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UNITED PROSPECTORS INC.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello!

I hadn't planned on creating a December newsletter, but we've just wrapped up our stint at the Lodi Gold Show, and I wanted to share some thoughts with the club instead of waiting until the January 2023 newsletter.

First of all, I would like to thank all of our club members. You have made United Prospectors, Inc. the oldest and probably one of the largest gold prospecting clubs in the US. We appreciate your support and dedication to the club, and I hope to see all of you next year, either at one of our chapter meetings, or at one of our outings on our claims.

I would also like to thank our board members whose volunteering efforts to help the club have made my job a lot easier. I appreciate all of the hard work that each of you put in this year to make the club better and more enjoyable for everyone. Thank you!

We will be holding our club board meeting early on in January, so if you have any ideas and/or suggestions for the board to consider, please reach out to me over the next few weeks and let me know. I will present your thoughts to the board, and we will see if we can make them happen.

There are a few ideas that have been discussed lately, and a brief description of them are in this newsletter. Please take a minute or so to review them, and let me know if there is anything that can be tweaked.

We want the club to be enjoyable for YOU, and we welcome any and all of your ideas and/or suggestions.

Have a Happy Holiday, and we will see you in 2023!

Take care,

Dan DiCarlo

UPI President



LODI GOLD SHOW!!

Hello!

I was contacted recently by Kevin Bell of the Delta Gold Diggers, a Stockton GPAA chapter, who graciously invited United Prospectors, Inc. (UPI) to have a booth at the Gold and Gem Show held in Lodi on December 3 & 4. We jumped at the chance to man t a booth at the show, as we knew that the GPAA gold shows are always well attended, and that this would be a great opportunity to promote our club.

Friday set-up, planned and organized by Kevin, was fairly straight forward and worked like a charm due to the tireless efforts of the folks who showed up to prepare for the event.

Saturday had a good showing of attendees, in spite of the rain and nasty weather. We did our usual spiel of promoting both the Central Valley chapter out of Stockton, and the Contra Costa chapter in Concord.

We had our usual stack of free gold prospecting magazines, our membership applications, our metal detecting finds display, and our always-popular magnet fishing display.

Saturday night was capped by the AMRA dinner, featuring Shannon Poe and his amazing drawing. AMRA always gives out thousands of dollars worth of prizes, and that night was no exception.

The night's guest of honor was Carlos Minor of Gold Rush: White Water, who was in attendance with his lovely wife and their small children.

Sunday's crowd was noticeably smaller than Saturday's, no doubt the AMRA dinner was a big draw for the Saturday folks. We were still able to talk to a few people about our club and Sunday's tear down worked like clockwork under Kevin's excellent direction.

Overall, the show was a success for our club as we were able to hand out quite a few membership applications, and we got one renewal and one new membership.

I would like to thank Cal Courtnier, Lydia Hough, and Ben Castricone for helping me at the booth.

I would also like to thank Kevin Bell, for inviting UPI to the gold show, and thanks to the Delta Gold Diggers for allowing UPI to attend!

Dan DiCarlo

UPI President

UPI at the Lodi Gold Show!





Central Valley Chapter of United Prospectors, Inc.

The chapter will be having a Christmas party!!

Date: December 14, 2022

Location: Eagles Hall

1492 Bourbon St., Stockton, CA

Time: 6:30PM

See the details on the next page!



Central Valley Christmas Party Details!

In addition to their regular drawing, the chapter will be hosting 3 bingo games where you can win either some really nice gold, or a one year membership to AMRA.

The chapter will also be having separate chances to win a few gold nuggets, one of which weighs more than a gram!

The chapter also has a drawing for a RTIC 20 quart cooler with handle.

The dinner will be a potluck, and the chapter will be supplying turkey, ham, plates, utensils, and napkins.

What you should bring:

First letter of your last name	Please bring:
A,B,C,D	Desserts, pies, cakes, cookies, pudding.
E,F,G,H	Side dish to main meal, broccoli, casseroles, corn, etc.
I,J,K,L	Bread, muffins, biscuits, and butter. <u>Rolls are important!</u>
M,N,O,P	Salads, lettuce, greens, and dressings.
Q,R,S,T	Appetizers, chips and dips, cheese and crackers, any finger foods.
U,V,W,X,Y,Z	<u>Potatoes, mashed!</u> Potatoes au gratin.

Some Changes....

Outings:

The 2023 outings to our claims will feature a chance for you to win an additional drawing item that will be awarded at the Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed event in October. Tickets for this item will only be available for purchase at our outings.

Also, those attending an outing will receive one chance at a special prize to be awarded at the Coulterville event. You will receive one chance for each outing that you attend.

Food Drive:

In order to help those families in our local communities who are in need of assistance, both the Central Valley and Contra Costa chapters will be hosting a food drive throughout 2023.

If you bring 2 non-perishable items to your chapter's meeting, you will receive one ticket towards a prize to be awarded at the Coulterville Feed in October.

This food drive will start with the January meetings of both chapters, and will extend until our Coulterville event.

The donated food items will be dropped off monthly at a local food bank.

Community Outreach:

Earlier this year, UPI had a booth at several rock and gem shows, speaking to the public and promoting our club. This effort resulted in several new members. We will be developing a plan to have a booth in more shows and fairs/festivals, and will be again reaching out to the general public to inform them of our club.

For example, If I am still the club's president next year, we will probably have a booth at the International Sportsman Expo (ISE) held each January in Sacramento.

If you know of any events within the Concord or Stockton areas, please let me know at theupipresident@gmail.com. If you would like to volunteer to man a booth at any of next year's events, please let me know that as well.

Contra Costa 2023 Chapter Meetings

The chapter meets on the first Tuesday of every month at:

Contra Costa Water District Building

1331 Concord Ave.

Concord, CA

7PM-9PM

January 3

February 7

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 6

July 4

August 1

September 5

October 3

November 7

December 5

Central Valley 2023 Chapter Meetings

The chapter meets on the second Wednesday of every month at:

Eagles Hall

1492 Bourbon St.

Stockton, CA

6:30PM-8:30PM

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

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All memberships are good for a period of 1 year and will expire on your anniversary date.

Membership Dues: (check your preference below) Number of qualifying family members _____

Annual Membership \$45.00/year: New _____ Renewal _____ Lifetime Membership \$450.00: _____
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Name: _____ Phone (_____) _____

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I AM 18 YEARS OR OLDER AND HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____ UPI Member # _____
(Renewal only)

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