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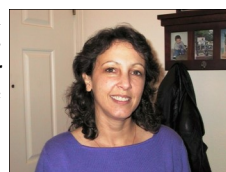


2002 BOARD SWORN IN 01/12/02!



This is a picture, above, of the Board, taken at the Twain outing where they were elected in September of 2001. *Left to right front row:* Samantha Wait, Treasurer; Daniel Short Jr., President; Linda Doyle, Director; Patty Mobley, Secretary; Bill Reboin, Director. *Left to right rear row:* Daniel Wait, Director; Steve Letlow, Director; Chet Chastain, Director; Ray Hughes, Vice President; Ed Ozga, Director. This Board was sworn in at the Presidents home on January 12, 2002.

Due to unpredictable circumstances, dealing with life and livingness, none of us knows when there may be a short hand dealt and unforeseen things may occur, agreed upon duties, by one official had to be passed on to someone else. Kathy Short, insert, agreed to accepting these duties, and was appointed as a Director on an emergency appointment, by the Board, at the January meeting. Kathy will be handling the Membership duties for the next year. This an important function of the club. Without it in operation we have know idea where we stand. If you have any questions or doubts about the importance of this position, contact Don Riley, our past Membership/Director.



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Don held this post since, 1997. He officially retired from these duties as of 12/31/01. Don kept impeccable records, and continues to do so to help the club through this transition, and things get sorted out.

While I'm writing about one Riley I cannot forget about the other, the "better half", Marilee. Marilee was the Club Secretary for three years as I recall, and she did a wonderful job as well. The only problem with her excellent minutes was that they were not in digital form and, lazy me, had to retype the abbreviated minutes for the newsletter. This kind of dedication and camaraderie is what has held the club together since 1947, and will continue to hold it together in the future. Thanks folks!



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UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Dec. '01/January 2002

I would like to welcome all UPI members to the New Year. We are planning to have a very good year as we are looking for more claims. We added more than 200 acres of claims last year and are in search of more. With the new Board being sworn in, at the January meeting, they are all excited to try new ideas, and see the club grow in a positive way.

We are starting more new chapters throughout the state and beyond. We started up six chapters last year and there is one being started in Stanislaus County soon. This will bring us to seven chapters. If you would like to start a chapter in your County drop me a line at upipres49@cs.com or call me at (209) 234-1114. I can talk you through what you need to know on how to start a chapter, and will mail you the necessary items for carrying it through

I would like to thank my Board of 2001 for all of their input into UPI. We have come a long way and I believe that the direction we are headed is the right one. The new handbook, now called the "Guide", will be ready for printing soon, and should be ready for mailing by some time in early February. This years "Guide" has been improved over last years as there are better maps of our claims and better driving directions also, with the addition of GPS reading to some of the claims. There are some new rule changes so please read your "Guide".

May all of your pans be lined with that yellow stuff
GOLD!

PARTIAL LIST OF SCHEDULED OUTINGS

- 1. April 5, 6 & 7, Coulterville/Moccasin Creek UPI**
- 2. May 3, 4 & 5 Oxbow**, tentative on permission from governing entity, this is an open mining area on the Middle Fork of the American River
- 3. May 31, June 1 & 2 Upper and Lower Bull Creek UPI**



The old miner sez: Me thinks dis is gonna be a goot year fer findin dat elusive yellor metel, Au.

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ACTIVITIES

The Alameda Co. & Madera Co.
Chapters got together and had a meeting on I believe as I recall Mariposa Creek. They had a good turn out. An Idea for you others.

Sacramento County had a good turn out and Jim Georgia volunteered to run the Chapter, with Don Scalise volunteering to assist Jim. Jim has attended every Chapter meeting since joining.



BOARD NOTES

Board of Directors meeting January 12, 2002

President Daniel Short Jr. called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Due to circumstances unforeseen the position of membership director needed to be filled. Motion by Samantha Wait and seconded by Ed Ozga that Kathy Short fill the position for one year. Motion carried.

New officers were sworn in and given their material to serve their office.

Roll Call:

Officers Present: Daniel Short, President; Ray Hughes, Vice President; Samantha Wait, Treasurer; Patricia Mobley, Secretary.

Directors Present: Bill Reboin, Chet Chastain, Kathy Short, Ed Ozga, Steve Letlow, and Linda Doyle.

Directors Absent: Daniel Wait.

