

Central Virginia Gold Prospectors

July 18, 2009

Welcome everyone for coming today, we have some of our officers not present today so this will be a short meeting. We have some new faces here and we want to welcome you. To the new prospectors, if you need help please let us know and we will try and pair you up with another member. If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to call or email one of the officers.

Just want to remind everyone about a couple of our rules. No OPEN fires, you can use a small grill and when you put out the coals put them in a container and take them out with you. Also a reminder for those of you that smoke, make sure the cigarette but is out and you dispose of it properly. We do not want any trash on the ground.

The club has purchased 880 acres of claims in California; this will be open to all land fee members in good standing. We are looking at having three types of membership for the club. We are working on the details of this and also the rules we need to go by. You will be able to go year round and camp on the claims. There are campgrounds near our claims and they are self-pay. Right now the fees are \$10.00 a day, and you can stay up to 14 days at a time. You need to leave for 24 hours but you can come back and stay another 14 days. There will be panning, sluicing, metal detecting and high banking. More information will be available soon.

Last month the club did a demo at the Victoria Library for about 50 school children. We had a great time and has a lot of participation from the kids and the adults asked questions. Thanks to Buddy Albert and David and Lynne Shaw.

Our next even is in Buckingham VA on July 25, 2009 at 9:00, and it is called cowboy days. We need some people to help Buddy out at this event. The club will be doing panning demonstrations. Please contact one of the officers if you can help.

Doug Jones has a flyer for an event that will be held in Blackstone VA. This will be the weekend before Field Days of the past in September. More details will be at the next meeting. We are committed to Field Days and we need at least 20 people to help. This is showing children how to pan for gold. We need you names by the next meeting because I have to obtain the tickets. Your joy is seeing the children find their first piece of gold.

In May we did the Relay for Life, this is for the American Cancer Society. At each meeting we will have a box for you to put donations. It can be change or whatever you have. Everything you do is appreciated.

Raffle Nugget; we have tickets for our annual nugget raffle. It is almost a 1oz nugget and then there is a ¼ oz nugget for the one who sells the most tickets. The drawing will be in October at the meeting. Each ticket is \$5.00 and all proceeds help support the daily costs of the club. In October we have election of officers so keep in mind if you think you would like to do something in the club.

Our president Jack Wyatt is raffling off a proline 2” dredge. He has other prizes to be given away. Each ticket is \$20.00 and if you are interested send him a message or see him after the next meeting. He hopes to raise enough so he can donate money to some local charities.

Or claims in Buckingham, I went back and looked up what can be done on each one. Claims: 2,5,6,7 you can dredge on. Claim 1,4 is non-dredging you can use a sluice. As far as hunting season #4 and #7 has no hunting year round. So you can go on them at any time, please wear blaze orange. We can't control people who come on the land that is not a member of the hunt club or our club. If we have a problem contact one of the officers and we will talk to our land manager.

Our next meeting is August 15, 2009 at 10:00 am. It will be on claim #1 unless it rains and then we will have it at the rescue squad building off 15 in Dillwyn.

Thank you,

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