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Hello all. At this writing we have finally gotten some much needed rain, hopefully filling up our lakes and streams, setting us up for a great 2010. There is much confidence that the Senate Bill 670 will be overturned. PLP and the New 49ers are each preparing their court cases. Our organization will be helping in the fight, with donations, and other support when the time arrives.

We have a great outing planned for Coulterville and I hope you will mark your calendar and plan to attend. The meeting will be held at the VFW hall on the main street there in Coulterville at 9:00a.m. followed by the detector hunt at 11:15. The dinner will be at 5:30 and elections will be held starting at 4:30 and will go on until 6:00. This year we moved our dinner to the VFW hall so as to spread the wealth so to speak. The small community of Coulterville gets a little bump from our visit. This will help our veterans. In addition to our dinner we would like to support a canned food drive, with canned foods going to the local community. This will be our opportunity to give back to the community. To make this drive a success we will give each person 1 raffle ticket for the 1 can donation. Limit 1 ticket per person, but please feel free to bring as many can food items as you can afford.

Can't wait to see ya at Coulterville.

Don

CANNED FOOD DRIVE PLANNED

VP MESSAGE

We may be down , but, we are not out. SB 670 might have kicked our butts this year, but, as we bring this year to a close, we do have some things to be thankful for. Overall this was a good year for UPI. I want to take a minute and give thanks to all the UPI volunteers for their support this year in making things happen. A special thanks to the Officers and Directors for all your hard work, and a special shout out to Cindy Siegel for making these newsletters happen! I'd like to take my hat off to those of you that stepped up in opposition of SB 670, I appreciate all your hard work. Also, for those of you that took the time to let us know what you wanted to see happen with UPI, we do appreciate it. You wanted 4 outings this year and you got them. You voted for a catered Thanksgiving outing and the board made it happen. We heard you when you said that you wanted to add additional claims, and believe me when I say that we are trying to make that happen. Unfortunately, we have had several leads bomb out, but, we will not stop pursuing new leads. We are currently looking at two new leads in the Quincy area, and hopefully they will work out and we will be able to pick them up this year. Again, if you have a lead on a claim that you think is right for UPI, please let me know. It's time for the elections and you still have time to make a difference. Voting will take place at the Coulterville Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, November 14th. If you are not able to attend the dinner, please make sure to return your absentee ballot located in this newsletter. Write in candidates are allowed, however, you must have candidates approval. Please do not assume that the candidate that you want will win, please complete and return your ballot by not later than Saturday October 31, 2009.

Happy Holidays to you and yours and May There Be Gold In Your Pan, Ed Ozga, Vice President

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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2009

Please attend the board meetings as often as you can. They are an important part of the UPI organization and your input is appreciated and needed. If you want to arrive a week or several days before the outing, please go for it. If there are any exceptions, we'll let you know via the newsletter, or by email!

***Indicates** that there is currently a Board meeting scheduled for the outing. If you want your input heard on where and when Board Meetings should be held, be present at the Board Meetings.

November 13-15 at Coulterville*
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This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all new members and those renewing! Welcome aboard for a year of fun.

New Members 8-20-09 thru 10-09-2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
David Alameda	Brentwood CA
Jerry French	Willits CA
Eugene Meyer	San Jose CA
Carla Herbert	Gilroy CA

Renewing Members 8-20-09 thru 10-09-2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Derald Smith	El Paso TX
Howard Hughes	Modesto CA
Terry & Debbie Moore	Sunnyvale CA
Len Weise	San Jose CA
Dietrich Papp	Dayton NV
Pat & Kim Dnn	Livermore CA

