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PUT YOUR TROUBLES IN A POCKET WITH A HOLE IN IT AND GO PROSPECTING

The Bull Creek Outing was a huge success!! Over fifty members arrived and everyone had a great time!

REMINDER and CHANGES

Please make note that the next outing is the Genessee Outing the week of July 5-13. There has been a change to the date of the Meeting and Potluck. The Potluck will be held on Saturday, July 5 and there will be a round table meeting after the potluck and before the raffle. After two years of fires in this area please be sure to check road and forest conditions before heading out.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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2008

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Prez Message:

Bull Creek turned out to be a wonderful outing. I believe everyone had a great time, there was gold found by all that looked, although all of us did have to go back to work instead of retiring on the gold we found. Our Ways and Means director Sid Parrish has really stepped up the raffle prize quality and made the raffles a blast. Christa, Tom, and Steve pulled off a great pancake breakfast, along with the help of many others. Our thanks go out to all of those that contributed. The next outing will be at Genesee near the little town of Taylorsville. In case you did not know Taylorsville sponsors the Silver Buckle Rodeo, as well as an old fashion parade and a Lions Club pancake breakfast. On top of all of that this claim usually produces some of the better quantities of gold. Plenty to entertain you on your big weekend. Please make sure that you are letting our sponsors know that you are from UPI, some will offer discounts to UPI members so speak up. Also they will know that their donation is working for them and growing their business.

The environmentalists are at it again, they have gotten a rider attached to the budget that will shut down dredging until a environmental impact study can be completed. What can you do about this? First if you plan to get a dredging permit do it now!! Second write the governor and let him know of this underhanded tactic. Many studies have been completed in the past and in all cases there has been no evidence to show that dredging is bad for the stream. Most studies have shown that moving the stream material around is good for the fish life as well as the other life in the stream. So don't wait, write that letter now. See you at Genesee.

THE OUTING

Christa and I arrived at our Bull Creek claim just after the rains, the parking lot had a few mud puddles here and there. We were told stories of how the water was flowing through the parking area like little rivers, in some places as much as 8 in. deep. A few clouds, a little cool at night, but perfect during the day. In the mornings, I would get up early, make coffee, and take Howard out for a walk. Each morning I see this Gold Miner with white coveralls, carrying his mining tools down to Toby's Toy. "Good morning John" I would say, and each morning he would walk down to the creek. Such a hard worker he is! Could it be that is why he finds so much gold?

I set up, up stream this time, at the bottom of our middle claim. Bob and I shared the same hole, it was good, we helped each other moving the boulders an the water stayed clear. Our reward for our efforts were found in the black sand at the end of the day, those chunky little bright Gold pieces. Soo worth the effort, and soo rewarding. Saturday, Christa set up a "Panning Contest" in the middle of the parking area. Great turn out, everyone wanted to participate. She has 3 groups, The Guys, the Girls, and the Kids. Who would of thought that the Girls would take the honors! Not only did they beat our times, but they put us to shame ! What a great time we had. More that 50 people were at the Pot Luck! Fantastic show, great raffle prizes, new members, new faces, new names. We had two celebrations Saturday evening, Bob's birthday, and thanks to Joe, for his time spent in Afghanistan defending our country. Thanks to all our friends for this special outing, a great time for everyone, and great memories for all of us.

Tom, Christa, and Howard

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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2008

Please attend the board meetings as often as you can. They are an important part of the UPI organization and your input is appreciated and needed.

***April 25, 26, 27th Moccasin Creek UPI**
Board meeting after potluck & raffle, 4/26/08

***May 30, 31, & June 1 Bull Creek UPI**
Board meeting after potluck & raffle, 5/31/08
(NOI needed for mining activities)

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Sacramento County. *Currently Open*

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Directors: Chet Chastain, Christa Eastland, Denise Matula, Sid Parrish, Bob Azbill, Chris Perry, and Gerald Hurt, temporary

May 2008 Online Minutes

ROLE CALL: All were present

Minutes were read, Chet motioned to accept the January 2008 minutes and Christa seconded the motion. Motioned carried.