Members Present: Dennis Mobley and Laurie Ozga.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from our last meeting. Motion carried.

- **Treasurer, Leland Brown:** The checkbook balance as of 12/31/01 was \$5,097.12. Income was \$2,248.93 and total expenses were \$2,649.20. Motion was made to approve, seconded and approved to accept the report. Bills were presented; a motion was made, seconded and approved to pay the bills.
- **Membership, Kathy Short:** As of the Jan. 10th there were 358 regular members, 41 life members, 14 complimentary members, 2 honorary members and 7 advertisers for a total of 422.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** Chet will be calling the clubs that have a reciprocal agreement with UPI to verify our verbal renewal agreements. Notice of intent for Moccasin Creek has been filed. There is some question as to if we need to have a bond for this claim. Chet will be contacting BLM on this matter. There will be no dredging on this claim from April 1st thru Sept. 15th. Word has it that the road to the Spanish Creek claim has been widened. Someone will be sent to verify if this is correct.
- **Editor/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** Bill will submit the 2002 Handbook to the printer by the end of January. Bill reported that Mark Weber is doing a fine job.
- **Ways and Means:** Dan reported the chapters are bringing in good money. Packets have been distributed to the chapters for their raffle prizes. There is \$1,672.00 in the raffle pool for UPI. Dan has purchased new items for this year's raffle prizes.
- **Ethics/Grievance, Ed Ozga:** Ed submitted a draft form for grievances to be submitted upon. The form will be e-mailed to all board members for their review and brought before the board at our next meeting.
- **Unfinished Business:** The new badges are made and will be brought to the next meeting. The colors for the club were discussed and suggestions submitted were made. This will be voted on at our next meeting.
- **New Business:** The outing schedule for 2002 was voted upon and passed. The board voted to spend up to \$600.00 to add updates and improvements to Bill Reboin's computer system.

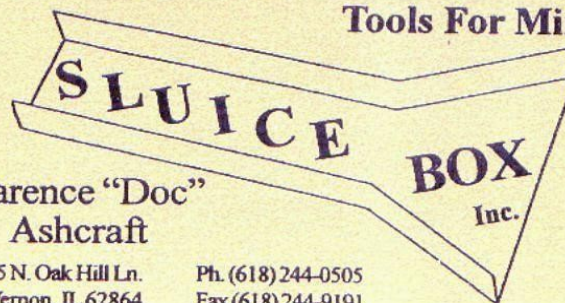


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This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all members, new, and those renewing!

Welcome aboard for a year of fun.

As of 1/18/2002 information

This column produced by Mark E Weber, UPI Member

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Alexander Valentine	Castro Valley, CA
Alfred F. La Chance	Milpitas, CA
Andre Schiettek	Healdsburg, CA
Betty Mestrovich	Portland, OR
Bobbie Carpenter	Visalia, CA
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Jim Miller	Oakland, CA
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Micheal Zastawny	Santa Cruz, CA
Mike Newberg	Greenville, CA
Paul W. Haggard	Madera, CA
Stuart Schultz	Modesto, CA
Walter Hills	Antioch, CA

Renewing Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
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Bert Haines	Coulterville, CA
Bill & Chris Drennan	Lucerne, CA
Bill Johnson	Sacramento, CA
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Carl & Bernadine Petersen	Arthur, ND
Charles & Wilma Clark	Roseville, CA
Charles Mellor	Rio Linda, CA
Clarence & Geraldine Klein	Carmichael, CA
Craig & Debra Cahoon	Cottonwood, CA
Curtis Moser	Hayward, CA
D.J. & Martha Arnold	Lotus, CA
Dale L. Nix	Antioch, CA
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Don & Brenda Porter	Lucerne, CA
Don & Marilee Riley	Foresthill, CA
Don Baldwin	Concord, CA
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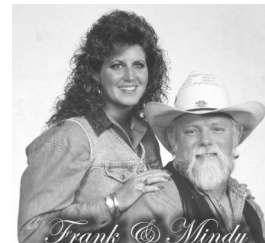
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Gerry Hojan	Stockton, CA
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Will & Marilyn Lindsley	Concord, CA
William & Nancy Greymont	Cedarburg, WI
William L. Skinner	Martinez, CA

Welcome aboard to all 116 of you, for another year of UPI fun and camaraderie, and some serious mining and prospecting. You new members out there need to come to the scheduled outings and connect up with the rest of us hard core members that re-new membership year after year.

