

March 21, 2009

The next meeting will be April 18, 2009 at 10:00 am. The location will be on Claim #1 unless the weather does not permit; we will meet at the rescue squad building. We also will be having a common dig and cookout after the common dig. We ask everyone to bring a covered dish and let Lynne or Jack know you are coming so we can buy the hotdogs and hamburgers. We are also planning to do a panning demonstration for our new comers.

We want to welcome everyone today. What a wonderful turnout today, we have about 81 people here today which is a record for us. Jack gave a year in review of where the club was and how far we have come now. We have joined the Chamber of Commerce in Buckingham. We have met so many people from our community who appreciate our efforts and our community service. Jack and Sam Seay have also gone to the town meetings and this helps to show our support of the community. We encourage all of you to get involved and see how rewarding it can be. This club has grown because of our members and how wonderful they are.

We need to discuss an incident that happened on one of our properties. Someone's vehicle had mud put on it. Please don't do this, or touch someone else's property.

Recently we had over 10 inches of snow out here and it caused some of the trees to fall across the roads. Jim Strong has cut some of the trees off the road. There is still brush laying near the road, so if you can pull it back in the woods. After the meeting Buc, Jack and Lynne cut more trees off the road and cleaned up brush. For those of you that helped also we want to thank you.

We just had a meeting with our land manager and we are working on a possible 3-year lease. We are working on those details and more information will follow. This would be payable every year, like we do now. We are also considering dropping claim #3 and use the money for another bigger claim, we are in the discussion stage of this right now and also checking out the property to see if it has gold on it. By show of hands the club agreed on us dropping claim #3 to get another claim.

Schedule of Events: The Lions Club has asked us to have a booth on May 9th. We need volunteers to help. You do not need to stay all day but we could use any help we can get. We also have the walk a thon May 29 in Buckingham. This for the American Cancer Society, this is on a Friday in the evening. We need to know if you want to help so we can get your t-shirt size.

Last month we voted to allow the CCPO to come to our properties for a weekend in June, but due to a scheduling problem it will now be in August. We also are working an event in July called cowboy days. Then of course is our biggest event is Field Days of the Past. This was a great event for us just to see the children when they see their first piece of gold and that huge smile,

Each year the club Purchases a nugget for a raffle. We sell tickets for \$5.00 each and then in October we give it away. We ask our members to take tickets to sell and what tickets that are not sold you can turn back into the club. The person who sells the most tickets can win a ¼ oz nugget and a prize. Everything we sell goes to support the club and all of its events.

In April at our next meeting we will be having a common dig. For the ones who want to participate, you go to the creek and classify about a ½ bucket of material. Then all of the material is brought to one location and dumped into large binds. Mixed up and put in to bags and divide up between the ones who worked on the dig. After the common dig we are having a cookout, and we ask that you contact Lynne at 804-556-6523 or by email at shawshouse3@aol.com, so we can buy enough food. We ask that everyone bring a cover dish or what you can to make this event a great success.

The new land fee cards will have the emergency numbers on them is the new combination. If you do not have a current card you are trespassing and will be asked to leave the property. You must have the card with you at all times, no exceptions. Anyone can ask to see your card, and prove you have the right to be there. This protects you as a land fee member. When we have a meeting on the claim anyone can come, but only land fee members can go prospecting. Guest can come with a land fee member one time for a \$10.00 fee per family for any 3-day period.

Please no open fires, you can use a small grill but you must put out your ashes and then take them out with you. No digging in the banks of the creeks, you can dig a hole above the creek but it must be filled in. These violations of rules can cost you your land membership. We also have in our rule that you must volunteer for 1 day of work; this can be a work day on the claim or at one of our events. This makes it fair to all of its members so no one person does all of the work. We also ask that you leave no trash behind, and this includes cigarette butts. Do not throw on the ground, put them out and take out with you.

We had an incident on one of our claims that a person parked in front of the gate and blocked it This person was not a CVGP member and not a member of the hunt club. If this should happen, please call the sheriff department and they will come out and have the car towed at the owner's expense.

When you join the club as a land fee member this includes the people living in your household. If you are outside of this, you must pay for another membership. We lease almost 1,800 acres and it is a big expense for the club.

We have many new members here today and we would like for our experienced prospectors to help them get started. I know that Mooresey was at the creek today with some new members. My hats off to you for your help. I would also like to hear from our other members their experience for their first trip and those who helped them.

Also Jack, David and Lynne went to claim #1 and cut trees and moved brush. My thanks to everyone else who took a moment to move some brush or trees.

"Spring Gobbler Season starts on April 11,2009. and it will last through May 16,2009. We will not be able to use claim 2 until after 12:00pm during that time."

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