Treasurer, Aaron Matula submitted his report: Balance (as of 4/23/08): \$17,708.87

Less: Outstanding checks:

3236 - Gave to Don

3237 - Gave to Don

3238 - Gave to Don

3239 Mark Weber (Webhosting for 2 years) \$166.80

3240 Pro Mailers \$291.45

3241 Allegra Print (Issue #297) \$ 300.40

Subtotal \$758.65

Ending Balance: \$16,950.22

There was a budget presented at the last meeting in January, Membership - \$3000,

Ways and Means - \$2500, Claims - \$5000, Publications - \$7000, Website - \$325, Outing Coordinator - \$1000.

Membership, Denise Matula submitted her report: Since 02/15/08 we have had the following members; new - 50, life - 1, renewed - 69. Total members Life - 60, Regular - 330, Other - 18, which is a Total of 408 Members.

Wagon Master, Bob Azbill submitted his report: With respect to my position as "Wagon Master", I don't have much to report at this point except that I am awaiting the billing for the port-a-potty from Moccasin. I will submit the bill when I get it. Also I am still waiting for a Copy of the list of Potty vendors that have been used in the past. I know this list exists, and if no one can provide it to me, I would ask that the Treasurer review past billings and payments made to get the info I need. I have made some signs to place at the outings to direct members to the proper site. I will be bringing them to Bull Creek for their first viewing and use. I will also be bringing something to put trash into to be sure trash gets hauled out of the site when we leave.

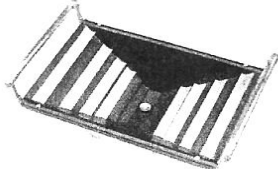
It was also agreed that Bob will have a port-a-potty delivered at Bull Creek.

Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland: Nothing to report.

Ways and Means, Sid Parrish submitted his report: Well we've been busy spending your money! I believe our budget was \$32XX something. We have spent so far \$2140.45 using Lorrie's discounts and our natural charm. Out of the \$2200.00 payment. This includes making several trips copying and shipping tri-folds and we purchased larger size tee shirts (we've got some big people in our group XXL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL), new hooded sweat shirts to make up the balance at members requests and they are selling well. Aaron I will be sending you receipts for these purchases and have included a hard copy XL spreadsheet. I have ordered Hats as we are down to 2 and finding the right size flags that should be another \$750.00 still to spend which will put us way under budget, even with more tri-fold copies and mailings. Doc said he was sending out the grizzly pans a few weeks ago, so I expect to receive them any day. Gallo wine should get delivered to Don in the next few weeks (Don't Drink it all) as Randy only lives a couple of blocks from him. If there is an issue before the Bull Raffle I'll pick it up on my way. We made some nice purchases (Read Ways and Means News letter) and had several nice donations which will carry our Raffles over in to next year. I do hope to sell out of Store items this year and we have talked to some chapter chairs in setting up a mini store at their Chapters, so far the test sales have paid off per Lorrie. I should make the Raffle 5-31-08 (thought it was on memorial weekend which I won't be there).

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Claims, Chet Chastain submitted his report: I submitted an article to Don regarding Clippership. He is reviewing it. I have attached the draft to my email. This claim remains closed to members. Salmon River UPI - Don called Dave McCracken of New 49rs to find out what they are doing. They have gotten out of the area managed by Orleans Ranger District. They found it too much of a hassle. Just for yuks I did an extract of active claims in nearby sections. Besides ours there is only one claim that the New 49rs put there. They sold and/or gave up all of the others. Remember in 2004 they claimed up about 15 miles of that river. Not many of them remain. Our relationship with Orleans Ranger District had been fairly stable until an interim ranger took over. She had it in for everybody. When the New 49rs claimed the entire river their attitude hardened to the point that negotiations became difficult. The situation hasn't improved much since then. I personally blame the New 49rs for our situation there. I believe the only recourse left to us is to abandon that claim or to return it to its original locators,

