

THE
**ORANGE COUNTY
FORTY-NINERS
GOLDEN AURA**

May 2013



General Membership Meetings

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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
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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

May

Hello fellow 49ers.

I had a nice time at the Claim Krawl, It sure it informative listening to all of Skip's knowledge of the area.

It was good to see some members digging for that GOLD. One thing I would like to remind the members, Is to fill in your holes after digging. I would also ask that if you see any trash around to please lend a hand and pick it up.

If there is too much trash or you find a dumping of trash on one of our claims please let me or one of the other board members know, So we can arrange for a clean-up.

There was a mention of creating a "Guest Wavier" brought up at our last general meeting. The board looked over the membership wavier. We found that it does address Guests in that wavier. We feel at this time that it is sufficient. We will be printing the wavier in every Aura from this moment forward.

I welcome and encourage all suggestions and ideas. Remember this is your club.

It is starting to get hot out on the desert claims, don't forget to drink water and take many breaks.

Happy Digging.

Bryan



The Treasure's Report

April 30, 2013

INCOME

50-50	\$11.00
Raffle	\$263.00
Refreshments	\$10.00
New Members	\$660.00
Renewal.....	\$300.00
Memorial Day Tickets.....	\$674.00
Income.....	\$1,918.00

EXPENSES

Rent.....	\$125.00
Aura	\$433.73
Snacks&Refreshments	\$8.45
Fees/taxes,Biz.....	\$20.00
Portipotties.....	\$105.75
Referrals	\$10.00
Expenses.....	\$702.93
Month	\$1,215.07

CHECKBOOK

Stmt Balance	\$20,862.84
Outstanding Cks.....	\$2,452.43
Checkbook Balance	\$18,410.41
CD Balance	\$2,352.82
Total Cash	\$20,763.23

May Outing Raffle Tickets

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND
IN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS
TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A
CHANCE TO WIN THE GOLD
AT THE MAY OUTING.**

General Meeting

April 16th 2013

Bryan DeGhetto, our President, called the meeting to order at 7;30 p.m., followed by the Flag salute.

We had 5 new vistors.

Steve Reid gave the Treasures report along with the minutes from last months meeting and they were approved as written.

Paul Toepel talked about Agenda 21 for those who want to know more about it, look it up on the Internet.

Our speaker for the night was Bill Samarian, from Mad Mining (sorry, I had you as Mike in the last newsletter) he demonstrated his re-circulating system that is designed for desert use.

Raffel Winners:

Vile of gold - Bryan DeGhetto

Silver half - Ralph Kolbush, Bryan DeGhetto

Silver quarters - Dean Chapman, Stan Gilman, Paul Toepel, Bob Barnes

Ralph Kolbush won the chair that Mad Mining donated.

50-50 - Ralph Kolbush

Membership - Frank Kanten

Meeting adjourned at 9p.m.

Secretary,

Sandy Hunt



The Wagon Master's Report

Hello All, Scotty here sorry I missed you guys at the meeting I was informed it was to be on the 9th. In any event here is my idea regarding the May outing.

Friday May 24th 2013 - Meeting & camping location we are Guest's of the LDMA camp approx 100 yards south of the club house towards the Flats & RR Tracks.

- ☞ Chili cook off for those interested all chili entries by members welcome,
- ☞ 3 Judges will be selected
- ☞ A Copper Gold pan will be awarded to the top ranking winner
- ☞ Judges will taste at approx 5:30 pm then judged and decided.
You can share your Chili with members & friends.

Saturday May 25th 2013

- ☞ Pot Luck Dinner - Please bring your favorite Dish to share with members & friends, Left overs are always good.
- ☞ The club will provide the main dish
- ☞ If you wish to cook and BBQ there will be a BBQ grill open for use starting at 3:30 pm
- ☞ The main Dinner Bell will ring at approx 5:30 p.m. Country time.
- ☞ After dinner we would like to have the big Raffle, After the raffle,
- ☞ Campfire, Story Telling, Gold stories, and perhaps A card game?

Sunday May 26th 2013

- ☞ Sight seeing day, Anything fun.
- ☞ Evening Campfire, Story telling

Monday May 27th 2013

- ☞ **Memorial Day - Thank A Vet.**



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OC 49er Logo Patches

To the Members:

Are any of you interested in purchasing embroidered club patches? These patches will be 3 ½ inches in diameter and will look like our Club's decal. We need to know how many of you may want to purchase the patches, and what is the upper limit you would be willing to pay for the patch. This will allow the Board to determine the feasibility of investing in the project.

If you support the idea of having club patches, inform a Board Member at the General Meeting, an Outing or by email.

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The Board of Directors

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The Lost Duppa Mine

THE TALE

First known as the Silver Range, the Bradshaw Mountains rise up west of the Aqua Fria River in central Arizona. The Bradshaws abound in mineral deposits, both gold and silver. For many years a stronghold of the Apache, the Bradshaws were slow in giving up their mineral wealth. American prospectors finally opened the floodgates in the 1860's. In 1862, a party of prospectors led by the famous mountain man Joseph Walker discovered rich deposits of gold near the headwaters of the Hassayampa River. The following year, a group led by William Bradshaw penetrated the heart of the range and also found precious metal deposits. In August of that year, a second party of prospectors led by another famous mountain man discovered the fabulous Rich Hill gold fields.

Many rich strikes were to follow in the coming years. This rugged mineral-rich mountain range came to be known as the Bradshaw Mountains. They were named for the famous prospector and early Arizona pioneer, William Bradshaw. During the 1860's, a wave of prospectors, adventurers, and drifters poured into the mining districts of the Bradshaw Mountains.

