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*Drive in mining done at Squirrel  
with little results.  
We have a mile of stream that  
needs checking out!*

**The next Outing/Board  
Meeting is at Bull  
Creek, 9/1 thru 4!  
Be there give us your  
input.  
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What an interesting turn of events. Our biggest outing of the year canceled, followed by a small turnout at Squirrel Creek has left us with a lot to do and only a little time. Every year at our October outing we hold elections, but this year we are a little behind with our nominations. The next outing is Bull Creek and I am looking forward to seeing all of you there to give your input.

One of the opportunities the board has been working on in 2006 is clearing up the duties for each of the board positions. Currently many board members wear more than one hat to insure that all duties and projects are completed, as there are no clear defining lines from one position to another. When we complete this project each board member will be empowered to run their position with confidence that they are carrying out the organizations best interests. So, look for 2007 to be the start of some new things, each category will have a budget: Ways and Means, Outing Coordinator, Editor Publisher and, etc., we will be striving to do some new and innovative things to make your organization, and the outings more fun. Please step up and get involved and be heard.

If you are not aware, expenses are growing at an alarming rate so now more than ever it is important that we back our advertisers, without their support we would have to purchase all of our raffle prizes, as they contribute merchandise to pay for their ads. Also if you have a line on a possible advertiser please let me know and I will follow up with the possible advertiser.

See you all at Bull.  
Don

## THE OUTING

To start off with it was a rough week at work for your EIC/Pub. There were only two of the normal five Regional people around to handle all of the incoming things that come in, and some can be pretty hectic, myself and another. This prevented me from me from taking Thursday off so that I could leisurely get my stuff together and head out as I usually do.

Yes I was able to take Friday off, however half way between Sacramento and Marysville the cell phone started ringing off the hook with incoming emergencies at the companies' new shopping center. These needed to be handled so roadside time was necessary. The emergencies set up for handling I was able to get on my way. Boy was I happy when I got into the Feather River Canyon where I couldn't receive calls. The phone was off for the remainder of the weekend. Yaaaah!

I finally and excitedly arrived at the outing site, Squirrel Creek, a recent addition to the UPI claims inventory. I always look forward to the outings, seeing and mingling with the members. You are my disconnection from all else that goes on, this is UPI and why I persist. I was also looking forward to scouting the claim out for likely areas that might produce the elusive yellow metal, as recent member reports, though no official claims reports filed, were not encouraging.

Was there any Au found? Well I guess that's a matter of prospective. For me personally I could care less if I find any gold or not. I'm usually too busy covering the outing for the newsletter. My gold is in the members that

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### Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2006

**Sept. 1 - 4: Bull Creek.** Tentative depending on stream conditions. Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 9/2.

**Oct. 6 - 8: Spanish Creek. Elections, be there.** Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 10/7.

**Nov. 10, 11 & 12: Coulterville 7th annual Pre-Thanksgiving.** Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 11/11.

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# BOARD NOTES

July 30, 2006

President Don Siegel called meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

**Officers Present:** Don Siegel, President; Tom Eastland, Vice President; Samantha Wait, Treasurer; and Rita Perry, Secretary

**Directors Present:** Bill Reboin, Steve Letlow, Christa Eastland, Aaron Matula, Chet Chastain, and Gerald Hurt

**Directors and Officers Absent:** Brenda Marsh, Wesley, and Linda Doyle

**Members Present:** Kit Perry and Denise Matula

Motion was motioned made by Chet Chastain and seconded by Gerald Hurt to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