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

None reported this period

New Members

5/1/08 -5/30/08

Name

Gene Hansel
Leslie Guinn
Chuck Liening
Glen May
Gary Smith
David Colombo
Tom Hicky
Robert E Campbell
Robert Helgesen
Michael Carlson
Theodore Marcelja
Robert Dunstan
William Taylor
Susan Fortson
Eugenia Koutepova
Scott Keogh

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Renewing Members

4/30/08-5/30/08

Name

Dottie Leet
Don & Bev Kalmbach
Lance Schmidt
Alvin W Frink
Rex Miller
Ted Stolling
Vic & Esther Griffith
Walter & Beverly Hills
Nancy Hiteshew
Carl & Bernadine Petersen
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William & Carol Eastland
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Randol Thrasher
Pat Milligan
Kelly & Cathy Hall
Merv Pate
Jack & Kay Lapham
James Silva
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Don & Margo Kazsuk
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Glenn Anderson	Quartzsite AZ
Allen Smith	Atwater CA
Steve Sawyer	Modesto CA
John Dickenson Jr.	Waterford CA
Bennett Lacher	Camino CA
Al Crane	Coarsegold CA
Steve Alban	Palo Alto CA
Joe Cox	Scott Valley CA
Alfred Cano	Woodland CA

Members Up For Renewal:

5/31/08-7/31/08

Charles & Ethel Muttart, Mike & Gail McCann, Mark Chambers, Edward & Deanna Bailey, James Haring, Johnny R Lewis, Jim Bohannon, Darrell Billups, Roy & Marti Dunston, Richard & Carol Worthington, Keith Kemp, Paul Sprenkle, Bob & Georgia Azbill, Mike Pivacek, Dean Fallen, Thomas Florence, James Silva, Jorge Gonzalez, William Denney, Gordon Thomas, Harry Whitehead, Randy Marble, Robert Marsh, Michael Brickwedel, Ronald Johansen, Robert McLean, Frank Thomas, Brett Roberts, James Lee hatadis, Ben Wallis, Bryan Strecker, Ed Fulton, Robert E Cadman, Bob & Jeanne Williams, Roger H Dean, Kevin Bell, Philip Gaskins, Kevin Buelld

*****This membership list only goes through 7/31/08. If you think your membership is due or you have any questions about your membership please call the membership director or your President and they will be happy to answer your questions. Please have your membership # available. If you have submitted a new membership please allow up to 4 weeks for processing.***



Butterflies

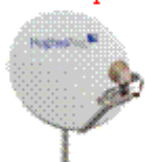


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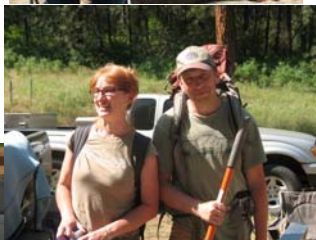


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What can you do at an outing if you don't want to pan/dredge for gold? Well I'll tell ya! Nature walks, playing cards with friends, reading, resting, looking for Garnets, visiting with friends, just to name a few things to keep you occupied.



Whatever it is you choose to do, remember outings are a time to enjoy, relax and get to know your members.
Happy Outing everyone!

BOARD NOTES *continued from page 4:*

namely Dan Short and Jerry Randall. UPI acquired the claim for the cost of Filing and Recording. I don't think we will ever be able to have an actual outing there again. At most, small groups, such as Dirk Verhoest and company had in 2007, would have access and then only by special arrangement and individual negotiations. This claim remains closed to members. A response to our 2008 Notice of Intent is still pending a decision by the Board. Due to the nature of expenses regarding claims I am requesting that the Board pre-pay for the annual expenses. That way I can pay taxes, rental fees, etc. as they come in. As in past years, I will reconcile these expenses periodically in the regular expense reports. This has worked in the past two years for me. If approved, I would like to get my budget now rather than in pieces. Our claims expenses come in large chunks for the most part. Rita made a motion to abandon Salmon River and to give it back to Dan Short or Jerry Randall. Christa seconded the motion. The motion carried. It was discussed to purchase new claims that are within our means to purchase.

