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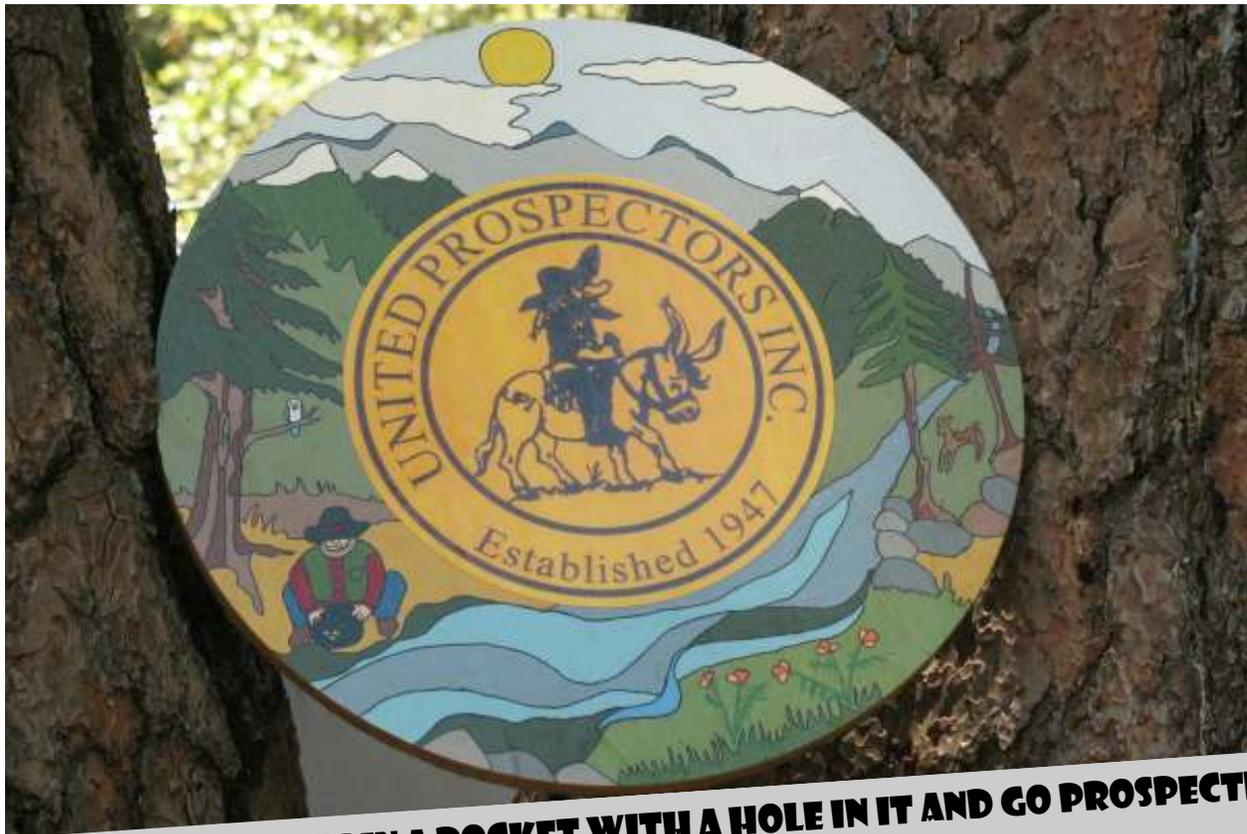
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SB670

