

# THE ORANGE COUNTY FORTY-NINERS

# GOLDEN AURA

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**DON'T FORGET OUR NEXT MEETING IS  
March 16th, 2010**

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**Our Next Outing is at The Puppt Feet Claim  
March 27th-28th, 2010**

# **GENERAL 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)

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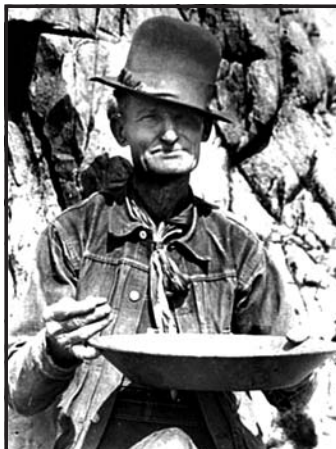
## **CLUB OUTINGS**

**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

Here we are in March and the one thing we all know is that it has rained a lot in California. The desert has had its share of wet weather and the mountains, especially up north have been saturated and covered with snow. Those are all good signs for prospectors as we should have a productive year for our efforts, or at least that is, in theory.

With all this wet weather, the desert should be in full bloom by the end of the month, making a glorious and colorful place to prospect with all the yellow and purple flowers, and the new gold that has washed down from the hills or been recently exposed.



As to summer dredging, farther back in this issue of the Aura is an email from Scott Ham, editor of ICMJ pertaining to the failed injunction against the state regarding SB670. Will we be able to dredge this year? Guess you can say the jury is still out on this issue.

**GPAA GOLD SHOW:** The Board has decided it is not worth the time or effort to have a booth at the Las Vegas gold show.

**DUES:** If you did not pay your dues by March 1st you did not receive this edition of the Aura, so if someone asked if you received one this month, they probably have not paid their dues, so please remind them, and then make sure they are not prospecting on the Club's claims.

**FEBRUARY OUTING:** I did not attend the outing for the month of February as rain was projected, and from what I heard there was a lot of rain and hail on Saturday. We will hope for better weather for our March Outing.

**SPEAKER:** Our speaker for the March meeting will be Skipper. He will discuss survival methods and tips for your safety and health while you are out in the wilderness participating in your activities.

**MAY OUTING:** Our big May Outing is coming. We will have the raffle tickets at the next meeting. If you do attend, please pick up your tickets, as this helps the Club save money on postage.

Hope to see you all at the Meeting and Outing.

Happy Prospecting

Steve

# NEWS FROM JERRY HOBBS - PLP

Federal Judge England did not rule on the merits of the PLP v. SB 670 case. Except on jurisdiction even though we had the 1850 Ca. Admissions to the Union, which stated that the State of Ca. could not interfere with the disposal of federal lands. We felt that the state had really relinquished their immunity rights on this particular issue. This also moots the Injunction on March 25<sup>th</sup>. There is no reason for us spend the time to attempt to second guess Judge Englands motives for his decision, but I did feel that he already had his mind made up.

## UPON ADMISSION TO THE UNION CALIFORNIA WAIVED AND CONGRESS ABROGATED ITS IMMUNITY TO SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT

On September 9, 1850, Congress passed an Act for the Admission of California into the Union. 31 Cong. Ch. 50, September 9, 1850, 9 Stat. 452. In critical part, that Act states as follows:

“Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said State of California is admitted into the Union upon the express condition that the people of said State, through their legislature or otherwise, shall never interfere with the primary disposal of the public lands within its limits, and shall pass no law and do no act whereby the title of the United States to, and right to dispose of, the same shall be impaired or questioned. . .” [Exhibit “D”].

For the above reason PLP and the Attorney felt that the state California had waived any immunity under the 11<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution.

The alternative then and now was to file in state court, file the case as a related case with the case on Hillman Karuk, and that Injunction to prevent the Ca. DFG from issuing a permit This case being before Judge Roesch. We already know how much Judge Roesch likes miners.

Now Judge England in the Federal lawsuit against SB 670 and the State of Ca. says that we have our remedy in state court and again we will have to file a related case to the Hillman case going before Judge Roesch again. We felt before we filed in Federal Court, and now that this whole thing is a Federal Question and should be heard in a Federal Court.

