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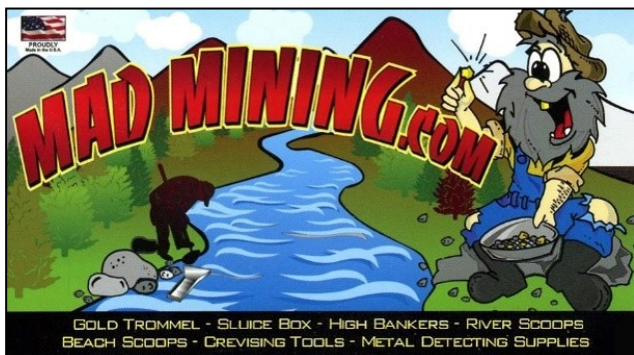
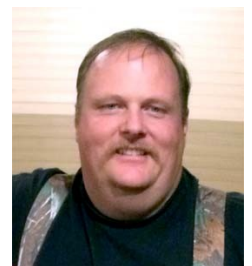




UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It is that time of year again, the weather is cooling and the days will start getting shorter. It is a great opportunity to get to those claims that are a bit on the dry side that can be unforgiving in the scorching summer months. These dry creek beds and drainages are potentially a great opportunity to be explored with a detector or dry washer. There are several claims that have old tertiary deposits and high bench deposits on them as well. Greenhorn is a great example of one of these deposits.

With the high water at Spanish Creek in June, several of us chose to look at several of the other claims in the area. Greenhorn was one such claim. There was some brush to remove and claim markers to replace. After the work was done it was time to have at it. It did not take long for some of the more experienced detectorists to key in on the bedrock bench along the creek. Several small nuggets were found along with some nice flake. But what really surprised me was the old river deposit on the opposite wall from where we had all parked and had ignored until one of the more experienced members had pointed it out after almost everybody else had left. I did not see it at first, but after pointing out the string of rocks in the wall in a linear formation it was clear there was an older deposit. We went back the next day and some material was removed from the wall at the point of contact with bedrock and a little bit of gold was recovered. The real surprise was just over that same hill where there was a lot of old workings and piles of rocks and trash. I was told it was difficult to detect but well worth it in the end. From what I was told the member that had located it prefers to use a Minelab SDC 2300, but due to the high metallic trash content he had switched over to a Minelab Gold Monster and recovered this little beauty. As they say... gold is where you find it.




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Upcoming Events

The **Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving outing** is October 18th, 19th, and 20th. Saturday the 19th we will have the detector hunt, Board meeting, food drive, elections, potluck dinner, and drawing. This is a great time to support a small community that has always welcomed us over the years.

Pancake Breakfast - Rebecca's Fundraiser - 8:00am (Odd Fellows Hall) Detector Hunt - 10:30am (Across from park)

UPI Meeting - 12:30pm (Odd Fellows Hall) Set up the Hall - 3:30pm Potluck - 5:00pm (Odd Fellows Hall)

Elections and Drawings to follow potluck

Detector hunt will be held across from the tennis court/park, and the **meeting, potluck dinner, elections, and drawing** are at the ODD FELLOWS HALL, in the center of town on Main Street. There will be some folks camped on the Moccasin Creek claim. The Historical Jefferies Hotel is closed indefinitely! There is a trailer park in town with limited spaces, and limited lodging in the area.

Remember we will also draw for the **outing attendance prize** for all those folks that made it to the outings this year. This year's drawing is for a beautiful gold nugget shaped like a butterfly. There will also be many great prizes in our year end drawing.

Also, as we have done in the past, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the local **food bank**. You will receive one ticket for every two items donated. Look for more information about the outing in this newsletter.

Thanksgiving outing at Coulterville also means **elections** are here. Voting will take place at the Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving outing on Saturday, October 19th. The positions open include President, Secretary, Publisher/Editor-In-Chief, and Outing Coordinator. **Absentee Ballots must** be received by October 9th.



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UPI Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 22, 2019 – President called meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

Roll Call -Officers present: Cal Courtnier, President; Lydia Hough, Secretary

Officers absent: John Lopez, Vice President; Joyce Smith, Treasurer

Directors present: Sid Calija, Claims Manager

Volunteers present: Bob Asbill, Wagon Master



President: No new business

Claims Manager: Claims are in order, replacing claims markers as needed.

Treasurer: Not present

Vice President: Not present

Membership: Sheri Garretson has resigned position, moving out of state. Jim McGann (first runner-up) has agreed to take position and was sworn in 6/12/19 at the Central Valley Chapter (Stockton) meeting. Dave Williams, previous membership director, will assist Jim for the time being.

Publisher/Editor-in-Chief: Gil Mink has stepped down, Cal Courtnier will get the next newsletter out. May have a replacement, will know in a month or so.

Wagon Master: Requests checks to pay Porta-Potty vendor for Spanish Creek units and upcoming Twain units. Cal will send checks.

Secretary: T-shirt sales are going well. Members are requesting hats, tank tops and sweatshirts.