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Don Siegel 2009

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Hi all,
 Well things are heating up and we need your help! Senate Bill SB670 will be up for vote in the Senate and if passed, from there it goes on to the Governor. So here is what you need to do. Contact your senators and write the Governor. This is an issue that will not go away, and if you and I do not get involved we will no longer be able to dredge the rivers and creeks of California. Many letters have been sent under the UPI heading, but now you personal input is needed. As time goes by more and more folks contact their Senators and one theme is becoming apparent, all the facts are not out, and many of our government officials are unaware of the facts and are very interested in hearing from us. So get on your computer and get the addresses of your Senators and of course the Governor. I would post the addresses but the list is long, so you need to get your Senators attention. On a better note, the Bull Creek outing was great, the weather was PERFECT, and Steve Letlow found the biggest nugget. Steve has been working the same hole for many years and has always done well, this time he hauled his dredge down and hit the bedrock right away. His son, Billy saw the nugget on the bedrock and picked it up before Steve could suck it up the nozzle. The potluck and the raffle were a lot of fun. Check out Mike Bricks article in the newsletter as to the great raffle prizes for the next outing. Genessee is always one of the best outings of the year so I hope you have marked your calendar, and will plan on attending. So get your gear ready for the trip and then sit down and write those letters. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all, seems like ages since I've seen any of you. I'm still back in Illinois taking care of family business. I appreciate all the calls and well wishes, and most of all your understanding that while I have a commitment to UPI business, it's always family first.
 My special shout out this month is to my wife Laurie, who has really stepped up and been holding down the fort for me. Also, thanks to the rest of you, especially Jim Madden and Rachel Dunn, for all your hard work in opposition of **SB 670, Anti Suction Dredging Legislation**. I can't say enough about all your hard work. By now you have probably received so many communications regarding this bill, that you might be burnt out on reading about it. Please do not stop reading and acting on what you receive. This stuff is very important and on the fast track. Please continue to read all correspondence that you are sent and make sure to follow-up on what you are asked to do. The future of suction dredging in California depends on you!
 Also, remember to keep in mind that if you or someone you know has a lead on a claim that you think would work out well for UPI, please contact our Claims Directors, Ron Coleman and Jim Madden with the information and we will be sure to check it out.
 Thanks to all of you for your continued hard work. It's folks like you that continue to make things happen in UPI! Don't forget to let me know if you or someone you know is interested in starting a chapter near you. It's easy, lots of fun, and I can help you get started. Again, thank you for all your understanding and support for me and my family in this most difficult time.

May There Be Gold In Your Pan, Ed Ozga.

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July 3-11—Genesee
 Meeting and Potluck on Saturday July 4

September 4-11—Twain
 Meeting and Potluck on Saturday September 5

November 13-15—Coulterville
 Meeting and Potluck on Saturday November 14

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Marin, Sonoma Counties, Currently Open

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Bob Azbill, Chris Perry, Georgia Azbill, Terry Moore, Debbie Moore

Meeting called to order at Bull Creek May 23, 2009 at 7:40p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Officers Present: President, Don Siegel; Treasurer, Aaron Matula; Secretary, Rita Perry

Directors Present: Chris Perry, Terry Moore, Debbie Moore, Steve Letlow, Jim Madden, Bob Azbill, Georgia Azbill, Mike Brickwedell and Ron Coleman

Officers Absent: Vice President, Ed Ozga

Members Present: John and Hunter Meling

Minutes were read: Needed the Ways and Means Budget; \$3,000. Ron Coleman motioned to accept the minutes. Chris Perry seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Aaron Matula: Will publish the information in the newsletter.

Membership, Georgia Azbill: Others 20, Life 70, Regular 417, Total Family, 507. Georgia thanked Jim Madden for helping her with processing the memberships out.

Ways and Means, Mike Brickwedell: He has four advertisers that he needs to contact: Pioneer, The Gold Mine, The Gold Pan, and the Jeffrey Motel who will be donating prizes.

Wagon Master, Bob Azbill: Received one bill from A&A for this outing at Bull Creek. He will submit this bill to the treasurer.

Claims, Ron Coleman: Ron spoke to Chet regarding quick claiming all of the claims to UPI. This way no one person is in total control of the claims. It will take all of the board members to sign off on releasing a claim. He submitted a NOI but didn't receive anything back. All is good. Checked on a claim to purchase in Oroville, not a good claim. Still pursuing claims for the club.

Old Business: Discussed having a free membership given to an Officer or Director serving on the Board. The individual would serve one year the second year a free membership for one year. It was unanimous not to do this.

New Business: Jim Madden suggested having a booth at one of the Gold Shows. This is going to be checked on by Terry. We are considering giving away a free one year membership in a drawing at the Gold Show. Coulterville Outing will be here in no time. We will be contacting the VFW regarding cooking our Thanksgiving Feast. We would like to help the VFW with their projects as well, maybe help with their Turkey Feed or their Toy Drive. Jim Madden suggested we get rid of Oxbow this year at Coulterville. We will do a silent bid at the beginning. We will have a box ready for each and everyone to place their sealed bid in and afterwards we will announce the winner. Jim Madden wants to help with the Detector Hunt at Coulterville. We voted on passing the By-Law changes. It was 19 yes and only one item no. We had 36 members present. Only 19 members voted. We announced during the dinner and raffle several times. Also, Cindy announced one more time to make sure everyone voted before she closed the voting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30p.m.

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NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all new members and those renewing!

