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**HOPE TA SEE YA AT DA NEXT
DEM DAR OUTING!**

June 24—July 5

Genesee



UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM YOUR OFFICERS



President

Hi all,

Hope this summer finds you all out on the creeks and rivers enjoying the mild weather. We had some nice weather at our last outing over at Bull Creek. About 25 folks were present at the pot-luck/raffle. I am pretty confident that they all had a good time. As always the food was fantastic, and we enjoyed the campfire afterwards. Our next outing is over at Genesee. The pot-luck/raffle will be on Saturday, July 2nd starting around 5:00. If we have enough of the board available we will have a short meeting following the pot-luck to make sure our business keeps running.

It is very hard for me to talk of this, but we (UPI) lost a dear friend recently. Chris Perry (most of you know him as Kit) left us a few weeks ago and he will be greatly missed. Kit has been my friend from the first day I met him at a Spanish Creek outing. Anyone that knew Kit will tell you the same thing. He was willing to help you with anything, without any consideration for what was required of him. He could fix anything and was a hell of a miner. His service was held at Sugar Pine Point State Park where he worked, and although we had some unstable weather there was a large turnout. A true celebration of the time he spent with all of us. We will miss you Kit.

Don



Vice President

Hope you are enjoying the summer. It's that time of year again, when we need folks to step up to the plate! Once again it's time for the UPI Board elections and we need your help! UPI has been around for over 50 years, but only because of the folks that volunteer to keep it running. Most board and director positions are not difficult and don't require a huge amount of time, however, when there are not enough volunteers to fill all the positions, a lot of extra work gets placed on just a few individuals. We need more folks to step up and keep this club going strong!

All Officers and Directors serve 2-year terms. The current year (2011) is an even year so the positions available are President, Secretary, and two Director positions (Outing Coordinator and Publisher/Editor-in-Chief). Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these positions. To be eligible for office a member must be in good standing with UPI for 1-year or more at the time of election (November) and no nomination can be accepted without prior approval from the nominee. Voting will take place at the Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, November 12th in Coulterville. If you are not able to attend the dinner, please make sure to return your absentee ballot which will be included in an upcoming newsletter. Hope you are available to step-up and help out.

MAY THERE BE GOLD IN YOUR PAN, Ed Ozga.

UPCOMING UPI OUTINGS

June 24-July 5 Genesee

Nov. 11-13 Coulterville

Potluck/Raffle Saturday July 2nd 5:00 pm

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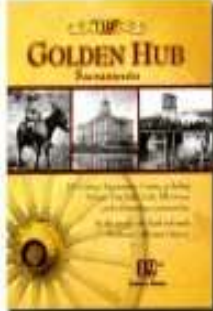
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Contra Costa County Chapter News

UPCOMING BEAR RIVER OUTING



Mark your calendar now and sign-up to attend the 6th Annual Contra Costa Chapter Outing. Our last five annual outings have been a roaring success and this years outing has some extra special activities planned. Activities include a metal detector hunt including Indian head and steel pennies, Liberty and Buffalo nickels, silver dimes, and who knows what else! There's winner take all duck races (yes ducks), raffles, and special activities planned for the kids. This year we have the entire private group campsite reserved at Bear River in Placer County, CA for the weekend of September 16th, 17th, 18th (out by 19th). Motor homes and trailers are allowed (over 30' not recommended). This is dry camping, there are outhouse style potties, and no hook-ups are available. The charge for the weekend is \$20.00 or \$5.00 for Saturday use and you must have a reservation to attend. Please contact me at OzMiner@msn.com or 925-706-8193 to reserve a spot. This is a gated campground, with no gate keeper, so you need to make a reservation, because you will need the combination. May there be gold in your pan, Ed Ozga, Contra Costa Chapter Chairman

Theo Marcela is Contra Costa Chapter's latest equipment raffle winner. Theo picked up a cool PRIZM 5G Metal Detector. Congratulations Theo—Way to Go!



Hi guys. Take a look at this beautiful \$5 Indian I found while screening at the dump site in Tonopah, Nevada over Memorial weekend. This is the first U.S. coin I have ever found; still can't believe it. Some treasures are still out there.

May our days be golden and our hair be silver.