- **Treasurer, Samantha Wait:** The checkbook balance as of May 31, 2006, was \$13,845.75; total income \$3,030.00 which leaves a total of \$16,875.75. **Total Expenses \$4,252.40.** July 29,2006, Balanced Checkbook is \$12,623.35. Motion was made by Chet Chastain to accept the Treasurer's Report, Aaron Matula seconded, and motion carried.
- **Membership, Linda Doyle, presented by President Don Siegel:** We have 1 honorary, 61 life, 329 regular, 10 subscribers, with a total of 401members.
- **Wagon Master, Wesley "Wes" Smith :** Wes said the port-a-potty will be delivered to Squirrel Creek for the outing.
- **Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland:** Beginning next year Christa will be able to use her funds from her events to purchase prizes for the games that she has at the outings. Some of the games or events will be detector hunt, panning contest, horse- shoes, and a common dig. She is planning a **Panning Contest at Coulterville and Horseshoes at Bull Creek.**
- **Ways and Means, Aaron Matula:** There will be a price increase on the t-shirts \$10.00 to \$12.00 and hats \$5.00 to \$7.00 due to the fact of the increase in purchasing the items. Chet Chastain made a motion as of January 1, 2007 to allow Ways and Means to establish prices based on cost for sellable goods and to bring before the board for board approval and Samantha Wait seconded and the Motion carried.
- **Political-Grievance, Gerald Hurt:** PLP is still fighting for our rights. The New 49ers sent out a flyer that they won their battle, but unfortunately it was just the decision by the judge that we could proceed further, but it will take lawyers and research to continue. The prospects for winning are outstanding. PLP still needs donations in the form of gold (they can sell it for cash) or cash so that they can continue in the courts for us. Chet Chastain made a motion to send the allotted \$500.00 to PLP, Sam Wait seconded the Motion, and the Motion carried. There is another battle going on with environmentalist regarding the tailings from the dredge, sluice box, or a bucket of dirt should be considered pollution not just rocks or dirt coming out of them. New nominees for 2007: Sid Parrish, Steve Letlow, Bob Azbill, Georgia Azbill, Samantha Wait, Tom Eastland, Wes Smith, and Aaron Matula. Needs valid members and nominations and there will be absentee ballots this year.
- **Editor/Editor-in-Chief/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** Tri-folds were changed and some what updated.
- **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** Ed is still doing a great job with Contra Costa Chapter. Santa Clara with Michael as Chairperson is also doing well. Stanislaus and San Joaquin are going to merge as one Chapter.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** Rental Fees paid. Eldorado County did not bill us. He has the money for taxes. Chet wanted to know if Salmon River should be reopened. Chet Chastain responded, "For the equipment that is currently in the bylaws under the mining rules I make a motion that we open Salmon River to use by the membership." Tom seconded the motion. One opposed the opening of Salmon River. Chet will have to go up and remark the claim before it is opened. UPI will try to reopen Salmon River at least by January 2007. We are not getting rid of any of our claims at this time.
- **Technical Advisor, Steve Letlow:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer, Samantha Wait: BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.**

<b>New Checkbook Balance 05/06/2006</b>	<b>\$ 12,623.35</b>
Don Siegel	\$ 104.47
Pro-Mailers	\$ 210.89
Postage	\$ 266.40
Allegra	\$ 388.11
PLP	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL BILLS</b>	<b>\$ 1469.87</b>
New Checkbook Balance	\$ 11,153.48

**Motion was made by Chet Chastain and seconded by Aaron Matula accept payment of the bills. Motion carried.**

- **Unfinished Business:** We are still trying to keep our claims at Oxbow.
- **New Business:** Directors and Officers have the right to ask anyone for their UPI membership card. If someone is mining on our UPI claim and not a member we can ask the person to leave or to sign up as a member. Steve Letlow is going to put on a demonstration of panning for gold at the Boys' and Girls' Club at Dixon.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



Pictures of the make-up Board Meeting held in Sacramento. UPI gratefully thanks Lewis Operating Corp. for the use of their meeting facility.

## NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

*This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all new members and those renewing!*

*Welcome aboard for a year of fun.*

Information is from 07/11/06 thru 08/14/06

<u>New Members</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Glenn Anderson	Quartzsite, AZ
Joseph Battaglia	Stockton, CA
Ed & April Brant	Reno, NV
Michael Brickwedel	Mountain, CA
Rodney Bruun	San Jose, CA
Jim Buckley	Ridgecrest, CA
Richard Ewen	Pioneer, CA
Dean Fallen	Reno, NV
Ronald Johansen	Fresno, CA
Robert Marsh	So. San Francisco, CA
Gerald Neyrinck	Concord, CA
Tim Obole	San Dimas, CA
Jim Prink	Livermore, CA
Stanley Richardson	Bishop, CA
Nancy Roberts	Clovis, CA