Welcome aboard for a year of fun.

New Life Members Thru 6-21-09

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
James Hansen	Antioch CA
David & Sonia Peterson	Gardnerville NV
Larry Parsons	Janesville CA
Stephen & Ann Nordheim	San Jose CA

New Members 3-31-09 thru 6-21-09

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Robert A. Shaw	Modesto CA
John & Dorothy McClure	Gustine CA
Matt Cottrell	Rough and Ready CA
Steven R. Morrisette	Sacramento CA
Kenny Nichols	San Jose CA
James Forbes	Fresno CA
Bob Majors	Atwater CA
Bill Savignano	Martinez CA
Jeff Arnold	Hercules CA
Kelly Gyll	Oakdale CA
Craig Hines	San Francisco CA
Jon & Joyce Petri	Napa CA
Glenn Frisbie	Millbrae CA

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Andrew Glen	San Leandro CA
Dan Pertle	San Andreas CA
William Stone	North Highlands CA
Bob Petterson	Pinole CA
Rudy Salazar	Antioch CA
Jose Bautista	Ceres CA
Steve & Dee Wilson	Cottonwood AZ
Joe & Pam O'Hearn	Sacramento CA
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Richard Bowles	Herlong CA
Randy & Lesli Kostiz	Forest Ranch CA
Richard & Leilani Otenhoff	Citrus Heights CA
Suzy Hunter	Greenville CA
Bill Higgins	Felton CA
John Olmstead	Aromas CA
Stephanie Gremillion	San Jose CA
Arlen Clemment	Santa Clara CA
Robert Phillips	Morgan Hill CA
Tom George	Tahoe City CA
Billy L. Stanford	Waterford CA
Samuel Brown	San Jose CA
Dustin Ferko	Mammoth Lakes CA
Pat King	Newark CA
Dave Hoffmann	Litchfield CA
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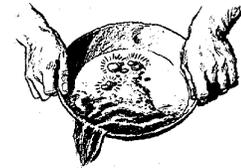
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Ron	Titgen	Banning	CA
Tim & Kris Abbott & Jacobs		Fresno	CA
John	Atkins	Susanville	CA
David	D'Ambrosio	Maxwell	CA
Will	Lewarne	Sun Valley	NV
Mario	Lewarne	Sun Valley	NV
Timothy	Milligan	El Cajon	CA
Mike & Colleen	Naylor	Congress	AZ

Renewing Members
3-31-09 thru 6-21-09

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>		
David Dhont	Pleasant Hill	CA	
Wayne Baker	Folsom	CA	
Gerald Boyle	Folsom	CA	
Joe & Gloria Sul	Campbell	CA	
Randy Bristow	Modesto	CA	
Rick Palomino	Newman	CA	
John & Ramona McClure	Fernley	NV	
Carl and Bernandine Petersen	Rio Linda	CA	
Les Baker	Apple Valley	CA	
John Meling	Modesto	CA	
Bob & Kathleen Liening	Fairfield	CA	
Al Simoni	Concord	CA	
Edward Peck	Yreka	CA	
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Michael Roderick	San Jose	CA	
Louis Bickford	Coulterville	CA	
Dottie Leet	Sonoma	CA	
Gary Anderson	Lodi	CA	
Dennis & Pat Mobley	Copperopolis	CA	
Don & Bev Kalmbach	Concord	CA	
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John Wills	Los Molinos	CA	
Stephen & Ann Nordheim	San Jose	CA	
Gene Bianchi	San Jose	CA	
Jim Buckley	Ridgecrest	CA	
Clifford Spafford	Riverbank	CA	
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Pete Dryer	Twain	CA
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Neil Greiner	Rocklin	CA
Jeffrey Schall	Livermore	CA

Members Up For Renewal:
7-31-09 thru 9-30-09

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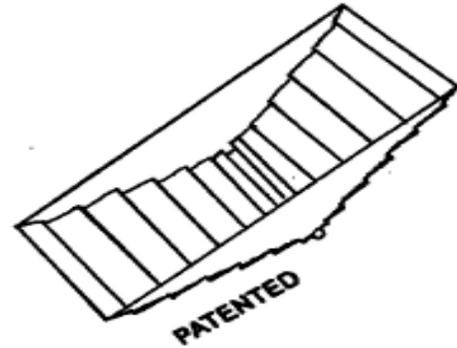
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TRIP TO ALASKA 2009: _____ by: Jim Madden

The photo of the gold pan is me in Skagway Alaska at the "Gold panning trough" with the salted pan (four flat smaller than pin-head flakes). I salted it again with the nugget I won at the Bull creek outing. This nugget traveled the original route of the gold rush starting in California up to Seattle then by boat up to Skagway up Whites Pass and back down by train. It has touched the soil of the Yukon and will find its way back to one of our UPI members at a group outing. The other photos are in Skagway.



