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# UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello!

The August outing at our Spanish Creek claim turned out to be a bust. We only had, at the most, 5 club members at the outing. Needless to say, we cancelled the Friday night Bingo for Gold event. On Saturday, I was expecting more people to show up for the metal detecting hunt, but no one did. I ended the outing on Saturday afternoon.

In trying to see the bright side of the cancelled outing, I viewed it as a learning experience. It showed that the club should not hold a Spanish Creek/Twain outing in August, especially after holding a Twain outing in June. Next year, we will plan our outing schedule differently than this year.

Again on the bright side, everyone who showed up for the outing had their pick of a gold nugget that I was going to use for our scheduled events. So there's that.....

Our outing to Roaring Camp was more successful. 21 out of the 25 pre-paid participants showed up for the day-long event, attacking the pile of dirt with the usual club gusto! We were asked to leave some of the pile for the folks that come to Roaring Camp only for the dinner portion of the day, and we did that without complaint as the weather was still a little warm and I could see that people were running out of gas by late afternoon. We had the always delicious dinner to round out our day, and several folks mentioned that they had found some gold in the pile. At the upcoming January board meeting, we will discuss possibly holding two trips to Roaring Camp in 2023.

As stated in the August newsletter, we have elections coming up in October, and a ballot sheet is enclosed in this newsletter. Please take a minute to review the ballot, cast your vote and mail it in to the address provided on the ballot so that your vote will be counted. We will also be holding our election at our Coulterville Feed in October if you would prefer to vote in person at the event.

Thank You,

Dan DiCarlo

UPI President



# Board Meeting Minutes

## UPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JULY 30, 2022

President called meeting to order at 10:30 am

### **Roll Call -**

Officers present: Dan DiCarlo, President; John Lopez, Vice President; Lydia Hough, Secretary (via telecom)  
Officers absent: Joyce Smith, Treasurer  
Directors present: Jim McGann, Membership; Cal Courtnier, Ways/Means  
Directors absent: Louie Ettlin, Claims Manager; Kim Dessaussios. Publisher/Ed-in-Chief; Colleen Campbell, Outings Coordinator;  
Volunteers present: Dan DiCarlo, Contra Costa Chapter; Anthony Davenport, Central Valley Chapter  
Volunteers absent: Michael Steele, Central Valley Chapter; Mark Weber, Webmaster;  
Wagon Master vacant  
Members Present: None

Minutes were read and accepted.

### **REPORTS:**

*President* - Twain outing completed, had 23 participants.

*Vice President* – suggested 5-10 minutes to give general information about current mining laws

*Treasurer* - absent, no report

*Secretary* – nothing to report

*Pub/Ed-in-Chief* – absent, nothing to report

*Claims Manager* – absent, everything is on track for claims payments

*Membership* – Active members 118; Active life members 90; Inactive life members (deceased) 9; Total members 217. To email thank you/confirmation letters to verify email address is correct.

*Outings Coordinator* – absent, nothing to report

*Ways and Means* – Sold \$350.00 of gold to Colleen for Twain outing. Has outstanding invoices.

*Web Master* – Mark Weber has stepped down as web master, Dan DiCarlo to take over. Current system is obsolete, pertinent data will be transferred over to new system. Cal Courtnier made motion to change web site as needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim McGann. The By-laws and Claims Guide will be separated. Other features will be modified as needed after all changes have been made.

### **Chapters:**

*Central Valley* - trying to bring more substance to meetings, to not have it be a prize drawing meeting

*Contra Costa* – meetings will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm, waiting to secure meeting place

**Education/shows:** Delta Gold Diggers is having a swap meet in December, in Lodi. Motion made by Jim McGann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cal Courtnier to purchase a booth at the Sportsman's Expo in late January 2023.

**Ethics and Grievances:** both chapters emails to be put on all publications.

### **Open Forum:**

### **Old Business:**

Twain outing recap – 23 attendees, drawing/merchandise sales \$1,066.00 less expenses of \$1,794.67 .

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

(includes \$329.00 Spanish Creek porta-potty bill) = \$728.67 loss.

*Merchandise:*

100 decals have been ordered to be offered to members and included in new member packets.

**New Business:**

Claims Guide and By-Laws will be divided into 2 books. Publisher software has been ordered to achieve this.

