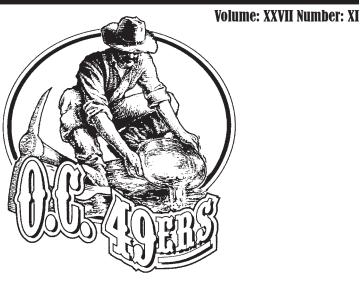
# ORANGE COUNTY FORTY-NINERS COLORA COL

November 2009



DON'T FORGET OUR NEXT MEETING IS November 17th, 2009

THE NEXT OUTING IS AT THE GOLFER GOLD CLAIM December 5th, 2009

# GENRERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month

Time: 7:30 pm

Where: Garden Grove Woman's Club

9501 Chapman Avenue

Garden Grove, California 92841 (Corner of Chapman and Gilbert)

# Check us out on the Internet at www.oc49ers.com



#### **CLUB OUTINGS**

Regular scheduled outings take place the last full weekend of the month. "Regular" Club outings in November, December and January are scheduled around the Holidays and/or inclement weather.

# The PRESIDENT'S MINUTE

If you did not make it to Duisenberg for the October Outing, you missed a good one. As we all know the weather can be very unpredictable in the desert, too hot, too cold or too windy. Not this weekend, low 80's and a slight breeze at best. It was great weather for dry-washing, chewing-the-fat, telling tall tails, or just sitting and watching the sun set. I was told we had (42, 45, 49 and 52, take your pick) Members for the Potluck. There were another dozen or so who were at Duisenberg but did not attend the gourmet fare being served. An "atta boy" goes to Skipper and Robert for cooking the burgers, and an "atta girl" for Andrea, Bea and Kathi for their work in the Club House setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Special thanks goes to Bryan, the Wagon Master for being sick, but still driving from Mission Viejo, dropping off the hamburgers, hotdogs and all, and then turning around and driving back home. His is a very dedicated individual or one of questionable intelligence.

We all would like to thank Tim Chapman, last month's speaker for educating us on eBay. We learned a lot about eBay and how it works, and why it makes sense. His stories about what sells and what doesn't amazed us. I am sure we will see kitchen utensils in a different light and will look more closely at bond certificates and any other scrap papers in the future. I was sorry the attendance was low, but do understand that many Members preferred to stay home to watch the Yankees beat the Angels 10-1 that night.

December Outing (December 5<sup>th</sup>): The Outing will be a day outing in Goler Gulch. For those interested, we will meet Saturday morning at 8:30 at the turnoff from Garlock Road that leads to Goler Gulch. This turnoff is just short of 4 miles west of the intersection of Garlock Road and Highway 395. 4-wheel drive is mandatory, or you can hitch a ride with another Member at the meeting place. We will travel over the mountain to the West side of our claim, Triple RC. We had a very enjoyable time doing this day outing last year. Do bring your dry washer and/or metal detector as this is gold country. To remind you of my comment in last month's Aura......there will be no portipotties for this outing, so think about the Pilot Station at Four Corners.

**Speaker:** Our speaker for the month will be Tom Grogan. He will try and educate us on the use of a GPS.

**Elections**: Elections for Club Officers will take place during the January meeting. Now is the time to consider if you would like to volunteer and participate in the betterment of the Club.

**Holiday Dinner**: Our annual Holiday Dinner will take place on the third Tuesday of December, the 15<sup>th</sup>. Bring a side dish to share. We are always looking for volunteers to cook turkeys and a ham. We will have the drawing for gold nuggets for those who renew their Membership prior to that date.

Hope to see you in the desert on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Prospecting

Steve



# The TREASURE'S REPORT OCTOBER 2009

INCOME: 50-50 Income Membership Renewal. New Membership Raffle Income Refreshments Income Club Merchandise Miscellaneous. Total Income.  EXPENSES: Donations.	1,555.00 0.00 3.00 425.00 10.00 173.00
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Total Expenses	\$ 1,345.84
CHECKING ACCOUNT           10/01         Beginning Balance	\$ 6,023.21
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TOTAL CLUB ASSETS	\$ 8,359.60
	Year to Date
YTD Income YTD Expenses	\$ 14,690.33 \$ 17,331.96

# The WAGON MASTER'S REPORT

October Outing.