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VOTE ON BYLAWS RESULTS:



The vote was held at the Bull Creek outing and was counted and results announced at the meeting after the potluck. All bylaw changes passed by an overwhelming majority. The new bylaws will go into effect January 2010. Thank you to those who took the time to vote and express their views. Thank you Georgia for manning the voting table and taking care of UPI members needs.





ROLL CALL BULL CREEK OUTING May 23, 2009

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Dennis Mobley | 23. Mike Phillips |
| 2. Pat Mobley | 24. Cindy Siegel |
| 3. Mike Ancona | 25. Don Siegel |
| 4. Sid Parrish | 26. Jim Coleman |
| 5. Lorrie Parrish | 27. Martha Tinsley |
| 6. Susie Parrish | 28. Tina Davis |
| 7. Vern Travers | 29. Leon Davis |
| 8. Jim Petersen | 30. Georgia Azbill |
| 9. Dietrich Papp | 31. Bob Azbill |
| 10. Denise Matula | 32. Kit Perry |
| 11. Aaron Matula | 33. Rita Perry |
| 12. Jim Madden | 34. Mike Brickwedell |
| 13. David Norman | 35. Debbie Moore |
| 14. Roy Dunston | 36. Terry Moore |
| 15. Marti Dunston | 37. Ralph Gregg |
| 16. Joel Orona | 38. Jim Appleby |
| 17. Laura Orona | 39. John Meling |
| 18. Ashley Orona | 40. Cathy Meling |
| 19. James Neeley | 41. Hunter Meling |
| 20. William Letlow | 42. Ron Coleman Sr. |
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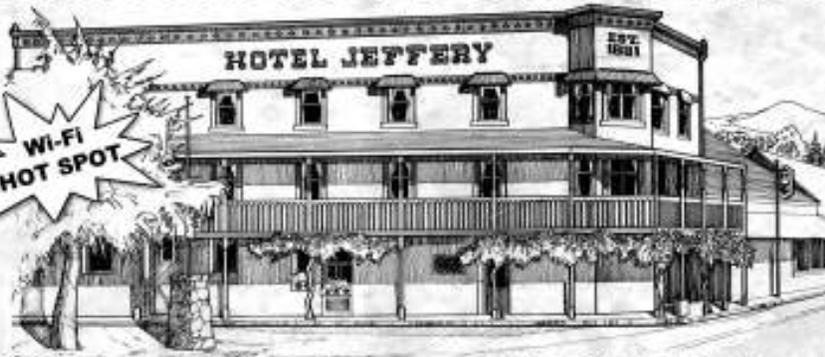
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WAYS - N - MEANS:

It was real good to see you all at UPI's first outing for the start of 2009 dredging season at Bull Creek. I had a great time and sure hope that you all had the same. I wish to take this time to thank all that made it possible for us to have the pot luck and also the help in making a real good raffle. UPI's vendors have donated some real nice stuff and we had some real nice gold nuggets given away too. Thanks everyone. The next outing is coming up soon at Genesee July 4 week-end. You should try to get up for some of that gold and fresh air and we'll be doing some more raffle prizes. We'll be raffling off 2 more gold nuggets, one that weighs 6.2 grams and one that is 1.7 grams that has quartz attached to it. Oh and a detector Pro Pulse Pin Pointer, a book on gold mining in the 21st century by Dave McCracken, a few grizzly pans and the gold miser mini sluice boxes by 'doc' @sluicebox.com. If you're going to be at the Coulterville outing later on in the year, we are raffling off a few free night stays at the Jeffery Hotel and more secret stuff. Hope to see you all there. m.brick

CLAIMS REPORT:

Hello All,

First, I would like to give many thanks to James Madden for submitting the last newsletters entry for Claims.

Second, the Salmon River and Clipper ship claims have been sold and are not open to UPI members anymore for mining. The BLM computer system was delayed in showing the changes but is now up to date.