Technical Advisor, Chris Perry : Nothing to submit.

Political-Grievance, Vacant: Vacant

Chapters, Vacant: Vacant

Editor/Editor-in-Chief/Publisher, Vacant: Vacant

Treasurer, Aaron submitted report: I made a deposit of \$311, proceeds from the last outing. of that total \$52 was the 50/50 raffle the remainder was the raffle. Also checks written are #3236 - \$4000 to Chet Chastain, #3237 - \$37.56 to Cindy Siegel.

Unfinished Business: Don reiterated the new business from January. The moving of the elections will require that we make an official posting in the newsletter and we take a vote from the membership. The notice will read, the following changes to the UPI by-laws has been approved by the board of directors and will be voted on at the Genesee outing by the membership. Elections will be held in November at the annual Thanksgiving outing or whichever outing will be the last outing of the year.

New Business: No new business.

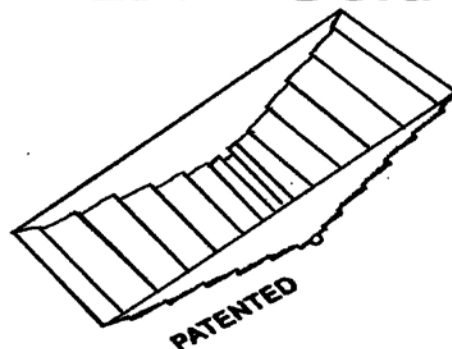
****IMPORTANT NOTICE:****

CHANGES TO UPI BY-LAWS

The following change * to the UPI by-laws has been approved by the board of directors and will be voted on at the Genesee outing by the membership:

***Elections will be held in November at the annual Thanksgiving outing or the last outing of the year.**

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Submitted by Rita Perry:

Hello UPI Members! I just wanted to thank everyone for a wonderful outing at Bull Creek. It was a good time and great being out there with everyone. We had an assortment of prizes which were thought of by Sid Parrish, many thanks for a wonderful job you are doing. I would also like to thank Bob Azbill on the top notch signs - we can't get lost now. We saw those signs at 11 o'clock at night. Many thanks, Bob. Christa worked hard this weekend; she had a spaghetti dinner Friday Night, which I heard was great, I'm sorry we missed it. Saturday, she had her panning contest and everyone seemed to enjoy, since the women were out panning the men. Then Sunday morning Steve Letlow and Christa had a Pancake, Biscuit, and Gravy Breakfast ; PERFECT! One more thing I would like to add is the recipe the members were asking for.

See page 11 for Rita's delicious Chili Rellenos recipe.



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

CLAMS MANAGER NOTE:

My opinion about Claims:

Recently we have had complaints about folks using our claims around Quincy. In particular are the Genesee, CLM Gold and Greenhorn claims. We have members telling folks that they are using our claims and others challenging folks that are putting their signs up at our claims. There is nothing we can do unless someone files a claim over ours. I don't think it is a good idea for members to take it upon themselves to challenge people at the claims. I don't know who is taking our signs down or taking papers out of our monuments. All we can do is put them back.

I can just imagine what it was like for a GPAA member to go to a GPAA claim near ours and have someone tell him that he is not on a GPAA claim when he was. Or to have a member visit one of our claims and have someone tell him that it is their claim. This situation is confusing to me. UPI is here to promote prospecting. Our claims are being prospected. What is the problem? If a member is not making a significant disturbance when he or she uses our claim then what disturbance is a non-member making doing the same thing? UPI has mining and camping rules that comply with the host forests requirements. We are within the law/regulations/policies/whatever when we use our claims within our rules. If anyone uses our claim outside of those rules, UPI is covered. If a non-member uses our claim and remains within our rules then there is no significant disturbance - so again, we are covered.