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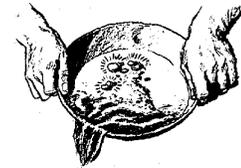
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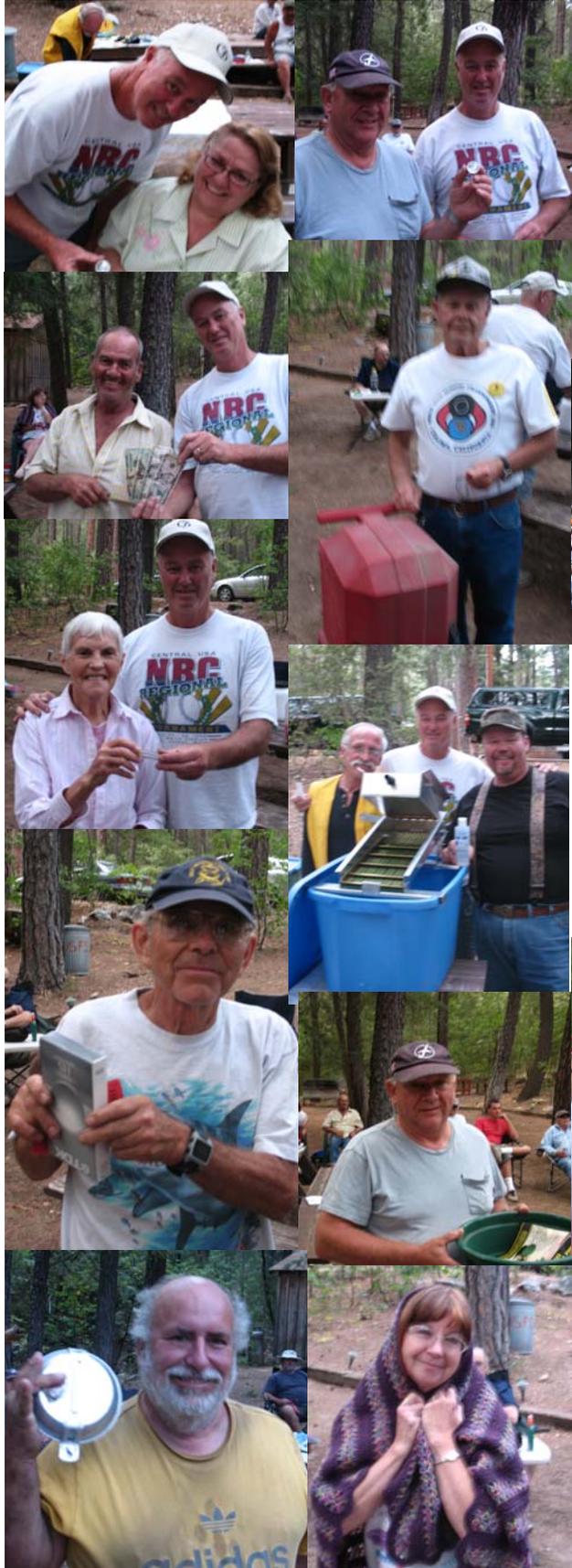
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WAYS N MEANS REPORT:

I wish to thank all members that donated items for the Twain Outing this past September 2009. This made the event extra special to see that members do make it all happen for the club. The food was real good and I even got to eat first again, something to do with eating slow. Ken L donated a sucker tube device, Mr. Randall donated some army mess kits, Denise Downey donated some real pretty shawls that she hand made, Al Harris donated a real nice home made sluice box, 5 gal buckets donated by Dennis Mobley and a pocket knife donated by a member. I apologize for not remembering your name. If I missed anyone please forgive me. Thank you one and all for helping to make it a great turn out and helping with the pot luck and raffle.

Now down to the up and coming Coulterville outing and the items that will be raffled off. We have some real cool stuff and I'm just going to mention a few items so as to get you all excited about the clubs raffle. First, the main prize item that will be raffled off separately from the other items is a "Vac Pak" with a pack rack to carry into the wilds of your prospecting adventures. This item is for cleaning out those crevices. It comes with all the attachments and even some 2 cycle oil to get you on your way. We are also raffling off some very nice gold nuggets. Other items are some real good things to have in your arsenal of mining gear, grizzly pan and mini sluice, EZ mini sluice with the flare, various pans and classifiers, sliding hammer power bar, a book on Nevada lost mines, gold mining book of the 21st Century by Dave McCracken, 'How the West Was Won' display case with vials to show off that gold you find, some pocket knives by Mossberg and Schrade and an 8" sharpening stone and for those that don't find their own AU, we have a bag of con's from Alaska discount gold. We'll have other things as well, so don't forget to come out and enjoy it all coming this November 13, 14, and 15th 2009.