UPI Claims needs you! We are looking to buy or create new claims and you can help! If you happen to come across a claim or an area of public land you think is claimable, please send me the information via email on our website. I can use GPS coordinates, PLSS data points, CAMC numbers for existing claims, existing claim names or very descriptive location information. We need to expand our claims in the central and southern parts of the state, but will look at anything in the state. We are not opposed to desert claims as well.

This is most likely the way we will handle claims entry into the UPI claims guide (not in any particular order).

1. Claims management and volunteer miners from UPI will check out the area(s) of interest to see if wanted minerals are present.
2. Claims management will investigate the records to insure that it is claimable land or is a valid claim on record.
3. If the area does not have an existing claim and is claimable, Claims management will process the claim with BLM and the proper county. (In some cases, these claims many initially be in individuals names until the UPI members and board of directors have a chance to decide if the claim should be in the UPI family or not. There will be an invitation via the newsletter cont'd to page 10



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ter and Talk -n- Trade for one newsletter cycle with feedback to decide if the claim is wanted by UPI members.)

4. If it is a "claim for sale", Claims management and volunteer miners from UPI will check out the claim to see if wanted minerals are present. An opinion poll of the volunteers will be collected, and then presented to the UPI board from Claims management for purchasing approval or a decline to purchase vote.

I thought I had a good area for a claim in May near Coulterville, but the area turned out to have a valid claim on it that was improperly recorded at BLM. I went to BLM and pulled the file of a nearby claim and found that the area was indeed covered in the claim owners topo map page, but the area was not entered correctly by BLM into the computer system. This is a prime example as to why on the ground investigation is needed. We should never get our hopes up before a visit to BLM is done.

If you happen to hear that claims is looking at a claim and you don't see it in Talk -n- Trade or the newsletter as an invitation, it does not mean that anything fishy is going on. A BLM record search and subsequent filling MUST be done before any mining can occur. This could take a month or more. Please be patient.

I look forward to hearing from you about your findings and may you have a safe and enjoyable mining experi-



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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2009

can. They are an important part of the UPI organization and your input is appreciated and needed.

If you want to arrive a week or several days before the outing, please go for it. If there are any exceptions, we'll let you know via the newsletter, or by email!

* **Indicates** that there is currently a Board meeting scheduled for the outing, however it may be subject to change after discussions at the first couple of Board Meetings in 2008. If you want your input heard on where and when Board Meetings should be held, be present at the Board Meetings.

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BULL CREEK OUTING: by: Jim Madden

Sunny sky's and warm days greeted everyone at Bull Creek this last weekend. Pam and I drove up to Mariposa on Friday and stayed with members Dave and Cookie.

Saturday at the outing I met up with Ron Coleman, he had located a piece of land that showed no claims on it. This was exciting as it was on a creek known for good gold production. A few of us drove over and screened two buckets from the dry area of the creek bottom then came back to Bull Creek as it was nearing time for the potluck.

Processing the material produced a nice showing of color. Sunday we went back to the spot and erected a monument. While I was in Alaska I got a call from Ron. The online database had incorrect information. When he pulled the paper copies of the section maps at BLM he found that a claim existed and was paid up. So that opportunity for a new claim for UPI members faded away. I will be back up there to remove the monument in a few weeks. The search goes on.

A check of the days findings showed quite a few found color. We met up with some members of other clubs who came by and they had been out working at Bagby. Several of our members talked to a prospector running around camp with a syrup jar with two pounds of gold in it. He said he had taken two years to fill the jar working at Bagby.

The potluck again produced a nice variety of food though we could have used a few more main dishes. I was hoping Al would have been there with his great chili. Ron brought some Claimjumper pies that he fresh cooked prior to the potluck. Pam whipped up the orzo salad, I thought it was rice the first time our friends in Pacifica made it. Friday night Dave and I were running around Mariposa looking for Feta cheese but all the stores had just closed, we ended up grabbing it in the morning on the way out.

The Raffle took place after the potluck, two lucky little tykes, not from UPI, won a gold pan and sluice box. Some nice prizes were given away and Mike Brickwedel kept us entertained while handing out the prizes. There were some nice gold nuggets handed out. I won the second biggest one. I will not own this one for very long as it will end up in the pocket of some lucky member. (have family plans for the July outing otherwise I would give it away there). It was nice to hold and exciting to look at but I more enjoy the hunt. Seeing the black sand swirl away leaving sparkling bits of yellow showing in the pan is more interesting.

Sunday brought another sunny day and I trekked downriver to try out my new Le Trap meeting other members coming and going. I found Leon and his wife downriver sitting on a rock panning, it looked like they had some success also. Two buckets of dirt produced about a cup of black sand and some nice color for my efforts.

