

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

December 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

## December

### MERRY CHRISTMAS OC 48ERs

I can't believe how fast this year went by.

I want to thank everyone for letting me your president.

I really have enjoyed it. I can't wait to see who takes over the reins for next year.

Remember we will be voting in the new board members at our Jan 21 2014 meeting.

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!

Thank you

Bryan



# Dues

A gentle reminder,  
your dues are due,  
by **January 1st.**

Please pay them on time so  
your name doesn't appear on the  
**Claim Jumper's List.**

The Club will be collecting dues  
at the Holiday party so this  
would be an ideal time to  
save your self some postage.

*The Board of Director*



# The Treasure's Report

## November 30, 2013

### INCOME

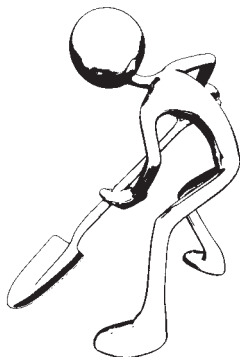
50-50 .....	\$21.00
Raffle .....	\$167.00
Refreshments .....	\$9.00
New Members .....	\$440.00
Renewal .....	\$780.00
Income.....	\$1,417.00

### EXPENSES

Rent .....	\$125.00
Aura .....	\$496.94
Gold, coins,etc .....	\$279.18
Office Supplies .....	\$42.89
Snack&Refrehments.....	\$17.90
Expenses .....	\$961.91
Month .....	\$455.09

### CHECKBOOK

Stmt Balance .....	\$12,768.22
Outstanding Cks.....	\$20.00
Checkbook Balance .....	\$12,748.22
CD Balance.....	\$2,353.80
Total Cash.....	\$15,102.02



# New Members Information

**Greg & Sean Taylor**  
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## Membership Renewal Agreement Annual Renewal \$60.00



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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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If there are any change of address, phone or e-mail? Please complete below.

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# General Meeting

## November 19th 2013

Bryan DeGhetto called the meeting at 7:30P.M., followed by the salute to the flag. Steve Reid gave the treasures report it was approved as written.

We had to new visitors.

Clint DeFields brought a video of Roaring Camp, a wonderful place to pan for gold camp, fish hike. They have cabins to rent, BBQ,s day trips, just a wonderful place to go. If you want to know more about just ask Stan Gilman he will tell you all about it.

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Vile of Gold: Noel Clinton

Silver Dollar: Bryan DeGhetto

Fifty Cent: Bryan DeGhetto, Clint Defields

Twenty Five Cent: Clint Defields, Bryan DeGhetto, Mike Hulka

Fifty-Fifty: Clint Defields

Membership Drawing: Ralph Kolbush

Meeting adjourned at 9p.m.

Secretary, Sandy Hunt



# 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

280. The sound of E.T. walking was made by someone squishing her hands in Jello.
281. The starfish is one of the only animals who can turn it's stomach inside-out.
282. The state of Florida is bigger than England.
283. The term "the whole 9 yards" came from WWII fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."
284. The three best-known western names in China: Jesus Christ, Richard Nixon, and Elvis Presley.
285. The United States Government keeps its supply of silver at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.
286. The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.
287. The verb "cleave" is the only English word with two synonyms which are antonyms of each other: adhere and separate.
288. The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.
289. The word "Checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means "the king is dead".
290. The word "modem" is a contraction of the words "modulate, demodulate." (MODulate DEModulate)
291. The word "samba" means "to rub navels together."
292. The world population of chickens is about equal to the number of people.
293. The worlds oldest piece of chewing gum is 9000 years old.
294. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
295. There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
296. There are over 52.6 million dogs in the U.S.
297. There are more chickens than people in the world.
298. There are more plastic flamingos in America than real ones.
299. There are only four words in the English language which end in "-dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
300. There are only thirteen blimps in the world. Nine of them are in the United States.
301. There are two credit cards for every person in the United States.
302. There is a town in Newfoundland, Canada called Dildo.
303. There wasn't a single pony in the Pony Express, just horses.
304. Thomas Edison, light bulb inventor, was afraid of the dark.
305. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
306. To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, push your thumbs into its eyeballs - it will let you go instantly.
307. Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
308. Until 1796, there was a state in the United States called Franklin. Today it is known as Tennessee.
309. Until 1965, driving was done on the left-hand side on roads in Sweden. The conversion to right-hand was done on a weekday at 5pm. All traffic stopped as people switched sides. This time and day were chosen to prevent accidents where drivers would have gotten up in the morning and been too sleepy to realize that this was the day of the changeover.
310. When opossums are playing 'possum, they are not "playing." They actually pass out from sheer terror.
311. When snakes are born with two heads, they fight each other for food.
312. When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home, the stadium becomes the state's third largest city.
313. White Out was invented by the mother of Mike Nesmith (formerly of the Monkees).
314. Who's that playing the piano on the "Mad About You" theme? Paul Reiser himself.
315. Wilma Flintstone's maiden name was Wilma Slaghoopal, and Betty Rubble's Maiden name was Betty Jean Mcbricker.

- 316. Windmills always turn counter-clockwise. Except for the windmills in Ireland.
- 317. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- 318. Women's hearts beat faster than men's.
- 319. You blink over 20,000,000 times a year.
- 320. You can only smell 1/20th as well as a dog.
- 321. You'll eat about 35,000 cookies in a lifetime.
- 322. You're born with 300 bones, but when you get to be an adult, you only have 206.
- 323. You're more likely to get stung by a bee on a windy day than in any other weather.
- 324. Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day.
- 325. Your ribs move about 5 million times a year, every time you breathe.
- 326. Your right lung takes in more air than your left one does.
- 327. Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks otherwise it will digest itself.

## 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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# 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	Cherry Beach in Long Beach	Easy	Yes
October 15	October 26 - 27	Duisenburg - LDMA	Easy	Yes
November 19	December 7	CANCELLED	-	-
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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