One such adventurer was an Englishman named Bryan Philip Darrell Duppa. Born in 1832, Duppa moved first to New Zealand, and then in 1863 moved to the Arizona Territory. He gravitated to the mining district near present-day Prescott where he lived for about five years. In 1868, Duppa moved down to the Salt River valley where he tried his hand at farming. Soon, he decided to take on the job of station manager of the stagecoach stop near present-day Dewey. Duppa's station was located about 13 miles straight east of Prescott, on the Agua Fria River. The new proprietor of the Dewey station found himself traveling back and forth to rescott many times. One day, Duppa took a short-cut down one of the many canyons that cut the east flank of the northern Bradshaws. Somewhere in that steep canyon, Duppa stumbled on a ledge of silver-bearing quartz. The ore mineral was pure native silver! Duppa returned to the station on the Aqua Fria in great excitement. He had finally made good. Or at least he thought so. When Duppa attempted to retrace his steps to the ledge, he was unable to find it! He never did. Duppa eventually retired in Phoenix, dying there in 1892.

MINING HISTORY

The history of mining in the Bradshaw Mountains extends back to Pre-Columbian times. When the Americans entered the area in the early 1860's, they discovered many old mine shafts, prospect pits, and arrastres. Sometimes they found signs of the earliest inhabitants, the Pre-Columbian Indians. The Silver Belt Mine is a case in point. It was discovered by American prospectors who stumbled on the old mine shaft by accident. Inside, they found primitive stone tools and evidence that the native silver had been worked by the Indians.

The Bradshaws turned out to be richly mineralized. During the 1860's, the northern Bradshaws saw huge strikes at Lynx Creek and Rich Hill. During the 1870's, the focus shifted southward to the southern Bradshaws. In 1870, the fabulous Tiger lode was discovered followed by the even richer Crown King deposits five years later.

The northeastern flank of the Bradshaws is home to a number of rich mining districts. The Lynx Creek/Walker District was one of the richest in Arizona. Lynx Creek produced more placer gold than any other stream in the state. The upper reaches of Lynx Creek flow across ancient Precambrian bedrock while the lower stretches of the stream flow across Tertiary-age conglomerates. Placer gold occurs along the entire length of the stream, but is especially concentrated along the lower stretches of the creek. The gold deposits of Lynx Creek demonstrate that mineralization in the Bradshaw Mountains is both Precambrian and Laramide in age. Placers have been derived from mineral deposits of both ages. In the case of Lynx Creek, a small Laramide granodiorite intrusion was the source of most of the placer gold.

The Big Bug District is located about 12 miles southeast of Prescott, on the slopes of the Bradshaw Mountains. Gold is found in lodes, placers, and as a by-product. Over half a million ounces of gold have been reported from the district with about 10% of this production as placer gold.

GEOLOGY OF THE AREA

The Bradshaw Mountains are part of the Central Highlands Province of Arizona. This physiographic province forms a transition zone between the massive sedimentary formations of the high Colorado Plateau to the north and the desert mountains of the Basin and Range Province to the south. This tectonically-active belt of rugged mountains has undergone several episodes of folding, faulting, and uplift. Uplift has been quite dramatic. In fact, so dramatic that the

thick blanket of Paleozoic and Mesozoic sedimentary rocks that once rested upon the ancient Precambrian core has been completely stripped away. Consequently, many mountain ranges in the Central Highlands Province consist of an exposed core of Precambrian igneous and metamorphic rocks. The Bradshaw

Mountains are such a range. The Bradshaws consist almost entirely of ancient Precambrian schist intruded by younger Precambrian granites, granodiorites, and diorites. The granitic intrusions are batholithic in size; indeed, most of the southern half of the Bradshaws is composed of granite. A belt of schist crops out along the eastern flank of the range. Although this belt is only two to three miles wide in the southern part of the Bradshaws, it comprises much of the northern portion. South of Cleator, these dark-colored schists form the wall rock of Black Canyon (which was named for these ancient black schists).

Small exposures of Tertiary basalt occur in the northern portion of the range. The two largest are located on the northeast flank of the Bradshaws, between Mayer and Cordes Junction and in the north-central part of the range, just east of Mount Union. But again, these are minor occurrences. The northern half of the Bradshaws is dominated by Precambrian crystalline rocks.

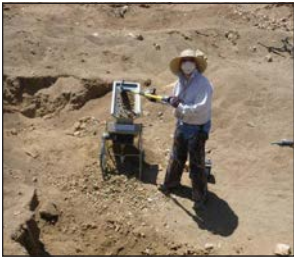


PROSPECTING POTENTIAL

The Bradshaw Mountains have been a miner's delight for 150 years. The rugged peaks and canyons of the Bradshaws have been blessed with a number of rich mineral deposits, most of which have been found. The eastern flanks of the range are scored by many deep canyons and ravines. It is entirely conceivable that one of these canyons

harbors a hidden silver ledge. Prospectors may want to concentrate on the canyons that lie between the crest of the northern Bradshaws and the Agua Fria River to the east. A metal-detector may be of some use in the search for silver-bearing float in the lower reaches of each canyon. Careful mapping and tracing of the float may prove to be fruitful.

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Scheduled Outings 2013

Dates and Locations are Subject to Change!

Meetings	Outing	Claim	Access	Rest Rooms
January 15	January 26 - 27	Puppy Feet	Easy	No
February 19	February 23 - 24	Puppy Feet	Easy	No
March 19	March 30 - 31	Puppy Feet	Easy	No
April 16	April 27 - 28	HMC1 & Claim Crawl	Easy	Yes
May 21	May 25 - 26	Duisenburg - LDMA	Easy	Yes
June 18	June 29 - 30			
July 16	July 27 - 28			
August 20	Aug 30 - Sep 1			
September 17	September 28 - 29			
October 15	October 26 - 27			
November 19	November 30			
December 17	December 17	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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