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Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving Outing and UPI Elections  
October 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

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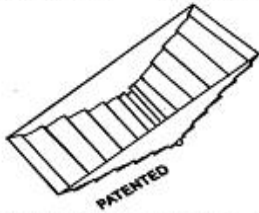
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# UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The **Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving outing** is October 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Saturday the 21st is the big day, with a detector hunt, Board meeting, food drive, elections, potluck dinner, and drawing. This is a great time to support a small community that has always welcomed us over the years.

**Pancake Breakfast - Rebecca's Fundraiser - 8:00am (Odd Fellows Hall)**

**Detector Hunt - 10:30am (Across from park)**

**UPI Meeting - 1:00pm (Odd Fellows Hall)**

**Set up the Hall - 3:30pm**

**Potluck - 5:00pm (Odd Fellows Hall)**

**Elections and Drawings to follow potluck**

**Detector hunt** will be held across from the tennis court/park, and the **meeting, potluck dinner, elections, and drawing** are at the ODD FELLOWS HALL, in the center of town on Main Street. There will be some folks camped on the Moccasin Creek claim. The Historical Jefferies Hotel repairs are still not completed. There is a trailer park in town with limited spaces, and limited lodging in the area.

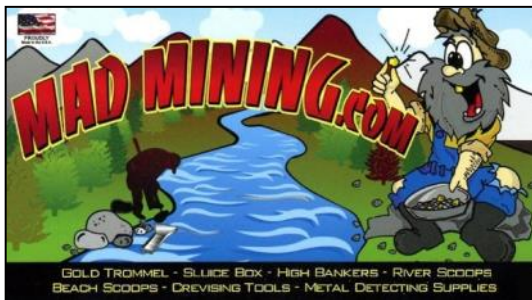
Remember we will also draw for the **outing attendance prize** for all of those folks that made it to the outings this year. This year's drawing is for a 5 oz. Silver Bar. There will also be many great prizes in our year end drawing.

Also, as we have done in the past, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the local **food bank**. You will receive one ticket for every two items donated. Look for more information about the outing in this newsletter.

Thanksgiving outing at Coulterville also means **elections** are here. Voting will take place at the Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving outing on Saturday, October 21st. The positions open include President, Secretary, Publisher/Editor in Chief, Outing Coordinator and Ways and Means. **Absentee Ballots** must be received by October 18th.



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## Reminder:

California fire permits expire at the end of each year. You can get your 2017 fire permit by watching the video and taking a small quiz at the following site:

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# Membership News

## New members:

On behalf of the Officers, Directors and current Membership I'd like to welcome and acknowledge our newest members. Let's all give them a Big UPI welcome!

**Resid Gasi, Manteca, CA**

**Jerry Yagmourin, Sunnyvale, CA**

**Don deFremeny, Livermore, CA**

**Janiese & Alfred Priore, Greenville, CA**

**Kristophor Timmons, Marina, CA**

**Ron Green, Bishop, CA**

**John Blair, Sonora, CA**

**Steven & Nancy Fox, Oroville, CA**

**Steve Scott, McArthur, CA**

**Monte Laskosky, Galt, CA**

**Steven Gessler, San Diego, CA**

You've joined an outstanding, fun bunch of gold and gem seekers. We look forward to meeting you in person, at an outing and on the claims. We now have three active chapters and I encourage you to attend one of their meetings if you get the chance.

## Renewing and returning members:

It's awesome to see so many members renewing and staying active in the club. Your continued support of the UPI is what keeps our organization alive. Many thanks and remember, without you there'd be no club.

## Other membership news:

### Reminders:

- When renewing your membership, you must fill out and sign a new application each year.
- If you check the box for electronic news letters 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 also receive e-mail notifications when the newsletters are available on line.
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Thanks for your support,  
Dave Williams  
UPI Membership Director  
[Fools-gold49@att.net](mailto:Fools-gold49@att.net)

The advertisement features three photos of white service vans with "JJ" logos parked in front of houses. Below the photos is a black box with white text.

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The advertisement has a yellow background with a black border. It features the text "PIONEER MINING SUPPLIES" in large, bold, black letters. Below this is "Metal Detectors • Prospecting Equipment" and "HEATHER & JOHN WILLIS (Sometimes Frank)". Contact information is provided at the bottom.

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# 2017 UPI Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck, Coulterville, CA

On **Saturday**, October 21st **5:00pm** the UPI Potluck Dinner and Drawing will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall, on Main Street, in the middle of town. **RSVP TO Ed, The Prez, at 925-706-8193 or OzMiner@msn.com.** Please tell us how many are coming and what you are bringing.