Elections are coming up, positions available are:

**Vice President**

**Treasurer**

**Membership**

**Claims**

**Ways/Means**

### **UPI OUTING/MEETING AGENDA**

|                    |                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| August 19, 20, 21  | Spanish Creek (Bull Creek is dry) |
| September 10       | Roaring Camp day trip             |
| October 14, 15, 16 | Coulterville Feed                 |
| October 15         | Board Meeting and Potluck         |

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am

# Roaring Camp Outing— September 10



## **Mark Weber:**

Long-time webmaster Mark Weber has resigned from the position. Mark maintained our website for many years, and we would like to thank Mark for his efforts and contributions to the club, and wish him all the best in his future.

## **Webmaster:**

The board advertised the position of club webmaster in several of our newsletters, asking club members to contact the board if anyone was interested in taking on that role. We didn't get any responses, so I offered to take on this position to the board at one of our recent board meetings, and was accepted.

## **Changes:**

You are no longer required to log into the website to get to the members-only area. That area has been removed.

The Guidebook that used to contain the club's bylaws and detailed claims information has been replaced with a bylaws-only document that is on the website. For now, if you need detailed claims information, please send me an email at the address below, and I will email you a copy. Only current members will get a copy of the detailed claims information.

You will no longer receive an email letting you know that your membership is about to expire. You should see your expiration date on your membership card. If you do not have your membership card, please contact our membership director. Once your membership expires, you will no longer receive emails and newsletters from the club.

You will receive our newsletters via an email. If you currently get a hardcopy of the newsletter mailed to you, that will not change. The newsletters will be posted on the website when they are ready for print. You will no longer receive an email stating that a new newsletter has been posted on the website.

## **Your To-Do:**

Please take some time to visit [unitedprospectors.com](http://unitedprospectors.com) and review each of the pages on the website. I welcome your feedback, and you can contact me at the new email address listed below. If you would like to see content added or any changes to the website, please let me know.

## **New Email Address:**

Please direct all website matters to [theupiwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:theupiwebmaster@gmail.com).

- Dan DiCarlo

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### **Outings:**

The Outings tab on the website will be the board-approved outings that were planned at the beginning of each year, and certain chapter events. Please visit this page to see what outings are planned and supported by the club.

### **Events:**

This section will be used to list activities that are not UPI events, but rather events that club members might be interested in attending. This section may include rock shows, collectible bottle shows, and county and state fairs. There is a good chance that if the event is listed in this section that the club will have a booth at the event to promote our club.

### **Membership Application:**

In the Membership Application area of the website, you have two options. You may click on the first link to get to a PDF application that you can print before filling out and mailing to us. On the second link, you will get a fillable PDF where you can enter your information directly into the form before printing and mailing it to us. This second link is preferred as it will hopefully eliminate misspellings and illegible handwriting on the printed form.

### **UPI Products:**

This tab on the website is temporarily under construction. The long term idea is to be able to buy UPI merchandise through the website but the logistics as far as costs and methods of mailing merchandise have not been worked out, so the tab is not ready to be used. Hopefully, we will be able to use this function in the future.

### **Talk-N-Trade:**

This tab is similar to the tab on the original website. One nice feature on the new website is that you can receive a notification via email when someone responds to your post. This will eliminate the need to check back to the Talk-N-Trade page to see if you have received any responses. Also, I have heard that several members wanted to add items for sale into the newsletter to gain more exposure. While this is a nice feature, the increased costs of printing the newsletters make the additional pages to list items for sale cost-prohibitive. I encourage members to use the Talk-N-Trade forum to list items you would like to sell.

### **Photo Gallery:**

This new tab will include photos from past UPI events and outings. The volume of photos I acquired when I became president makes this process a work in progress. I encourage you to check out this tab weekly or monthly if you would like to see photos of past UPI events.

### **UPI Calendar:**

UPI events and outings will be listed in this section.

### **Original Website:**

This section contains most of the items and pages from the original design of the website. Several functions no longer work, such as the members-only sign in, the claims details, and the original Contact Us page. These functions have been revised and exist in their new formats in other sections of the website.



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Slight changes to the following message:

With the afore mentioned changes to the website, some of the items below are no longer applicable or have changed. Those changes are listed below in RED.

## 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.
- 🌀 If you check the box for electronic newsletters and notifications, you will get two e-mail reminders when your membership is due. One, 30 days prior to and another, the day of expiration, if it lapses. **You will no longer get any emails when your membership is about to expire. Please review your membership card and plan accordingly if you would like to renew your membership.**
- 🌀 You will also receive an e-mail notification when the newsletter is available online. **You will no longer get an email when a newsletter has been posted to the website. You will receive the newsletter in an email and it will already have been posted to the website.**
- 🌀 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.

