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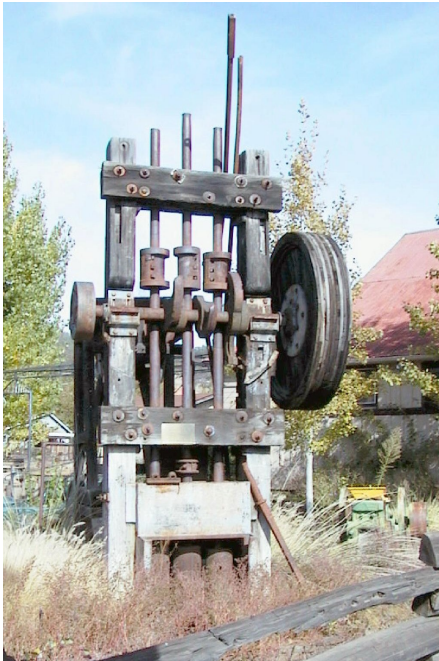
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
AND MAY YOU FIND LOTS OF THEM NUGGETS



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**MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT**

DECEMBER 2000



Daniel Short Jr.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's been a very good year with the addition of 210 acres of claims and a steady growth in the membership; this is a good sign for the 2000 UPI board that we are leading United Prospectors in the right direction for the year 2001. We have some new board members that have stepped up to the plate to help guide UPI in a better direction than we could do last year with more new ideas.

We are looking at maybe spreading our membership drives to the county fair levels. This should bring more public awareness to our prospecting club and hopefully several more new members. We are still looking for more claims to put into our claim family. I would like to see some claims around the American River canyon area and around the Placerville area. If any member knows of any claims that are opened for claiming or for sale please call a board member near you and give them all the information you have on that claim (s).

We will start the New Year off in COULTERVILLE, for our first outing on March 23, 24 & 25. Then we are going to Oxbow in April 20-21-22. Yes, I said Oxbow. This used to be a good place for an outing. Even though you won't be able to camp down by the river; there still is many camping spaces there on the higher ground.

Hope to see all the new and the old members at the outings next year. See you there and may your pan overflow with that yellow stuff (gold that is).



Contemplating and discussing how turn Moccasin Creek over and shaking all of the gold out.



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THERE ARE NO CLUB SCHEDULED OUTINGS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR
There is however a couple of great events coming up that we all can participate in, in our own way: Christmas and New Year Eve
UPI wishes all of you the best for these Holidays
 The schedule for next year is being worked on and will appear in issue 237, January/February 2001

The last scheduled event was the *Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Outing*. The outing was a great success, the turn out was good, the weather was good, all had fun and there was gold found. Couldn't ask for much more. There was even a guest appearance by Santa Claus, who presided over the raffle.



The old miner sez: Hot digitty, the outin waz great, da chow waz grate an da peoplz waz great!



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BOARD NOTES

Board of Directors meeting November 4, 2000

President Daniel Short Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at Coulterville, CA

Roll Call:

Officers present: Daniel Short, President; Ray Hughes, Vice President; and Leland Brown, Treasurer

Officers absent: Marilee Riley, Secretary

Directors Present: Bill Reboin, Don Scalise and Bob Williams

Directors absent: Don Riley and Charlie Brown

Members present: Ed Bailey, Steve Barnett, Chet Chastain, Jerry and Joan Randall

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as presented. the motion was carried.

Charlie Brown submitted a letter of resignation as director/chairman. Dan submitted the names for two new directors, Chet Chastain, Rod Earnest, Don Scalise, and Patty Mobley for Secretary. The motion was made, seconded and carried to accept these new appointees. Chet and Don the two new directors were sworn in, given vests and director handbooks.

