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## Antioch Outing!

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*Please contact the UPI President if you are interested in starting a chapter in your area.*

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# UNITED PROSPECTORS INC.

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello!

The April outing at our Bull Creek claim went well, and several club members found a decent amount of gold. Saturday morning saw 11 metal detectorists vying for close to \$300.00 in prizes. The weather wasn't too hot and most of the targets were found. We had six people either renew their memberships, or sign up for the first time. The afternoon's potluck was well-attended and we had about 32 people who came to the outing. The main drawing had 41 gold nuggets, along with an assortment of new and used treasures. After the drawing, an Easter egg hunt was held where club members searched in a field for Easter eggs with only a bag and a flashlight. The 50 planted eggs each contained a ticket that the hunters would turn in for some valuable, and some not-so-valuable prizes. It seemed like most if no all of the attendees enjoyed the outing, and if you weren't able to make it, you missed a good time!

The June outing in Antioch went well also. We wanted to have an outing close to home as we know a lot of members would rather not drive 2-4 hours to an outing at our claims. We started out the morning having a metal detecting hunt with 23 hunters, and gave away close to \$300.00 in prizes. A CD Toss For Gold was added after the hunt prizes were distributed, and that seemed like a big hit for those who participated. We had several folks show up after the hunt for the potluck and main drawing. We gave away 40+ gold nuggets plus another 60+ prizes in the main drawing. Everyone received at least one main drawing prize with most of the folks going home with multiple treasures!

Our membership application has changed to feature an increase in our membership dues if you want to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter through the U.S. Mail. We spent over \$1,600.00 in printing, mailing, and shipping our newsletters last year, and the board decided to increase our membership dues for those who want a hardcopy. Please review your membership application closely when you renew your membership in the future.

We have elections coming up in October, and we have several vacant positions. There is a form contained in this newsletter where you can nominate someone who you think would be a good addition to the board. The Board of Directors needs you or your input to continue to make UPI one of the premier clubs in the area!

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for the club, please let me know. Until then, I hope to see you at our chapter meetings and club outings.

Take care,  
Dan DiCarlo  
UPI President



# Board Meeting Minutes

## UPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 1, 2023

President called meeting to order at 10:20 am.

### Roll Call:

Officers present: Dan DiCarlo, President; Jim McGann, Vice President;  
Lydia Hough, Secretary

Officers absent: Kim Dessausios, Treasurer

Directors present: Dan DiCarlo, Publisher/Ed-in-Chief; Cal Courtnier,  
Ways and Means

Directors absent: Sid Calija, Claims Manager; Kathy McGann, Member  
ship; Colleen Campbell, Outings Coordinator

Volunteers present: Anthony Davenport, Central Valley Chapter;  
Dan DiCarlo, Contra Costa Chapter

Volunteers absent: Michael Steele, Central Valley Chapter

Minutes were read and accepted.

### REPORTS:

President – nothing to report.

Vice President – absent, nothing to report.

Treasurer – absent, balance of \$8,989.01 per President.

Secretary – has given resignation, term ends 12/31/2023.

Pub/Ed-in-Chief – absent, nothing to report.

Claims Manager – absent, nothing to report.

Membership – absent, nothing to report.

Outings Coordinator – stepping down from position, nothing to report.

Ways and Means – has a supply of gold to sell if chapters are in need.

Web Master – nothing to report.

# Board Meeting Minutes

## **Chapters:**

Central Valley – lead Anthony Davenport is contacting speakers for future meetings

Contra Costa – lead Dan DiCarlo reports approximately 20 in attendance at last meeting

**Education/shows:** President Dan DiCarlo has upcoming rock and bottle shows to promote club

**Ethics and Grievances:** nothing to discuss

**Open Forum:** nothing to discuss

## **Old Business:**

Changes to membership brought up in previous newsletter was passed by the UPI board. Due to rising costs of postage, annual dues will be \$55.00 per year for hard copies through regular mail and have enclosed the newsletter to be mailed and \$45.00 per year for emailed copies. New verbiage for membership will be:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to receive the newsletter through regular mail and have enclosed the \$55.00 annual membership dues.

Current memberships and lifetime memberships will not change. These changes will take effect as current member renewals.

The hall in Coulterville for the pre-Thanksgiving bash has been reserved and paid for.

## **Remaining 2023 Event Schedule:**

<b>April 21-22</b>	Booth	Golden Bate Historical Bottle Show-Antioch.
<b>April 28,29,30</b>	<b>Outing #1</b>	<b>Bull Creek.</b>
<b>June 3</b>	Board Meeting	Stockton Eagles Hall.
<b>June 24</b>	<b>Outing #2</b>	<b>1 day metal detecting hunt with pot luck.</b> <b>Details to follow as soon as location is secured.</b>
<b>August 5</b>	Board Meeting	Stockton Eagles Hall.
<b>August 18, 19, 20</b>	<b>Outing #3</b>	<b>Twain.</b>
<b>Sept 9</b>	Roaring Camp	22 spots have been reserved, Cost is \$75.00 per person Contact Roaring Camp at 209-296-4100 to register and pay, let them know you are with UPI when registering.
<b>Oct 13,14,15</b>	Coulterville Feed	Coulterville, metal detector hunt and pot luck on 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Oct 14</b>	Board Meeting	Coulterville.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm



# Bull Creek Outing!





# Antioch Outing!





# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## 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.

