapter. We thoroughly enjoyed Brick's pick of The Treasure of the Sierra Madra. **Sid** came in that night, only to pick up the gold bag of the day!

Saturday came quickly and we enjoyed another morning coffee and breakfast and started a full day of activities. We had a huge metal detecting hunt at 10:00 with over 300 coins and prizes including steel and Indian head pennies, buffalo and V nickels, silver dimes, silver certificates, slabbed coins, gold bags, and gold nuggets. **Terry, Lori P., and Jess** walked away with gold nuggets and our top prize gold nugget went to **Ray**. Many thanks to **Laurie, Diane, and Linda** for doing such a great job with the hunt. Around noon folks gathered at the river's edge for the 2nd duck race. We go up stream about a quarter of a mile and dump the ducks in the river and their off and floating to the finish line! We had two races on Saturday and **Alex and Suzanne** each walked away with a cool \$45.00 each. Many, many thanks to our lead duck herder, **Brandy**, and her quick acting helpers **Jacob and Mike**. Thanks to them, the ducks will all live to see another race! Saturday held many more activates including bean bag tossing, darts, coloring contest, where's Wilson, and more! **Brandy**, you are just amazing at entertaining the kids and we truly appreciate the enthusiasm and hard work that you put into it!

Thanks to the organization of **LaDonna and Jonnina**, the potluck started at 5 p.m.. Again, the food was just fantastic and so was **Linda**, who entertained us with her exceptional bell ringing talent! Feeding approximately 100 folks went smoothly and after dinner, many ticket sales for a raffle that went on forever! Great job to our top 3 nugget winners, **Sarah, Joanne, and Bill**! Our latest equipment raffle, a Deluxe Blue Bowl Kit, including handmade levelers, went to Santa Clara Chapters own, **Mike Brick**. Way to go Mike! Congratulations also go out to **Larry S.** for picking up a cool \$105.00 in the 50/50 raffle and **Larry D.** for winning a 1 year free membership to UPI in our Lucky Duck contest. We ended Saturday night with **Paula** winning another daily gold bag raffle. Sunday we dug and also rested and enjoyed a "clean out your cooler" potluck along with **Jon's** Snapps that he won Saturday night! Congratulations to **Joyce** for winning the last attendance raffle and gold bag. Many, many thanks to all of you for attending, donating so many great prizes, and also helping to make for such a great time. Also, thanks for leaving the campground so clean. I can't wait for next year's outing, although, I'm not sure we will be able to top this years. Thanks for all the 2011 memories, Ed (& Laurie) Ozga, Contra Costa Chairman.

## We Had a Dog-Gone Good Time at Bear River



Lil Bit

Goldie

Snoop

Cruiser

Dixie

Charlie

Tiny Hiney

Allie

Suzie

Buck



Pancake Flippers, Ed, Dave, & Brandy



Dave Dumping Da Ducks



Ducks Racing



Hanging Out



Friday Movie Night



Friday Movie Night



Metal Detecting Hunt



Detecting Winners  
Lori & Puck



Georgia's Granddaughter



Raffle Table



Hanging Out



Jake & Theo



Dinner Time



Eyeing The raffle



Detector Winners  
Jess, Terry, Ray  
& Lori (not pictured)



Julie Scores a Sluice Box



"Brick" & His Blue  
Bowl



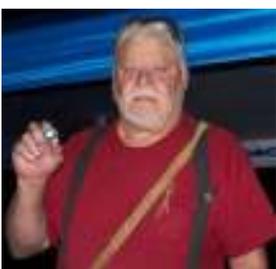
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Sara - Nugget  
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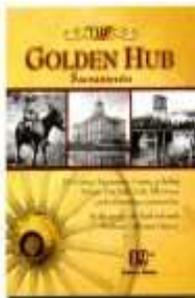
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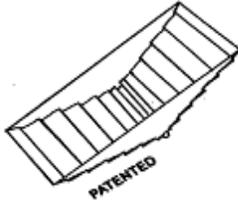
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*The old miner sez:* Ifn you ain't hugged a  
 miner taday ya need ta fine one n hug em.



# 2011 PRE THANKSGIVING FEED POTLUCK

Fun Fun **\*\*Join us on Saturday November 12 at the Coulterville Schoolhouse\*\*** Fun Fun  
Help make this the BEST UPI POTLUCK ever!

UPI will provide turkey, ham, gravy, bottled water, coffee, plates, plastic ware, cups, napkins (please, no need to bring your own plates). Bring your choice of refreshments.

In the spirit of an old fashion potluck...we need your contributions and help before (food & table set up) AND after the potluck (kitchen & table clean up).

