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**1947 Jim Madden 2013**

**You were a great inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know you. You will be missed by us all. We're sure the stairway to heaven was lined with gold just for you!!**

# Miscellaneous Tidbits

Hello everyone, welcome to 2014!! **HAPPY NEW YEAR**, hope it is going to be a fabulous one for everyone! I apologize for the lack of newsletters being sent out but 2013 was a rough year for the UPI board members and their families. We lost family members, dear friends, dealt with surgeries and illness. I am hoping 2014 will be a much better year for us and we can get back to UPI business. Our first meeting of the New Year is scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at the Round Table Pizza Parlor in Manteca. It is located on Spreckels Avenue in the Food 4 Less shopping center. We have the room reserved from 11:00am-3:00pm and hope to get a lot accomplished for the upcoming year. Pizza lunch will be provided by UPI for all members attending. Please come and let us know what you would like to see in 2014. Your interest, opinions, constructive criticism is welcome, so please come and support your volunteer board members so 2014 can be a successful year for UPI.

We lost a very dear friend and hardworking UPI board member in 2013, Jim Madden. He was extremely involved in UPI and we are going to miss him very much! It was a shock to all of us and took the wind out of our sails these last few months but we have to pick ourselves up and keep going forward. Mike Hammond has volunteered to step up and take over handling the claims for UPI. Thank you so much to Mike for his willingness to help. It is greatly appreciated.

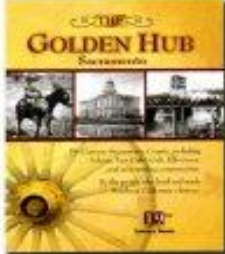
I will continue to send out the newsletter for a while until someone steps up to take it over. There are several board positions that are vacant and need to be filled. The current board members have been volunteering for many years now and it is time for change. UPI is a large organization with many members and new members joining all the time. The current board members have done a great job, however, their time is coming to an end and we need you to step up and take over. It is a great organization that needs to keep going to help fight the fight for our rights to mine. There is still lots of gold to be had out there even though you can't dredge for it. Members are finding gold with their high bankers and panning. Folks it's out there you just have to get out and get digging and get involved.

There is a list of members up for renewal since May 2013 through December 31, 2013 on page 8. If you see your name or someone you know on that list and you/they have already paid please contact Sandy Cameron, membership, to make sure she has your information updated and she received your renewal. If you do not renew you membership you no longer have rights to UPI benefits or mining rights on the claims. So please make sure you get your membership current.

We have a new business added on page 7, 49er Thrift & Gift in Sonora. Please make sure you are supporting our mining businesses that are out there.

Thank you everyone with your patience during the latter part of 2013 and we are looking forward to 2014 with UPI. See you in Manteca on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February.





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## UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM YOUR OFFICERS



President  
Don Siegel

Happy holidays, even though they will have passed by the time you get this newsletter. 2014 will find us in the continuing fight for our mining rights. The court battles are lining up for the show down, and as always it will come down to money. The environmental groups have their financial backing, so it is very important that you make yourself heard and support the folks that are fighting the battle. AMRA and PLP are fighting the fight but will need your financial support to have an impact. As we move towards these important court battles we may also need you to write a letter to your congressional representatives and let them know the impact this is having on our rights to prospect and mine. Let yourself be heard!



If you have not noticed we have been putting out fewer and fewer newsletters, as well as supporting fewer outings. The same group of board members has kept the organization running for several years now with very few changes. We had no nominations this past voting cycle so the same folks will continue to do the right thing. I understand that this is not for everyone but I cannot believe that there is not someone to take the newsletter, or my position. Membership will be open next year (great way to meet folks), and there is also some volunteer work to be done to help those that are involved. With the attack to our pastime we need to keep the organization strong.

By now many of you have heard of the passing of my/our good friend Jim Madden. We send our condolences to the family in this time and know that our hearts go out with the knowledge that Jim will be dearly missed.



Vice President  
Ed Ozga

I want to take this opportunity to publically acknowledge and thank my friend, Jim Madden, for not only all that he did for UPI, but, also for all that he did for miners everywhere. Jim always stepped up to assist and get it done, whether it was voluminous paperwork, a political fight, or helping you on the river. My thoughts and prayers to the Madden family, thanks for all the time Jim gave to us, we appreciate it and will truly miss his friendship.