We will take a few days and mull over the direction we must go and move in that direction. We will update you as to what is decided but we have no intention of giving up. I apologize for not being successful on this Federal Court issue but no one can second guess what any Judges reason for an unfair decision.

Thanks for you support and patience

Jerry

# The TREASURE'S REPORT

## February 2010

### INCOME:

50-50 Income.....	\$ 52.00
Club Merchandise.....	160.00
Membership Renewal.....	605.00
New Membership.....	770.00
Raffle Income.....	246.00
Refreshments Income.....	2.75
Miscellaneous.....	0.00
Gift.....	0.00
Add Checks Back.....	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,835.75</b>

### EXPENSES:

May Outing.....	\$ 611.87
Merchandise.....	0.00
Miscellaneous.....	4.50
Newsletters.....	479.56
Postage.....	0.00
Porta Potties.....	0.00
Referrals.....	20.00
Refreshments.....	12.64
Rent.....	100.00
Supplies.....	306.14
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,719.91</b>

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### CHECKING ACCOUNT

2/01/2010	Beginning Balance.....	8,488.80	
2/28/2010	Ending Balance.....	8,504.39	
3	Outstanding Checks.....	120.00	
<b>CHECK BOOK BALANCE.....</b>		<b>8,384.39</b>	<b>\$ 8,384.39</b>

### CERT DEP

00/00	CD Balance.....	2,336.39
	CD Statements are sent Quarterly	

**TOTAL CLUB ASSETS.....** \$ 10,720.78

**TOTAL INCOME YEAR TO DATE.....** \$ 3,522.27

**TOTAL EXPENSE YEAR TO DATE.....** \$ 3,689.81 .....\$ (167.54)

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## February 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order by our President, Steve Reid at 7:45pm, followed by the Flag Salute. Steve then introduced our guest and new members, Chris and Carol Kelly.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Kathi Brown and was approved by the membership. Kathi also gave a membership report and we currently have 193 members.

Bryan DeGhetto gave a report on the January outing and on the upcoming outing to be held at Puppy Feet on February 27, & 28th. The January outing had about 17 vehicles that caravanned to our Triple RC Claim. Although it was wet, everyone was able to find a little gold. At the February outing, we will be using our GPS units to try and mark the corners of Puppy Feet, and if we have time will move to Cash 1.

Paul Toepel gave our group an update of the PLP's filing of the law suit to reinstate dredging. He also urged our members to join the PLP, and to purchase tickets for their upcoming raffle. Bryan DeGhetto suggested that the club purchase \$1000.00 worth of raffle tickets, instead of just donating monies to the PLP. If we purchase the tickets we would have a chance at gaining new claims or equipment that could be auctioned or sold to make the club monies.

Kevin from Micro-Sluice gave a demonstration of how to use his sluice. It has been featured at the GPAA show.

Our monthly raffle winners were as follows: Gold Nugget won by Michelle Cross, Robert Selinger - 2 Silver Rounds, Kathi Brown - 1 Silver Round, Michael Hulka - 1 Silver Round, Bryan DeGhetto - 2 Silver Rounds, and Al Hamerski - 1 Silver Round.

Will Briscoe won our 50/50 Drawing in the amount of \$31.00. He was kind enough to donate \$21.00 of his winnings back to the club.

Dean Chapman was the winner of our Gold Nugget door prize.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary,  
Sandy Hunt

# The WAGON MASTER'S REPORT



FEBRUARY OUTING WAS RAINED OUT FOR MOST OF US.

## **MARCH OUTING: 3/27-3/28**

OUR MARCH OUTING WILL BE HELD AT PUPPY FEET WE WILL TRY TO DO THE GPS TRAINING AGAIN. WE WILL TRY TO START AROUND 9AM

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## **MAY OUTING 5/21-5/24**

LAST YEAR WAS A REAL FUN TIME WE WANT THIS TO BE EVEN BETTER THEN LAST YEAR.

### **FRIDAY MAY 21st 6PM DESERT TIME**

WILL BE THE WORLD FAMOUS ORANGE COUNTY 49ERS CHILI COOK OFF WE WILL BE STARTING AT 5PM IN THE CLUBHOUSE. THE CLUB WILL FURNISH HOT DOGS AND BUNS. IF YOU ARE NOT BRINGING CHILI PLEASE BRING SOMETHING FOR THE POTLUCK.