- **Treasurer, Leland Brown:** Leland reported the year end close of the books, bills were submitted for payment and approved and these balances reported as of 10/31/2000; the check book balance is \$1,511.88 and the Maximizer account is \$3,130.55, for a balance totaling \$4,622.43.
- **Membership, Don Riley:** Reported by Dan Short. The total membership as of 10/30/2000 is 298 regular, 42 life, 13 complimentary, 2 honorary and 6 advertisers.
- **Wagon master, Bob Williams:** No report in minutes.
- **Claims, Jerry Randall:** Jerry and Joan report that the FS was talked to about road repairs going into Spanish Creek UPI. The FS may do these repairs, but still undecided. Seniors and disabled access was mentioned. Two claims are being investigated on Big Jackass Creek. Jerry will look into combining Digger/Moriah Leigh and Marlund/Crystal Springs into one each so that we can retain our small miners exemption, and add more claim (s) acreage to our inventory.
- **Editor/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** Bill reported that he spent most of the last month putting the 2001 Handbook together. Copies were submitted to the board for their input.
- **Ways and Means, Charlie Brown:** It was reported that the income from the raffle this year was \$1,984.00, and that \$597.85 remains in the raffle pool.
- **Political Action:** Doug Thomas resigned from this position because of a need to sort out various interests. Chet Chastain will now be chairing this position.
- **Technical advisor, Don Scalise:** Don will be teaching various aspects of gold mining and will be setting up seminars for each outing.
- **Web Master, Rod Earnest:** The web site is bringing in lots of new memberships. Check the site, unitedprospectors.com to keep up with new things that are going on.
- **Education/Shows, Marilee Riley:** Marilee is looking into UPI doing a membership booth at the Calaveras County fair, aka the Frog Jump. The average attendance at this event is about 40,000. This would be good exposure.
- **Unfinished business:** Club auditor Barbara Brown suggests that for various legal reasons that the club obtain a resale permit.
- **New business:** Member Steve Barnett brought up the idea of a miners cookbook as a way to generate club income. More information will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM



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UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the potluck/raffle including the raffle results
Coulterville outing, November 3, 4, & 5

MEMBERS & GUESTS

1. Martin and Isabel Kelly, *"The Nugget"*, and a crevicing tool
2. Bill Poore, a bucket, dredging gloves and a gold scale
3. George Friel and his grandson Travis, a UPI ball cap
4. Ross "Smokey" Smith, a UPI pin and a mining bucket
5. Art and Lucy Apodaca
6. Terry and Lurea Schoen
7. Mark and Laren Fossum
8. Jay and Jackie Lempinen, a gold vial
9. Chet Chastain, a gold vial, a hose reel and a crevice cleaner
10. Gary Anderson, a clock and a bucket
11. Darrell Kidd
12. Steve Barnett
13. Ray Budowich
14. Mike Ancona and son Kyle, a mining bucket and a Estwing pry bar
15. Lyle Jenks
16. Clayton and Janie Borchers, UPI "T" shirt & hat, a sniffer bottle, bucket, and gloves
17. Ray Hughes, a nugget sucker and a first aid kit
18. Genie and Chuck Klein
19. Eric Boss
20. Don "Da Professor" Scalise, a couple of buckets and a sniffer bottle
21. Leland and Nina Brown, UPI pin and sweat shirt and a "Grizzly" pan
22. Ed and Deanna Bailey, a pan, a couple of gold vials and a couple of buckets
23. Calvin and Mary Pilkay, a folding shovel and an old coin
24. Joan and Jerry Randall, "Armor Fire" coffee cup
25. Bob and Jeanne Williams, mining bucket
26. Bill Reboin, mining bucket
27. Frank and Nicole Zarate
28. Dave Strickler
29. Dan Short, a gold pan set



Left and right:
Martin Kelly winner of *"The Nugget"*, with Dan, Santa Claus, Short, the club president.

The Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving outing was a great success. The roll call sheet indicates that there were 44 members and guests in attendance.

The dinner, bird, hog leg, stuffing etc. was provided by the club. The ladies of the club did a fantastic job of preparing the food, without any hitches, under less than ideal cooking facilities, while the boys were out playing. **Thank you all!!!!**



The old miner sez: Dat ole snowberd in da red jammies an dat uder rascal be a smilin liken they holten a nice piece o golt or sumptin.

NEW MEMBERS/RENEWALS

THIS SECTION IS DEVOTED TO ACKNOWLEDGING AND WELCOMING ALL NEW MEMBERS, RENEWALS

AND SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS TO UPI

This section will appear in all publications as new members join the organization and as members renew their membership.