Jim Kelly, Contra Costa Chapter



Santa Clara County Chapter News

The Santa Clara Chapter has a new meeting location in San Jose at the Willow Glen Baptist Church. They have offered us a great place to meet. Our upcoming Chapter event is that we will be participating in a Gold Rush day July 30th at the Almaden Quick Silver Mining Museum. The Santa Clara Chapter will have our gold panning booth up and running and will be promoting a membership drive.

Mike Phillips, Santa Clara Chapter Chairman



JEST FER FUN!!!

NEW QUESTION OF THE MONTH

How many words can you make from the words Chilean Mill (chill-e-an mill)

DEFINITION: A machine, somewhat like the arastra, in which heavy stone wheels turn about a central shaft and crush ore.

RULES: 4+ letters, no plurals slang or proper nouns used. We found 48 words in 15 minutes. All words verified with the Oxford dictionary.

UPI BULL CREEK OUTING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS



Sandra Cothran Boss



David Williams



Aaron Matula



Jeff Shideler



Keith Thomas



Gloria Sul



Sandra Cothran Boss



Joe Sul



Aaron Matula



Keith Thomas



The Dibrowas'



Keith Thomas



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Lori Dibrowa



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Alex Dibrowa



Dave Williams



Jeannie Boley



Joe Sul

UPI OUTING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS (Continued)



The Sul's



The Sul's



Aaron Matula



Alex Matula



Doug Fain



Doug Fain



Jeff Shideler



Paul Dean

Bull Creek Outing Roll Call and Raffle Winners

Jeannie Boley -
Ron Boley
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Jim Courselle -
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Daniel Repke
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Joe Sul -
Keith Thomas -
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Blue Gold Pan with Snuffer Bottle, 16 " Pry Bar

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Bag of Rocks

24" Shovel, Bungee Cords, Fanny Pack & Pin, UPI Tote Bag & Pin, Bag of Rocks
Two Bucket Handles, 14" Pry Bar, Blue Gold Pan & Snuffer Bottle
9 Gram Nugget, .6 Gram Nugget, Proline Gold Pan

The beauty of a life well lived is that it is never forgotten.....



Christopher S. "Kit" Perry born December 30, 1962 in New Bedford, Massachusetts passed away peacefully on May 19, 2011 in his home at Lake Tahoe.

Kit moved from Massachusetts to Springville with his family at the age of six. Kit developed an early passion for mechanics which became his hobby as well as his lifelong occupation. He is well known for his ability to fix even the worst of mechanical problems with ease. Kit had an adventurous spirit and in addition to mechanics, he enjoyed hunting and gold mining. In 1991 Kit married his wife Rita and joined their families of five daughters. Kit and Rita are long time members of United Prospectors, Inc., both having served for years as board volunteers. Most recently, Kit was our Technical Advisor and Rita is our Secretary. Kit also enjoyed riding quads and spending time in the mountains of Lake Tahoe where he resided. At the time of his death, Kit was employed by the State of California at Sugar Pine Point State Park as a heavy equipment mechanic.

To Rita and all of Kit's family and friends, we appreciate all the hard work that Kit did for UPI and we will miss him. We pray that time and fond memories will help to ease your pain.

Memorial donations can be sent to the Tahoe Forest Health System: Hospice and Home Services at PO Box 759 Truckee, CA 96160

Hi folks, a few words about your UPI organization. Each year we hold elections, with the need for folks to get involved and keep this great organization running. This club has been in existence for more than 50 years, but we need some new blood if we are to continue into the next 50 years. I have been in my role as President for many years now, and while I don't plan on leaving the organization in a tough spot by quitting, I have grown a little stale and it's time for others to step up and lead us. Please let your voice be heard, by taking on a role or helping us find the right folks to fill our current openings. If you can volunteer or nominate an individual (with their permission) for an open board position, please contact Laurie Ozga, UPI Elections Committee, at OzMiner@msn.com or (925) 706-8193.

Thank you, Don Siegel, President

UPDATE - MORATORIUM ON DREDGING

The miners now have a new spokesman the **Western Mining Alliance**. Here is their website

http://www.westernminingalliance.org/index.php?on=com_content&view=article&id=56&Itemid=5

Also try this link in the search field: [WMA.org](http://www.wma.org). They have a lot of good information on their website including sample letters and contacts.