### **SATURDAY MAY 22nd 6PM DESERT TIME**

ORANGE COUNTY 49ERS AMAZING POTLUCK AND GOLD RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA. WE WILL BE BURNING THE COALS ON THE NEW BBQ FOR SOME TASTY BURGERS AND DOGS. I WANT TO TAKE THIS TIME TO VOLUNTEER TO BE FIRST TO TASTE THE FOOD IN THE POTLUCK TO MAKE SURE IT IS UP TO THE 49ERS STANDARDS. I CAN NOT WAIT FOR THE FEAST BE BEGAN THERE WILL NOT BE A BETTER PLACE TO EAT FOR MILES.

WE WILL BE HAVING A AUCTION ON SATURDAY STARTING AT 5PM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION TALK WITH ME (BRYAN). YOU CAN ALSO AUCTION OFF YOUR OWN ITEMS WITH A PORTION OF THE SELLING PRICE GOING TO THE CLUB.

WE PREFER TO ONLY AUCTION OFF MINING OR CAMPING RELATED PRODUCTS.

# PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE



## LEGAL FUND SPRING 2010 RAFFLE JUNE 17, 2010

### PRIZE

### DONATED BY

160 Acre Arizona Mining Claim . . . . .	PLP
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1 oz. Placer Gold . . . . .	Roger Plata
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Custom Gold Pendant . . . . .	Natural Gold Jewelry
Deluxe Blue Bowl Kit . . . . .	Pioneer Mining Supplies
1 Year Membership Golden Caribou Mining Association . . . . .	Gordon Burton
Gold Neggut Pendant . . . . .	Scott Wrner
4.4 grams Alaskan Placer Gold . . . . .	Ed Romine
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Crystaline Gold Tie Tac . . . . .	Scott Warner
Hystware Mines & Minerals CD . . . . .	Arizona Outback

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# PROSPECTING & GOLD, WE LOVE TO FIND IT, BUT WHAT IS IT WORTH?

Every time a Member goes out prospecting, they dream about finding that large nugget they can barely lift or a cache of gold. We would even settle for finding a nugget so big that won't fit in the vial we always carry with us, or one so big we can put in our pocket and won't lose or one large enough that we can hold it up and it will be seen by our fellow Members who are busily prospecting hundreds of feet away. Yes, those are the dreams and thoughts we all have when shoveling that dirt or swinging that detector. But those dreams rarely happen, or don't happen often enough.

So, what is it that we prospectors take back to camp? For me, a picker or two or a small nugget makes my day of shoveling well worthwhile. Now, what is it in actuality that we bring back to camp to share after a full day of prospecting? Most commonly, it is smaller pieces of yellow metal the size of grains of sand or maybe a little larger more like the size of freshly ground pepper, and it fills the bottom portion of a small vial. Now, other than a millions dollars of fun in the sun, what is that gold worth?

I recently read an article that breaks down the size of gold based on the size of the classifying screens, which as prospectors, we are all very familiar with. The article only deals with the value of "medium", "fine" and "very fine" gold, as anything larger can be picked up and weighed. In this article the definition of "medium gold" is that it will not pass through a 20-mesh screen, "fine gold" will not pass through a 40-mesh screen and "very fine" passes through a 40-mesh screen but not a 100-mesh screen as anything smaller is darn near impossible to count and is considered to be flour gold by many.

In the case of "**Medium Gold**" there are an average of 2000 pieces per troy ounce.

For "**Fine Gold**" there are an average of 12,000 pieces per troy ounce.

For "**Very Fine Gold**" there are an average of 40,000 pieces per troy ounce.

So, back to the title, "but what is it worth?"

Gold is selling today at approximately \$1,100 per ounce, therefore, one piece of:

"**Medium Gold**" is .....55 cents

"**Fine Gold**" is .....9.16 cents

"**Very Fine Gold**" is.....2.75 cents

Now, go count the specs in the bottom of your pan, multiply it by the appropriate number above and add that figure to the million dollars of fun you had collecting it. So, not a bad day after all.