<u>Renewing Members</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Bob & Georgia Azbill	Pollock Pines, CA
Larry & Iris Biggs	Dayton, NV
Kevin Blodgett	Belmont, CA
Craig Bly	Modesto, CA
Ralph Caldwell	Diablo, CA
George Creveling	Twain, CA
Kim Ellison	Hayward, CA
Gary & Lora Grutkowski	Sebastopol, CA
Charles Hawkins	Pacifica, CA
Gerald Hurt	Hanford, CA

## Renewing Members Cont.

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Carol Ann Lacy	Taylorville, CA
Harold Lancaster	Fresno, CA
Ken Liddle	Stockton, CA
George Lyman	Rio Linda, CA
Brenda Marsh	Sacramento, CA
Beth McBrien	Diablo, CA
Mike & Gail McCann	Paradise, CA
Debbie & Terry Peck-Moore	Sunnyvale, CA
Ivan & Diane Perkins	Brentwood, CA
Debbie Reboin	Los Angeles, CA
Al Reynolds	Lakeport, CA
Ernie & Virginia Sandberg	Red Bluff, CA
Henry Sissler	Los Gatos, CA
Derald H. Smith	El Paso, TX
Paul Sprenkle	Clovis, CA
Mike & Vicki Wells	Tallahassee, FL

## Members up for renewal September 2006

Membership renewal due in September

Anthony Arredondo	Bill & Carol Bowman	
Carl De La	Billy Douglass	Mike Douglass
James & Sarah Hill	Raymond Jordan Jr.	
Olan & Susie Makemson	Gerald H. Paul	
Judi Reitz	Rudolf Reyes	

Members up for renewal please be sure you re-up so you are eligible to participate in the election and spend at least another year with UPI. **Please see page 6 for exercising your voting rights as a member.** Absentee ballots will be made available to those of you that desire them so you can participate.

*Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI, the small-scale miners advocate. We need to see you at the outings and the Board meetings to help us guide the organization the way you would like to see it go.*



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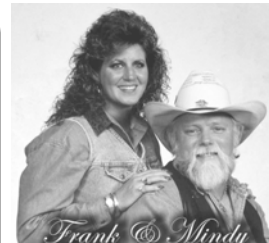
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At last years general election the membership voted in the use of the absentee ballot for those that could not be present at the general election/outing to participate in the election process. This also gives members that live hundreds to thousands of miles away, we have memberships all over the U.S., the opportunity to participate in the governance of the organization.

The procedure for obtaining and executing an absentee ballot is fully outlined in Article IX of the Organization Bylaws **save for whom to contact, as this will change from year to year.** This years contact person for receiving an absentee ballot is:

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If you want to vote this way because you will not be attending the Spanish Creek outing, October 6 – 8, the outing that the election will be taking place you need to begin requesting your absentee ballot immediately after the Bull Creek outing coming up September 1- 4.

I'm going to see if a temporary posting of the absentee ballot can get put on the website for downloading and printing. The thoughts are that this may be a more expedient way of making the ballot available to members that are on line rather than phone calls, e-mails or letters requesting the ballot. Download print, fill it out and send it in.

**Please be sure that your membership will be in force through October so that you will receive your requested absentee ballot.**

### THE CANDIDATES AND POSITIONS

#### NOMINEES

Vice President: Tom Eastland, incumbent.

Treasurer: Samantha Wait, incumbent.

Directors and current positions:

Chet Chastain, Claims Manager.

Steve Letlow, Technical Adviser.

Wes Smith, Wagon Master.

Aaron Matula, Ways and Means.

Sid Parrish, Member.

Bob and Georgia Azbill were nominated for directorships however it has not been confirmed if they will accept the nominations.

#### ALSO NEEDING NOTE

Joel Orona and Cindy Siegel have volunteered to help out in the Publications arena. There is far too much on my plate publication wise to be a one man show. I have been looking at prices for the organization to purchase the full Microsoft Office 2003 program so that they and other Officers and Directors will have the tools necessary to work in various already established files and templates. Some outside help has been solicited to do some price searching and licensing pricing. Hopefully this will occur soon.

### **Contra Costa Chapter Outing**

Ed Ozga and the Contra Costa Chapter are hosting an outing on Ed's personal claim above Jackson, CA in PiPi Valley. As a matter of fact I was just finishing up the newsletter while this event was going on. I really wanted to go and check it out, its been years since I have been to PiPi. I'm trusting that we'll be having a report for the next issue of the newsletter. The country up there is beautiful.