Latest legislation.

The Karuk tribe and their spokesperson tried another tactic to stop suction dredging. Now that the SDEIR is almost complete, (November), the spokesman for the Karuk tribe, Craig Tucker and his friends, are very displeased that the science is refuting their position. In an effort to stop the court ordered SDEIR they got some of their friends to write up a Bill and submitted it to their friendly legislature. AB 120 section 12 was written by these people: **Allison Harvey, Auburn Rancheria; Steve Evans, Friends of the River; Cal Trout Sierra Club and a guy from an Indian artifacts protection group.** Their recommendation is to approve the following:

(1) Trailer Bill Language to continue the moratorium on issuance of suction dredge permits for an additional five years, or until such time as new regulations that fully mitigate all identified significant environmental impacts, and a proposed fee structure that will fully cover all program costs, are in place.

(2) Approve Budget Bill Language prohibiting any funding at the department from being used for suction dredge mining regulation, permitting or other activities with the exception of enforcement and legal defense.

This rider was left in the budget despite protests and voted in by the Democratic legislature. Luckily Governor Brown vetoed the whole package. As it stands now the legislature needs to go back and rework the budget or Governor Brown has Plan A and Plan B waiting in the wings. This gives us all time to write fax and email the Governor that the SDEIR must be completed.

The Best Way To Be Heard -

1) Mail -Hard copy mail (USPS, FedEx etc.) is always more impactful in a Legislator's front office. But time constraints can often make snail mail a poor option.

2) Fax - If you have a special letter with graphics or attachments you want to send to a legislator, we recommend faxing it.

3) E-mail - As of now it appears all legislator's offices will receive e-mails with attachments from their constituents, but not from other districts. Still, it can't hurt to also copy the same e-mail to a legislator that you know supports suction dredge mining, just to let him know he has your support in this Budget battle.

4) Phone - Make a call to simply say "Please Vote No on Trailer Bill # ??". Your vote will then be tallied with all the others on the Bill.



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Jim Madden

Assistant Claims Manager Report

Hi,

Here are some photos from the rock crushing event at the bull creek outing, and one of a mcgiver washer for my pressure hose.

I got to the place I was going to mine laid out all the hose and set up the box and pump only to find one of the rubber washers was missing. I took a short section of the blue lay flat hose an using a sharp knife a log to cut on and one of the other washers as a guide I cut out a new washer. Cut through both sides to make two washers for the extra thickness of the original washer. You can usually figure out anything in a pinch and always find something to make do. At the potluck one of the members said he ended up buying extra male fittings to screw into the hose ends so he does not lose them any more.

I had strapped down the crusher to my trailer, luckily I did that as the road from Groveland was very rough and even then I had to drive slow to get to bull creek. We fired up the unit amidst a cloud of dust but the wind kept changing, Don said maybe we should find another spot. We moved it up the road to a clearing where the dust would not bother any one. We crushed rocks from some of the members, some needed a little sledge hammer work to make them fit. We ended up with about four - five gallon containers of material to run. We ran one bucket in a le trap sluice and it produced very fine particles of gold, not enough to get rich on but nice to see. You never know that one rock you find may contain a bonanza of larger particles of gold.

Jim Madden



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SEE YOU AT THE NEXT OUTING!



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Dear Editor:

The 5 year moratorium is listed on AB 120 item 12

Can you post this on your associated web forums and newsletter so everyone can see the resources packet?
Rachel Dunn

http://www.aroundthecapitol.com/Bills/AB_120/20112012/

I received one email this month but ate some yummy Cherry Salad at the recent Contra Costa County Chapter Pot Luck Dinner. See Recipe below per the request of several members attending that meeting.
ENJOY!

What's Cookin'



CHERRY SALAD

Mix together

1 can Comstock cherry pie filling
1 can Eagle Brand condensed milk

Add

1 16oz can crushed pineapple
(Drained)
1 cup chopped nuts

Mix together

Add

1 8 oz container Cool Whip

Chill 4 hrs or overnight



The old miner sez: Da nashnul heat be on us'en an da tector folks. Ya need ta pay tention an git active in pfectin our turf. Ifn ya don't it mite could be gone.



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