Happy prospecting,

Steve



***COOKS, CHIEFS AND CONCOCTION CREATORS COME FROM ALL  
AROUND THE GLOBE TO COMPETE IN THE WORLD FAMOUS***

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### **ORANGE COUNTY 49ERS CHILI COOK-OFF**

Last year was tuff, 9 chillies fighting for the prestigious copper gold pan. What seemed to be hundreds of judges, who will win this year. The club will provide BBQ hot dogs, buns and condiments. We are asking the folks who are not entering chilli to bring something to the Friday pot luck.

### **SATURDAY MAY 29TH 5:00PM DESERT TIME**

Will be starting the auction at 5:00pm around the clubhouse area.  
Talk with Bryan about items you want to auction.

### **THE POTLUCK WILL START AT 6PM**

We will BBQ some big burgers and dogs (maybe some fish) Please bring your items in a little bit early to set them up. Remember to bring your own serving spoons and forks. The club will provide paper plates, napkins and utensils.

### **GOLD\*GOLD\*GOLD\*GOLD\*GOLD\*GOLD\*GOLD\*GOLD\*GOLD**

The raffle tickets will be mailed out to all members. Who do not or can not make the meetings. **Please fill out and send in your raffle tickets.**

### **ASAP!!!!**

This year Steve has selected some beautiful nuggets for the raffle.  
The gold nugget raffle will be held right after dinner.

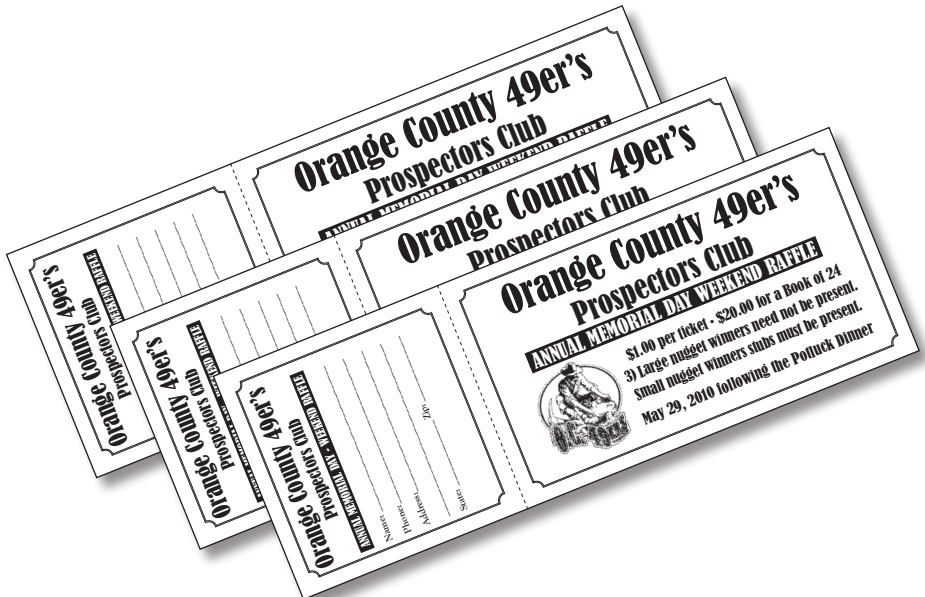
# ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

## RAFFLE TICKETS

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED  
OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE MORE  
RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE MAY OUTING  
PLEASE CONTACT**

**KATHI BROWN  
AT 562-233-3022**

**OR E-MAIL  
KATPER56@MSN.COM**



**REMEMBER TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT  
THE GENERAL MEETINGS AND ANY TICKETS  
REMAINING WILL BE SOLD AT THE OUTING.  
BEFORE AND AFTER THE DRAWING.**

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Embroidered

OC49ers Logo, One size fits all.