My suggestions: We have "incident report" cards from PLP. If a Board Member encounters a non-member on what is KNOWN to be our claim, and takes down the information then what else can, or should, we do? If someone tells a Board Member that a location KNOWN to be a UPI claim is on their claim, ask that person for their Location Notice and take down information from that form or ask for a copy. What else can we do? Either our Location Notice pre-dates theirs or not - it is that simple. If they cannot produce a Location Notice then no claim exists. I guess all Board Members would need to carry our Location Notices with them at all times for this to work. Maybe only the UPI Officers should do this???? This is too complicated for me. I don't want non-Board Members challenging folks on our claims. One- they don't know where the claim boundaries are; and Two - they don't have the right to represent UPI in a legal matter. I think we can survive a few "claim jumpers". I feel the negative impression on UPI by making a mistake is more costly. Instead of "policing" the claims by challenging folks we can carry a few membership applications with us and hand them out to folks we encounter regardless of their membership in UPI. That way we show the prospector that he is welcome on our claim and is among friendly fellow prospectors. Let him prospect our claim and encourage him to make it his too. The membership fee is negligible when you figure in the expense of just getting set up out there. I couldn't go to Bull Creek this month because it would have cost \$400 just in fuel. I only spent about \$450 for my lifetime membership in UPI. I really don't think someone that is dredging our claim is there to get rich on the gold he finds. We aren't going to go broke by non-members using our claims. I feel we will go broke by spreading the perception that we are hostile to prospectors. I feel it is more important to encourage membership then it is to protect our claims from what we consider "insignificant disturbance".

Chet Chastain
UPI Claims Manager



VOLUNTEER EDITOR IN CHIEF'S NOTE:

My two cents worth:

I am not a board member, just a volunteer, however I would like to comment on Chet's opinion. I agree with him 100%. I don't feel we should be confronting prospectors on claims, even if you know for sure that they are not members. We have numerous members that have had problems with getting their membership information due to US Mail issues and it would be a shame to have them "hassled" when they were told they could go ahead and prospect until their membership is straightened out. It would be a shame to have a UPI member get "threatened" or hurt due to them confronting a non-member on one of our claims. I agree with Chet, members are not police officers, forest rangers, etc and they don't have all the facts. I feel you should show the prospector courtesy and give the impression that UPI is a friendly and welcoming organization. The last thing anyone wants is to get into a confrontation with anyone or create a "legal" situation for themselves or the organization. This is only my opinion.

Cindy
Volunteer EIC

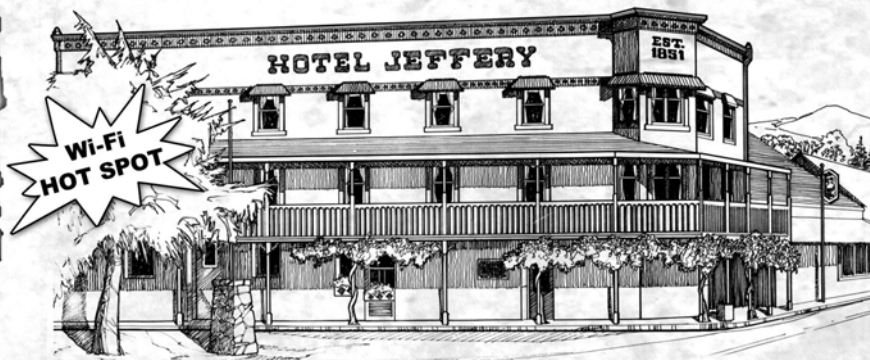
If anyone has an opinion they would like to "share" please email me and I will include it in the newsletters. We can start a Letter to the Editor section if you want. Remember, members have a voice in the organization and we welcome your opinions, concerns and ideas, whether it is about claims or another issue you would like to address. We welcome your comments.