Well everyone what a great time I had on this last outing, wait no I didn't. I got sick the day before went to bed with a 102 degree temp, woke up early drove out to Duisenberg dropped off all the food and shirts then got in my truck drove home and went back to bed. I am sure you all had a great time.

Not sure about the mining. I will have to wait until the next meeting to find out.

The November outing will be on Saturday December 5th at Goler. We are thinking to meet at 8:30am at the entrance and all drive up to the top of the claim. This is a area that a lot of us have never been to. We will discuss more at the meeting and add more detail on the web site.

Our Holiday Dinner will be December 15th in place of our normal meeting. We will be signing up volunteers for Turkey and Ham at the November meeting. This dinner is a lot of fun plus we have a nice drawing for some GOLD and maybe some other stuff.

So we expect to see as many of you as possible.

I will be selling Shirts and Hats at the next meeting. The Shirts are now \$20.00 each and the Hats are \$23.00 so make sure you get all your Christmas Shopping done at the next meeting.



# THE LOST GOLER MINE

#### THE TALE

By the late 1880's, mining in California was in a slump. This was especially so in lower California, which lacked the immense gold deposits of the Mother Lode country further north. The great Randsburg strike of 1894 rejuvenated the sagging mining history of southern California. The Randsburg mines poured out a stream of metal worth nearly \$8 million by the time they closed down. The first big strikes occurred on Rand Mountain in 1894 but the year before, gold was discovered at Goler, only 7 miles away in the El Paso Mountains. The placers at Goler Gulch were extremely rich. Gold nuggets weighing up to 10 ounces were recovered from the canyon during the initial rush. Local mining men claim that over a million dollars in gold have been taken from the Goler Mining District. The first official strike at Goler was in 1893, but twenty years before, a German prospector named John Goler found and then lost a fabulously rich placer deposit somewhere along the southern flank of the El Paso Mountains. The Goler legend was well established by 1893 and so the gold-bearing canyon was christened "Goler Gulch".

John Goler was an experienced prospector. During the early 1870's, he was in the rugged desert country of south-central California. As always, Goler was on the lookout for gold. Somewhere along the southern slopes of the El Paso Mountains, he found himself in a canyon near a spring. At his feet were nuggets of gold! He filled his pockets and eventually made his way to Los Angeles, where he sold his take. It was in Los Angeles that John Goler met his future partner, Grant P. Cuddeback. The two men would make several attempts to find Goler's lost placer, but they never located the golden spring. They did find a small deposit in Red Rock Canyon, located on the western edge of the El Paso Mountains near the site of Ricardo. But it wasn't the fabulous Goler Mine. It just wasn't rich enough. That gold-laden spring has been pursued by many prospectors, but it still lies hidden somewhere in the El Paso Mountains of south-central California.

#### **MINING HISTORY**

The history of mining in the El Paso Mountains begins with the discovery of rich placer deposits in 1893. Gold was found in virtually every canyon along the southern flanks of the El Paso Mountains. Rich deposits were found in Red Rock Canyon, Goler Gulch, Last Chance Canyon, and Bonanza Canyon. Of these, the richest were Bonanza Canyon and a tributary of Goler Gulch known as Benson Gulch. Goler Gulch has yielded some monumental nuggets. The placer deposits of Goler Gulch are a classic example of secondary enrichment in which an ancient, pre-existing placer deposit is subjected to erosion and further enriched. In this case, a gold-bearing conglomerate serves as the source rock for the Goler nuggets.