**Baseball Caps \$23.00 each**

## BIG FINDS AT THE RAINED OUT OUTING



Chuck Brand from San Pedro left the February Outing due to the rain and decided to go to Riverside Park in Kernville and do some fishing. Well the day was not a total loss for Chuck. He caught these 5 Lb. and 5.5 Lb. Rainbow Trout on Panther Martins. February 27, 2010

# Lost Mine of the Sheep Hole Mountains

## THE TALE

The rugged Sheep Hole Mountains rise up from the desert sands of Southern California about 20 miles east of Twentynine Palms. The Sheep Hole Mountains are a small range, stretching only about 15 miles in a northwest-southeast direction. They lie about 8 miles northeast of the Pinto Mountains, which straddle the San Bernardino/Riverside county line. The dry lake bed known as Dale Lake lies between the Sheep Hole Mountains and the Pinto Mountains.

The Sheep Hole Mountains are virtually waterless. Only one freshwater spring flows for most of the year. It is located on the northwest flank of the range, near Sheep Hole Pass. The Sheep Hole Mine lies close by.

During the early 1950's, a stash of old letters was discovered in the attic of a house in El Dorado, California. The letters contained the ramblings of an old California prospector named L. O. Long. They also revealed a secret! During his travels in Southern California, Long stumbled on a rich placer deposit of gold somewhere east of the alkali beds of Dale Lake.

The letters provided many clues to the location of the gold placer. In them, Long mentioned several landmarks including the "Sheep Mountains", the "Palms", the old Dale Mining District, and the dried-up lake bed of the same name. He claimed that the placer deposit was in a small canyon east of Dale Lake. A small spring issued from the rocks above.

Long apparently worked the deposit for a short time, recovering over 3 pounds of gold! In his letters, he estimated that the placer deposit was located about 15 miles east of Dale Lake. In that case, the small weathered range just east of the Sheep Hole Mountains must also be considered. This desolate stretch of broken hills is known as the Calumet range. Neither it nor the Sheep Holes are highly mineralized. But somewhere in that rugged country lies a glory hole of placer gold.

## MINING HISTORY

No major mining districts exist in either the Sheep Hole or Calumet Mountains, although both are home to a single important mine. In both cases, the mines are named after the mountains themselves. Both the Sheep Hole Mine and the Calumet Mine were discovered in the northernmost portion of their respective ranges. Other than these two major deposits, the Sheep Hole and Calumet Mountains have so far proven to be nearly devoid of mineralization.

The nearest major mining district is located in the Pinto Mountains, about 8 miles southwest of the Sheep Hole range. The Pinto Mountains are richly mineralized. The first gold strikes occurred there in the early 1880's, but it



wasn't until 1885 that the fabulous Virginia Dale lode was discovered. Eventually, many rich veins were located in the northern and eastern portions of the Pinto range.

Interestingly, placer gold was first discovered near the dry lake bed north of the Pinto Mountains. The Sheep Hole Mountains may have served as a source for some of this placer gold, but early prospectors traced most of it to the Pinto Mountains. As it turned out, the placer deposits of the Dale District produced an enormous amount of gold. One of the richest canyons was dubbed "25 Ounce Gulch". Modern-day prospectors using metal-detectors have found gold nuggets in nearly every canyon and arroyo in the district. Any gully or hillside close to a mine has good potential. A legend surrounds the famous O.K. Mine, located about 3 miles southeast of the Virginia Dale deposit. A Hungarian prospector named Miklos Kovacs stumbled on a rich gold vein somewhere near the portal of the O.K. Mine. Unfortunately, he was unable to relocate it! Prospectors still search for the lost vein today.

## **GEOLOGY OF THE AREA**

The Sheep Hole Mountains consist of an uplifted core of early Mesozoic granitic and metamorphic rocks. The range trends northwest-southeast as do many of the mountain ranges in the Basin and Range Province of North America. The northern half of the range contains numerous faults, most of which trend northwest-southeast. The western flank of this part of the range is fault-bounded with non-marine Pleistocene sediments butting up against early Mesozoic metamorphic country rock. Northwest of the Amboy Road, in the broken country that forms the northwestern spur of the Sheep Hole Mountains, occur slightly younger Mesozoic granitic intrusives. This area is highly faulted; at least three northwest-southeast trending faults cut through the igneous and metamorphic rocks here.

The Sheep Hole Mine is located on the northwestern flank of the range, just east of the Amboy Road. It is hosted in early Mesozoic granitic and metamorphic country rock. Several other smaller mines and prospect pits occur in the area.