Dazzle us with your special holiday recipes!!! BELOW is a list of side dishes and accompaniments needed. We have an average of 100 members attend the Coulterville potluck. . .so your help will be very much appreciated. Because of the amount of food to be prepared in each category, we need to share the responsibilities. For example: 5 people would each make mashed potatoes for 20-25 people, 5 people would each make stuffing for 20-25 people, etc.

Please RSVP to Georgia (email and phone below) and let her know how many in your party and what you are bringing. Here is what's needed (number of dishes needed are approximate):

- Stuffing (5 folks make for 20-25 people each)***
- Mashed potatoes (5 folks make for 20-25 people each)***
- Sweet potatoes/Yams (4 folks make for 20 people each)***
- Vegetable side dishes (4 folks make for 20 people each)***
- Salads (green, bean, fruit, potato, etc.) (5 folks make for 20 people each)***
- Cranberry sauce (1 person - 5 cans)***
- Olives and Pickles (2 folks - 6 cans of olives or 3 jars of pickles)***
- Desserts: cakes, pies, cheesecake, fruit, whipped cream and so on. (6-8 folks)***



**Please make sure to supply your own serving dishes and utensils.**

The stove/oven is non-operable and the old wiring will not support many plug-ins. Due to these limitations, all food should already be prepared and, if necessary, only need heating up. A few things can be plugged into outlets, but otherwise we will need to use crock pots, roasters, etc. powered by generators with long power/extension cords. If your dish needs heating, please be prepared to heat it. There is a fridge with room for a few chilled dishes.

**Please contact Georgia, Potluck Coordinator, to sign up your dish or volunteer for set up or clean up.** Again your participation is very much needed AND appreciated !!!

Georgia's home number is 530-644-5365 and email is [georgia.azbill@yahoo.com](mailto:georgia.azbill@yahoo.com).

As we get closer to the outing . . . please check Talk and Trade for any updates.

**Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Mariposa County Food Drive and receive one free ticket to special gold raffle.**



Miner's Creed - He believes that gold is found in quartz, but, he would be satisfied to find it in pints or even 1/2 pints.



# Assistant Claims Manager Report

Jim Madden

Recently I sent two emails to Mark Stopher at DFG in charge of the SDEIR. The first one was in regards to what the DFG has on their web site as to what exactly is classified as a suction dredge. I asked if I could use a gravity fed dredge to suction up gravel and his answer was yes. In their rules I found that they consider a suction dredge as 1) a motorized pump; and 2) a suction hose with venturi effect; and 3) a sluice box. If any one of these components is missing you are not operating a suction dredge and NOT in violation of SB670 nor AB 120 and not covered by the permit process. At the end of this article is both Emails covering my question and his response.

The second email is in regards to high banking or power sluicing. I asked if I could put my high banker in the active waterway (any river or stream that flows year around), and dig material from the streambed and run it through the sluice. The answer was yes on this question also. I had previously asked if I could mine the active waterway and utilize an air pump for under water recovery. His answer was yes on that one also.

The first question means that one can gather water either from an elevated stream or by a sail and funnel it into a lay flat hose from upstream and bring that pressurized water to a venture at the sluice box. Here we have two elements but not the third so we are not suction dredging according to the official DFG rules.

The second one means that I can take my 4 inch dredge, tack weld a scoop to the end of it and pour buckets of streambed material into it. I specifically said that the high banker screen would be above, at, or below the waterline. So here is the one issue that remains and that is we cannot violate section 1600 of the DFG code which is major movement of material. When we were dredging with 5" and below dredges we never violated that ruling. One or two people bucketing or shoveling material would not violate section 1600.

This brings me to my next point; there was an email that came out with the language from DFG. Run a high banker and you will need to pay for a special \$1100 permit. I talked to Mark Stopher's associate, Donna Cope, today. She said that the information on the web site is proposed and means that if we trigger the section 1600 restriction which is major movement of material, we would need to ask about the permit. What they do want to see is what we have always been practicing is wet to wet and dry to dry. We will need a holding pond so that no plumes enter the stream when we are working on what they consider perched gravel bars. We must also not dig into the banks or cause major alteration of the stream bed and fill in the holes.

Two months ago I talked to Mark Stopher about working seasonal streams and he said if we could get water to it we could boom the area with no problems. The issue is going to be the local enforcement and their interpretations. I have Mark Stopher's cell phone number, as well as the printed copies of his replies in Email. Most of the rangers and DFG I met have been on the friendly side and hopefully we can keep those relationships positive.