I thank you, "Ways n Means" Michael Brick



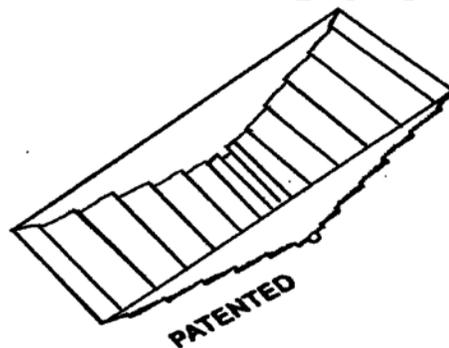
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IN MEMORY OF NINA BROWN



This summer marked the passing of Nina Brown, 59 years the wife of Leland Brown. Nina and Leland have been UPI Members since around 1994 while Joan Randall was the Club President, and they still are. Nina and Leland were active Club members participating in the outings and other activities that the Club had going on at the time, shows/panning trailer, membership drives from the mid 90's to the early 2000's. As Nature sometimes has its way they both started slowing down a bit and became less active in the activities/outings of the Club, still maintaining their membership.

I'll always personally remember Nina as the sweet lady that always had a big smile on her face who always volunteered to babysit Samantha while I was tending to the business of taking outing pictures and working the roll call for the outing potluck/raffle. I'm sure that there are those who will also always remember the friendship and camaraderie at the Brown 5th wheel at the outings. The last time I saw Nina was in Quartzsite either late last year or early this year. As soon as Samantha and I walked into their camp site in Quartzsite Nina spotted us and greeted us both with her bright smile and a warm hello that ended up with an invitation for lunch. That was Nina.

Nina departed from the physical universe to enter the spiritual universe after a short bout with cancer. This is a loss to the UPI Members that had social intercourse with Nina, and Leland, and she is surely missed. We pray that Nina has found the place in the spiritual universe that she wants to occupy and that she is enjoying herself.

May her universe be lined with gold.

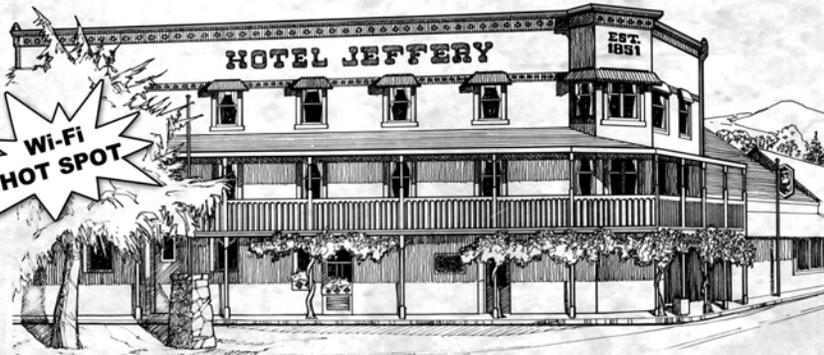
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The Twain Outing had a good turn out. Lots of good food, met new friends and old friends. One of the highlights of the Potluck was that Bill Reboin celebrated his birthday and Brenda and Beverly made a cake for him. We all sang Happy Birthday and shared his birthday celebration with him.