Only 7 miles southwest of Goler Gulch lies the famous Randsburg Mining District. This district was the biggest gold producer in all of southern California. The massive lodes on Rand Mountain were discovered in 1894, the year after the Goler

Gulch strikes. Three years later, a prospector named Si Drouillard was wandering the desert a few miles east of the Rand Mine when he stumbled onto a rich gold deposit. Prospectors swarmed to the new diggings and a mining camp sprang up called Johannesburg (or "Joburg" for short). The Randsburg District yielded nearly \$8 million in gold before the ore bodies gave out.

#### **GEOLOGY OF THE AREA**

The El Paso Mountains are an east-west trending range that consists of an uplifted block of igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks. The southern flank of the range is bounded by two major faults, the El Paso and Garlock Faults. The western half of the El Paso Mountains consists mostly of Mesozoic granitic rocks. Near the center of the range, a small exposure of ancient Precambrian schist crops out at the surface. This exposed basement rock is located just southwest of Mesquite Canyon. The eastern half of the El Pasos is comprised of Paleozoic marine sediments and minor metavolcanic rocks with younger Paleocene non-marine sediments.

The head of Goler Gulch is underlain by these Paleocene sedimentary rocks. Further down the canyon, approximately 2 miles above the mouth of Goler Gulch, the contact between the younger Paleocene sediments and the older Paleozoic sedimentary and metavolcanic rocks is encountered. Goler Canyon cuts into this uplifted wedge of Paleozoic rocks all the way to it mouth. The northeastern wall of the canyon is comprised mostly of Paleozoic marine sediments while the southwestern wall is made up mostly of Paleozoic metavolcanic rocks. The fault-bounded southern flank of the El Paso range is therefore composed of Mesozoic granites to the west and older Paleozoic marine sediments (with minor metavolcanics) to the east. These units abut the El Paso Fault.

#### PROSPECTING POTENTIAL

It is an interesting fact that many famous mines throughout history and many legendary lost mines occur near springs! In every account of the Goler Mine, a spring is mentioned in association with the gold deposit. The spring should be the focus of any search, but it is quite probable that it has dried up, so that landmark is gone.

The source for much of the Goler gold is a gold-bearing conglomerate that crops out further upstream. Prospectors may want to map the outcrop and then concentrate on the dry washes and arroyos that dissect the formation.

In general, a search of the many canyons that drain the southern edge of the range is probably the best plan of attack. In addition to the canyon floors, the alluvial benches and terraces that lie along the southern flank of the El Pasos should also be investigated. A metal-detector would most certainly be useful in the search.

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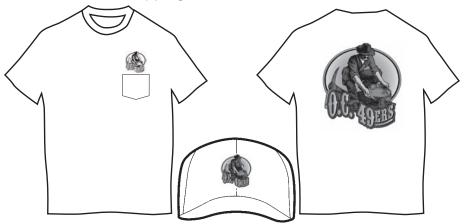
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# MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL AGREEMENT On or before December 31, 2009 Annual Renewal \$50.00 After December 31, 2009 Annual Renewal \$55.00

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members and their guests are required to abide by the Club's Rules and Regulations including those of the US Forrest Service, the to attend all General Membership Meetings, all Club Outings, and have the use of the Club's claims. It is further understood that all It is understood that as a member of the Orange County 49ers, Inc., a Prospecting Club, I/we can run for office; serve on committees; participate in voting at General Membership Meetings for officer elections and other items as required. As members we are encouraged Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Fish and Game, and any other regulatory agency that may have jurisdiction over our

# MINING AND PROSPECTING CAN BE HAZARDOUS HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

//we the undersigned, assume all risks and/or hazards associated with the involvement in the Orange County 49ers, Inc. I/we agree to that gold prospecting and associated activities can be dangerous and may cause injury, illness or even death. The terrain can be hazardous and there may be wild animals and snakes present. Some claims may have open shafts, pits, tunnels and/or dangerous indemnify and hold harmless the Club, it's Officers, Sponsors and/or any other third, fourth, etc. parties. I/we realize and understand water conditions. Members assume all responsibility for themselves and their guests.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above "Hold Harmless Agreement".