There's a saying that gold falls downhill, and that's a good thing for those of us at the bottom on the hill prospecting for it. However, when you hear the saying that UPI is going downhill, that's not good. UPI has been around since 1947 and obviously not running itself. However, in the past few years there has only been a handful of folks keeping this organization going. They're quiet, hardworking, caring folks and some don't seem to mind. However, nothing lasts forever and sooner or later folks get burnt out and need to move on. Members want quality outings and more newsletters, communications, and claims, but, don't want to step up and help. Nobody knows better than I that it takes time to volunteer and we all believe we don't have that time, however, we need to make time or we will find ourselves at the bottom of the hill soon. Please step up and volunteer to assist this organization.

Happy New Year and May There Be Gold in Your Pan, Ed.



# Santa Clara County Chapter News

Santa Clara Chapter will participate in the annual Santa Clara Valley Rock and Mineral show scheduled for this April 12th and 13th, 2014.

This coming show will be a hard one for me since our group lost two great friends and mining members, Walt Steevers and Jim Madden, who always assisted our Chapter at this event. Their spirits will always be with us and they will not be forgotten.

Our booth will be out front of the show drawing in children and adults of all ages. In our booth we will be offering gold panning, gem stone collecting, and special prizes will be awarded when a special coin is discovered when panning the gold concentrates. Some of the prizes will consist of 1 year club memberships, geology kits, and gold pans. We will also have a simulated running river showing how gold drops out and settles in the different parts of a stream bed. There will be approx. 50 vendors showing and selling their gems and rock hounding equipment. There will also be a large area inside the building set up for children activities regarding rock hounding and geology. There will also be guest speakers presenting a variety of topics throughout the show.

**When:** April 12 & 13, 2014

**Where:** Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Rd., San Jose, CA

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday

**Who's invited:** Everyone

**Cost:** \$6.00 for adults, Children under 12 free.  
(Go to [www.scvgms.org/show/2014/index.php](http://www.scvgms.org/show/2014/index.php) for a \$1.00 off coupon for admission)

## What to do, see, and visit:

- **DEALERS 50+** - of all things beads, rock, gem, mineral, fossil, lapidary, and jewelry related items. See and patronize our 50+ dealers.
- **KIDS AREA** - Kids can earn a patch and get a beginning rock collection by visiting this area.  
Special programs and fliers for:
  - Cub Scouts
  - Junior Girl Scouts
  - Brownie Girl Scouts
  - Future Rockhounds of America
  - School teachers
- **DEMONSTRATORS** - Watch experts work on lapidary and rock-related arts. See how a piece of rock becomes a piece of jewelry or a sculpture. Learn how rock specimens are identified.
- **GUEST SPEAKERS** - presenting a variety of topics throughout the show.
- **DISPLAYS** - Explore competitive and non-competitive displays of specimen collections and lapidary craftsmanship from special guests, dealers, and club members.
- **SCHOLARSHIP BOOTH** - A collection of fund raising activities with 100% of its proceeds supporting scholarships awarded to selected earth science majors at local universities.
- **DOOR PRIZES** - Tickets for 2 prizes of \$100 and \$50 to be drawn at 4:30pm on Sunday. Need not be present to win.

Mike

# Contra Costa County Chapter News



James "Jim" Howard Madden, 66, of San Bruno, passed away December 9, 2013 at the age of 66. Jim was born in Los Angeles, California to Mary Korlaski Madden and James Madden. Mary later married John Nixon who raised Jim as a beloved son. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, an avid gold miner, inventor and a loving husband, father and grandfather. He married Pamela Ann Boyett in 1969 and together they celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary in February. Jim retired from AT&T in 2007 after 37 years of service. He will be best remembered for his great passion for gold mining. Jim was active in the pursuit of legislation to protect the rights of gold miners in California. He was a member and officer of numerous mining clubs including GPAA, Lost Dutchman's Assoc., Coarsegold Gold Prospectors and United Prospectors, Inc. Jim served on the UPI Board of Directors for many years tirelessly looking out for our claims and finding us new claims. Jim always found time to contribute to the newsletter as well as keeping up with folks on Talk and Trade. He was also an active member of Contra Costa and Santa Clara Chapters and always found time to bring a story to the meetings. He enjoyed creating and making items at the Tech Shop, but an even greater joy to him was the time he spent with his grandchildren. Jim is survived by his wife Pamela, two daughters, Tracey Ann Jones and Tiffany Ann Simonini, both of Pacifica and sons in law David Jones and Michael Simonini and his two beloved grandchildren, Juliana and Austin Simonini. Brother in law Dave Boyett (Rebecca, Ashley & Ryan), Bob Boyett (Lana), sister in law Joann Bedard, nephew Bobby Boyett (May & Alexandra) his brothers Jack (Nieces Jennifer & Morgan) and Jerry Nixon and mother Mary Nixon of Des Moines, The beauty of a life well lived is that it is never forgotten. Goodbye our friend, thank you for all you did for us. We will miss you, but, never forget you!