Here is the exact wording from the DFG website regarding section 1600:

## **Lake and Streambed Alteration Program**

DFG is responsible for conserving, protecting, and managing California's fish, wildlife, and native plant resources. To meet this responsibility, the Fish and Game Code (Section 1602) requires an entity to notify DFG of any proposed activity that may substantially modify a river, stream, or lake.

## **Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration**

Notification is required by any person, business, state or local government agency, or public utility that proposes an activity that will:

- substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow of any river, stream or lake;
- substantially change or use any material from the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake; or deposit or dispose of debris, waste, or other material containing crumbled, flaked, or ground pavement where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake.

The notification requirement applies to any work undertaken in or near a river, stream, or lake that flows at least intermittently through a bed or channel. This includes ephemeral streams, desert washes, and watercourses with a subsurface flow. It may also apply to work undertaken within the flood plain of a body of water.

## **Mark Stopher's email replies.**

>>> James Madden 8/30/2011 2:50 PM >>>

Mark, I have a question on a subject that I have been exploring. This information came from the DFG website on suction dredging. Suction Dredge Permitting Program Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report, February 2011 Project No. 09.005. Given the following information from the report:

" A person is using suction dredge equipment when all of the following components are operating together for the purpose of vacuuming aggregate from a river, stream or lake:" (1) a vacuum hose operating through the Venturi effect which vacuums sediment from the river, stream or lake; and (2) An motorized pump; and (3) A sluice box. It would be my assumption that if one were to set up a gravity dredge in the active waterway it would not violate the spirit of SB670.

A gravity dredge contains no motorized water pump. As per the above notation a suction dredge must use all of the three components, vacuum hose venturi effect, motorized pump, and sluice box.

The movement of material would be accomplished by gathering water upstream and brought to the unit by way of plumbing into a venturi. A motor powering an air pump or a water powered pelton wheel running an air pump would provide under water air.

As best as I can tell from combing the DFG site this arrangement would not violate the spirit of SB670. It would also not violate Department of fish and game codes as long as the operator does not create significant disturbance of gravels. (Continued)→ → →

# UPI MEMBERSHIP REPORT by David "Dave" Williams

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Mark Jones	Vacaville, CA
Michael Rafferty	Hinkley, CA
Robert & Cathy Willson	Pittsburg, CA
Roy Pruitt	Olive Hurst, CA
Wayne Mathews	Fresno, CA

## New Members as of 9/30/11:

Dennis & Cecilia Moe	Manteca, CA
Evan Moe	Manteca, CA
Joyce Smith	Stockton, CA
Tom Nelson	San Jose, CA

## Renewing Members as of 9/30/11:

George & Trish De Sloover	Castro Valley, CA
James & Sarah Hill	Lemoore, CA
Lance Schmidt	Oakley, CA
Leah Augustine	Petaluma, CA
Len Weise	San Jose, CA

## Members up for Renewal as of 9/30/11:

Bernadene Calsada	Concord, CA
Bob Petterson	Pinole, CA
Dennis Mathews	Fresno, CA
Howard Hughes	Modesto, CA
Jim Oeland	San Jose, CA
John Niebuhr	Placerville, CA
Kathy Barton	Lodi, CA
Lori Barksdale	Stockton, CA
Michael & Gail McCann	Paradise, CA
Miklos Nemeth	Placerville, CA
Robert Spurlock	Visalia, CA
Stephen McCord	Potter Valley, CA
Steve & Nancy Foster	Hollister, CA

## Members up for Renewal as of 10/31/11:

Aaron & Denise Matula	Castro Valley, CA
Anthony Anaya	Susanville, CA
Bill & Carol Bowman	Citrus Heights, CA
Burl & Mary Ann Carl	Reno, NV
Derek & Cynthia Onstein	Paradise, CA
Hans Betcher	Stockton, CA
James & Marlene Courselle	San Jose, CA
Ken & Betty Letsinger	Davis, CA
Kenneth Nordheim	San Jose, CA
Raymond Romeo	Richmond, CA

### **Reminder**



*If you have a mailing address or email change please send your updated information to Dave Williams, Membership Director. This will ensure you continue to receive your newsletters and have access to the UPI website.*

David "Dave" Williams

Membership@unitedprospectors.com

No email? Call Linda at 707-552-2393 & she will forward your changes to Dave.

### **REPLY**

James, I agree. It's also useful to know that SB 670 does not restrict non-motorized dredging. Mark Stopher

### **Second Email**

>>> James Madden 8/30/2011 12:20 PM >>>

Mark, I have a question for you. After reading information on dredging on the DFG website I have this question. It is assumed that I can put my POWER SLUICE ( Sluice box (high banker)) with attached spray bar for moving material shoveled into the hopper) in the active water way I can either shovel or bucket stream bed material from said waterway into my power sluice returning material to the streambed. This activity would not violate the spirit of SB670 as long as I did not create SIGNIFICANT distribution according to other sections of the fish and game code.