Matthew Sul found some time to go fishing and he sure caught a lot of fish. Everyone in the Sul area enjoyed fish for breakfast, lunch and dinner I think. I know Don had a few pieces himself. Great Catch Matthew.



Matthew above with some of his fish and to the left Gloria is frying them up for everyone. Yummy, yummy!

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WAGON MASTER REPORT:

I hope all concerned were able to see the signs pointing the way to the claim. Between the plates on the trees pointing the way at intersections and places where a person could get confused as to the right choice and the final signs pointing down into the campground I am fairly certain that the signs were appreciated. We narrowly avoided having no porta potty. We were scheduled to get the porta potty delivered on Thursday (confirmed on Tuesday) yet there was no potty delivered as result of a scheduling problem at the vendor's end. Friday morning Don and I drove up to the ridge to get cell phone signal and called to check on the problem. We were told the potty would be there on Friday afternoon. As you all know it didn't show up until Saturday morning. I spoke to the driver and he told me he was the regular driver to deliver to Bull Creek and that the person sent out on Friday couldn't make it past the 30 foot creek that crossed the road?? The campground was policed and picked up before I left and I think it looked pretty good. The trash I did pick up was for the most part older trash. Our group did a great job of cleaning up after our selves. Thanks, Bob

WAYS N MEANS:

Hi *PROSPECTORS*,

Bull Creek was a major UPI event and everyone had a great time, lots of gold and garnets were found and there was a large crowd, 50+ people. What a variety at the potluck! Everyone had a good time at the raffle as it lasted most of the evening. Joe Sul and Bob Azbill were the big winners, but Michael Brick and Steve Hill enjoyed their items the most! We gave out over 56 items with many major prizes. There were Sluice boxes, a wood display case, sniping tube, many books and DVD's, bezzled necklaces to put your own gold or garnets into from Bull Creek, a pannier silver coin and of course a few nuggets.

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Tee Shirts \$20.00 XXL 2XL 3XL 4XL		
Hooded Sweat Shirts XL ONLY \$25.00 (They're almost gone)		

The UPI artwork has been enhanced to provide a clearer image of our mascots on newer items and have had good comments on the quality. I have been unsuccessful in finding a reasonable price for UPI Flags, so this item is discontinued. (Sorry)

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Thank you all in advance for making these raffles golden!

See you all at Genesee July 4, 5,6

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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2008

***July 5-13 Genesee UPI**

^^Board meeting after potluck & raffle, 7/5/08

***August 24-31 Squirrel Creek UPI**

Board Meeting after potluck & raffle, 8/30/08

***October 3-5 Gems & Minerals, location TBD**

Board meeting after potluck & raffle, 10/4/08

*****ELECTIONS*****

***November 7-9 Coulterville 9th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving**

Board meeting 9am 11/8/08 Detector Hunt, Panning Contest, and more.....)

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.

^^ Board meeting and Potluck have been changed from 7/12/08 to 7/5/08.



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My Nature walk:

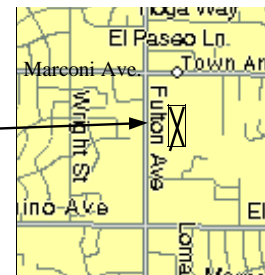
Don always tells me to watch for leaves of three and leave them be. Well I found a lot of leaves of 3. Can you tell which one is the poison oak?
(answer on page 15)

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A lot of the members at the Bull Creek outing were asking for receipes and I have two of them. If anyone wishes to share any of their receipes I'd be glad to print them in future issues..



Submitted by Rita Perry:

EASY CHILI RELLENOS

10" DUTCH OVEN, GREASED
BAKE @ 350 DEGREES, 35-40 MINUTES
DRAIN: 2 7-OUNCE CANS **WHOLE GREEN CHILI PEPPERS**

Remove Seeds, rinse and arrange on oven bottom
Grate and sprinkle on top of chilies:

1 POUND **CHEDDAR CHEESE**
1 POUND **JACK CHEESE**

Combine: 6 **EGGS**, well beaten
1 CUP OF **MILK**
¼ CUP **FLOUR**
½ TEASPOON **SALT**

Pour egg mixture over peppers and cheese. Add top and bottom heat. Bake until eggs are solid, use 2/3's timing. Cool 10 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve with mild or hot salsa.