New memberships and renewals as of

11/16/2000

NEW MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
David Stickler	Sacramento, CA
Harold Rose	Stockton, CA
Wayne & Sue Hudson	Atwater, CA
Mike Doyle	Livermore, CA
Jerry Davis	Stockton, CA
Tom Lutrel	Concord, CA
Rod Zook	Stockton, CA
Lyle Jenks	Lodi, CA
George Friel	Merced, CA
Steve Martin	Magalia, CA
Charles Bortz	Magalia, CA

RENEWING MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Dave Zadwick	Pleasanton, CA
Geo. & Rosemary Lewis	Placerville, CA
Bill White	Antioch, CA
James Kelly	Concord, CA

Welcome aboard everybody.

A couple of our newer members, that I remember, joined us at the Coulterville outing, George Friel and his grandson Travis and Mark Fossum.

E-MAIL

New members, and renewing members: If you have an e-mail address it is highly recommended that you register your address with the club. There have been times in the past and there will be times in the future, where outing dates have been changed, or outings added, due to natural conditions, or a new claim (s) being added to our inventory.

Also with the contacts that UPI has as a prospecting organization, there are times that urgent, time sensitive information, usually not appearing in your local newspaper or on the local news, until it's history and more land is closed. This kind of information needs to get out to members immediately for their information and follow up, to the respective "agencies/authority (s)."

If you desire to have this information first hand as we



The old miner sez: By golly looks like we be grownen more n more. That be good. Still gottter keep dem tree huggin liberals under control.

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it,
all

you need to do is supply us with your e-mail address. The e-mail address for each Club Director is on page three of this publication.

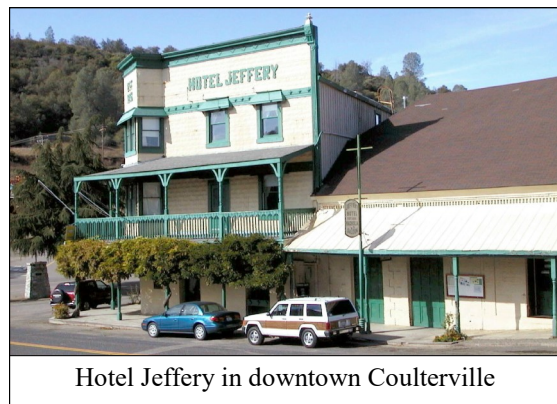
MEMBER ACTIVITY

The UPI Board is extremely happy to see members taking an interest in the operation and the direction of the club. Several different members have stepped forward and expressed interest in the Claims Manager position that needs to be filled. This position is of vital importance to the club. Members expressing interest are Ed Bailey, Ross "Smokey" Smith and Keith Swett. As I recall there was one other member that expressed interest, and I apologize for being forgetful if this is the case. You can e-mail me and let me know so that you do not go unrecognized. These folks reside in different geographical areas of the state which can be of great help to the club in management and procurement of claims.

Jerry and Joan Randall have been wearing this hat for some time now. They have done a wonderful job in keeping all of the necessary paperwork in order and doing the legwork sometimes required.

Bill Poore has been active in recruiting new members for the club and so has Ray Budowich. Also various members and directors having e-mail systems regularly get virus warnings from friends and elsewhere, "watch out for Ugaboga.EXE" etc. Garry Hojan has consented to review the validity of various warnings before the are mailed out to the UPI membership.

Thank you for your help and interest in keeping the club alive and growing.



Hotel Jeffery in downtown Coulterville

ELSIE BURNS

Gone but not forgotten

Jerry Bowen

Elsie Burns, one of the great ladies of the UPI is gone. She died in October and I understand she was to be laid to rest at her old homestead near Sheep Ranch in the heart of the gold country.

On April 27, 1976, Joe and Else Burns joined the UPI and together they remained true to the organization to the end.

With Elsie's support and backing, Joe served in an official capacity in the UPI from 1977 to May, 1997. It can be said, that the United Prospectors would have faded into history had it not been for this energetic and faithful pair. It was these two fine people that kept the UPI going when virtually no one else would volunteer to help with any of the functions of the club. They both saw the UPI reach the magic fifty year mark which would not have been possible without their dedication.

Joe died in May 1997 after 20 years of service and now we have lost Elsie.

During conversations with Elsie, she told me that her ancestors sold the mine and some of the property at Sheep Ranch to Hearst which eventually became one of the lynch-pins of the Hearst dynasty. She spoke often of how she missed the property she still had left, but age and failing health prevented her from returning to the place she loved so much.