Back up river I ran into Tom, Christa, Aaron, Denise and several other members walking back up stream. No one was in the water though, of course it was almost 5 pm. Upstream on the middle claim were some more members running a small dredge and they also had found some gold there.

There was one incident at the campground that was unfortunate. A little girl was bitten by a dog, the parents took her to Sonora to have it looked at. Do not know how bad it was. It was a reminder, no matter how gentle you think your dog may be, we should always keep them on a leash in public areas. No

cont'd from column below:

matter how gentle we think they are, accidents do happen. Mosquitos, mosquitos every where you turned they were there. Ron pulled a bucket of water out of the cistern to pan with and it was loaded with larvae. But do not let that deter you, a good repellent will help. At the board meeting Aaron pulled out his mosquito net hat and wore it during the meeting. Brought back amusing memories of Alaska, just try and pick blueberries in the mushy tundra while mosquitoes dive at your face, so thick you had to wave your gloved hand through the swarm to see the blueberries.

Hope everyone enjoyed the good weather and friends.

Jim Madden



Thank you for the article on the Outing Jim.

The pictures above are some items that Jim etches with the UPI logo. If any of you have been fortunate enough to win any of these you know what a nice job he does on them.

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Senate Bill 670

This is the current information regarding **SB 670, Anti Suction Dredging Legislation** as of the printing of this newsletter:

The Bill will be heard in 2 committee's before going to the Assembly to be voted on. If it passes both committee's unchanged, and passes in the Assembly, it will then go to the Governor. Anywhere along the way, the Bill can be sent back for a revision. It's either 3 steps forward without any revisions, or if any revisions happen along the way, it will go back to the Senate before going forward again.

The latest task involves mobilizing businesses, clubs, and miners in order to **collect 5000 letters**, 500 and 4500 from citizens. These letters need to be physical - **not** emailed to the legislators. Neither the opposing lawyers nor our lobbyist can calculate how much ammunition they have to fight with, if the letters are emailed to legislators. Our lobbyist believe that this is the most effective blow we can deliver. Emails cannot be counted, and can be conveniently lost, etc. Hard copy letters are tangible and can't be manipulated.

Rachel Dunn, Gold Pan California, Concord, CA., is spear-heading the campaign to collect these letters. It's simple and easy to do. If you have not received a copy already, just call or email me and I will send you the letter. All you need to do is sign and print your name and address (similar to a petition) and return the letter to Rachel, it's that simple!

Please contact me if you need the letter and help us do what needs to be done by soliciting signatures from your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Thank you, Laurie Ozga, UPI Member, Ozminer@msn.com or 925-706-8193.

Karuk's vs. State of California

If you weren't there, you really missed the action as 38 miners were packed into a 20 x 20 foot room Tuesday to watch the lawyers duke it out. Our Karuk adversaries recently filed a Motion with the Court for Injunctive Relief. They are asking the Court to prevent the Department of Fish & Game *"from spending any funds allocated from the State of California's General Fund on any activities which allow suction dredging to occur under the Department's current regulations."*

With PLP legion Jerry Hobbs and the New 49ers world renown Dave McCracken present with their attorneys, it turned to a lively debate. While it's impossible to replay all the legal jargon for you, what truly appeared to be on our side was that the the judge was very attentive and on top of the law, and the State of CA is on our side!

The Karuk lawyer said that they were not shutting down the entire mining industry just suction dredging. Said we could still pan, etc. It was awesome when our lawyers responded that dredging is the heart of our industry and without it our valuable claims become worthless causing the owners grievous harm and that we are not into "kiddy" mining! They poo-pooed the loss of income to the locals and our lawyers said that the mining industry pumps \$60 million into the economy every year. Many more points were crossed and the judge will render a decision shortly.

On another front it's not too late to help! We need your support in opposing **SB 670, Anti Suction Dredging Legislation**. Also, don't forget that all this legal work cost lots of

money, so please do what you can to help! **PLP** - <http://www.plp2.org/> and **New 49ers legal fund** http://www.goldgold.com/legal/legal_fund_form.htm. Remember without them, you might be "kiddy mining".

Reporting live from the courthouse, Jim Madden and Laurie Ozga.