Submitted by Christa Eastland:

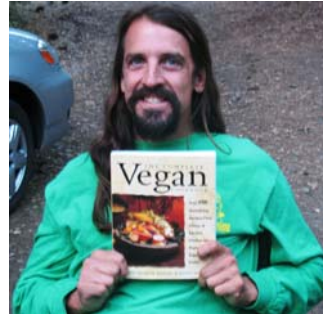
PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN BISCUITS

1 (10oz.) can crushed pineapple
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup butter at room temp.
10 Maraschino cherries
1 (12oz.) package refrigerated biscuits
(10 count)

Grease 10 cups of a muffin tin. Strain the crushed pineapple. Save the juice for later.

Combine the pineapple, sugar, and butter, and mix well. Divide the pineapple mixture among the muffin cups. Place a Cherrie in the center of each muffin cup. Place 1 biscuit in each cup on top of sugar and pineapple mixture. Spoon 1 tsp. reserved pineapple juice over each biscuit.

Bake 12-15 min. until golden
Cool for 2 min. invert the pan on a plate to release the biscuits. Serve warm.



Submitted by Travis Wolfe:

TOMATO, ZUCCHINI AND JICAMA SALAD with fresh dill vinaigrette

1lb. small Zucchini (about 5)
2lbs Jicama
1lb small fresh pear tomatoes, quartered lengthwise
1/2 medium red onion, thinly sliced
3TBS extra-virgin olive oil
2TBS red wine vinegar
1 clove garlic minced
1/2 tsp salt
Several grinds black pepper
3TBS minced fresh dill
2TBS minced fresh parsley

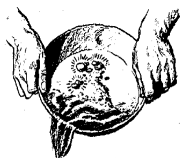
Cut off and discard the ends of the Zucchini and slice them crosswise into 1/4 inch slices. Peel the Jicama and cut it into thin matchsticks. In a large serving bowl, combine the zucchini, Jicama, tomatoes, and red onion. Set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper until emulsified, about one minute. Add the dill and parsley and whisk to combine. Pour over the vegetables and toss to coat. Serve immediately, or cover and chill for several hours, returning to room temperature before serving.

Yield: 8 side dish servings. Each serving provides:
86 calories, 2g protein, 6g fat, 3g dietary fiber,
9g carbohydrates, 142mg sodium, 0mg cholesterol.

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday drew a large crowd. Christa sure knows how to put together events for an outing. Great Job again!! Delicious Meal!! Thank you!