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# UPI BOARD MINUTES

There was no board meeting held at the last outing.

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## NEWS FROM PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE (PLP)

October 16, 2013

On August 28, 2013, Judge Gilbert G. Ochoa, of the San Bernardino County Superior Court, denied PLP's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction on the grounds there was no proof of irreparable harm caused to miners by California's ban on suction dredge mining. Judge Ochoa appeared to take the position that whatever harm occurred to the miners could eventually be made good by the payment of money damages. Among numerous matters, PLP, in its Motion papers, and at oral argument, vigorously asserted that the fact that the miners face criminal prosecution if they violate an unconstitutional statute, was in and of itself irreparable harm. A criminal record attaching to a miner's good name is not something that can be made whole by the payment of money damages.

One of the cases that PLP brought to Judge Ochoa's attention was the criminal conviction of Brandon Rhinehart for suction dredge mining in violation of California's prohibition on such mining. PLP help retain an attorney for Mr. Rhinehart in defense of his prosecution for violating the ban on suction dredge mining. The conviction of Mr. Rhinehart has been appealed, and PLP has been informed that the California Court of Appeal has accepted Mr. Rhinehart's case for review.

In addition, PLP's attorney is appealing to the Court of Appeal Judge Ochoa's denial of a Preliminary Injunction staying the ban on suction dredge mining. The Rhinehart case will figure as an example of irreparable harm caused to miners should they violate California's unconstitutional prohibition on suction dredge mining. Both appeals will raise issues not only of irreparable harm, but also of Federal preemption allowing suction dredge mining, making the California prohibition on suction dredge mining unconstitutional.

PLP has previously been successful in the Court of Appeal in having that Court overturn the decision of a Superior Court Judge who prohibited issuing of permits for suction dredge mining, prior to the California statute banning such mining that is now in intensive litigation.

PLP's appeal, as well as the Rhinehart appeal, does give miners hope for light at the end of the tunnel, and could well bring suction dredge mining back to California before the next dredging season. PLP would like to thank all of the folks who have supported us in the past, and thank those who will continue their support in the future. PLP is fighting for you!

Jerry Hobbs, President, Public Lands for the People, Inc., [www.plp.org](http://www.plp.org)

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## New Members as of May 2013

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 Teresa Homen, Turlock, CA  
 Jeffrey Bargas, Modesto, CA  
 Mike Eidsness, Madera, CA  
 Peter Lanestremere, Menlo Park, CA  
 Laura Rochford, Mt. View, CA  
 Jeremiah Spiller, Castro Valley, CA  
 Howard Young, San Jose, CA  
 James Thomatos, San Jose, CA  
 Dennis Thomatos, Novato, CA  
 Mike Johnson, Turlock, CA  
 Paul Saeteurn, Elk Grove, CA  
 Chris Lipari, Modesto, CA  
 Mike & Stacy Botani, Coulterville, CA  
 Mitchell Vavicka, Napa, CA  
 Daniel & Debra Quint, Modesto, CA  
 Don & Janine Hatchett, LaGrange, CA  
 Jerome Masik, Big Oak Flat, CA  
 Ching Saeteurn, Elk Grove, CA  
 Terrance Quashnick, Reno, CA  
 Jerry & Mary Stewart, Virginia City, NV  
 Larry Farthing, VC Highlands, NV  
 Jeff Marcus, San Jose, CA  
 Erick Mayda, Silverdale, WA  
 Thomas Graner, Chico, CA  
 Steve Gregor, Atwater, CA  
 Louis Lederer, Sunnyvale, CA  
 Jaman Smith, Modesto, CA  
 Frank Riley, Gilroy, CA  
 Tom R Anderson, Sunnyvale, CA  
 Jim Drenon, Napa, CA  
 Mark Richesin, Turlock, CA  
 Mark Pryor, San, Jose, CA  
 Jeff Szafransky, San Jose, CA  
 Everett Easley, Greenville, CA  
 Cesar Nunez, San Jose, CA  
 Ven & Pat Kupecz, Milford, CA  
 Benny Tran, San Jose, CA