It is also assumed that said power sluice would either float on the surface and the hopper intake could be above, at or below the surface of the water.

### **REPLY**

James, you are correct. What you describe does not violate the moratorium. And as long as your removal of material from the streambed is not a substantial alteration of the bed, bank or channel there is no violation of Fish and Game Code 1602.

Mark Stopher Environmental Program Manager California Department of Fish and Game

601 Locust Street Redding, CA 96001 voice 530.225.2275 cell 530.945.1344 [mstopher@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:mstopher@dfg.ca.gov)

# Members Bulletin Board

# Letters To The Editor

**FOR SALE** 4 inch Proline dredge, complete with 5.5 Honda, t-80 air, including air hose and full face mask. Clean, \$1800 or **best offer**. A portion of the proceeds will go to UPI.

Contact Don Siegel at 209/ 567-2370



Dear Editor:

Thought you & the readers might enjoy this soup recipe. Linda Lutrell

## ROASTED TOMATO & BASIL SOUP

- 1 1/4 lbs cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 red onion, in large chunks
- Sea salt, black pepper
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 1 Tbls balsamic vinegar
- 10 fresh basil leaves, torn
- 2 cups chicken or vegetable stock

1. Preheat oven to 325° degrees. Put the tomatoes, garlic, and onion in an ovenproof dish. Season with salt, pepper, and drizzle with olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Using clean hands, massage the ingredients for 5 minutes. Roast in oven for 20 minutes.
2. Let tomatoes cool slightly, then place them in a large bowl with the fresh basil leaves. Let the basil infuse the tomatoes for about a minute.
3. Pour the chicken stock into a saucepan. Stir in the tomatoes and place over low heat for 10 minutes. Serve with toasted baquette slices topped with melted parmesan cheese. ENJOY!!!

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Dear Editor:

As most of you know, Pioneer Mining Supplies in Auburn, CA has closed their doors. However, good news! Heather will continue supplying us with Pioneer Mining products. Heather will be doing on line sales and also has a store front at 878 High St., just down the street from the previous location. The name will remain Pioneer Mining Supplies and for now, the phone number will be the same, 530-885-1801. Please stop by when you have a chance and say hi. Also, please join me in congratulating Frank on his retirement and thanking him for being there for us all these years. Laurie Ozga, Antioch, CA.



### Answers for Jest For Fun word List

CORNISH PUMP				
Com	Rush	Nig	bon	Sump
Hom	Pun	Mom	Cup	Rich
Nor	Imp	Sim	Hip	Pin
Mush	Churrp	Rump	Son	Hop
Push	Mourr	Cushion	Rum	Sun
Hm	Rum	Sir	His	Romp
Sip	Hum	Ship		



**Hi folks, a few words about your UPI organization. Each year we hold elections, with the need for folks to get involved and keep this great organization running. This club has been in existence for more than 50 years, but we need some new blood if we are to continue into the next 50 years. I have been in my role as President for many years now, and while I don't plan on leaving the organization in a tough spot by quitting, I have grown a little stale and it's time for others to step up and lead us. Please let your voice be heard, by taking on a role or helping us find the right folks to fill our current openings. If you can volunteer or nominate an individual (with their permission) for an open board position, please contact Laurie Ozga, UPI Elections Committee, at [OzMiner@msn.com](mailto:OzMiner@msn.com) or (925) 706-8193.**

**Thank you, Don Siegel, President**

# 2011 OFFICIAL UPI ABSENTEE BALLOT

**NOTE:** To be counted, this Absentee Ballot must be received on or before **Wednesday, November 9, 2011**. All adult members in a family membership can vote.

**MAIL TO:** Laurie Ozga  
3024 Coconut Ct.  
Antioch, CA 94509



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(Circle or write in a candidate to vote):

**President:** Don Siegel (incumbent); or

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** No nominations as of the date of this printing.

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Outing Coordinator:** Terry & Debbie Moore (incumbents); or

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Publisher/Editor-in-Chief:** Linda Moore; or

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Print)

**YOUR SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that no candidate should be written in unless they have agreed to run for a position. Also, any candidate must be a member in good standing with UPI for at least the past year. If you would like to volunteer for a position, please write in your name as a vote. Remember, all absentee ballots must be received by Wednesday, November 9, 2011, to be counted. Ballots will also be available at the Coulterville outing.





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