

# Central Virginia Gold Prospectors

November 21, 2009

Our next meeting will be February 20, 2010. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Welcome all new members here today. We would like to start out with an introduction of all the officers. Jack Wyatt President, John Brown (Butch) vice-president, Lynne Shaw secretary/treasurer. Next our claims director Kyle Chavis and chairman of the board John Schlabach. If you need anything please feel free to contact us.

The Buckingham Christmas Parade will be December 19, 2009 at 10:00 am. We will meet at the elementary school on rt. 15 about 8:30 am to decorate the float. Please call or email me to let me know you are participating.

Hunting season is going on right now through Jan 2, 2010. We have 2 claims that we have no hunting on and you can go on all year long. This is claim #4 and claim #7. Please always wear blaze orange and they now require 100 square inches. Even though Virginia does not allow hunting on Sunday wear the orange anyway.

In February we will have a separate meeting after our normal scheduled meeting. This is when we will go over the rules and more information on the California Claims. We have 880 acres to prospect on. One track of land will be dredging and the rest will be metal detecting, panning, sluicing and high banking. They have had people near our claims find pockets, large pockets of gold. As far as the dredging laws in California the study has to be completed. The big problem is the state says we can't and the federal law says we can dredge. So this battle is being fought in court and one group doing this, is the PLP (Public Land for The People). California is losing big money by their decision, approximately 6 million from just the in state prospectors. This does not include what they are losing from the people from out of state. You will need to be a paid land fee member to be part of the California Claims, and we hope to only charge a very small amount additional for this.

Relay for Life will be next year on May 14, 2010. It will start in the evening and go all night. We can camp there and we will have our tent set up. So please send me an email of who will participate? If you can only stay a short time that is fine, we will be walking in shifts. Of course anyone who wants to walk all night that is ok to.

A question was brought before the club about camping on the claims on Saturday. Faye our club member contacted the hunt club. They said it would have to be way after dark because not all of the guys hunt together and there may be other groups out also. Then you have some who hunt by themselves.

Last month after our meeting we had a workday. About 14 of our members went to claim one and fixed the damage to the waterfall area. A very big thanks to all who came out and helped.

We have purchased new shirts for the officers, so you can see who they are. After our meeting we will be taking pictures for the club web site. I want to thank our former officers for a job well done. We could not have done this without them.

We would like to thank our club members, who donate items for our raffles. Toni and Mike Gardner donated several items this meeting. Also Graham donated a small nugget to be given away after dinner. It even looked like a turkey leg.

We have to say a big thank's to everyone who brought food. It was like Thanksgiving early. We have some good cooks in the club. We even had hot fresh Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Everyone took the time to talk and get to meet each other. We have so much to be thankful for; we just have to look around.

Please be safe and have a wonderful Holiday Season.

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