Claims: Sid reported that claims are in order and is replacing claims markers as needed.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business:

- Hats and T-shirts: Lydia will get quotes on hats, both baseball type and boony type. It was decided to use T-shirt funds as revolving funds to replenish stock as needed. Funds will be allocated for hats at next board meeting when quotes are presented.
- Twain Outing: The Twain store has extended their camping area, Cal will contact them to advise of the August outing.
- Dredging at outings: Reminder – dredging is illegal in California and UPI cannot condone dredging at UPI outings.
- Outings Coordinator: Colleen Campbell has agreed to fill the position and was sworn into office. Suggested to bring back Friday night “Bingo for Gold”, duck races, horse shoe tournament etc.
- Canned Food Drive: Starts with July meetings. Donations of other items such as blankets etc. will be accepted.
- Chapter Info: The South Bay Chapter July meeting is canceled due to its being on the 4th of July, monthly meetings will resume as usual in August.



Membership News

Here are our Newest members. Let's all give them a Big UPI welcome!

On behalf of the Officers, Directors and current Membership I'd like to welcome and acknowledge our newest members.

Jason Tolbert, Los Vegas, NV
Don Rogers, Ridgway, CO
Albuquerque, NM
Doug Villnes, Ceres, CA
Howard Young, CA
Tammy Ashbaush, Yuba City, CA

Michael Tolbert, Orangevale, CA
Devin Stephens, Forestville, CA
James David, James Town, CA
Randy Ray, Modesto, CA
Michael Firman, CA

Joe Woods, Biggs, NV
Steven Petrin & Judy Wood,
Louis Campbell, Stockton, CA
Rod Zook, CA
Jim Goodwin, Auburn, CA

You've joined an outstanding, fun bunch of gold and gem seekers. We look forward to meeting you in person, at an outing and on the claims. We have two active chapters and I encourage you to attend one of their meetings if you get the chance.

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. Other Membership News:

Reminders:

- When renewing your membership, you must fill out and sign a new application each year.
- If you check the box for electronic news letters 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 e-mail notifications when the newsletters are available on line.
- Have a Change of Address, E-mail or contact info? 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, find me at an outing or send me a note via regular mail.

Reminder:

California fire permits expire at the end of each year. You can get your 2019 fire permit by watching the video and taking a small quiz at the following site:

www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfires/

Happy prospecting ,

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2019 UPI OUTING SCHEDULE



April 26th -28th Bull Creek Claims
June 21st -23rd Spanish Creek Claim
August 23rd -25th Twain Claim
October 18th -20st Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed

Please be sure to **RSVP** to our Wagonmaster
Bob Azbill Robert.azbill@yahoo.com or 530-409-4549



2019 UPI Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck, Coulterville, CA

On Saturday, October 19th at 5:00pm, the UPI Potluck Dinner and Drawing will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall, on Main Street, in the middle of town. RSVP TO: Cal, The Pres. at 209-366-2718 or courtnc@hotmail.com. Please tell us how many are coming and what you are bringing. UPI WILL PROVIDE: Turkey, Ham, Bottled Water, Coffee, Plates, Utensils, and Napkins. Please bring your own beverages. Below is a list of side dishes needed. We have an average of 100 UPI members attend, so your help will be very much appreciated. Please make sure to supply your own serving dishes and utensils (you may want to put name on them). Also, when leaving, please make sure to pick up your items. If you do not want your leftovers, it is your responsibility to give them away. Food should already be prepared and, if necessary, only require minimal re-heating. Please be prepared to heat your own dishes. Please use your own cooler. **WHAT IS NEEDED:**

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| Stuffing (need 4-5 dishes) | Cranberry Sauce (homemade is better) |
| Gravy (there's never too much) | Olives, pickles, etc. (several cans/jars) |
| Sweet potatoes/Yams (need 2-3 dishes) | Rolls and butter |
| Vegetable side dishes (need 4-5 dishes) | Desserts (cakes, pies, cheesecake, etc...) |
| Salads (green, bean, fruit, potato, etc.) | Mashed Potatoes & Gravy |
| | Your Choice – Surprise us! |

Please don't forget to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Coulterville Area Food Drive and receive your free drawing tickets.

2019 UPI NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES



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All members are encouraged to submit articles, recipes, lessons learned, news from other relevant clubs and pictures. These deadlines are for board members too.

Send your submissions to ???



Members Remembered

Farwell to a Longtime UPI Member

On February 18, 2019, UPI lost a long standing member and good friend, **Bill Reboin**. Bill served as a UPI volunteer and was previously the UPI Publisher/Editor in Chief for many years. He was always informed and truly intelligent and one could always look forward to Bill's riveting editorials. Also, he served as the UPI Historian for the past several years. Not one to mince words, Bill always said it like it was and his thoughts and suggestions were good and not only helped shape UPI, but, also helped to keep UPI on the straight and narrow.

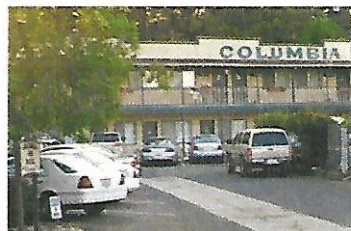
Many of you know Bill from his presence at our UPI Twain claim where he spent his summers and his winters spent in Quartzite, AZ. Our many thanks go out to Bill for his friendship and all his many years of service to UPI. He will truly be missed. We are pleased that Bill's name will be forever memorialized with UPI by the UPI "Reboin" claim named for him near Coulterville, CA.



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President: ____ Calvin Courtnier (Incumbent)

Write In: _____

Secretary: ____ - Lydia Hough

Write In: _____

DIRECTOR POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

Publisher/Editor-in-Chief: ____ Kim Dessaussois

Write In: _____

Outing Coordinator: Write In: ____ Colleen Campbell

Ways and Means: Write In: _____

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