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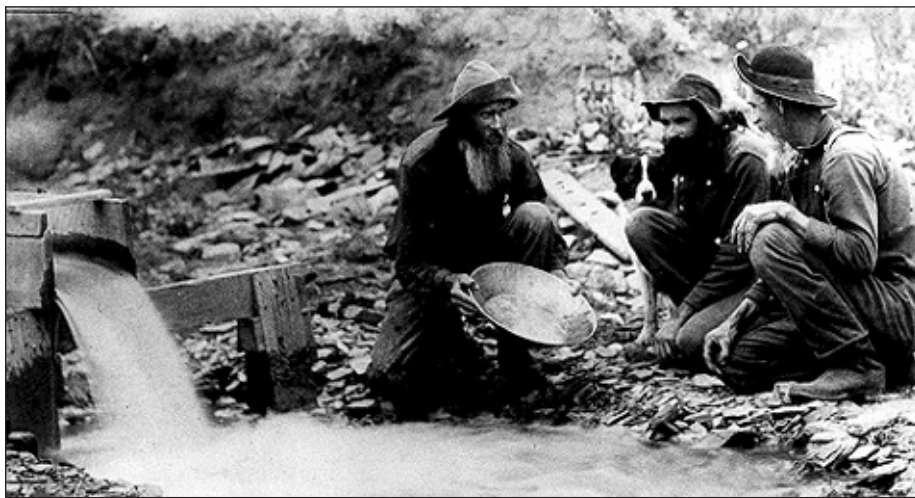
General Membership Meetings

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
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

July

Hello everyone,

Summer is here and in full force.

A little to hot out in the desert for me and I am sure most of you. Well I look forward to our outing this month down at the cool beach. It is just like the desert.

(except for the heat and the dust)

We will still be digging and hoping for GOLD.

THE BOARD NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

We need ideas, suggestions on things you the "MEMBERS" would like the club to do.

How about some ideas on speakers for the monthly meetings.

SMALL MINERS EXEMPTION

If anyone has any information that could help the club with the small miners exemption please contact me with that information.

You can email me at oc49erbryan@gmail.com

Happy Digging

Bryan



The Treasure's Report

June 30, 2013

INCOME

50-50	\$8.00
Memorial Day Tickets.....	\$1,304.00
New Members.....	\$330.00
Raffle	\$145.00
Refreshments	\$10.00
Income.....	\$1,797.00

EXPENSES

Rent.....	\$125.00
Aura	\$484.22
Snacks&Refreshments.....	\$19.88
Gold, Coins, etc.	\$110.00
Potlucks.....	\$293.00
Referrals	\$20.00
Expenses.....	\$1,052.10
Month	\$744.90

CHECKBOOK

Stmt Balance	\$19,755.30
Outstanding Cks.....	\$175.00
Checkbook Balance	\$19,580.30
CD Balance	\$2,347.73
Total Cash	\$21,928.03



General Meeting

June 18th 2013

Our meeting was called to order by our President, Bryan DeGhetto followed by the Flag salute. Steve Reid gave the Treasures report. We had no new visitors. We had no speaker for the evening so we left the floor open for discussions and suggestions from the members.

RAFFLE WINNERS:

Vile of gold.....Ralph Ashcraft

Silver dollar.....Bryan DeGhetto

Silvers quarters.....Ralph Kolbush
B.A. Skipper
Bill Flores
Mike Hulka
Ray Proefrock

50-50Ralph Kolbush

Silver dime for the membership drawing: Ralph Ashcraft

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Secretary,

Sandy Hunt



The Wagon Master's Report

July 2013

Here is the latest as some of you may have read the July 6th Orange County register Local section report about metal detecting the beach after the 4th of July, starring your Wagon Master Scotty I made sure they plugged the club and the website.

As for our August Pala area Gem dig out it has been rescheduled to Sunday August 25th. The Gem mine has requested that all reservations be made via me Scotty at Pedersens Gold & Pawn 714-527-6463.

The price will be \$60.00 per person. For those who do not wish to dig there are 4 local Casino's very close to the Gem mine. I have been informed that there are rest room facilities at the mine site.

I'm working on getting a tour of a real productive Gold mine near Randsberg for Sept or Oct outing.

Thank You,

Scotty



A day at the Beach

A beach day to take place on **SUNDAY** July 28th just south of the Huntington Beach Pier anywhere from 10 am on Look for white flag with orange 49ers on it. Bring your detector, sun screen and fun times.



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.

Thank You,

The Board of Directors

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The Lost Mine of Buckskin Mountain

THE TALE

The beautiful Santa Rosa Range rises up from the sagebrush-filled deserts and valleys of north-central Nevada, just below the Oregon border, in Humboldt County. The range stretches 50 miles from Paradise Well northward to the Oregon border. It climbs to nearly 10,000 feet along its crest. The Santa Rosa Range is bounded by Quinn River Valley to the west and Paradise Valley and the Owyhee Desert to the east. The range increases in elevation from north to south.