## Members Up for Renewal as of May 2013 Through December 2013:

Steven Reed	Santa Rosa CA
Carla Herbert	Gilroy CA
Rick Rinna	Brentwood CA
Chris Rinna	Brentwood CA
Ron Russell	Riverbank CA

## Members up for Renewal as of May 2013(Continued)

Chris Boisjolie	Daly City CA	Matt Bunyard	Santa Rosa CA
John DeMartini	Discovery Bay CA	Edward Despins	Concord CA
Kevin Bell	Galt CA	Wayne Thomas	San Jose CA
Jim & Jackie Pickett	Stockton CA	Joshua Prince	San Jose CA
Mark Chambers	Sparks NV	Rex Miller	Patterson CA
Gerald & Cheryl Hurt	Palmdale CA	James Black	Toledo OR
Terence Pippi	Healdsburg CA	Blair Johnston	Klamath Falls OR
Beth Farmer	Hayward CA	Cody Miller	Patterson CA
John Alec Gimurtu	Petaluma CA	Dan DiCarlo	Concord CA
Buddy Heise	Reedley CA	Kenneth Liddle	Stockton CA
Jess & LaDonna Bagwell	Oakley CA	Rodney Enns	Kingsburg CA
Dave Cornell	Concord CA	Ken Watson	Concord CA
Ken Walton	Concord CA	Vincent Rerolle	Palo Alto CA
Roy Wildman	Ridgecrest CA	Steven Ingle	San Mateo CA
Edwin J Van Horne	San Jose CA	Richard Parker	Visalia CA
Alberto Larios	Hughson CA	Allan D Anderson	Campbell CA
Dietrich Papp	Dayton NV	Daniel D McCabe	Quincy CA
Michael McCabe	Quincy CA	Don New	Livermore CA
John & Dorothy McClure	Turlock CA	Augie Robles	San Jose CA
Dolores Lopez	Stockton CA	Andrew Provenzano	Winnetka CA
Kelly Rego	Stockton CA	Tim Springer	Oroville CA
Timothy Bolin	Fresno CA	Mike Friend	Washoe Valley NV
Christopher Valeriote	Diablo CA	Patrick Valeriote	Diablo CA
Randall Malley	Santa Cruz CA	Robert Ballard	S Lake Tahoe CA
Gerald Finney	Fresno CA	Miklos Nemeth	Placerville CA
Dennis & Violet Mathews	Fresno CA	Joyce Smith	Stockton CA
Dennis & Cecilia Moe	Manteca CA	Rob Allen	Stockton CA
Cheryl Robello	Los Banos CA	Paul Hammond	San Jose CA
Kenneth Nordheim	San Jose CA	Ross Smith	Danville CA
Ken Austin	Los Gatos	Daniel Repke	Hickman CA
Mike Morrasy	Placerville CA	George Hanson	Porterville CA
James Bledsoe	Delhi CA	Walt Smith	Turlock CA
Jerwinn Crane	Quincy CA	Ben E Adams	Modesto CA
Luke Alexander	San Jose CA	Leland Brown	Elk Grove CA
Jim Appleby	Oakley CA	William Westcott	San Leandro CA
Ralph & Joanne Gragg	Concord CA	Walt Steever	San Jose CA
James Neeley	French Camp CA	John Lopez	Stockton CA

If your name is on this list and you don't feel it should be please contact Sandy Cameron, Membership. If you know any of these people please let them know their membership will expire and they will no longer have access to the claims or UPI benefits. Thanks!

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## 2014 OUTING SCHEDULE

The 2014 outing schedule will be decided at the February meeting at the Round Table Pizza Parlor in Manteca on Spreckels Avenue in the Food 4 Less shopping Center. We have reserved the room from 11:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday, February 8, 2014.

***If you have a mailing address, email change, or wish to receive your newsletter electronically, please send your updated information to Sandy Cameron Membership Director at: Membersip@unitedprospects.com.***



## **AMRA NEWS by: Shannon Poe**

What is AMRA working on? We thought we would bring everyone up to speed on what we are working on.

We are extensively researching the EPA on whether or not they possess the power to “regulate the pollutant discharge” from a suction dredge. Most will know we have a member in Washington who was threatened (\$50,000 fine and imprisonment) on his claim in Idaho by the EPA for failing to have a permit for the discharge. This story has new information and we are working on a public piece which will uncover the truth about this incident(s) and it will both anger and surprise every reader. Exhaustive research must be done to provide the facts and a solid picture as to their agenda to stop all small miners in the country.