During the 1996 Labor Day outing at Twain the Officers and Board of Directors voted to honor Joe and Elsie Burns for their dedication to the United Prospectors with a plaque inscribed with the following: "Presented to Joe and Elsie Burns. Many thanks for giving your all for so many years. Your efforts are deeply appreciated."

As I wrote when Joe died, so does the following apply to this gentle lady of the United Prospectors:

"I believe all who knew her would say that a good life, a clear conscience, an honest heart, and a well ordered conversation as well as her dedication is Elsie Burns' legacy to the world."



Left to right: Tom Malicki presenting the plaque to Joe and Elsie Burns.

POTPOURRI

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

This column appears in the publication regularly. It contains important news related to our avocation, miscellany, barbs, and the Editor/Publishers views on numerous things. Some acceptable, some perhaps not acceptable. Hope you enjoy!



Bill Reboin: Editor/Publisher

MINING NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

The UPI Editor/Publisher has been communicating with Peter Dodd, the Ed/Pub for Bendigo Prospectors Club Inc. in Australia. Peter found UPI by way of our website and sent me an e-mail requesting a copy of our newsletter. Of course we replied. After about a months wait after requesting that he send us a copy of his newsletter I received a copy of it by e-mail, and we have had a real flurry of mail going back and forth since. (We will be receiving a hard copy also. I haven't yet figured out how to fully print the file he sent.)

A little history is: Bendigo is a city with a population of about 60,000 people in southeastern Australia in the State of Victoria. It was founded in 1840 and grew rapidly when gold was found there in 1851.

I had heard or read somewhere that when they metal detect for gold in Australia they drag their detectors behind motorcycles. So I asked Peter about this and here is his reply. "As for stories of motorcycles running around the bush with metal detectors being towed behind, it is all true. The coils are so large that is the only way they can use them without putting them on wheels

themselves, 36 to 48 inches. The largest coil used by hand that I know of is 24 inches, and you need plenty of stamina for that."

I guess that would be true unless you were built like this rascal; Moreover Peter had this to say: "Please tell any of your members that if they do make the big trip over, that it is a must that they visit, and will be made most welcome."



"Why do we look for gold? Why do we breath? I don't know, it must be in our blood. I think it's called gold fever."

If you want to see some nuggets found in Australia check this site out; www.finders.com.au

They are at it again they just don't know when to stop. It is an undeniable truth that mankind can only survive on that which is hunted, gathered, grown or mined. Look around your home and try to find any item used in your daily routine that doesn't fall into one of those categories.

Food doesn't come from the grocery store, the lumber used to build your house

was only purchased at a lumberyard. Every bit of the materials in the computer this is being written with came from Mother Earth. They were mined.

How dare the hypocritical tree huggers, environmentalists and politicians living their possession filled lives, driving luxury cars, call mining and tree harvesting hazardous the planet. How dare they to close lands to mining and tree harvesting. How are the ski runs at Tahoe or Vail Colorado less injurious than mining and harvesting.?

The Clinton/Gore Babbitt/Glickman Four Ring Circus Strikes Again

The USFS has just finalized the plan to close more than 400,000 acres of *public land* in Montana to new mining claims. This is being done to protect wildlife, scenic and cultural resources along the Front Range of the Rockies by Great Falls. How many millions of acres does that make this year and last?

THE OUTING

There was a great turnout for the outing, gold was found, new areas investigated, the dinner and the following raffle was great. Santa



This belongs to the people, don't let them take it.

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continued

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Tank goonis deys bez some out der heppim us.

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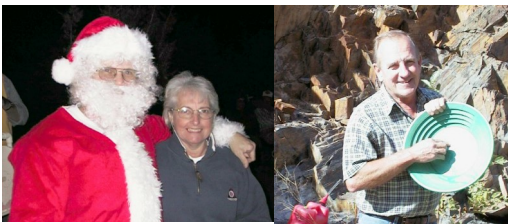
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The old miner sez: Thet pooch thar be puum bored. She rather be bear huntin.

Coulterville, continued



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !!!



UPI BULLETIN BOARD



UPI OUTING SCHEDULE- -None for the rest of the year *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

See you all next year if not sooner, Bill Ed/Pub

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