Humboldt County has always been a land steeped in mystery and legend. It is a country filled with ghost towns, mining camps, and fabulous lost mines. The earliest tales of lost treasure extend back to the times of the early Spaniards. It was said that a wandering Spanish padre discovered a rich vein of gold along the western slope of the Santa Rosa Range, near Buffalo Creek.

In 1849, one of the legendary silver lodes of the West was discovered in a little ravine north of Black Rock Point by James A. Hardin. Hardin's lost silver mine was a magnet for prospectors for over 30 years. In 1859, it lured Henry Comstock northward into the Black Rock Range. According to some accounts, Comstock discovered a rich ledge of silver while searching for Hardin's lost mine.

In 1910, a rich ledge of gold-bearing ore was discovered in the eastern part of the county, near Kelly Creek. A wandering cowboy stumbled onto the vein somewhere along the eastern flank of the Osgood Range. He died before he was able to return.

And then there's the fabulous lost ledge on Buckskin Mountain. First discovered in the 1890's by two Idaho prospectors, the Lost Mine of Buckskin Mountain has been sought after for over a hundred years. Most accounts of the story place the discovery somewhere on the southern slopes of the mountain, near a small spring. While traveling eastward through the Santa Rosa Range, the two prospectors stumbled across an outcrop of curious, "strange-looking" ore. The prospectors were not impressed with their discovery, but they took some samples anyway. Eventually they reached their destination and almost as an afterthought, had the ore samples analyzed. The ore turned out to be exceedingly rich. The prospectors scampered back to Buckskin Mountain but were unable to find the right spring or the ledge! They never did.

MINING HISTORY

Nevada has always been mining country. The state has been blessed with an extraordinary number of rich mineral deposits. Its history has been dictated and shaped by successive mineral strikes that began in 1859.

Three world-shaking mining booms have occurred in Nevada's history. The first began in 1859 with the discovery of the fabulous Comstock Lode. In the decade following the Comstock strike, a number of rich silver districts were

located. These included Aurora and Unionville in 1861, Reese River in 1862, Candelaria and Lone in 1863, Pioche and Eureka in 1864, Belmont in 1865, and White Pine in 1868.

The second major boom began in 1900 with the discovery of the incredible silver and gold deposits at Tonopah. The Tonopah strike was followed by a number of staggering gold discoveries that occurred at two year intervals. These included Goldfield in 1902, Bullfrog in 1904, Manhattan in 1906, and Round Mountain later that same year.

The third boom in Nevada's mining history began in 1962 with the discovery of the immense disseminated gold deposits at Carlin. Carlin has proven to be the great repository of gold in the state of Nevada. The total amount of gold still in the ground taxes the imagination. Some geologists estimate total reserves of 40 million ounces of gold!

The history of mining in the Santa Rosa Range probably began in 1868 with the discovery of rich silver and gold-bearing veins 8 miles north of present-day Paradise Valley. Known variously as the Paradise Valley District and the Mount Rose District, the area produced around 70,000 ounces of gold before the veins were exhausted in 1890.

During the 1870's, lode and placer deposits of gold were discovered along the western flank of the Santa Rosas, in both Willow Creek and Rebel Creek. The deep gravels along the creek bottoms were rich in coarse gold. Eventually, rich placer deposits were discovered further north in Pole Creek and Canyon Creek. Pole Creek in particular was loaded with gold-bearing float.

By the 1890's, the mining industry of Nevada was in a slump. This state of affairs lasted until 1900 and then all hell broke loose. The Tonopah strike sent a horde of prospectors scurrying into the mountains and deserts of Nevada. In 1906, the same year as the Manhattan and Round Mountain discoveries, two prospectors from Winnemucca stumbled upon an outcrop of gold-bearing ore on the northeastern slope of Buckskin Mountain. The following year, some of the richest gold ore ever mined in Nevada was discovered 4 miles north of Buckskin Mountain. The ore was a true bonanza. The boom town that sprang up near the mine became known as National. Named after the extraordinary gold vein, the town of National only lasted about 10 years. Nevertheless, nearly 7 million dollars worth of ore was taken from the National lode.

GEOLOGY OF THE AREA

The Santa Rosa Range of Nevada is located in the north-central portion of the state, just below the Oregon border. The Santa Rosas stretch 50 miles in a north-south direction and average about 10 to 15 miles in width. They are bounded on the west by Quinn River Valley and on the east by Paradise Valley and the Owyhee Desert. The Santa Rosa Range is part of the immense Basin and Range Province of North America. Like all the other mountain chains in this province, the Santa Rosas are the product of block-faulting due to tensional forces.

The Santa Rosa Range is an uplifted block of ancient Mesozoic sedimentary,

metamorphic, and volcanic rocks intruded and overlain by younger Mesozoic granites and younger-still Tertiary volcanics. The country rock consists of late Triassic to early Jurassic clastic sedimentary rocks, metasedimentary rocks, and volcanics. It is intruded by a large granitic batholith that forms the core of the southern half of the range, and includes Santa Rosa Peak and Paradise Peak. The northern portion of the Santa Rosa Range consists of younger Tertiary-age volcanics and shallow intrusives. The volcanic rocks range in composition from basalt to rhyolite and consist mostly of lava flows and breccias. The shallow Tertiary-age intrusives are without exception rhyolitic in composition.

