

Central Virginia Gold Prospectors
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We want to thank all of you for coming today. It is going to be hot and we ask that you please be careful with the heat. My son Will was taken to the hospital last week for dehydration. The doctor told him he drank too much water and did not replace the electrolytes. Please drink something like Gatorade, or something similar. Next we ask that you keep our friends from Miners Keepers in your prayers, her husband has stage 4 lung cancer.

Please also keep Ruth Schlabach in our prayers; she is the wife of John Schlabach our vice president. She took a bad fall and broke some ribs and 3 bones in her back. She also damaged her right shoulder and they had to put a metal plate in it.

Our club does special events all during the year. Our next event is Cowboy days in Buckingham on July 25, 2009. We need people to sign up and help Buddy Albert. Many of the main workers will be out of town and can't be there to participate. This will count as one of your workdays.

Last month our club voted to purchase the claims in California. Last month we had 800 acres and since then an additional 80 acres have been added to this group. This land is in a National Forest and is near King Solomon's Mine. We need to decide on what we will be able to pay per month for the land. By show of hands and all in agreement we will pay \$125.00 a month. Once we own the claims we will have an annual maintenance fee and taxes. This should only be a minimal cost to the club. We are looking at to only be a small amount added for membership for the CA claims. We can go out 365 days a year. The dredge season is from July 1 to September 15 each year. The rest of the time you can pan sluice or use a high banker. Please be patient, as we have to do the contracts and mark the claims before we can open up the property. We also are planning on holding a special meeting to sign up for these claims and do the paperwork. The rules will be different from CVGP since this is in a National Forest.

The land lease for our club is up for renewal and the good news is we did not have to bid on the land. We have the lease for 3 years and an option to renew for 2 more years. Thanks to all of our club members for taking care of the properties. This means keeping the trash picked up, no cigarette butts on the ground. Helping with clearing the brush off of the roads. We also want to thank Buddy Bishop and Gene for clearing the roads to claim #5 and #6.

Our club has many activities that we do all year. One of our recent activities was doing the relay for Life. They raised over \$78,000 dollars for cancer research. Then In June we did a demonstration for our land manager and his family on a creek near his home. We had families from the neighborhood come and join in also. Many of them found their first gold. Our land manager found his first gold and he was like a kid in a candy store. Next we had a photographer from Georgia come and take some pictures for a museum. They will be on display for at least 6 months and may be put in a more permanent display later. Thanks to David and Lynne Shaw, Buddy Albert, Sam Seay and Catherine Benson.

Please remember that we have our nugget raffle. Each ticket is \$5.00 and all proceeds go to support the club. This drawing will be held in October at thee regular meeting. We ask that each member try to sell at least 5 tickets. If you take them and they don't sell just turn the tickets back in. We also will have a donation box at each meeting for the relay for life. Every penny will go to help fight cancer.

I would like to thank Tom for taking a new member from Florida prospecting today. He found his first gold on claim #1. This is what makes this club special is all the work from our members and their support.

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