Last year the club set records for outing attendance at every outing. This year we want to set new attendance records again.

At each scheduled outing there is a potluck dinner on Saturday night, all scheduled outings are on week-ends, some longer some shorter. Come join in on the 20 plus course meals. You will be fed well. Both the guys and the gals put some very inviting vitals out there for you to sample.

To top things off there is a raffle held at each outing, Saturday evening after the potluck, where you can win all kinds of things ranging from great mining tools to personal handcrafts created by members and more.

Hope to see you there at Moccasin Creek, April 5, 6 & 7.

Terry Schoen



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Subject: Camera's

Some of you have probably already seen this but it still is interesting. Wonder what they would have done if some Coyote ate it?
-Ron- MLRC

SMILE, YOU'RE ON BIG BROTHER

"Big Brother is lurking in the wilderness of the Black Rock Desert. A Winnemucca man uncovered a hidden video camera buried in the sagebrush along a wilderness area boundary and when he dug it up, he discovered it was labeled with a U.S. Department of interior property sticker.

"Bob Schweigert, this week wrote to U.S. BLM officials and the media about his discovery. Winnemucca Field Office Manager Terry Reed today confirmed the cameras were placed at Black Rock by the federal agency. He said they were installed in an attempt to catch whoever has been stealing wilderness boundary markers.

Schweigert said he found the camera Oct. 22 on the South Jackson Wilderness, one of 10 newly created wilderness areas associated with the national conservation area established this year by Congress at the request of Sen. Harry Reid and former Sen. Richard Bryan. "I find it absolutely reprehensible that the Department of Interior should assume Nevadans are criminals, and therefore implement clandestine surveillance of our activities on

what were once public lands, but which the Department of interior now clearly considers to be federal lands," Schweigert wrote.

"Bob Abbey, state director of the BLM in Nevada, said he didn't know about the cameras until Wednesday. "I will look into it to determine whether or not we had justifiable reasons for placing surveillance cameras there" Abbey said.

Elko Daily Free Press, 11/9/01

Subject: Gas Dry Washers
Mother Lode Research Center
11/12/01

There has been some concern over the new Proposed Rules under BLM for mining claim and prospect work, especially in the area of what will be determined "casual use". So far the proposed rules state as to gas dry washers that those less than 10 horsepower will be considered casual use. This should come as some relief to desert prospectors. More later.

Ron Stockman - MLRC



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GOLD ADVENTURE!

Tony Serigosa & Joe Beck, written by Tony

Things started when I had a conversation with my friend, Joe. We have been going to Las Vegas to play golf for several years. Twenty of us go in October, but now that we are retired, we have extended the trip some. One year we fished Lake Mead in advance of the golf trip.

Somehow, we got on the subject of panning for gold. When Joe worked in Vietnam, he had a friend who was heading home. This friend was going to look for gold. Joe always remembered his friend and wanted to look for gold. I had panned for gold in Alaska. On a tour of a mine site, they gave us a small bag of sand gravel and a panning pan. The fifty or so people all found a little bit of gold. That event made me want to try it, and though my wife and I panned in Alaska, I felt my first trip to an unknown area was better to do without her until I had the lay of the land.

With our mutual desire, Joe assigned me the task of taking care of things. Air travel was arranged with us arriving



Remember this picture from issue 244., the "Gold Rush?" Tony left, me center and Joe right.

in Sacramento on October 1 and leaving on October 7. The October 7 flight would deliver us to Las Vegas to rendezvous with our golfing friends. I started by knowing that the Sacramento area is known for gold. I used the Internet to get information. We considered going with a guided panning trip offered at a location south of Sacramento. Joe wanted to go it alone. However, that seemed a little difficult. I then found out about United Prospectors, Inc. on the Internet. Joe and I joined and received the literature. I tried to contact a member in Sacramento but he probably was out prospecting so did not reply to my e-mail. I then sent an e-mail to Bill Reboin, the Editor, and Publisher of the UPI publication. I wrote to Bill on July 13 indicating my need for guidance for a planned trip on prospecting. Bill responded the next day with the offer of help and information about the planned club outing on October 12, 13, and 14. I responded with numerous questions, such as, where do we go prospecting, what type of prospecting should we try, what tools should we get, where should we get the tools, etc. As the questions indicate, Bill had a job on his hands. He proceeded to make suggestions and inquiries and requested help for our adventure through the UPI publication. Through his efforts, Johnny Lewis and his dad contacted us.