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P**lease note:** This Membership / Renewal Agreement is not valid unless signed by the Applicant(S).

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

Beginning January 1, 2010 new Membership in the Orange County 49ers will be increased to \$110.00. The increase is brought about by the higher costs required to operate the club, primarily postage, printing and mining fees. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Member of the 49ers you might mention to them that they should consider joining prior to the end of the year.

The Board of Directors

# Manure... An interesting fact

Manure: In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before commercial fertilizer's invention, so large shipments of manure were common.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, it not only became heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by product is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen.

Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM! Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening.

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the term 'Ship High In Transit' on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term 'S.H.I.T', (Ship High In Transport) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**October 20, 2009** 

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# MEMBER INFORMATION

#### **NEW MEMBER**

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#### **NEW MEMBER**

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#### **NEW MEMBER**

Dolim, Russell & Lisa 562-920-0924 9067 Cedar Bellflower, CA 90706

# PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE



Public Lands for The People, Inc. is launching a "Group" on Yahoo!. This group will improve communication and help get the word out. I have sent invitations to join directly to you, But I would appreciate it if you could put this info in your club newsletter. Your members are welcome to join.

I have contacted SPMA, OC 49ers, Valley Prospectors, PCSC, Taft, and New 49ers. If you belong to other clubs, please forward the invite to them. The group is located at this link:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Public\_Lands\_for\_the\_People/

You need to create a Yahoo!

ID and password in order to join the group if you don't already have one at:

www.yahoo.com - http://www.yahoo.com/

PS: There is no cost to joining. Cheers, Verne

# CHEEK CHARLIE

By: Jerry "Soft Nugget" Bame Member, Orange County 49'ers Club

This is the sad tale of a wonderful old Prospector who was loved by all - "One-Cheek" Charlie

"One-Cheek" Charlie got his name as a result of a mishap when his sat on a stick of dynamite, which blew off his left hind-quarter (his left butt).

But the good news was that he was able to sit comfortably while prospecting on the steepest of mountain grades. The unevenness of his hind-quarter allowed him to balance himself on steep mountains slopes, which others prospectors found it difficult to do.

On weekends when he went to Town, he was very popular, particularly with the lovelies at the Purple Garter Saloon, because his physique was so unique.

But, having only one cheek did have its drawbacks. It would cause him to sit lopsided in a regular wooden chair. His body would noticeably lean to the left side...and, he would get violent objections when he played Poker at the Saloon. Frequently, the Player sitting to Charlie's left would complain that Charlie was reading the other's Poker hand. On most occasions, the other Players at the table, who were familiar with Charlie's predicament, would explain Charlie's situation to the Challenger, and things would eventually settle down.

But, on one particular evening, when most of the chips were stacked high in front of Charlie, a stranger sitting to Charlie's left at the Poker Table did NOT complain in the ordinary manner; rather, the stranger stood straight up and shot One-Cheek Charlie right through the heart. Charlie dropped dead on the spot.

As if that were not bad enough, and to add insult to injury, the following day the Mortician caused the biggest embarrassment to Charlie of all. He laid Charlie face down in an open casket, with Charlie's hind-quarter totally bare and visible to all - - - to all, that is, who paid the Mortician 25 cents for a viewing.

So, not only did the sweeties at the Purple Garter know what Charlie's hind-quarter looked like, but now so did most of the Town's folk - - at least, those that could afford the 25 cent viewing.



# **DANIEL BOONE**

(October or November 1734 - September 26, 1820)

Daniel Boone was a frontiersman, pioneer and hunter whose exploits made him an important folk hero in American history. His family were Quakers who had immigrated to the United States from Devon, England in 1713.

Daniel Boone spent his early years on the western edge of the Pennsylvania frontier where there had been a number of American Indian villages nearby. He received his first rifle at age 12 and picked up hunting skills from local whites and Indians, beginning his lifelong love of hunting. Because he spent so much time hunting in his youth, Boone received little formal education. But according to historians, he learned to read from family members and enjoyed taking books on his hunting expeditions.