## UPI WILL PROVIDE:

Turkey, Ham, & Mashed Potatoes, Bottled Water, Coffee, Plates, Utensils, and Napkins

**Please bring your own beverages.**

Below is a list of side dishes needed. We have an average of 100 UPI members attend, so your help will be very much appreciated. Please make sure to supply your own serving dishes and utensils (you may want to put name on them). Also, when leaving, please make sure to pick up your items. If you do not want your leftovers, it is your responsibility to give them away. Food should already be prepared and, if necessary, only require minimal re-heating. Please be prepared to heat your own dishes. Please use your own cooler.

## WHAT IS NEEDED:

Stuffing (need 4-5 dishes)	Cranberry Sauce (homemade is better)
Gravy (there's never too much J)	Olives, pickles, etc. (several cans/jars)
Sweet potatoes/Yams (need 2-3 dishes)	Rolls and butter
Vegetable side dishes (need 4-5 dishes)	Desserts (cakes, pies, cheesecake, etc...)
Salads (green, bean, fruit, potato, etc.)	Your Choice – Surprise us!



**Please don't forget to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Coulterville Area Food Drive and receive your free drawing tickets.**

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## Come one-come all for the annual UPI Contra Costa Chapter Metal Detecting Hunt

Saturday October 7th at 10:00 am

**Open to UPI members and immediate family only**

Hunt will be held at Almondridge Park, just off Highway 4 in Antioch.

There will be a potluck lunch held immediately after the hunt. UPI Contra Costa Chapter will supply the hot dogs, sausages, buns, and condiments. Please bring a side dish to share and your own drinks. Also, bring your chairs!

Price is: \$10.00 per hunter (please no big foots or pulse inductor machines).

100% payback, plus \$500.00 more in prizes donated by the Chapter!!

**You must RSVP** to Bobby Whitworth at (925) 586-6443. Please let Bobby know if you are hunting and/or staying for lunch and how many for lunch. If you are not hunting, you are welcome to come cheer the hunters on and stay for lunch.



# FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

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Many of you are aware of the long standing issue of our **Genesee III** claim. The issue is still outstanding. Our Genesee III claim is 20 acres and located at the first pull-out BLM campground area and is located in the campground itself. The claim is currently marked by the top filers Terry and Suzy Barnes claim markers. **We must continue to ask that UPI members do not prospect on this portion of our Genesee claims until further notice.**

The **Sonora Gold Show**, hosted by Delta Gold Diggers was held on the weekend of August 20th. Once again, UPI set up a recruiting booth at this great event. We ran a show special for new and renewing



members. Welcome to our new members and thanks to the renewing members who were able to take advantage of this great special. We had a great time at the show. Many thanks to UPI volunteers **Kenny and Gloria Nichols** who helped make our booth successful. And



again, GREAT job Delta Gold Diggers, the outstanding work by your volunteers made this another rock star event!! Hope to see you again next year!

Long time UPI supporters, **Black Sheep Mining** have closed their doors. We want to thank them for their continued support throughout the years and wish them much success in their future endeavors. Also, we look forward to them continuing to be a big part of our mining community.

Laurie and I just got back from the **AMRA Gold and Outdoor Festival** that was held the weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We set up another UPI recruiting booth and had a great time meeting and educating new folks about UPI. Also, it was great to see many UPI folks at the show and Saturday night fund raising dinner supporting AMRA's many outstanding efforts.

**Reminders: Please be cautious of your surroundings when prospecting and especially in the Bull Creek area right now. Because of the recent fires, there have been more than the usual cougar, snake, etc. sightings.**

As a UPI member you have access to over 1200 acres of UPI claims, However, please keep in mind that **every person working a UPI claim must have a UPI membership**. Your family membership includes spouses and children under 18 only (age exceptions for dependent children). The only time a guest is permitted to work a UPI claim is during a UPI scheduled outing and only when assisting you. Guests must sign a Guest Release of Liability and Assumption of All Risks, a copy of which is available in you Membership Claims and Rules Guide Book or at our UPI website. We do welcome and encourage guests to attend monthly Chapter meetings. This gives folks a good opportunity to meet UPI members and get an insight to our organization to see if they are interested in joining.

And lastly, remember, the more dirt you dig, the more gold you'll get, but, please remember to be respectful. Fill your holes and leave the land and vegetation as you found it. Have fun out there and hope to see you at Coulterville.

# OFFICIAL UPI BALLOT - 2017

Absentee Ballots must be received at the address below by October 18, 2017.  
Voting is also available at the UPI Coulterville Outing on October 21, 2017.

## OFFICER POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

**President:** \_\_\_\_ Cal Courtnier

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

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

## DIRECTOR POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

**Publisher/Editor-in-Chief:** \_\_\_\_ Gil Mink (Incumbent)

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

**Outing Coordinator:** Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

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A **write in** candidate **must** have been a member in good standing for the past year **and have accepted the nomination**. Absentee ballots must be received by October 18, 2017 at: UPI , 2401 E Orangeburg Avenue, Ste 675-237 Modesto, CA 95355

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

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