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# UNITED PROSPECTORS INC.

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello!

Welcome to a new year of mining, events and camaraderie! Our board meeting this month featured the swearing of our new Vice President James McGann, our new Claims Director Syd Calija and our new Membership Director Kathy McGann. They are all looking forward to the new year, and eager to help out the club in anyway that they can. Welcome aboard, new board members!

Now that the monsoons have finally passed, we should all be ready to get out to our claims and grab that free gold just sitting in the creeks. We have outings planned at Bull Creek and at Twain, and we're expecting more folks at these outings as we got a number of new members this year.

To change things up, we are planning on having a metal detecting/potluck outing in June in place of an outing at one of our claims. We know a lot of folks would rather do a local event instead of travelling to one of our claims because of the cost of gas, and the travelling time, so we are having the event in a local park, probably within Antioch. We will have our usual Bingo for Gold and other chances to win gold nuggets, and will probably have a full drawing as in our claims outings. Please watch for the details in upcoming newsletter and emails.

We will be at several events this year, as detailed in the following pages, to promote our club and met the public. We have had success in getting new members when we host a show booth, and that usually brings in new ideas and suggestions to help the club improve.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for the club, please let me know. Until then, I hope to see you at our chapter meetings and club outings.

The free gold is just sitting at our claims; we just have to get out there and pick it up!

Take care,

Dan DiCarlo

UPI President



# Board Meeting Minutes

UPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 14, 2023

President called meeting to order at 10:30 am

## **Roll Call -**

Officers present: Dan DiCarlo, President; Jim McGann, Vice President; Lydia Hough, Secretary; Kim Dessausois, Treasurer

Directors present: Sid Calija, Claims Manager; Cal Courtnier, Ways/Means

Directors absent: Kathy McGann, Membership

Volunteers present: Dan DiCarlo, Contra Costa Chapter

Volunteers absent: Michael Steele and Anthony Davenport, Central Valley Chapter;

Wagon Master vacant

Minutes were read and accepted.

Oath of Office:

Vice President – Jim McGann

Claims Director – Sid Calija

Membership Director – Kathy McGann, not available for swearing in due to work schedule

## **REPORTS:**

*President* - has sent emails and texts asking for suggestions for outings etc. has not received any responses

*Vice President* – Central Valley Chapter is planning to obtain guest speakers to boost interest and attendance.

*Treasurer* - balance of \$8,069.18, this includes monies spent for merchandise purchased for 2023 outings. Motion made to accept Treasurer's report by Jim McGann, 2nd by Lydia Hough. Motion passed.

*Secretary* – nothing to report

*Pub/Ed-in-Chief* – plans to recap meetings, outings and to show Big Ticket items offered by the chapters. Central Valley Chapter was asked if they had anything to report, they had nothing at this time.

*Claims Manager* – Sid Calija and Dan DiCarlo discussed visiting all claims to set up new claims markers and create detailed directions, what to expect etc. for each claim in order to revise current claims guide. Setting up Power of Attorney was discussed to make it easier to make name changes to claims as necessary.

*Membership* – absent, Jim McGann reported that we have 125 active members, 85 active life members and 10 inactive life members for a total of 210 members.

*Outings Coordinator* – absent, nothing to report

*Ways and Means* – GPAA is no longer doing gold shows, gold for drawing prizes etc is getting harder to obtain. Suggested to speak with members and possibly buy gold from them.

*Web Master* – nothing to report..

# Board Meeting Minutes

## Chapters:

*Central Valley* – nothing to report, chapter leads not in attendance

*Contra Costa* – approximately 20 members/guests in attendance.

**Education/shows:** Dan DiCarlo has made a list of upcoming fairs/festivals for the 2023 year to attend promoting UPI  
**Ethics and Grievances:** Members area no longer shown due to no log in is needed to access web page

## New Business:

Budget has been set and approved.

