

CENTRAL VIRGINIA GOLD PROSPECTORS
May 16, 2008

Welcome to the Central Virginia Gold Prospectors. Thank you for coming and making this the best club we can be. Our next meeting will be June 20, 2009 at 10:00 am on claim #1. If it should rain we will meet at the rescue squad building in Dillwyn VA.

Jack introduced all of our officers and advisory committee. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact any one of them. Please remember this club is all of its members to. We want to hear from everyone. Please ask question and participate in the meeting. It doesn't help for one person to talk and they get no feed back.

Each year our club purchases a 1oz gold nugget to raffle off. This is our main fundraiser for the club that helps us offset operating expenses. We also purchase gold to do our demos. If we do not sell enough tickets this year then we will not do it next year. This may cause some fees to go up. Please take tickets and try to sell. If you don't get them sold then return the unsold tickets back to Lynne.

We just participated in Buckingham County Days. This was our first time here and things went well. Big thanks to those who helped. We could use more people helping, and it isn't hard to show a child how to pan or talk about gold and prospecting. Please come and help. This will count as your workday.

May 29, 2009 is our next big event for us. We have 8 participants for The Relay For Life. Lynne will be passing a box around for donations. It does not matter what you give, every penny counts. This goes to the American Cancer Society. Also today we have brownies baked by Lynne and for a donation you can get a brownie.

Today we had a panning demo scheduled but due to the large turn out last month we did it then. We have 2 new members who need help can someone please help with this. My hats off to our helpers, I found out after the meeting that the new members had a good time and a lot of help.

One of our members Rocky has asked that we bring this to the club. He is offering to hold a small church service on Sunday morning for all those who wish to attend. For those who don't know Rocky he is a wonderful good-hearted person and will help anyone.

Let's have a big congratulation to John and Ruth on 41 years of marriage today. What is great, they chose to be with all of us.

The next part of my minutes will be a message from David Shackleton. This concerns opportunities that are going to be in California.

Fellow Gold Prospectors,

Last month, a good friend of mine offered to sell some of his gold claims in California to other east coast prospectors at a reduced price. He has been impressed with what has happened here on the east coast and loves the fellas that have been involved with the Eagle Rock Mining Expedition. I had to give him an answer quickly because he has buyers lined up for them.

I immediately contacted the officers of the CVGP. They quickly put together a list of folks who had stated in the past that they would like that opportunity if it ever came up. We simply did not have time to advertise this to everyone. Four days later, we had a meeting to discuss the properties. Their response was overwhelming, and I expressed that response back to the owner.

Based on their response, I contacted him and asked if there were any other properties that could be made available. He said that there were. He drove out there all the way from Colorado, and I flew in on Monday. We spent all day Tuesday on the properties.

I asked for other folks to come help me look at these, and Kevin Owen (Kevin) and Greg Smith (Razorback) and his wife Shelley met me out in California on Wednesday. We spent the next two days looking at the properties, and then we spent Saturday with the owner down on the Eagle Rock Mining property. The owner is doing all this for us, plus some other things that will be discussed. If you want to know what kind of man this is, just ask Kevin, Greg, or Shelley. They spent a few hours with him on Saturday and can tell you all about his generosity.

There were nine folks in that first group that wanted a property. Other options are now available, and they will get the chance to pick from all of the available properties, as that is the only fair thing to do. There are now properties that offer metal detecting, sluicing, panning, high banking, dredging, and every combination of each.

I know this was discussed at the CVGP meeting, and there were a lot of questions. I wish I could have been there to answer them, but it was better that I was out there with the owner in California. Jack and Lynne did their best to answer your questions, but they simply don't know all that happened last week with the owner and didn't have all the answers.

I owe the owner an answer by July. Either way, they will be sold to us or to the next person in line. Once I pass on these offers, they will be sold to others who are waiting to purchase them.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Jack or Lynne & David Shaw. They will add your name to the list and we will all get together in the next 30 days to discuss our options. To those original nine folks, your interests are still intact, I just needed more time to develop the other options with the owner and physically see each property.

Thanks,
David Shackleton

Jim Strong wants to remind everyone that you do have snakes out here. Please use caution where you walk and look where you are putting your hands. We have never had a problem, and it is due to just being careful. We also have bear in Buckingham and they do run the ridge near here. If you should come near them, do not stare at them, or approach them. Under no circumstances should you go near a cub or get between a mother and her cub. Just back up slow and walk away.

Sam Seay would like some help in cutting fallen trees or limbs in the road. We still have trees down from the last snowstorm we had. We have done or best to cut as much as we can, but we appreciate any help given.

Please remember no open fires, if you use a grill put out the coals and take them out with you. If you smoke **Do Not Put Your Buts On The Ground** per the landowner.

Always wear your ID badge when you are on the claims. If you loose it please contact Lynne Shaw and she will make arrangements to get you a replacement.

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