Doc Ashcraft (Sluice Box, Inc.) to get started. When I used the round pan in Alaska I found it difficult. I hoped the Doc's equipment was easier.

We arrived in Sacramento on October 1 and proceeded in

our rental four-wheel drive SUV to Graeagle. Johnny suggested a 4-wheeler because of the claim locations.

We enjoyed the scenery on the ride to Graeagle. It is different from what we see in the northeast and was a nice change. We arrived at our lodging and were pleasantly surprised to find it was even less money than was quoted.

Called Johnny and made arrangements to meet him the next day near the club's Digger/Moriah-Leigh claims. We met and chatted awhile and Johnny invited us to his home in Quincy. His dad and mom were visiting from up north. His wife, Jolene, was the hostess. We chatted about gold and they showed us the article about the nugget of gold found in Arizona. Johnny and his dad were about a mile away from the find. They were looking on their own with metal detectors when the fortunate ones found the nugget.

Johnny and his dad took us to the Twain store to fill our equipment needs. We didn't buy much – a couple of vials, a pry bar pick and some water siphons. They showed us the Twain claim and we moved on. We stopped on the way back to Quincy to check out a dredging operation and a claim up for sale. Johnny oversees a couple of the clubs claims and keeps an eye open for available ones. From there, we proceeded to Digger after a stop in Quincy. Johnny had picked a good spot for panning that he had been saving for our visit. John had made a sniper tube for us as a gift. Joe proceeded to snipe while Johnny, John, Jolene and I proceeded to process dirt. We did about four or 5 gallons of dirt. During this time, Johnny was teaching me what to look for, how to clean the cracks and grooves in the ledge for the gold, etc. What's nice is that you can see the larger gold flakes catch up when you process it. We worked for a while and then enjoyed a lunch put together by Jolene. They noticed that Joe & I were tired, but we continued working.

We went to supper with Johnny and his family and exchanged stories. His dad and mom had to get home for work but were nice enough to stay for supper. John knows his wine!

Johnny's plan for the next day was a dredging operation at Moriah-Leigh. He had scouted the area and knew where he wanted to set up. Joe and I tagged along. Johnny, in a wet



suit and with a 3" or so dredge hose proceeded to pump. I worked the pump while Joe processed the fine material from the day before. He separated the gold from the fines, then picked up the spec with his fingertip, and splashed water from the vial so it washed the gold into the vial. Jolene arrived with lunch, which we thoroughly enjoyed – a nice break, too! Went back to work. The water was cold but my guess was that when Johnny saw a piece of gold go into the dredge it warmed his heart. Of course, the sun on his suit helped. When the sun was blocked out by the hills, it was time to quit.

I found out a couple days later that Johnny was chilled from the dredging operations. However, the good care provided by his wife warmed him up.

Joe & I went out on our own the third day. Panning was our choice, it just didn't seem the same without lunch, and the care provided by the Lewis's. We did use his equipment and returned it that night. We made plans for supper in Reno. We had a good time and the hospitality was great.

The final leg of the trip was our rendezvous with Bill Reboin in Sacramento. As Bill described in the newsletter, it was a pleasure to get together. As his articles indicate, he has a nice way of looking at things and he was a joy to work with getting information and help for our trip. The restaurant he selected was very good and his gold panning stories were so interesting.

Joe & I plan to be back. We are leaning toward the dredging side of prospecting. The cold water doesn't seem to bother Joe.

Thanks to Bill and the Lewis family.

P.S. My wife wants to be included in the next trip.

Tony and Joes story about their adventure with UPI is really great. If any other members out there have a story that they wish to tell please do submit it. These are what UPI is about, the fun and camaraderie.

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There has also been a number of other un-deliverables that have been received in the past. If they are easily eliminated I do so. So if you have changed your ISP, Internet Service Provider, over the last few months and desire to be re-instated on the UPI mail list you need to respond.

Any other members that desire to be on the UPI e-mail list need to respond as well. The list serves to keep members updated on time sensitive items concerning outings, special events and news affecting our mining rights. The newsletter only comes out once a month during the season and there are times when this just will not work for time sensitive stuff,

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Subject: Cigars

Who says that the American legal system does not work?

A Charlotte, NC man having purchased a box of very rare, very expensive cigars insured them against fire among other things. Within a month of having smoked his entire stockpile of cigars without having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the man filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the man stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires."