☯ You will 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.

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Sincerely,

Kathy McGann

Membership Director

upimembership1@gmail.com



# Upcoming Events

## 2023 OUTING SCHEDULE

April 28, 29, 30

June 24

Aug 18, 19, 20

Sept 9

Oct 13, 14, 15

Bull Creek—**COMPLETED**

Metal Detecting Hunt/Potluck—**COMPLETED**

Twain

Roaring Camp Day Trip—**FULL**

Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed



\*\*\* 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.



## Follow Us!

UPI is now on Facebook. Here are our pages:

**UPI Facebook page:**

"<https://www.facebook.com/UnitedProspectors>"

**UPI Contra Costa Chapter Facebook Page:**

"<https://www.facebook.com/ContraCostaUPI>"

**UPI Central Valley Chapter Facebook Page:**

"<https://www.facebook.com/Central-Valley-Chapter-United-Prospectors-Inc-110771341666606> "

## **Contra Costa 2023 Chapter Meetings**

The chapter meets on the first Tuesday of every month at:

Contra Costa Water District Building

1331 Concord Ave.

Concord, CA

7PM-9PM

January 3	COMPLETED
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February 7	COMPLETED
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March 7	COMPLETED
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April 4	COMPLETED
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May 2	COMPLETED
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June 6	COMPLETED
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July 6	COMPLETED
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August 1	
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September 5	
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October 3	
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November 7	
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December 5	
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## **Central Valley 2023 Chapter Meetings**

The chapter meets on the second Wednesday of every month at:

Eagles Hall

1492 Bourbon St.

Stockton, CA

6:30PM-8:30PM

January 11	COMPLETED
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February 8	COMPLETED
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March 8	COMPLETED
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April 12	COMPLETED
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May 10	COMPLETED
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June 14	COMPLETED
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July 12	COMPLETED
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August 9	
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September 13	
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October 11	
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November 8	
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December 13	
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# OFFICIAL UPI BALLOT—2023



Completed Absentee Ballots (this form) must be received at the address below by October 7, 2023.

Voting will also be available at the UPI Coulterville Outing on October 14, 2023.

## OFFICER POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Dan DiCarlo

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Vacant

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

## DIRECTOR POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

Publisher/Editor-in-Chief: \_\_\_\_\_ Vacant

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Outings Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Vacant

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, 2023 at:

United Prospectors, Inc.

C/O Kathy McGann

PO Box 693284

Stockton, CA 95269-3284

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your UPI Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_



Membership is open to anyone interested, 18 years or older. One membership includes a spouse & children under the age of 18.

***All memberships are good for a period of 1 year and will expire on your anniversary date.***

**Membership Dues:** (check your preference below)    **Number of qualifying family members** \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Membership \$45.00/year \$55.00/year to receive hardcopy newsletter:**    **New** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lifetime Membership \$450.00:** \_\_\_\_\_    **Foreign Countries \$55.00/year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (    )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about us?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, I want to receive the newsletter through regular mail, and have enclosed the \$55.00 annual membership dues.

I hereby apply for membership/renewal with United Prospectors, Inc. ("United Prospectors"). I understand that United Prospectors and its agents do not provide goods or services for my activities including, for example, mining equipment or supplies, lodging, transportation, food service, etc. United Prospectors is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act by providers of such goods or services during my activities. I acknowledge that there may be certain risks involved with activities as a member including, but not limited to, rugged or uneven terrain, uncertain or unpredictable river currents, physical exertion for which I am not prepared, other unknown forces of nature, high altitude, accident or illness without access to means of rapid evacuation or availability of medical supplies, the adequacy of medical attention once provided, or negligence on the part of United Prospectors. I HEREBY AGREE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN WELFARE AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF UNANTICIPATED EVENTS, ILLNESS, INJURY, EMOTIONAL TRAUMA, OR DEATH. I acknowledge that the cost of United Prospectors memberships is based upon participants executing this Release of Liability. Therefore, as lawful consideration for being permitted to participate as a member, I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FOREVER UNITED PROSPECTORS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING FROM MY MEMBERSHIP OR MY ACTIVITIES AS A MEMBER. I agree that this release shall be legally binding upon me personally, all members of my family and all minors traveling with me, my heirs, successors, assigns, and legal representatives, it being my intention to fully assume all the risk associated with my activities as a member and to release United Prospectors from any and all liabilities to the maximum extent permitted by law.

**I AM 18 YEARS OR OLDER AND HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **UPI Member #** \_\_\_\_\_

(Renewal only)

**Please mail this completed (signed and dated) application along with your check/money order to:**

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**Please allow 4 weeks for your application to be processed**



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