Sincerely,

Jim McGann

Membership Director

PO Box 693284

Stockton, CA 95269-3284

Jim.upimembership@gmail.com

# Upcoming Events

## 2022 OUTING SCHEDULE

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| April 29, 30, May 1 | Bull Creek— <b>COMPLETED</b>            |
| June 24, 25, 26     | Twain — <b>COMPLETED</b>                |
| Aug 19, 20, 21      | Spanish Creek— <b>COMPLETED</b>         |
| Sept 10             | Roaring Camp Day Trip— <b>COMPLETED</b> |
| Oct 14, 15, 16      | Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck   |



\*\*\* 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>”

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# Merchandise Update

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## **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:**

A few months ago, I emailed a survey to all club members, asking for your input into what type of merchandise should be made available for purchase.

I had brought samples of different T-shirts in a variety of colors to some of our outings, and the responses were positive. In the survey I asked if you preferred the standard gray and black T-shirts, or if you would prefer to have the option to purchase T-shirts, hats, hoodies, etc in a variety of colors.

In the survey, I asked to receive at least 20 responses to gauge what club members would like to purchase; unfortunately, I received only 9 responses to my email.

Our current T-shirt inventory consists of mostly black T-shirts, and just a few gray T-shirts. Once this inventory is depleted, I will order more black and gray T-shirts and a few hats.

If you would like to voice your opinion as to what merchandise you would like, please send me an email at **[theupipresident@gmail.com](mailto:theupipresident@gmail.com)**.

Thanks,  
Dan DiCarlo

# Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed, Oct. 15!

**All of the events below are happening on  
Saturday, October 15, 2022:**

| Event                | When                  | Where                              | Info                                 |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Metal Detecting Hunt | 10:00AM-11AM          | Next the tennis courts in the park | \$10.00 entrance fee                 |
| UPI Board Meeting    | 1PM-?                 | Odd Fellows Hall                   |                                      |
| Drawing Ticket Sales | 3:30PM-5PM            | Odd Fellows Hall                   | \$1 per ticket,<br>6 tickets per \$5 |
| Potluck Set-up       | 3:30PM-5PM            | Odd Fellows Hall                   |                                      |
| Potluck              | 5PM-?                 | Odd Fellows Hall                   |                                      |
| Elections            | Following the potluck | Odd Fellows Hall                   |                                      |
| Main Drawing         | Following the elec-   | Odd Fellows Hall                   |                                      |

We need your contributions and help before (food & table set up) AND after the potluck (kitchen & table clean up).

Please make sure to supply your own serving dishes and serving utensils. Also, when leaving, please make sure to pick up your dishes and utensils. If you do not want your leftovers, it is your responsibility to give them away.

Food should already be prepared and, if necessary, only need heating. Please be prepared to heat your own dishes. There is a fridge with room for a few chilled dishes.

## Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed, Oct. 15!

To prevent the disaster of ending up with 80 desserts, we've come up with the following guidelines. If you have a specialty dish that you always prepare, please feel free to bring it. This are just some guidelines so we can get a balanced potluck.

The club will provide turkey, ham, cups, plates, utensils, napkins, trash bags, coffee and coffee cups.

Based on the first letter of your last name, please bring:

A,B,C,D—Desserts, pies, cakes, cookies, pudding.

E,F,G,H—Side dish to main meal, broccoli, casseroles, corn, etc.

I,J,K,L—Bread, muffins, biscuits, and butter, Rolls are important!

M,N,O,P—Salads lettuce, greens, and dressings.

Q,R,S,T—Appetizers, chips and dips, cheese and crackers, any finger foods.

U,V,W,X,Y,Z— Potatoes, mashed! Potatoes au gratin.

Please bring a folding table if you have one or more, and if you prefer, bring a comfortable chair to sit on as the hall only has hard metal ones or bench seats.

Please bring your own beverages.

# OFFICIAL UPI BALLOT—2022



Completed Absentee ballots (this form) must be received at the address below by October 7, 2022.

Voting will also be available at the UPI Coulterville Outing on October 15, 2022.

**OFFICER POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:**

**Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_ Jim McGann

**Write In:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_ Kim Dessaussois (Incumbent)

**Write In:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTOR POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:**

**Claims Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ Sid Calija

**Write In:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ways and Means:** \_\_\_\_\_ Cal Courtnier (Incumbent)

**Write In:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ Kathy McGann

**Write In:** \_\_\_\_\_

A write-in candidate must have been a member in good standing for the past year and have accepted the nomination.

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

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

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

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**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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