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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello!

The Twain outing went well, and in spite of the Hwy 70 road closures due to mudslides, we had a decent turnout of folks wanting to mine. Colleen Campbell, the club's Outing Coordinator, did another outstanding job organizing the Bingo for Gold, Poker Walk, and drawing for those members spotted wearing club merchandise. Thank you, Colleen (and Jerry, of course!). The weather was quite warm, so some of the folks used pop-up tents to keep the heat off. We also had a new member join the club at the outing, so we'd like to say "Welcome aboard!". This outing gave me a chance to meet a few of club members who keep this claim active, notably Sandy Thuet, Nancy Hoffman, and Casey Ulmen. It was good to meet you all, and thank you for watching over this claim, and keeping it in great shape!

Long-time club member Joyce Smith resigned from her club Treasurer position effective August 8. We wish her all the best.

I appointed Kim Dessaussois, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief; to act as Treasurer for the remaining months of Joyce's term, and received approvals from the club's board. I will take over Kim's duties as Publisher/Editor-in-Chief for the time being.

We have elections coming up in October, and a ballot sheet is enclosed in this newsletter, Please take a minute to review the ballot, cast your vote and mail it in to the address provided on the ballot so that your vote will be counted. We will also be holding our election at our Coulterville Feed in October if you would prefer to vote in person at this event. The Board of Directors works for you and your vote will help shape the club and its future direction.

Thank You,
Dan DiCarlo
UPI President



Board Meeting Minutes

UPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 14, 2022

President called meeting to order at 10:04 am

Roll Call -

Officers present: Dan DiCarlo, President; Lydia Hough, Secretary (via telecom)
Officers absent: John Lopez, Vice President; Joyce Smith, Treasurer
Directors present: Louie Ettlin, Claims Manager; Kim Dessausios. Publisher/Ed-in-Chief;
Jim McGann, Membership
Directors absent: Colleen Campbell, Outings Coordinator; Cal Courtmier, Ways/Means
Volunteers present: Dan DiCarlo, Contra Costa Chapter.
Volunteers absent: Michael Steele/Anthony Davenport, Central Valley Chapter; Mark Weber,
Webmaster; Wagon Master - vacant
Members Present: None

Minutes were read and accepted.

REPORTS:

President - The IOOF hall in Coulterville has been reserved for October 15, 2022. We will not be renting tables this year due to existing tables in the hall and members providing tables as needed.

Vice President – Absent, no report

Treasurer - *Treasurer* not present, balance as stated at last board meeting is \$7,413.64

Secretary – nothing to report

Pub/Ed-in-Chief – would like articles from members for the newsletter.

Claims Manager – has possible candidates for Assistant Claims Manager, Mark Thompson. May have drone to take pictures and help replace claim markers destroyed by fires.

Membership – Active members 118; Active life members 90; Inactive life members (deceased) 9; Total members 208. To email thank you/confirmation letters to verify email address is correct.

Outings Coordinator – Absent, no report.

Ways and Means – Absent, no report.

Web Master – no one has stepped up to replace Mark Weber, President Dan DiCarlo to talk with Mark about transferring data and updating current web site.

Chapters:

Central Valley - nothing to report, chapter chairs absent

Contra Costa – meetings will be held the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm, waiting to secure meeting place

Education/shows: Dan DiCarlo, President, set up a table at the Golden Gate Historic Bottle Society bottle show

Ethics and Grievances: nothing to report

Open Forum: Dan DiCarlo: 6 ft. table given to Jim McGann. So. Bay chapter dissolution \$928.77 to be split between Central Valley Chapter and Contra Costa Chapter. \$464.39 given to Central Valley, Contra Costa will be given theirs when location is secured at first meeting.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Old Business:

Bull Creek outing recap – 31 attendees, drawing/merchandise sales \$1,879.00 less \$1,135.00 main drawing that will be used to purchase drawing prizes for August outing = \$744.00. Less expenses of \$334.89 = 409.11 profit

Merchandise:

100 decals have been ordered to be offered to members and included in new member packets.