We are actively trying to obtain claims in Arizona in preparation for the Mesa gold show January 18 and 19. This entails more exhaustive research because, as you all know, we don’t just pick up claims to say we have claims. They must be the best of the best for AMRA. We lost our help for this show, so the AMRA President is on his own for this trip. We plan on going down the week prior to the show and mining the several locations we have found which are promising. Load up the truck, trailer, tent and mining gear and head to the desert. Long, lonely trip, but absolutely crucial if we want to expand and truly unite the mining community. We want to thank everyone for stepping up recently with some donations and new memberships; we were deeply concerned we would not even have the money to go to the Arizona show this year. THANK YOU.

We are working daily on some claims here in CA and have two we will be adding shortly. To be honest, prior to the formation of AMRA, all we did is mine and were constantly looking for claims for ourselves. I can tell you guys, there are some claims out there right now others have let go which I would give my left arm for.....they are THAT good but we just don’t have the money. This current Administration changed the fee structure on filing new claims in September of 2012. What used to cost \$165.00 for a 160 acre claim now costs \$1250.00 for that same claim. No kidding. It takes 7 new members to purchase just one of these new claims. We are trying to promote PLP the best we can as Jerry needs money to continue the fight on the suction dredge moratorium in California. You all know how close we are with PLP and really hope you support them or us or both. Jerry is a great resource for us and we are lucky to have this alliance. We are also researching the Travel Management Plan and what options we have in the Stanislaus National Forest since today marks the day they close nearly 80% of our roads to “protect us” from those evil slippery gravel roads due to rain we don’t have and to protect the environment from the damage driving on those closed gravel roads would cause. This is a big issue and part of a larger agenda all pre-planned and being implemented nation-wide. There will be much to follow on this topic as it affects most of the CA gold groups and prevents them from accessing their claims, ours included. We will be public on this issue and won’t be locked out of our own claims.

We finally got our website fixed. It was costly and time consuming, but it was a must. We had severe problems with using Paypal and have switched to another payment gateway which is more reliable and does not require creating a special account. We need to thank Marti, our VP of Operations for taking this issue on single handedly and fixing the problem.....it was giving all of us (more) grey hair. We are trying to produce many, many more videos of prospecting and mining as, since posting these on some gold forums, have really taken off and brought exposure to our fight. We have received emails from all across the country asking for more and more. We hope to actually shoot some video today as we will be mining a new area. Today’s video will be metal detecting a wash (and running test pans) which feeds a gold rich creek and we know the source (very rough gold found in the creek) comes from one of these washes. Our videos can be found on YouTube by simply typing “American Mining Rights Association” in the search tab and on our website under the tab “videos”. Please share these videos with everyone as we produce them for every miner to enjoy and learn from.

We try to attend every gold club outing and meeting we can to talk about what is happening to our industry, our passion and bring more visibility to our fight. This takes a lot of time and it is difficult to drive all over the state to inform people. Every time we speak at one of these public meetings, it shocks people as to the extent of what our own Government is doing to stop small miners.

Every week, hours are dedicated to making calls to Senators, Representatives and Sheriff’s all across the nation to garner support for the rapid destruction of our rights. It is getting increasingly more difficult to be “represented” by our government. Most officials seem more concerned with driving an agenda to “fundamentally transform” America into something it was never intended to be and what our forefathers warned us about.

We subscribe to “alerts” on a variety of topics which requires no less than an hour per day, every day on the news in our industry. This is what provides you, the member and follower with the news we read each day on the destruction of our rights by the very entity who is supposed to protect our rights and not take them away. We have floated the idea of a PSA video, a public service announcement on a monthly basis. This would be a short video (maybe 15 minutes in length) produced monthly which a small miner could pull up, watch and know precisely what AMRA is working on, what is happening in the country, where PLP is on the lawsuits and what needs to be done by you. We hope this is something you are interested in. We also mine. We are not rich folks and have our own bills to pay. Imagine spending 50+ hours a week for AMRA and whatever is left has to go to making money to pay your own bills. All of our time is donated to the cause and to this very day we can honestly say we have not been paid one penny to do anything we do for AMRA and you, not one penny. So excuse us if we don’t post daily on our Facebook page, we are pretty busy folks and time is running out. Never before in our lifetime have we witnessed such a dire point in our country’s history.....and unless we absolutely unite, and now, we will lose what we have and what we should be able to leave to our next generation.

AMRA, we truly are fighting every single day for your rights. Join us, be a part of something that does make a difference.