Just south of the Sheep Hole Mountains lie the east-west trending Pinto Mountains. This highly-mineralized range consists of a core of uplifted ancient Precambrian igneous and metamorphic basement rock (in the western portion of the range) and younger Mesozoic granites (in the eastern part of the range). Many of the mines in this district are hosted in these younger Mesozoic granites.

## **PROSPECTING POTENTIAL**

The Sheep Hole Mountains are home to one important gold deposit, the Sheep Hole Mine. It is located in the northwestern portion of the range near Sheep Hole Pass. Prospectors may want to probe the gullies and canyons in this area with a metal-detector. Prospectors may also want to focus on the western flanks of the Sheep Hole Mountains, especially the slopes adjacent to Dale Lake.

This area may have served as a source for at least some of the placer gold found in Dale Lake. Again, a metal-detector may prove to be useful in the search. Finally, prospectors may want to examine the western face of the Calumet Mountains, located about 7 miles east of the Sheep Holes. Some accounts of the story place the gold placer in the Calumets.

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# Doc Holliday



Doc Holliday lived in Lowndes County and in the city of Valdosta, Georgia, approximately during the years of 1864-1872. It is assumed that he was born in the latter part of 1851 or early part of 1852. The earliest known authentic document concerning Doc is the infant baptismal record on March 21, 1852, which is on file at the First Presbyterian Church in Griffin, Georgia.

Doc's father was Major Henry Burroughs Holliday and his mother was Alice Jane McKey. After a short tour in the Confederate Army, Major Henry Holliday moved his family from Griffin, Georgia to Valdosta, Georgia near to a section which is known as Bemiss south of Moody Air Force Base. Doc finished grade school at the Valdosta Institute where he had some Greek, much Latin, and considerable French. During his first two years, his favorite study was advanced English called rhetoric.

Major Holliday served as mayor of Valdosta, Georgia for two terms, and he also served in the Cherokee Indian War, Mexican War, and Civil War. After the Mexican War, he brought back a Mexican boy who had been orphaned by the war. He married Alice Jane McKey January 8, 1849. The Mexican boy's name was Francisco Hidalgo. Major Holliday and his wife had a little girl that died in infancy, and later they had a second child who was a boy - John Henry Holliday. Mrs. Holliday died of tuberculosis (called consumption at that time) in 1866. Doc was only 12 years old when his mother died.

Doc's adopted brother, the Mexican boy, also died of tuberculosis. Doc must have caught tuberculosis from his mother or his brother, or both.

For many years it was believed that he went to school in Baltimore, Maryland to learn Dentistry. However, the three main dental schools in Baltimore had no record of a J. H. Holliday ever attending school there. Through the efforts of Dr. L.C. Holtendorff (Valdosta, Georgia), Dr. Donald Washburn (American Dental Association Librarian Services, Chicago, Illinois), and Mr. John Whittock (Librarian, School of Dental Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), it has been verified that John H. Holliday graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery in 1872.

There have been many rumors as to why Doc left Georgia and went out west. One persistent rumor is that he killed some Negroes that were swimming in the white's favorite swimming hole. But according to Susan McKey's uncle, who was with Doc at the time, no such thing happened. He says they were swimming in the hole and Doc was outraged. He went and got his pistol and started shooting in the air over their heads. One of the Negroes got a gun and shot back but no one was killed. The probable reason for his move to the west is that the dry climate was better suited for his health.

Out west Doc was a most unusual character of his time. He was an extremely educated man in a place where education was not that important. He was fluent in Latin and played the piano (his mother taught piano for many years). He loved being a dentist and desperately tried to make a living out of it, but because his patients didn't like their dentist coughing in their face, it was hard for him to keep customers.

That's when he discovered that he had a real talent for playing cards; it was a lot more fun too. Doc established himself as quite a good gambler and was well respected around town. But he was a miserable man dying from an awful disease. He was moody, drank a lot, and always wanted to die.

Preferring to die in a gun battle rather than having his body slowly 'consumed' by his disease made

him a very dangerous man. He was fearless. He was quick to get involved in the battles with the Earps. Doc dressed fancy and behaved in a sophisticated manner. It has been said about him he was quite a funny gentleman with a good sense of humor.