Buckskin Mountain is home to one of the largest exposures of Tertiary intrusive rock in the whole range. Another exposure of similar size occurs less than 4 miles southwest of Buckskin Mountain. Both are rhyolitic in composition. The intrusives cut through and are surrounded by the older Tertiary volcanics described above.

Faulting is most extensive in the northernmost part of the Santa Rosa Range, north of Buckskin Mountain. The majority of the faults trend roughly north-south. Only about 20% of the major faults have an east-west trend.

Mineralization in the Santa Rosa Range consists of older gold-silver-copper-lead deposits that are widely distributed throughout the range, and younger, much richer gold-silver veins found only in the Buckskin and National Districts. In the Buckskin and National districts, the gold and silver-bearing quartz veins are hosted in Tertiary rhyolite. In the Rebel Creek District, the veins occur in slate and granite. In the Paradise District, the ore bodies are emplaced in schist, quartzite, and hornfels.

PROSPECTING POTENTIAL

The Santa Rosa Range is well endowed with small silver and gold-bearing quartz veins that usually contain copper and lead. Those that contained gold in appreciable amounts served as a source for the rich placer deposits in Rebel, Willow, Pole, and Canyon Creeks.

Buckskin Mountain seems to be a locus of mineralization in this part of the Santa Rosa Range. The extraordinarily rich National District lies only 3 miles northwest of the mountain. In addition, gold-bearing Canyon Creek drains the southwestern slope of Buckskin Mountain, west of Windy Gap. The northern slope of the mountain is home to a number of mines including the Halcyon, Neversweat, and Ward & Bell.

The rich ore of the lost mine was described by the prospectors who found it as “strange-looking”. This may explain why it has evaded discovery for so long. It didn’t look like the normal gold and silver-bearing ores that prospectors were used to. The modern-day prospector must keep this in mind when searching for the lost ledge. A metal-detector may be useful in identifying any metal-bearing ores.

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Interesting Facts for your Warehouse of Useless Knowledge

46. A walla-walla scene is one where extras pretend to be talking in the background -- when they say "walla-walla" it looks like they are actually talking.
47. A whale's penis is called a dork.
48. About 3000 years ago, most Egyptians died by the time they were 30.
49. About 70% of Americans who go to college do it just to make more money. [The rest of us are avoiding reality for four more years.]
50. According to a British law passed in 1845, attempting to commit suicide was a capital offense. Offenders could be hanged for trying.
51. Actor Tommy Lee Jones and former vice-president Al Gore were freshman roommates at Harvard.
52. Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
53. All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
54. All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
55. All porcupines float in water.
56. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
57. Almost a quarter of the land area of Los Angeles is taken up by automobiles.
58. America once issued a 5-cent bill.
59. America's first nudist organization was founded in 1929, by 3 men.
60. Ancient Egyptians slept on pillows made of stone.
61. An animal epidemic is called an epizootic.
62. An average person laughs about 15 times a day.
63. An iguana can stay under water for 28 minutes.
64. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
65. Armadillos are the only animal besides humans that can get leprosy.
66. Armadillos have four babies at a time and they are always all the same sex.
67. Armored knights raised their visors to identify themselves when they rode past their king. This custom has become the modern military salute.
68. Aztec emperor Montezuma had a nephew, Cuitlahac, whose name meant "plenty of excrement."
69. Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his cap to keep him cool. He changed it every 2 innings.
70. Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.
71. Baby robins eat 14 feet of earthworms every day.
72. Back in the mid to late 1980's, an IBM-compatible computer wasn't considered a hundred percent compatible unless it could run Microsoft's Flight Simulator.
73. Bank robber John Dillinger played professional baseball.
74. Barbie's measurements if she were life size: 39-23-33.
75. Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.
76. Ben and Jerry's send the waste from making ice cream to local pig farmers to use as feed. Pigs love the stuff, except for one flavor: Mint Oreo.
77. Bird droppings are the chief export of Nauru, an island nation in the Western Pacific.
78. Blueberry Jelly Bellies were created especially for Ronald Reagan.
79. Bubble gum contains rubber.
80. Camel's milk does not curdle.
81. Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.
82. Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village".
83. Cat's urine glows under a blacklight.
84. Cats can produce over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs can only produce about ten.
85. Charles Lindbergh took only four sandwiches with him on his famous transatlantic flight.
86. Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.
87. Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them use to burn their houses down - hence the expression "to get fired."

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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	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
July 16	July 27 - 28	HMC1	Easy	Yes
August 20	Aug 30 - Sep 1	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
September 17	September 28 - 29	HMC1	Easy	Yes
October 15	October 26 - 27	Duisenburg - LDMA	Easy	Yes
November 19	November 30	HMC1	Easy	Yes
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.

Orange County 49er's