I have a heck of a hunting story from up there. A true story in hunting safety that resulted in myself not being able to get the shot off because as chance may have it there were other hunters in the line of fire.

## Fantasy!



The west is what it is today, or was, because of its natural resources, timber, minerals, metals etc. The west was opened up in part by the passage of the Mining Law of 1872, and in part by the railroad. Our entire population, this country, relies on our and other countries natural resources of all kinds for its day-to-day existence. Other countries rely on certain of our resources. We rely on what is grown, plant and animal, and harvested or mined on private and public land for our daily existence, as do other countries and their populations.

Who are there those that want to see mining, logging, grazing and other such activities shut down? And why? Don't they understand that without mining and logging and other growing and harvesting activities they wouldn't have a roof over their head and food in their bellies? Or for that matter, do they want clothes on their bodies to protect them from the elements? Do they assume that all they need to do is go to the local vendor of whatever they desire and that there is an endless supply, of what they desire, in some sort of warehousing facility?

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come to the outings and participate in the group activities whatever they are whatever the outcome. You are my Nuggets, and you are the reason for the organization. Should I perhaps find the time to do some prospecting and digging and find some of that yeller stuff, hot dog, I scored. When the members find gold that's even better.

After beating around the bush, to answer the question posed in the first sentence of the preceding paragraph: YES, there was some Au found, though nothing to shout about. As of my departure around noon on Sunday the reports were not too good. Small amounts of small pieces were found by some of the members at a few of the easy access spots for setting up their equipment. I did some sampling with the pan at a couple of places on the upper portion of the creek and only found a couple of sparklers. I threw them back so they could grow up.

Chet Chastain, Claims Manager, walked the lower half or so of the creek and found an area that he thought might be a good area to work. I walked perhaps the lower half or a little more of the upper half of the claim, along the creek side, to a point where it got quite brushy. At this point Samantha started rolling around on the ground in what turned out to be bear scat. There was another pile about 20 feet away so lacking the equalizer I headed back to camp. A little later Steve Letlow and I retraced my original hike. We didn't see much that was promising, though one area may deserve a closer look and some sampling. When we got close to the spot where the scat was spotted we headed up the canyon side to the road and hiked up to the top end of the claim.

Don Siegel, Gerald Hurt and David Elmer had headed up there with their dredges and were setting up. Bill Greymont had set up camp at the upper camp area and was working the creek with his dredge when we got there. Bill wasn't doing to good in his search. Don and the others set up a few hundred feet down stream. As I recall Don said that he found some fines in the hard pack below the loose float material, (moves with high water) and didn't have to go too far until he hit bedrock, but wasn't finding anything on bedrock. Interesting! Gerald and David were having trouble getting their machine running and I have no report on their final outcome/findings. Chet worked the pinch area at the southern end of the claim and found a few small pieces there.

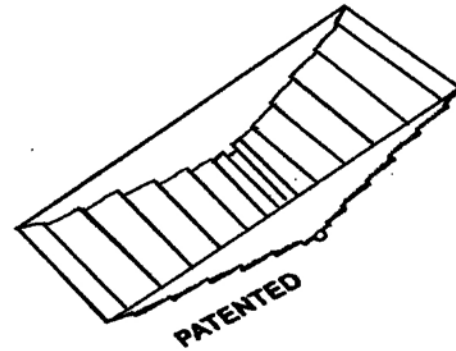
While hiking back to camp along the road I was carefully scanning the creek as the position of the sun had changed and I was viewing the canyon/creek from a different perspective. I spotted a much longer tailings pile than those easily seen, while driving the road, down a steep incline to the creek. It was also observed that this appeared to be a pinch down area of the creek. Being tired, hot and by myself I opted not to venture down for a closer look. If you look closely at the map in your Guidebook you can see this pinch down. If you also notice in this pinch down area there are also a couple of adit symbols. One is above the road and up stream of the pinch, as I recall I may have spotted this though I'd have to check it out with the map. The other is down stream of the pinch on the north side of the creek. This is the narrowest point of the creek bed the entire length of the claim except at the very southern end where the claim ends. This is where I would want to prospect next time I'm in the area. Does anybody want to take me up on this during the Spanish Creek outing as a side venture? Everything that flows down the creek including gravels and minerals has to flow through the pinched down areas. If there are natural traps there this is where the heavier materials will settle out and work their way down if the water flow doesn't blow everything through. If bedrock can be found here it may produce nicely, or even the hard pack may produce. The tailings are there for a reason. It could be that they are the product of mining occurring at the adits.