ROLL CALL BULL CREEK OUTING MAY 2008

1. Ron Bassell
2. Dietrich Papp—sluice Box
3. Iouri Koutepov—Dave McCracken Gold Dredgers handbook
4. Eugenia Koutepov—Signed Dave McCracken Advanced Dredging Techniques
5. Jonnina Speidel
6. Bobby Whitworth—silver box with display jars, Nevada Gold and Gem Map
7. Lisa Whitworth
8. Paul Peterson
9. Jim Peterson—Lost Treasure mini book, vial, magnifying glass, black 3 pry bar set
10. Beverly Hills—Garnet pouch, vial, chip sealer clip, Keene black sniping tube
11. Walter Hills—magnifying headset
12. Ron Russell—wooden display box
13. Roy Dunston—8 in 1 lighted tool and green magnifying glass
14. Marti Dunston—stackable classifier, cyphon pump
15. Gerald Hurt
16. Kelly Hall—multi purpose scissors, waterproof necklace with two vials
17. Kenny Hall
18. Jim Hill—Waterproof necklace magnifying tweezers and magnet, wire wrap plier set, tire gauge, poncho and magnifier.
19. Cindy Siegel
20. Don Siegel
21. Adam Cox—red handle pickup magnet, pcket knife
22. Don Cox—Brush, tweezer and vial, 6V black battery
23. Steve Letlow—Purple octagon pan, UPI fanny pak, white gold panner t-shirt, large crystal and vial necklace, waterproof holder, UPI patch and crystal
24. Joe Letlow—Blue trinity pan
25. William Letlow—Gold dredger license plate
26. Al Crane—Gold Nugget
27. Beverly Paul
28. Brenda Marsh
29. Sid Parrish
30. Lorrie Parrish
31. Frank Hansen—Large rectangle necklace for gold, 50/50 raffle \$112.00
32. Ken Liddle—UPI canvas tote bag, 49er DVD, refining kit
33. Bob Azbill—plastic storage container with dividers, orange rubber snipping tool, Clay B Gone, green bucket classifier, Gold Rush Book, sniffer bottle, vial, oval bezzle necklace
34. Georgia Azbill—Gold ore bag, red prybar, pocket knife, pick and shovel hat pin, GPAA green gold pan with 49er DVD
35. Christa Eastland—Gold Panner license plate, Lost Treasure mini book, vial necklace, black gold pan, silver round with gold panner
36. Tom Eastland
37. Michael Brickwedel—necklace with rattlesnake eggs and vial
38. John Meling
39. Cathy Meling
40. Gloria Sul
41. Matthew Sul
42. Joe Sul—Orange funnel set and knife, pocket knife, Underwater Sniping for Gold Book silver specimen jar, hat pin
43. Gloria Nichols
44. Kenneth Nichols
45. Richard Palmini
46. Travis Wolfe
47. Stanley Webster—Gold Nugget
48. Gail Webster—Black rubber mallot, rattlesnake eggs and knives
49. Shirley Coney
50. Phil Coney—49er DVD, Refinery kit, black miner t-shirt, Successful Dredging DVD by Dave McCracken
51. Brendon Dove
52. Rita Perry—Sniffer bottle and vial
53. Kit Perry



BULL CREEK OUTING-RAFFLE PRIZES MAY 2008



Nugget Winners
Al Crane
Stanley Webster

50/50 Winner
Frank Hansen



WOW!!! What a fabulous raffle! A huge thank you to Sid and Lorrie Parrish for all their hard work and dedication to making our raffles GREAT!!!! Nice Job!!

PANNING CONTEST RESULTS

Our outing coordinator, Christa Eastland, works very hard each year putting together activities for the outings. She once again pulled off another "HIT" with our members. The panning contest brought lots of members trying their hand at speed panning trying to win one of the top three spots. Everyone had a great time, lots of laughs and one member tried a new way of panning by running around the bucket of water while attempting to pan. You'll have to ask Mike B how that worked for him.

Under 18 category:

Matthew Sul—25 seconds

Adam Cox—29 seconds

Brendon Dove—left early (not pictured)



Bob Magers 16 seconds, Stan Webster 18 seconds, Sid Parrish 19 seconds, Mike Brickwedel 20 seconds, Richard Palmini 21 seconds, Bob Azbill 23 seconds, Travis Wolfe 24 seconds, Don Cox 31 seconds, Al Crane 33 seconds. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done.

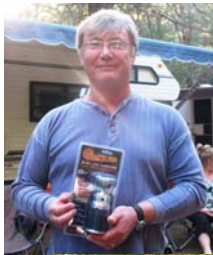
Men's Category:

Tom Eastland 12 seconds (passed his entry)

Frank Hansen 12 seconds

Ken Liddle 14 seconds

Don Siegel, Steve Letlow, Jim Peterson 15 seconds



Women's Category:

Christa Eastland 7 seconds (passed entry)

Georgia Azbill 11 seconds

Lorrie Parrish 12 seconds

Shirley Coney 16 seconds



Congratulations to Everyone!!!



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