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and get some gold!

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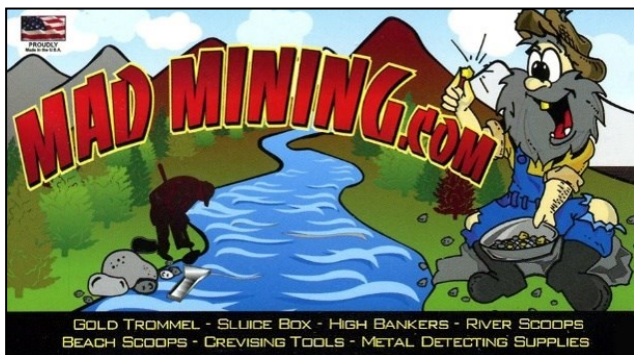
UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I know I am not the only one thinking it is time to get out of the house and enjoy the fresh air. A trip to the one of the mining claims is a great way to do that. There are many to choose from and I for one plan on hitting as many different claims as I can. Recently I went out to Dry Diggings after one of our members called their local chapter leader with concerns about a honeybee swarm on the claim. I had originally gone out several weeks back to look for the swarm with no luck in locating it and reported to the chapter leader and the claims manager that the swarm was not there. I also found that the mine shaft at the front of the claim was full to the top with water and it did not take long for me to decide that I needed to come back at a later date to do some sampling.

On the most recent trip to Dry Diggings, I arrived around mid day and I could see a few honeybees flying around on the hillside about 15 feet up the hillside above the drainage. As it turns out there now is a honeybee colony living in the hollow portion of an oak tree on the side of the hill. I was able to walk right up to it and observe it for several minutes without the bees becoming agitated. It is far enough out of the way that it poses no threat to us and should be left alone. It is also surrounded by lots of poison oak that has yet to leaf out. If bees make you nervous or you are allergic to bees, you may want to avoid that claim. I for one was glad to see a wild hive surviving.

There will be outings scheduled this year and with any luck the state and counties will let us keep them scheduled. For the time being the Saturday night potluck dinners will be on hold. We will resume the detector hunts and possibly a few other games and activities. The dates for the outings are in the newsletter and on the Talk and Trade section of the webpage. We are going to try to get into Genesee later this year. If that is not possible then we will move that outing to Twain if possible. There will be updates on this in future newsletters as we get closer to that outing.

Cal Courtner,
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Upcoming Events

2021 UPI OUTING SCHEDULE



April 23rd-25th

June 25th-27th

Aug 20th-22nd

Oct 15th-17th

Bull Creek

Spanish Creek

Genesee

Coulterville Pre-thanksgiving

Please be sure to RSVP to our Wagon Master, Bob Azbill at Robert.azbill@yahoo.com or (530)409-4549 so we know how many folks to expect.

ALL POTLUCKS ARE CANCELLED

We will be continuing the metal detector hunts.

All dates and / or locations subject to change



Central Valley Chapter - Meetings have resumed at the Eagles Hall in Stockton on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

South Bay Chapter - Meetings will resume shortly. Please contact Gil Mink.

Other Upcoming Events:

Central Valley Swap Meet—May 12, 2021 Eagles Hall in Stockton 1 hr before meeting starts

Other News:

A new Contra Costa Chapter may be opening up soon! Details to follow. Currently looking to secure a place to hold the meetings. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Cal Courtmier, President.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES:

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January 9, 2021 – President called meeting to order at 10:35 am.

Roll Call -

Officers present: Cal Courtnier, President; John Lopez, Vice President; Joyce Smith, Treasurer; Lydia Hough, Secretary
Directors present: Sid Calija, Outgoing Claims Manager (via telecon); Jim McGann, Membership; Kim Dessausios, Publisher/Ed-in-Chief (via telecon); Ways and Means – vacant
Directors absent: Colleen Campbell, Outings Coordinator
Volunteers present: Joyce Smith, Central Valley Chapter; Gill Mink, South Bay Chapter (via telecon); Mark Weber, Webmaster (via telecon)
Volunteers absent: Bob Azbill, Wagon Master
Member: Louie Etlin

Minutes were read with correction to Treasures report balance of 12/31/19 is \$6,407.50 not \$6,407.00. Jim McGann made a motion to accept amended minutes, seconded by Louie Etlin. Motion carried.