Thank you Jim and Lori for your endless efforts in trying to keep this bill from being passed. They spent countless hours drafting a letter to send to your Senators and helped to coordinate a group of miners to attend a committee meeting. With Ed out of town Lori has been going it alone and doing a good job. Now is the time to step up and do your part if you want to see this bill vetoed. UPI needs everyone's support, the more letters politicians receive the better it is for this hobby. Please get involved, educate yourself on this bill and do something. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask, someone will have the answer for you. To find the bill on line just "google" SB670 and you will be able to access the complete writing of the bill and what the status is.

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Jim Madden
2nd place Nugget Winner

James Neeley
1st Place Nugget Winner

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

There were several new members at the Bull Creek Outing and I would like to recognize them and Welcome them to UPI!! We are glad to have you as members and look forward to seeing you at future outings.



JIM & MARLENE CORSELL



JOHN & KAREN OLMSTEAD



LEON & TINA DAVIS

Outing Coordinator Report

—Terry & Debbie Moore

Terry and Debbie had horseshoes set up for members to enjoy during the day on Saturday. They made the Pot-luck table very festive and brought an M&M count contest. The person who guessed closest to the number of M&Ms in the jar was the winner. Everyone had a good time with guesses all over the place from hundreds to thousands. Thank you guys for your time and efforts at the outing. It was enjoyed by all.



Al Crane was the winner of the M&M count at 1,571! Al got to take the jar full of M&Ms home with him. Congratulations Al!!



Debbie & Terry Moore enjoying the outing!

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Georgia Azbill below, your membership board member hard at work for you. Thank you Georgia for all your hard work and dedication.



Bob and Georgia Azbill relaxing at the outing. Bob is your UPI Wagon Master.

UPI FAMILY

During these difficult times we are facing in California and across the country, many of our UPI members are going through difficult times with finances, health and/or job uncertainty. With gas prices steadily rising it is making it difficult for many to make the UPI outings. As you read this please take a moment to reflect on the good and positive things in your lives; your family and friends, and the many freedoms we have in this country to name just a few. Please remember to keep the many UPI families in your thoughts and prayers each day.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

You have been given this day to do with as you will. What you do with it is important as you are exchanging a day of your life for it.

Thank you from Bob & Georgia Azbill:

To our UPI friends:

These days it seems there are many who are mostly interested in what they can gain for themselves. Recently Bob and I found just the opposite happened in our lives. We realized just how generous and selfless our good friends at UPI are. We needed to pack up our 2100 square foot home of 12 years and move to a new location in a relatively short period of time. From the never-ending help in advance from Terry & Debbie Moore and Mike Brickwedel to the immense help on "the big move weekend" of 6/13-6/14 from Terry & Debbie Moore, Mike Brickwedel, Don Siegel, Mark Weber, and Tom & Christa Eastland, we are overwhelmed with gratitude. It is a very special feeling to know that our friends set aside their own lives (and prime prospecting time) to come and help when we needed them. Many times during this time I heard, "But that's what friends are for." We could go further and say "A friend in need is a friend indeed" and that is exactly what Bob and I would like to express to our friends. When help is needed, just let us know...without hesitation we will indeed be there for you.

I would also like to take this time to thank everyone who volunteered to help the Azbill's move. It is nice to know that when someone is in need there are those who step up and lend a helping hand even in these difficult times.

I also want to send a huge thank you to Bob and Georgia for getting me the membership lists for the newsletter. They were still in the middle of their moving and Bob took the time to set up a temporary phone line so he could get his computer up and running so I could get the newsletter out in time before the July outing. And he did this the night before Fathers Day. Thank you very much for your dedication to UPI. It is greatly appreciated.
Cindy Siegel



The old miner sez: Lookie thet elusive yelloh metal. Wooden it be grate ifin ya had sumpin like thet zinging yer tecter?