It was a great outing. There were new faces, new members, new friends and old friends gathering together in the quiet woods having a good time.



*Right:* Getting set up for the pot-luck. By the time we were all set up we were in the shade. Great food!!!

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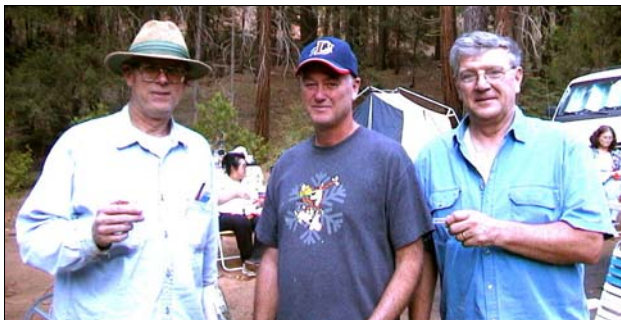




# UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the Squirrel Creek outing,  
Potluck and Raffle including the raffle results.  
August 5th, 2006

1. Brenda Marsh
2. Beverly Paul: Bev won a black sand magnet
3. Joe and Gloria Sul and grandson Matthew: Joe and Gloria won a couple of pry bars, a 1979 Eisenhower Dollar, a grab-bag with a hat, poison oak soap, D ring and a snuffer bottle. Matthew won a Saqajua? Dollar, pardon the spelling, a MRE and pot scrubber.
4. Michael Brickwedel
5. Don Siegel
6. Steve Letlow: Sounds like he's ready to go mining. He went home gloves, sucker bulb, a MRE (Meal Ready to Eat, like military rations.) and pot scrubber, a specimen show case and a folding shovel. He has a tent and truck already.
7. Bill Johnson and Judy Vasquez: Judy commented about the Grizzly pan and sluice, she wanted one, while checking out the prizes before the raffle, well she won it.
8. Bill Greymont: Big winner here, a 1979 "Susan B. Anthony" dollar, a Trinity pan and snuffer bottle, the number one UPI Nugget and was winner of the 50/50 drawing as well.
9. Gerald Hurt: Wonder bar and snuffer bottle donated by Mike Brickwedel, soap towel
10. Chet Chastain: Chet went home with a Vandonite crystal and the number two UPI Nugget.
11. Carol Lacy
12. Hank and Linda Sisler: Tweezers, 18" pry bar, small pocket knife and huge sharpening stone
13. Ed and April Brant
14. David Elmer: Quartz crystal
15. Sam and Bootsie Fourfeet
16. Bill Reboin
17. Terry and Mike Schoen were at the site trailer and all but I don't know where they disappeared to, they missed the potluck. I think that there were a few other members that I may have miss as I spent time out in thee woods checking the creek and the country side out.



## RAFFLE WINNERS!



*Above left:* UPI President, Don Siegel in the center, flanked on the left by Chet Chastain, winner of the number two UPI nugget. Flanked on the right by Bill Greymont, winner of the number one UPI nugget



*Above:* Bill Greymont also won the 50/50 drawing. Bill wasn't successful in finding any Au in the creek, but he found it at the outing. He went home with the big UPI nugget, cash in hand along with a couple of UPI Raffle items. One would have to think that the outing was a success for him.



*Left:* Well I got in a hurry on this one and couldn't do anything to save it or make up for the error. Sorry for the 3/4 Bill.  
Please see number seven above in the Roll Call column for a short explanation of the excitement exhibited!

**More of the Raffle!**



**Right:** Raffle prizes. The bag looking things are the MRE's.  
**Below:** Part of the group camped at middle camp.



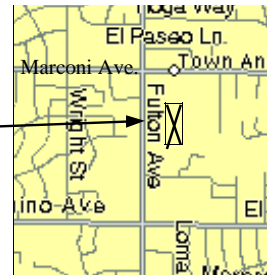
**Left:** There is at least one busy beaver around. **Below:** What looks to be a beaver pond.



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