## 2023 Event Schedule:

<b>Feb 18-19</b>	Booth	Antioch Rock Show.
<b>Feb 25-26</b>	Booth	Vallejo Rock Show.
<b>April 1</b>	Board Meeting	Stockton Eagles Hall.
<b>April 21-22</b>	Booth	Golden Bate Historical Bottle Show-Antioch.
<b>April 28,29,30</b>	<b>Outing #1</b>	<b>Bull Creek.</b>
<b>June 3</b>	Board Meeting	Stockton Eagles Hall.
<b>June 24</b>	<b>Outing #2</b>	<b>1 day metal detecting hunt with pot luck.</b> <b>Details to follow as soon as location is secured.</b>
<b>August 5</b>	Board Meeting	Stockton Eagles Hall.
<b>August 18, 19, 20</b>	<b>Outing #3</b>	<b>Twain.</b>
<b>Sept 9</b>	Roaring Camp	22 spots have been reserved, Cost is \$75.00 per person Contact Roaring Camp at 209-296-4100 to register and pay, let them know you are with UPI when registering.
<b>Oct 13,14,15</b>	Coulterville Feed	Coulterville, metal detector hunt and pot luck on 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Oct 14</b>	Board Meeting	Coulterville.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm

# Newsletter Proposal

Due to the rising costs associated with the printing of a hardcopy of the UPI newsletters, the UPI board has decided to propose a change in the way that the UPI Membership Applications are produced.

The proposal is that:

•**The membership dues will change:**

Membership dues will remain \$45/year, **unless** you want a newsletter mailed to you, in which case your membership dues would increase to \$55/year.

•**The membership application will change:**

The current verbiage:

Yes, I want to receive the newsletter and renewal reminders electronically. If you checked yes, please make sure you have included an email address above.

The proposed verbiage:

**Yes**, I want to receive the newsletter through regular mail, and have enclosed the \$55 annual membership dues.

Current memberships and lifetime memberships will not change with these proposed changes. As members renew, these changes will take effect. The membership applications on the website will change once these proposed have been implemented.

**We will be voting on adopting these proposed changes at our next board meeting on April 1st at 10am at the Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon St., Stockton CA.**

**NOTICE: As a UPI member, if you wish to vote on these proposed changes, you need to be present at the board meeting. No votes through email or phone calls will be accepted.**

Dan DiCarlo  
UPI President



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## New and Renewing Members!

These folks have either joined UPI for the first time, or have renewed their memberships:

Wayne Carroll	Chris and Carolyn Kelly	Felix Quinonez	Bruce Taylor
Norman Ching	Rich Hagon	Bill and Fawn Like	Jack Loduca
Richard Morris	Don Reed	Chris Scott	Cory Cook
Cindi Harrington	Donald L. Hart	Ed & Linda Hutchings	John Randall

## Renewing and returning members:

Your continued support of the UPI is what keeps our organization alive. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the outings. Many thanks and remember, without you there'd be no club.

## Reminders:

- 🌀 When renewing your membership, you must fill out and sign a new application each year.
- 🌀 You will receive an e-mail notification when the newsletter is available online.
- 🌀 Have a change of address, e-mail, or contact information? Please send me your new information. Without a current mailing or e-mail address, you might not get your newsletters or other notifications. Drop me an e-mail, call me, find me at an outing, or send me a note via snail mail.
- 🌀 Please note it may take up to 4 weeks to process your membership application.
- 🌀 **IMPORTANT** Be sure to mail your applications to the **Stockton PO Box.**

**DO NOT SEND THEM TO THE MODESTO ADDRESS.**

Happy Hunting.

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Sincerely,  
Kathy McGann  
Membership Director  
upimembership1@gmail.com

# UPI Community Outreach

United Prospectors, Inc. will be manning booths at several shows this year as part of our efforts to expand our club's membership totals.

If you know of any upcoming events where the club might be able to get a free booth, please email me at [theupipresident@gmail.com](mailto:theupipresident@gmail.com).

So far, the events in which we have a booth reserved are:

<b>February 18-19</b>	<b>Antioch Lapidary Club Jewelry &amp; Rock Sale</b>	<b>Contra Costa Fairgrounds 1201 W. 10th St, Antioch, CA Solano County Fairgrounds</b>	<b>10AM-5PM</b>
<b>February 25-26</b>	<b>Spring Bling</b>	<b>900 Fairgrounds Dr. Vallejo, CA</b>	<b>10AM-5PM</b>
<b>April 21-22</b>	<b>Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society Bottle show</b>	<b>Contra Costa Fairgrounds 1201 W. 10th St, Antioch, CA</b>	<b>Friday 12PM-5PM Saturday 9AM-3PM</b>



# June 24 Metal Detecting Application

On June 24, United Prospectors, Inc. will be hosting a metal detecting hunt in an Antioch park.