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Your Membership Director,
Georgia Azbill

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| 11. Diana Stephens (guest) | 12. Paul Stephens
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1. Paul Venker – Knife Sharpener w/knife
2. Eddie Aiken – Grizzly Pan, Mini Sluice
3. Ron Rowe – Thermos 2 qt
4. Dennis Mobley – Where to Find Gold Book
5. Jim Madden – Remington Shot Gun Shell Pack and Hat (donated by Portagee Jim)
6. Paul Venker – Classifier Size 4
7. Pat Mobley – Bucket and Gold Pan
8. Dennis Mobley – 21st Centruy Gold Mining by Dave McCracken
9. Jerry Randall – ½ Penny weight Gold (12 grains)
10. Ashley Orona – Gld Pnr license plate, snuffer bottle and pendant
11. Brenda Rowland – Extra large snuffer tool
12. Bill Reboin – Shawl (donated by Denise Downey)
13. Al Simone – Snuffer bottle, pendant, collector box
14. Don Siegel – Bucket and gold pan
15. Ashley Orona – Book of Nevada (Principal Gold Producing Districts of Nevada)
16. Pat Mobley – Classifier & How to Gold Pan book
17. Mark Weiss – Modern Mining Techniques by Dave McCracken
18. Mark Weiss – Clean up pan, sucker bottle and bucket
19. Frank Hansen – Scissors multi purpose tool
20. Al Simoni – Jewelry necklace (geode quartz crystal)
21. Steve Reed – Sluice Box (donated by Al Harris)
22. Jane Bates – One pennyweight gold piece
23. Mark Weiss – Scoop, vial, tweezzer, magnifying glass, brush
24. Rick Palmiini – Mess kit, Gold stone necklace
25. Al Simoni – Snuffer bottle, pendant, Keene Hat
26. Pat Mobley – Shawl (donated by Denise Downey)
27. Mike McCann – Keene Digest, ¼' classifier, snuffer bottle, pendant
28. James Neeley – VHS GPA video and UPI pendant
29. Pat Mobley – Gold Recovery Kit, UPI Pin
30. Pat Mobley – Mess kit, Gold stone necklace, UPI pin
31. Dennis Mobley – 101 Uses Survival Kit
32. Portagee Jim – Magnifying glass, hat pin, coin prospector, knife
33. Paul Venker – Recirculating mini sluice
34. Ruby Allen – 2 pennyweight gold piece
35. Bob Williams – Wheeled equipment box (donated by Al Harris)
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37. Mike McCann – Power Sluicing Video
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CANNED FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION (receive a raffle ticket for your canned food)

UPI Meeting at the VFW Hall @ 9:00am

Detector Hunt in the Park @ 11:15am

Voting will take place at the VFW hall from 4:30-6:00pm

Dinner served at the VFW Hall at 5:30pm

Raffle to begin after dinner

Results of the Voting to be announced after the Raffle

The VFW Hall will be open all day. Please sign in if you choose to use the bar.

The VFW is preparing dinner this year and the menu is included below:

DINNER MENU

Baked Turkey and Sliced Ham

Dressing

Yams

Mixed Vegetables

Green Salad

Rolls

Various Desserts

Water, Coffee and Iced Tea

We look forward to seeing everyone at the last outing of the year and we look forward to the beginning of a new year in 2010.



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This section is free to any member who would like to advertise items they have for sale. Please email me with your information and we will list the items until you tell us to delete them. Feel free to email me at cfs623@aol.com and I will be happy to list them. Also don't forget to check out the UPI items below for purchase. These items are available through your Ways n Means officer or you can purchase them at the outings. Thanks!

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Like New Hose
Reserve Air Tank
Large Header Box with 6' pontoons

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Contact: Chuck at (707) 374-6396

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Briggs and Straton motor was rebuilt 2
years ago only used about 12 hours
since rebuild. Radial blower (offset fan)
needs to be replaced.

Contact Joel Orona at
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	PIN						\$2.00	
	UPI HAT						\$9.00	
	TEE SHIRT (S M)						\$12.00	
	TEE SHIRT (L XL)						\$15.00	
	TEE SHIRT (XXL 2XL 3XL 4XL)						\$25.00	
	HOODED SWEAT SHIRT (XL)						\$25.00	
	UPI FANNY PACK						\$8.00	
	UPI CANVAS BAG						\$7.00	
	SHIPPING/HANDLING							\$5.00
							TOTAL	

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT OUTING!



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