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Another great day at Roaring Camp!



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# UNITED PROSPECTORS INC.

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello!

Our August outing at our Twain claim went well, and gold was found, which is always a plus!

We had 28 people who signed in at the outing but, to be honest, by the looks of the potluck that number might be low.

Friday night's Bingo-For-Gold had 7 players walking away with gold nuggets for winning a variety of different Bingo games.

The Saturday morning metal detecting hunt only had 6 hunters but around \$200.00 in prizes was given away. The hunt field was loaded with trash and other metals, but the targets were either on the surface or on logs which led to most of the targets being found.

We had three people either renew their memberships, or sign up for the first time, eight T-shirts were sold, folks bought tickets for the drop riffle sluice, and B. Hanson won \$104.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

The main drawing had 41+ gold nuggets, along with a variety of other prizes, some urned and others not urned. (if you were there, you know ALL about the urn!).

The September outing to Roaring Camp went off without a hitch, and 19 members had a good time either trying to find gold in the seeded dirt pile, or just hanging out by the river.

I got the biggest kick over the first-timers at Roaring Camp. They all seemed to have had a good time, and were already talking about the September 2024 trip on the truck ride back to their cars.!

As a reminder, our membership application has changed to feature an increase in our membership dues if you want to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter through the U.S. Mail. Please review your membership application closely when you renew your membership in the future.

We have elections coming up in October, and we have several vacant positions . There is a form contained in this newsletter where you can nominate someone who you think would be a good addition to the board. The Board of Directors needs you or your input to continue to make UPI one of the premier clubs in the area!

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.

Take care,

Dan DiCarlo

UPI President



# Board Meeting Minutes

## UPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 5, 2023

President called meeting to order at 10:04 am

### Roll Call:

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

Officers absent: Kim Dessausios, Treasurer

Directors present: Dan DiCarlo, Publisher/Ed-in-Chief; Cal Courtmier, Ways and Means; Sid Calija, Claims Manager

Directors absent: Kathy McGann, Membership

Volunteers present: Michael Steele, Central Valley Chapter; Dan DiCarlo, Contra Costa Chapter

Volunteers absent: Anthony Davenport, Central Valley Chapter

Minutes were read and accepted.

### REPORTS:

President – Attending various Gem/Rock shows to promote UPI, planning on attending Gun shows.

Vice President – Central Valley meetings have been going well.

Treasurer – absent, balance of \$10,685.96 per President

Secretary – nothing to report.

Pub/Ed-in-Chief – ballots for open positions will be in the next newsletter.

Claims Manager – UPI has acquired a new claim on the Kanaka Creek near Alleghany CA near the Sixteen to One Mine. More details on location and access to follow.

Membership – 199 members total, 85 active lifetime and 10 inactive lifetime members

Outings Coordinator – vacant

Ways and Means – has a supply of gold to sell if chapters are in need.

Web Master – nothing to report.

### Chapters:

Central Valley – meetings going well

Contra Costa – there will be no meeting in September as lead Dan DiCarlo will be on vacation

**Education/shows:** President Dan DiCarlo has upcoming rock and bottle shows to promote club and is planning on attending future gun shows.



# Board Meeting Minutes

**Ethics and Grievances:** complaints some members that some drawing prizes are “garage sale garbage/broken items”. Complaints that guests brought to outings by members are excluded from the Friday night Bingo for Gold and other free activities given to members. It was discussed and guests of members will be able to participate in all activities of the outing.

**Open Forum:** nothing to discuss.

## Old Business

The revised membership form was reviewed and accepted.  
The hall in Coulterville for the pre-Thanksgiving bash has been reserved and paid for.

## Event schedule

August 5	Board meeting, Stockton Eagles Club
August 25, 26, 27	Outing at Twain
September 9	Roaring Camp
October 13, 14, 15	Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving feed and election of various open positions
October 14	Board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm



# Twain Outing!





# Roaring Camp Outing!





# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## 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



# Upcoming Events

April 28, 29, 30

June 24

Aug 18, 19, 20

Sept 9

Oct 13, 14, 15

Bull Creek—**COMPLETED**

Metal Detecting Hunt/Potluck—**COMPLETED**

Twain—**COMPLETED**

Roaring Camp Day Trip—**COMPLETED**

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:**

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**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> "

# Coulterville Oct. 13,14,15

The **Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving outing** is October 13th, 14th, and 15h.

On Saturday the 14th, we will have the 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.

Here is a list of the scheduled events, all occurring on **Saturday, October 14:**

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, 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 elections	Odd Fellows Hall	



# Coulterville Oct. 13,14,15

## Potluck - What you should bring –

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. <b><u>Rolls are important!</u></b>	
M,N,O,P	Salads, lettuce, greens, and dressings.	Cole slaw is NOT an option.
Q,R,S,T	Appetizers, chips and dips, cheese and crackers, any finger foods.	
U,V,W,X,Y,Z	<b><u>Potatoes, mashed!</u></b> Potatoes au gratin.	

**Please bring a folding table if you have one or more.**

**Outing Attendance Drawing –** Will be held soon after the potluck wraps up AND the elections have been completed.

This is for the HUGE nugget displayed in previous emails.

**Food Donation Drawing –** Will be held soon after the potluck wraps up AND the elections have been completed.

The winning ticket will be drawn from the combined Central Valley and Contra Costa chapter tickets awarded in our chapter meetings throughout the year.

**Outing Drawing Prize Drawing –** Will be held soon after the potluck wraps up AND the elections have been completed.

The winning ticket for the drop riffle sluice whose tickets were only available for purchase at our outings will be drawn.

**Main Drawing –** Will be held soon after the potluck wraps up AND the elections have been completed.

**Bent tickets will be discarded during the drawing.**

**Donations for the drawing are greatly appreciated!**

# OFFICIAL UPI BALLOT—2023



Completed Absentee Ballots (this form) must be received at the address below by October 7, 2023.

Voting will also be available at the UPI Coulterville Outing on October 14, 2023.

## OFFICER POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Dan DiCarlo (Incumbent)

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

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

David Zachry

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

## DIRECTOR POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

Publisher/Editor-in-Chief: \_\_\_\_\_

Vacant

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

Outings Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Hanson

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

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 7, 2023 at:

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Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your UPI Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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***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 \$55.00/year to receive hardcopy newsletter:**    **New** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**How did you hear about us?**

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

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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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