The hunt will commence at 9AM and will be followed by games for gold nuggets, a potluck lunch, and a drawing.

The cost to participate in the metal detecting hunt is (please check your preference):

\_\_\_ \$20.00 if your check and this application is received at our P.O. Box by **May 15.**

\_\_\_ \$25.00 **after May 15.**

\_\_\_ \$10.00 for 10 year olds and younger.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many people will be hunting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this completed application along with your check:**

**United Prospectors Inc.  
Attn: Metal Detecting Hunt  
PO Box 693284  
Stockton, CA 95269-3284**

# Upcoming Events

## 2023 OUTING SCHEDULE

April 28, 29, 30

Bull Creek

June 24

Metal Detecting Hunt/Potluck

Aug 18, 19, 20

Twain

Sept 9

Roaring Camp Day Trip

Oct 13, 14, 15

Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed



\*\*\* Don't forget to wear your UPI shirt to the outings!! \*\*\*

### Upcoming Chapter Events:

**Central Valley Chapter** No upcoming events scheduled at this time.

**Contra Costa Chapter** No upcoming events scheduled at this time.



## Follow Us!

UPI is now on Facebook. Here are our pages:

**UPI Facebook page:**

"<https://www.facebook.com/UnitedProspectors>"

**UPI Contra Costa Chapter Facebook Page:**

"<https://www.facebook.com/ContraCostaUPI>"

**UPI Central Valley Chapter Facebook Page:**

"<https://www.facebook.com/Central-Valley-Chapter-United-Prospectors-Inc-110771341666606> "

# **Contra Costa 2023 Chapter Meetings**

The chapter meets on the first Tuesday of every month at:

Contra Costa Water District Building

1331 Concord Ave.

Concord, CA

7PM-9PM

January 3

COMPLETED

February 7

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 6

July 4

August 1

September 5

October 3

November 7

December 5

# Central Valley 2023 Chapter Meetings

The chapter meets on the second Wednesday of every month at:

Eagles Hall

1492 Bourbon St.

Stockton, CA

6:30PM-8:30PM

January 11

COMPLETED

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

Membership is open to anyone interested, 18 years or older. One membership includes a spouse & children under the age of 18.  
**All memberships are good for a period of 1 year and will expire on your anniversary date.**

**Membership Dues: (check your preference below) Number of qualifying family members \_\_\_\_\_**

**Annual Membership \$45.00/year: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Membership \$450.00: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Foreign Countries \$55.00/year: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Country: \_\_\_\_\_**

**How did you hear about us?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, I want to receive the newsletter and renewal reminders electronically. If you checked yes, please make sure you have included an email address above.

I hereby apply for membership/renewal with United Prospectors, Inc. ("United Prospectors"). I understand that United Prospectors and its agents do not provide goods or services for my activities including, for example, mining equipment or supplies, lodging, transportation, food service, etc. United Prospectors is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act by providers of such goods or services during my activities. I acknowledge that there may be certain risks involved with activities as a member including, but not limited to, rugged or uneven terrain, uncertain or unpredictable river currents, physical exertion for which I am not prepared, other unknown forces of nature, high altitude, accident or illness without access to means of rapid evacuation or availability of medical supplies, the adequacy of medical attention once provided, or negligence on the part of United Prospectors. I HEREBY AGREE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN WELFARE AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF UNANTICIPATED EVENTS, ILLNESS, INJURY, EMOTIONAL TRAUMA, OR DEATH. I acknowledge that the cost of United Prospectors memberships is based upon participants executing this Release of Liability. Therefore, as lawful consideration for being permitted to participate as a member, I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FOREVER UNITED PROSPECTORS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING FROM MY MEMBERSHIP OR MY ACTIVITIES AS A MEMBER. I agree that this release shall be legally binding upon me personally, all members of my family and all minors traveling with me, my heirs, successors, assigns, and legal representatives, it being my intention to fully assume all the risk associated with my activities as a member and to release United Prospectors from any and all liabilities to the maximum extent permitted by law.

**I AM 18 YEARS OR OLDER AND HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ UPI Member # \_\_\_\_\_**

**(Renewal only)**

**Please mail this completed (signed and dated) application along with your check/money order to:**

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**Please allow 4 weeks for your application to be processed**



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