RAFFLE WINNERS/PRIZES

Ralph Gragg	Grizzly Pan
Jim Hill	Magnifying glasses & money clip
Ralph Gragg	Gold Mining in the 21st Century
book	
Ashley Orona	Garnet, rattlesnake magnets & pan
Tina Davis	Prospector coin & knife
Roy Dunston	Divining Rod
Steve Letlow	Chardonnay & Corker bottle stopper
Tim Peterson	Mini Sluice & garnets
Ralph Gragg	Small pan & rattlesnake magnets
Kathy Melling	Alaska Bag of Material & T-shirt
James Neeley	Modern Mining Techniques DVD
Kathy Melling	Collectors Edition UPI Dynamite
Vineyards	
Al Simoni	UPI stickers, amethyst & Koozie
Susie Parrish	UPI etched license plate
Terry Moore	Garnet, pan, scraper brush
Bob Azbill	Knife
Tina Davis	Chardonnay bottle of wine
Al Crane	Hat, Scoop, Measure card
Karen Olmstead	Lamp light
Aaron Matula	Grizzly pan, mini sluice, How to Find
Gold Book	
Leon Davis	Hextool kit, Allen Wrench
Georgia Azbill	Hold & Slice (Pampered Chef), How
to Find Lost Treasures	
Jim Coleman	Treasure Book & Scissors
Hunter James	Necklace, Amethyst
Bob Azbill	Head phones
Ralph Gragg	Knife, coin, pin
Kathy Melling	Belly bag, rattlesnake eggs, Card
Karen Olmstead	8 in 1 tool, Card
Terry Moore	Mini sluice, snuffer bottle, Card
Al Crane	How to Find Gold, Money clip, UPI
etched pin	
Debbie Moore	Snuffer bottle, vial, rattlesnake eggs,
card	
Paul Dean	Red garnet, digger, card
Brian Bockert	Mini sluice
Vivian Burns	Gold pan



Steve and His Son dredging at Bull Creek



The Nugget Steve's son picked up from the river.

Quote taken from the book:

The Golden Highway,
Highway 49, Volume I, North

Gold hunting is, without a doubt, the most exciting life a man can lead. No matter how unsuccessful, no matter if the result of a day's labor yielded barely sufficient to pay necessary expenses, the hope, the pleasurable hope, of finding the "big lump" next day fills the miner's breast with joy and delightful anticipation, and keeps up the spirits of men who would otherwise despond.

Luther Melanchthon Schaeffer
1849



Cindy's View Point of the Outing:

The Bull Creek outing was a success for UPI. The camp site was overflowing with campers with many camping at the bridge as well. Sierra Prospecting club was there as well as the Coarsegold club who were camped at Bonnel Gulch. There were also private groups in attendance. One group in the center of Bull Creek was heard throughout the night having a really good time and making sure everyone knew what a great time they were having. :-)

There were private campers between some of us UPI campers at the end of the campsite that we got to meet. Their grandchildren, Brian and Vivian joined us at the raffle. Don gave each of them one of my raffle tickets so they could be a part of the group, not thinking in a million years they would actually win. I never, ever win, luck is just not on my side. But yes, they actually won a raffle prize each. They were so excited!! They also changed my luck for the day as the 50/50 raffle ticket drawn was one of mine. YEAH!!!! Brian, Vivian, Dave and Hunter (John Mellings grandson) took to the river the next morning trying out Brian's sluice box and Vivian's gold pan. They even found some gold!!! Pretty lucky kids. Unfortunately, Vivian got bit by a dog that afternoon and was rushed to the hospital. We were told she needed a few stitches but was fine otherwise. Vivian if you are reading this I hope you are all healed and doing just fine now. The kids were having a great time camping, riding their motorcycles and quads and even got to play some ball with Grandpa. I sure enjoyed watching them having such a good time and getting excited about hunting for gold in the river. The Oronas arrived and went down to the river to do some panning. As usual, Ashley won a raffle prize. I don't think I have been at an outing that she hasn't won something every time. For me it is all about the kids out there having a good time, enjoying the family and the outdoors. The Mellings had their grandson with them and he was giving instruction to Brian and Vivian on the techniques of using the sluice box. Aaron and Denise were camping by the bridge without their kids this trip. They got to spend a few quiet days and nights relaxing and enjoying the outdoors. I don't know if they found any gold or not. Rita, Kit and I took walks along the river with Pockets and Oscar while Don was down dredging. Of course I was out getting pictures and stories for the newsletter and meeting new members of UPI that were there. I saw Mike Brickwedel out visiting with everyone and helping the kids work the river. Debbie and Terry Moore and Bob and Georgia Azbill went down to the river to do some panning; Bob came back with a sore toe but not sure if he got any gold. There was a really neat "house" tent down by the bridge and lots of butterflies on the trail. Some of the UPI members from the Santa Clara chapter who were vacationing at

Bagby, came over for the potluck and raffle, and Tom and Christa Eastland dropped by to visit everyone. For those of you who were unable to attend you missed a good time. It was an enjoyable weekend. The next two pages are pictures of some of the happenings around the campsite. I hope you enjoy looking at them as much as I did taking them. I wish you all well and hope everyone survives the California crisis and hope it is over soon.

Cindy Siegel







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