Wyatt Earp came to like Holliday's style, and after they met in Shanessy's saloon in Fort Griffin, they became instant friends. Wyatt has said that Holliday was, "the nerviest, speediest man with a six-shooter he ever knew" and was, "probably the most dangerous man in Tombstone, [Arizona]." When they made their way to the OK Corral, it is said by witnesses that the three Earp brothers were all dressed in black with firm, mean grimaces on their faces while Doc was nattily clad in grey and was whistling.

Doc went to Dodge City in 1877 and this is how he got there: He became involved in a gambling episode with Ed Bailey in Fort Griffin, Texas, which resulted in Doc's leaving there. Bailey drew a gun and Doc let him have it with a knife. Bailey collapsed and died. (if you have ever seen the movie Tombstone this is the opening scene with Doc in it). Even though according to law Doc was in the right, he was arrested and incarcerated in a local hotel room, there being no jail in the city. It was evident that Bailey was a popular man among the townspeople, and it seemed that Doc's fate was doomed in spite of the circumstances. Kate Elder came to Doc's rescue by setting fire to the back of the hotel, thereby creating a diversionary action in attracting the citizens' attention to the fire. Kate, armed with a pistol, proceeded to the hotel room, "got the drop" on the deputy town Marshall who had been left in charge of the prisoner, and set Doc free. Kate and Doc hid out during the night. When morning came, they mounted their horses and headed to Dodge City. Once in Dodge, Doc renewed his friendship with Wyatt. This was around 1877.

Doc had a falling out with another terminus outlaw named Mike Gordon in late August 1879. Inviting Gordon out into the street, Doc then shot him dead. Doc had to skip town real fast because of a plan to arrest him. This led Doc to return to Dodge City. He arrived back in Dodge to find that Wyatt had resigned his job on Dodge City's force of marshals and had headed toward Tombstone. Doc then headed toward Tombstone to meet up with his friend. According to Doc Holliday by John Myers, "Doc had traveled in haste - would have entailed driving the wagons up some awkward grades. Leaving Trail City in the number two rig of the Earp caravan, Wyatt heard hoof-beats in pursuit. 'where are you going, Wyatt?' the rider who caught up with him asked. 'Tombstone' Earp said. 'That's what they told me in Dodge,' Doc replied. 'Guess I'll go with you.'"

May 1887 "Doc Holliday," by John Myers: "By then the consumption so racked him that he could hardly keep on his feet. As a realist, Doc was not one to believe in miraculous cures, but as a man of action he refused to stop in his tracks while there was a chance of going on. The sulphur vapors at Glenwood Springs, Colorado were ballyhooed as being medicine's final answer to the evil challenge of tuberculosis. On the off-chance that this was true, Doc went out to the health resort to play his last chip.

It is important to understand that tuberculosis killed Doc and not so much the alcohol. In fact, he didn't drink as much as everyone says he did. He did however have remarkable stamina with drinking. He could out drink some of the biggest, toughest, burliest men there were without the slightest hint of intoxication.

Doc Holliday died on November 8, 1887 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado at a Sanatorium for the sick. He is buried in Linwood Cemetery.

It is said that the last couple of months of his life that he got out of bed maybe twice. Witnesses by his bedside say that just before he died he asked for a glass of whiskey, sipped it down and smiled, then he looked at his bare feet and said, "this is funny." He always figured he would be killed someday with his boots on.

~ from The Kansas Heritage Server - Source: "Doc Holliday" by John Myers



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Meetings	Outing	Claim	Access	Rest Rooms
January 19th	30 & 31	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
February 16th	27 & 28	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
March 16th	27 & 28	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
April 20th	24 & 25	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
May 18th	29, 30 & 31	Duiesenberg	Easy	Yes
June 15th	25 & 26	Rose Creek or TBA	Easy	No
July 20th	30 & 31	Rose Creek or TBA	Easy	No
August 17th	Sept. 3, 4 & 5	Tailings	Med	Yes
September 21st	24 & 25	Kern River	Easy	No
October 19th	30 & 31	Duiesenberg	Easy	Yes
November 16th	Dec. 4	Day Outing, Goler Gulch	4-WD	No
December 21st	Holiday Party	Club House	Easy	Yes



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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