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# COULTERVILLE OUTING

## OCTOBER 2013

**55 Attendees signed in:** Dennis & Pat Mobley, Mike Ancona, John & Kathy Meling, Kenny & Gloria Nichol, Joe & Gloria Sul, Chuck & Tara Mundorff, Dennis & Cecilia Moe, Joyce Smith, Mike Hammond, Mervyn Pate, Steve Nordheim, Bob & Georgia Azbill, Aaron & Denise Matula, Russell Tait, John Orr, Al Simoni, Larry Douglas, Greg Voisard, John Faull, Stan Webster, Gail Webster, Sandy Cameron, David Williams, Brandy Williams, Don & Cindy Siegel, Chester Chastain, Glenn Frisbie, Mike Castro, Peggy O'Farrell, Debra Appleby, Jim Appleby, Ralph Gragg, Mike Blakely, Jim & Pam Madden, (Juliana, Austin), Jaman Smith, Donald Hatchett, David Furry, James Neeley, Dick Geren, Daniel Repke, Shannon Poe

## PRIZE WINNERS

50/50 Raffle Prize winner: \$158.00 Don Hatchett

Gemstone Ring: Cathy Meling

Crack Vac: ?? I failed to write down who the winner was!!! ☹

AMRA Membership – Lorrie and Sid Parrish

1.7 Nugget – Russ Tait  
1.0 Nugget – Dave Williams  
.8 Fines – Aaron Matula  
.7 Nugget – Mike Hammond  
.6 Nugget - Chuck Mundorff  
.5 Nugget – Steve Nordheim  
.4 Picker – Mike Ancona  
.3 Fines – Debra Appleby  
.2 Picker – Bob Azbill  
.2 Picker – Gregg Voisard  
.2 Picker – Debra Appleby  
.1 Flake – Mike Hammond

Broll –	Bob Azbill
Big Maddox –	Gloria Nichols
14” Pan w/#8 classifier -	Lorrie Parrish
Hammer w/chisel -	Aaron Matula
Hex pan w/#12 -	James Neely
Magnifier w/tweezers -	Tara Mundorf
#8 classifier w/tweezers-	Dick Geren
Small Maddox -	Jim Appleby
Finish pan w/bottle-	Bob Azbill
Pink pan w/snuffer bottles-	Larry Douglas
14” pan w/#8 classifier-	Ken Nichols
Blue Finish pan w/bottle	Mike Hammond
3 bucket handles-	Jim Madden
Bracelet-	Mike Hammond
Sparkling Wine-	Cindy Siegel
Bazooka Gold Trap-	Greg Voisard
6x24” sluice-	Cecilia Moe
Cargo Net-	Sid Parrish

### DETECTOR HUNT WINNERS:

Mike Hammond  
James Neeley  
Larry Douglas

### **LUCKY BUTT WINNER: Donated by the Azbills**

Greg Voisard

### **MICKEY MOUSE COASTERS: Donated by Gloria Nichols**

Knee Pads –	Peggy O'Farrell
Nut driver –	Don Hatchett
Hammer & Chisel-	John Smith
Lighted magnifier w/bottle & pouch-	Greg Voisard
Crevice Tool -	Don Hatchett
Light -	Aaron Matula
Hex pan w/bottle -	Celia Moe
Crevice tool -	Mike Hammond
Small tan shovel -	Jay Smith
Tow Strap -	Joyce Smith
42 piece tie downs-	James Neeley
Black Shovel-	John Meling
UPI Belly Bag-	Aaron Matula

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!**

\*\*If you're wondering where all the pictures are in this newsletter, I lost the scandisk out of my camera. This just added to the many frustrations of 2013. ☹ 2014 has to be better!! LOL

# Members Bulletin

If anyone has anything they would like to list for sale in the newsletter please contact me at [cfs623@aol.com](mailto:cfs623@aol.com) or call at 209-567-2370.



## NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR:

I would really appreciate any input you may have for the newsletter. If you would send articles, letters, adventures, recipes, short stories, etc., anything you would like to share with the UPI members it would be much appreciated. Anything to do with gold prospecting so we can share your thoughts with others besides mine.

Do you have a personal short story you would like to share?

Do you have pictures you would like to share?

All of the above are welcome.

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## Dear Editor:

While pursuing your outdoor endeavors you may be challenged by a representative of a governmental agency or public servant regarding the legality of your activity in their area. Know what to do by having your PLP Orange Card with you. Contact Laurie Ozga at [OzMiner@msn.com](mailto:OzMiner@msn.com) if you don't have this card.

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