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The man sued...and won! In delivering the ruling, the judge agreed that the claim was frivolous. He stated nevertheless that the man held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure against fire, without defining what is considered to be "unacceptable fire," and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid the man \$15,000.00 for the rare cigars he had lost in the "fires."

HERE COMES THE GOOD PART!!

After the man cashed the check, the insurance company had him, arrested on 24 counts of ARSON. With his insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the man was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000.00 fine.

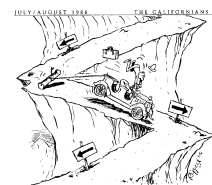
This is a true story and it won the 1999 Criminal Darwin Award.—Supplied by Leland Brown via Don Riley.

CABIN FEVER

I don't know about all of members out there but I'm getting anxious about getting out there and moving some dirt around and finding some of the yeller stuff. Not only that, we at UPI miss all of you nuggets out there!

See you at the Coulterville/Moccasin Creek outing if not sooner. We can arrange side trips on our own, there are places to go and things to do.

Road to Moccasin Creek
Just kidding!



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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

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Some may like it some may not. I hope it starts you thinking, taking responsibility, and enjoying life and livingness.
Editor/Publisher



Bill Reboin, Ed/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

MAPS!

As I sit here writing this article, I don't know which publication you will receive, or have received first. The newsletter or the "Member Claims and Rules Guide." Either way I hope that this helps you members that have no experience with reading United States Geological Survey, USGS, maps. These maps are also known as quadrangles. They have four angles on them, and even though if you were to see the entire "Penon Blanco Peak Quadrangle", for example, even though it looks like a perfect rectangle, 90 degrees at each corner it is not, hence the name quadrangle.

In this years Guide there is a claims boundary map of each claim, where-as there was not last year. Thanks to our Claims Manager, Chet Chastain, I have been supplied this information, and have put it in the "Guide". In the past I have been asked by a number of members: "Where does the claim start, and where does it end"? I could not supply the information, as I did not have it, I had only partial information. Well the information is now in the "Guide".

Next question: So there is this map that has a square, or a rectangle on it in the most simple form, with all of these parallel, but not necessarily straight lines, showing the claim boundaries. . What does all of this mean, and where is the claim? I'm going to try and keep this simple. I am not going to go into the entire mapping system. Use your "Guide" as you read this and you should be able to figure this out.

All of the claim boundary maps show at least a partial "section", some the entire section some show more. An ideal section is best defined as equal to one square mile, a mile per side, horizontally and vertically. It contains 640 acres. A section, one square mile, appears on a quad as a square of horizontal and vertical dashed lines with a number in the center of it.

Lets take Genesee, a 50-acre claim, on page 16 of the

"Guide", for example: East/west the claim is 1/8 mile wide, and north/south it is 5/8 mile long. It lies on the western and southern corner of section 21. Note that where the road comes into the claim is almost dead center. Also note that in the center the parallel squiggly lines are spread far apart, indicating a flat area. Also note that as you look at the map north and south of the center area the squiggly lines start converging on each other, indicating steeper topography next to the creek. These are the things to look for as well as side streams, ravines coming in from the sides of the mountains to help you locate where the claim boundaries are in the rough.

Lets take another simple one, page 20 of the "Guide". Moccasin Creek UPI: Pretty much the section that the claim lies within is shown. It is close to the center of section 12. It is 1/8-mile wide, east west, and 1/4 mile long, north/south. this is a 20 acre claim, look at the math. One acre = 43,560 square feet. 1/8 mile = 660 linear feet, 1/4 mile = 1320 linear feet. 1320 X 660 divided by 43,560 = 20 acres.

If you look at the Clippership map, page 19, even though it is cock-eyed to what we have been discussing, you will see that even off kilter, it is a quarter section, 160 acres, or 1/4 mile or 1320 feet per side. Additionally it lies with in two different sections. This is where things can become somewhat confusing, but in reality it is pretty simple provided you know the parameters of claim locating by BLM.

You do not need to know this as a member of UPI. All you need to know is these basics that I have presented you with, so you can figure out where you are and where our claim boundaries are.

If you would like to see more information like this to appear in the newsletter please let me know. Additionally as you may have figured out by now, the various claim limits, boundaries are not limited to the main watercourse flowing through our claims. In many cases if you were to work the limits of our claim boundaries, you may find recently untouched areas, as every body works where the water is. What feeds where the water is during the storm season?

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