#### MILITARY EXPERIENCE

As a young man, Boone served with the British military during the French and Indian War (1754–1763), a struggle for land beyond the Appalachian Mountains.

In 1755, he was a wagon driver during an attempt to drive the French out of the Ohio Country, which ended in disaster at the Battle of the Monongahela. Boone then returned home and on August 14, 1756, he married Rebecca Bryan, a neighbor in the Yadkin Valley. The couple initially lived in a cabin on his father's farm and eventually had ten children.

In 1759, a conflict erupted between British colonists and Cherokee Indians, their former allies in the French and Indian War. After the Yadkin Valley was raided by Cherokees, many families, including the Boones, fled to Culpeper

County, Virginia. Boone served in the North Carolina militia during this time, and his hunting expeditions deep into Cherokee territory beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains separated him from his wife for about two years. There were tales that his wife thought he was dead, he was gone so long, and that she formed a relationship with one of Daniel's brothers (Edward) and a daughter resulted from the union. Daniel supposedly accepted the situation and raised the child as his own.

Boone supported his growing family in these years as a hunter, taking part in extended expeditions with other men into the wilderness to gather deer skins in the autumn, and then trapping beaver and otter over the winter. They were gone for weeks or months at a time. Upon their return in the spring they would sell their products to commercial fur traders.

In 1762 Boone and his wife and four children moved back to the Yadkin Valley from Culpeper. By mid-1760s, with peace made with the Cherokees, immigration into the area increased, and Boone began to look for a new place to settle, as competition decreased the amount of game available for hunting. This meant that Boone had difficulty making ends meet; he was often taken to court for nonpayment of debts, and he sold what land he owned to pay off creditors.

After his father's death in 1765, Boone traveled with his brother and a group of men to Florida, which had become British territory after the end of the war, to look into the possibility of settling there. But Rebecca refused to move so far away from friends and family. The Boones instead moved to a more remote area of the Yadkin Valley, and Boone began to hunt westward into the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Boone is most famous for his exploration and settlement of what is now the U.S. state of Kentucky, which was then beyond the western borders of the Thirteen Colonies. Despite resistance from American Indians, for whom Kentucky was a traditional hunting ground, in 1775 Boone blazed the Wilderness Road through the Cumberland Gap and into Kentucky. There he founded Boonesborough, one of the first English-speaking settlements beyond the Appalachian Mountains.

On one occasion, he raced back to Boonesborough to warn of an imminent attack by a joint force of British soldiers and Shawnees. His preservation of the fort (Boonesborough) proved vital to continued westward migration and settlement. Before the end of the 18th century, more than 200,000 people entered Kentucky by following the route marked by Boone.

During the Revolutionary War, Boone served as a lieutenant colonel of the Fayette County militia; he was also a legislator, county lieutenant and deputy surveyor. He was captured by the British in 1781 but later released. He died in 1820.

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January 20th	24 & 25	HMC-1	Easy	Yes
February 17th	21 & 22	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
March 17th	28 & 29	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
April 21st	25 & 26	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
May 19th	23, 24 & 25	LDMA Duisenberg	Easy	Yes
June 16th	27 & 28	Condor	Easy	No
July 21st	25 & 26	Condor or TBA	Easy	No
August 18th	Sept. 5, 6 & 7	Tailings	Med	Yes
September 15th	26 & 27	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
October 20th	24 & 25	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
November 17th	Dec. 5-6	Goler	4-WD	No
December 15th	Holiday Dinner			



Access Easy	Good access for Passenger Car, 2 Wheel Drive, RV, and Trailers.
Access Medium	Can be accessed by 2 Wheel Drive. RV's, Trailers and 5th Wheels check with other members!!!
Access Tuff	Serious 4 Wheel Drive Trail/Dirt Road.
Restrooms	Are Chemical Toilets (Porta-Potties) that we rent for specific outings.

It is highly recommended that you attend the meetings and check with other members to discuss accessibility to these claims before going.



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