Items requested by members:

Women's tank top
Sleeveless top
Colored shirts
Beanies
Sweat shirts/hoodies

Promotion of club:

President Dan DiCarlo has set up Facebook page for main UPI and Contra Costa Chapter. He will post pictures of outings
Tri-fold brochure and business cards have been printed to give out at various functions.

Membership:

send welcome letter to new members to verify email address is correct
resolution of missing newsletter issue, it is determined that email addresses were incorrect
bounced email problem, if email bounces member will be called to correct email address
chapter leads to get updated member/email list on a monthly basis

New Business:

schedule a board meeting before each outing to determine if additional prizes/merchandise need to be obtained. Next board meeting to be held July 30, 2022 at 10:00 am, place to be determined

revamp Guidebook; form a committee to review and update current (2010) guidebook. Suggested changes: Split into 2 booklets – By-laws and Claims Guide with updated directions. Add published year to front page, remove old chapter information, move guest release to Claims Guide, remove hand book references, update claims information.

1. Lead – Kim Dessausios
2. Volunteer – Joyce Smith
3. Volunteer – vacant
4. Volunteer – vacant

Membership Director needs to be able to deposit funds; motion was made to allow Jim McGann to deposit membership dues into bank account. 2nd by Louie Ettlin, motion passed.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

UPI OUTING/MEETING AGENDA

June 24, 25, 26 Twain
July 23 Metal Detecting Hunt and Potluck to be at Almondridge Park just off Highway 4
in Antioch CA—**This event was eventually cancelled due to heat.**
July 30 Board Meeting-10:00 am, location to be determined
August 19, 20, 21 Bull Creek-**This event was changed to Spanish Creek at a subsequent board meeting.**
September 10 Roaring Camp day trip
September (tbd) Rye Patch Nugget Shoot, Rye Patch Recreation Area near Lovelock NV-
This event was eventually cancelled due to cancellation by hosting GPPA club.
October 14, 15, 16 Coulterville Feed
October 15 Board Meeting and Potluck

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am

TWAIN OUTING—June 24, 25, 26



Metal Detecting
10AM-11AM

Shirt Sales End ⇒ 2PM

Poker Walk
3PM-5PM

Potluck
5PM-6PM

Ticket Sales
3PM-5PM 6PM-6:30

Drawing 6:30-?



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to our newest members:

David Lent

Larry and Susan Anecito

You have joined an outstanding, fun bunch of gold and gem seekers. We look forward to meeting you in person at an outing or on the claims.

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.
- 🌀 If you check the box for electronic newsletters and notifications, you will get two e-mail reminders when your membership is due. One, 30 days prior to and another, the day of expiration, if it lapses.
- 🌀 You will also receive 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.

Sincerely,

Jim McGann

Membership Director

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Upcoming Events

2022 OUTING SCHEDULE

April 29, 30, May 1	Bull Creek— COMPLETED
June 24, 25, 26	Twain — COMPLETED
Aug 19, 20, 21	Spanish Creek
Sept 10	Roaring Camp Day Trip
Oct 14, 15, 16	Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck



*** 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.

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Upcoming Events Continued

Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed!

The Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed is October 15th.

We will have a metal detecting hunt that morning, followed by a board meeting, elections, potluck dinner, and a drawing.

The usual pancake breakfast for Rebecca's Fundraiser is not being scheduled again this year, so you will have to make your own plans for breakfast.

Some members will be camping at our Moccasin Creek claim. There is a trailer park in town with a limited amount of spaces, and limited lodging in the area. Some folks also stay in Groveland, and drive over to Coulterville for our events. You may want to book your spot now, as space is limited.

All of the events below are happening on Saturday, October 15, 2022:

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	
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	

As always, the Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed means elections for specific club board positions. Please see the official voting ballot contained in this newsletter.

OFFICIAL UPI BALLOT—2022



Completed Absentee ballots (this form) must be received at the address below by October 7, 2022.

Voting will also be available at the UPI Coulterville Outing on October 15, 2022.

