

# Central Virginia Gold Prospectors

Our next meeting will be October 17, 2009 at 10:00 am. Location will be the rescue squad building in Dillwyn VA. Please do not park in front of the heliport pad or in front of the bay doors. There is parking across the street in a lot.

First of all we want to thank everyone for being here today. We are happy to see the rain has held off and we can be outside.

Treasurers Report: The summary of all the club expenses were given from Jan. 09 to Sept. 09. Also a complete breakdown of what we paid for the California property and what we owe on it. We also want to let you know that we were asked to make a donation to PLP (Public Land for the People) of at least \$300.00. If we did ,this would drop what we owe on our property be 20%. Also by making this donation the ICMJ made a matching donation of 25cent for every dollar we gave. All this money goes to fight California and the dredging laws.

We had an excellent turn out for help at Field Days of the Past. Thanks to all who helped and an extra thanks to Toni and Mike Gardner for helping with merchandise sales. We had 14 people show up to work Friday, 18 on Saturday and 17 on Sunday. This was outstanding as a club and I hope next year will be a wonderful. We gave away almost 1,000 pieces of gold to the children. On Saturday that had around 40,000 people come through their gates and I understand this was a record attendance.

Cowboy Days, thank you to Doug Jones for heading up this event. He had 10 people total show up to work and, again a wonderful job everyone who helped. The names were read out loud at the meeting. The person in charge of Cowboy Days has asked if we could do 2 days next year.

We need to address a couple of complaints brought to the attention of the officers. Please keep in mind we want everyone to be mindful of others and they may not want to hear it and also there may be children and families around. Next concern is people not being able to hear what is being said at the meeting. We ask that you hold off with your private conversations until the meeting is over with, and be respectful of the person talking at the meeting. This could be the president, officer or a member and they may have something very important for you to hear. We want to be sure that information is communicated to all present, and no-one to go away wondering what was said. Also during the summer months we will be changing how we set up to be sure no one is sitting in the sun.

On our properties you can dredge on claim #2,5,6,7,and #8. You can't dredge on #1,3 and #4. A question was brought up about claim #1 can you use a 12volt dredge, and there is no dredging on claim #1. You can use a 12volt high banker or a 12-volt power sluice.

Hunting Season; in Buckingham County it runs from November 13 through Jan. 2, 2010. We have no hunting on claim #4 and #7. Please remember to wear blaze orange when you are out on these two properties. There is no hunting on Sundays in the State of Virginia. We share the claims with the hunt clubs and they know we are out on Sundays and some of our members go to # 4 and #7. Our law requires that you have 500 square inches of blaze orange on. The club has hats and sweatshirts that are blaze orange.

If you run into any problems please contact one of the officers and let them know. Please remember to have your land fee cards with you at all times.

We need to address some damage that was done on claim #1 near the upper waterfall. Someone went in there and undercut the trees and changed the water flow and some other things. If and when we find out who did this, it will be automatic termination from the club. We ask that if you

know who did this, please report it. Your name will not be given out, this person or persons could hurt your right to prospect. Don't protect the person responsible and we find out that you were involved; you also can be terminated from the club. This also could cause the person (s), to be fined for damage to private property. The person(s) who did this knew that the officers and other members would be away from there for at least a month.

You do not dig in the banks, undercut trees and change the flow of the creek. You can go out of the creek and dig a hole and when you are done fill the hole back in. Please do not leave a place where anyone can fall in and get hurt. You can work the gravel bar up to the bank, even if it is not right in the water. Please try to keep the rocks in the creek, just throw them behind you. Don't pile them up out of the creek, or push them back in when you are done.

California, first of all there concerns that some of the members and officers went out there and prospected on the cvgp claims and haven't disclosed what was found. We want to set the record straight on what went on this summer. The people who went out to California were invited to prospect on another person's private property. Not one person did any prospecting on the claims we are purchasing. The only thing that happened as far as our claims was they got marked.

Next concern that we want to clarify is how the club came to getting the property. In April we were offered an opportunity to purchase the claims at a very reasonable offer. In May it was discussed and then we voted on it. In June we also talked about it again and decided what to pay monthly. All this information is also online in the reports section.

We are looking at February to hold a meeting to go over in more detail the California property. Jack read to the members present today the directions and how to get there. The claims are in the Klamath National Forrest in California. There is a campground around the area, and some are first come first serve. You can camp on the claims and come down to the any campground that has water and get your drinking water. They also have trash pickup. If you have a fire you have to go to Fort Jones to get a burn permit. Please remember this is an investment for our club and we will have them as long as we keep up the land maintenance fee. This applies once we have paid them off.

The California Property will be only for land fee members, of cvgp. This is not open to anyone outside our club. It will not be posted on our web, unless it is password protected, this is to protect our claims. You will be issued a card that shows you have the right to be there, the park rangers do check.

A motion was made to purchase a cell phone for Jack and Lynne for club use. I declined for myself. Then it was opened up for discussion, about the purchase of the phone. Jim Strong made a motion to purchase a phone for Jack and the Treasurer for club use, and a second was made by C. Nordin and all voted in favor. At this time Jack has declined until we open it back up for further discussion..

We will be drawing for the nugget at the next meeting. Also we will be having election of officers. Again thank you CVGP members for making this an outstanding year.

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