Elections: President read ballot results for open positions, electees are:

Vice President: John Lopez – incumbent
Claims Director: Louie Etlin
Membership: Jim McGann – incumbent
Outings Coordinator: Colleen Campbell

Treasurer: Joyce Smith reported the 1/11/2020 balance was \$6,407.50; total credits -10,047.69; debits - \$7,274.77; sub balance - \$9,180.42; deposit - \$2,250.00; final balance as of 1/9/2021 \$11,430.42.
A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report presented.

REPORTS:

President - nothing to report

Vice Pres - nothing to report

Treasurer - reported as above

Secretary - nothing to report

Pub/Ed-in-Chief - nothing to report

Claims Manager – as reported by Cal; claims were filed late, penalties have been paid and is giving newly elected Claims Manager information for future filing procedures. The club has 20 claims at this time. Claim markers will be replaced as needed.

Membership – We have 49 new members, 235 active members, 3 lifetime members, 11 deceased members.

Outings Coordinator – absent

Ways and Means – nothing to report

Wagon Master – absent

Chapters:

Central Valley – no meetings since March due to Covid restrictions. Meetings will resume February 10, 2021 in the large meeting room at the Eagles Hall 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Masks and social distancing are required to attend.

South Bay – Alameda County is on lock down, no meetings will be held until fall 2021 depending on Covid restrictions. A meeting might be scheduled on one of our claims, to be determined at a later date.

Old Business:

Membership – Reminder all new and renewing memberships MUST have completed membership forms
Dredging at outings: Reminder – dredging is illegal in California and UPI cannot condone dredging at UPI outings.
Treasurer - Reimbursement form MUST be used, receipts MUST be stapled to form and turned in monthly. Break down items into categories when possible.

New Business:

President Cal Courtner swore in Louie Etlin as new Claims Director
Budget was set for 2021 year
Claims Manager to meet with Tuolumne County recorder to determine ownership and boundaries of Moccasin Creek claim.
Website fees are due soon, motion was made by Cal to purchase 3 years, second by Joyce. All approved, motion carried

2021 Outings Calendar, dates are subject to Covid/Fire Restrictions:

April 23, 24, 25 Bull Creek
June 25, 26, 27 Spanish Creek
August 20, 21 22 TBD (Genesse or Twain)
October 15, 16, 17 Coulterville

Due to Covid ALL pot lucks are canceled



Board Meeting Calendar:

March 13, 10:30 a.m. - held at Eagles Hall
May 15, 10:30 a.m. – held at Eagles Hall

October 16, 12:30 p.m. – held at IOOF Building, Coulterville

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Reminder:

California fire permits expire at the end of each year. You can get your 2021 fire permit by watching the video and taking a small quiz at the following site:

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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.

Albert Franco	Pleasant Hill, CA
Steve Symanski	Yerington, NV
David O'Hare	San Jose, CA
Jedediah Jenk	Westlake Village, CA
Joey Phillip Caldwell	Reno, NV
Bill Hansen	Susanville, CA
Jason C. Christensen	Mill Valley, CA
Scott Hudson	Quincy, CA
Justin Magner	Tahoe City, CA
Joey Wilson	Oroville, CA
Joseph Sullivan	Chico, CA
Carol Russell	Groveland, CA
Juston Souza	Groveland, CA
Rush Devault	Groveland, CA
Richard Waters	Sonora, CA
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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.
- If you check the box for electronic newsletters 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 online.
- 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.
- It may take up to 4 weeks to process your membership application.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me by phone **(209)954-2155** or by email listed below.

Happy prospecting ,

Jim McGann

UPI Membership Director

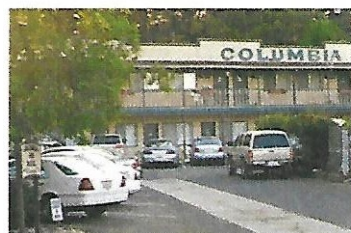
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All members are encouraged to submit articles, recipes, lessons learned, news from other relevant clubs and pictures.

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