OFFICER POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

Vice President: _____ Jim McGann

Write In: _____

Treasurer: _____ Kim Dessaussois (Incumbent)

Write In: _____

DIRECTOR POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

Claims Director: _____ Sid Calija

Write In: _____

Membership Director: _____ Kathy McGann

Write In: _____

Outing Coordinator: _____ Colleen Campbell (Incumbent)

Write In: _____

Publisher/Editor in Chief 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, 2022 at:

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C/O Jim McGann

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Your Signature: _____

Print Your Name: _____

Your UPI Membership Number: _____

Lost Treasures of Northern CA!

Butler's Forgotten Claim

In the heart of Mother Lode country, Amador County, California was once crawling with prospectors. Near the very place where James Marshall first discovered gold at Sutter Creek, another profitable claim was being worked that may continue to hold large amounts of gold buried close by.

At the foot of a deep gorge coming out of the mountains was a claim that was first owned by a group of African-American miners. The river was soon dammed so that the miners could work the smooth channel. However, there was no holding-place for the gold, so the entire party soon left – except for a man named Butler.

Seeing potential in the claim, Butler soon borrowed \$600 from a man known as Uncle Pompey and opened another claim a little lower down in the bend.

Butler's instincts were right, as after a day's work, his gold pan would be filled with gold nuggets. Some said that a day's work with a rocker would produce as much as \$50,000 in gold. As word of the rich find got out, a number of men, anxious to have a share, hunted down Butler's former partners, inducing them to sell their interests in the claim. This soon resulted in lawyers and lawsuits, all wanting a piece of the action.

Butler, a simple prospector, was overwhelmed by all the controversy and soon took sick with a fever and died. Afterward, it was found that Butler had about \$80,000 on deposit at Mokelumne Hill and a similar amount at Sacramento. However, his friends said that he was often known to bury his profits close to the site of the claim.

Today, those buried caches are thought to still be hidden in Amador County.

Lost Treasures of Northern CA!

Gold Coins in Clear Creek

In the 1850s a group of Mormon wagons were passing through the fertile valley of Redding, California on their way to the tiny settlement of Horsetown. However, in order to get there, they first had to cross Clear Creek, usually a quiet little stream. However, when they arrived, Clear Creek was nothing but quiet; rather, it was a muddy torrent of raging floodwaters running off the nearby mountains. Forced to stop on the banks of the creek, they waited several days for the creek to settle down to its normal easily crossable state.

However, they were impatient to get to their destination and didn't wait quite long enough. When the flash flood waters had slowed but were not yet calm and shallow, they decided to cross. Most of the wagons made it across the river safely, but one wagon, belonging to a Mr. Bishop, met with disaster. Entering the swollen waters just a little downstream from the others, he quickly found the creek deeper in that particular area.

Soon, one of the wagon wheels fell into a deep hole and without warning, the wagon tipped on its side. Able to unhitch his team of horses, Bishop and the animals made it to safety, but the wagon was carried downstream.

The incident was then forgotten for decades until 1910 when a prospector named William Dreestelhorst found a ten-dollar gold coin in his sluice box. The coin was stamped with the initials "SMV," dated 1841, and the words "California Gold" were inscribed around the rim. This meant the coin was privately minted by an assayer and was of the very same type the Mormons had lost some 60 years previously.

This began yet another search of Clear Creek, but again, no one found the lost cache of coins.

Many believe that the lost Mormon treasure continues to be hidden along the banks of Clear Creek southwest of Redding, California.

CHANCE TO WIN A GOLD NUGGET

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

All members and even non-members are encouraged to submit articles, recipes, lessons learned, stories about recent adventures, news from other relevant clubs and pictures to the Publisher for inclusion in the next UPI newsletter. Readers enjoy reading about what other prospectors are up to. Let's keep the newsletter informative and interesting by sending in your stories and pictures.

If your story makes it into one of our newsletters, you will be entered into a drawing to win a gold nugget. Drawing will be held in Coulterville UPI outing held in October 2022. Must be present to win.

So send in your stories,, pictures, and any news worthy information.

And Good Luck!!

Dan DiCarlo
Editor / Publisher

Send your submissions to Publisher.UPI@Gmail.com



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