

# Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

A Nonprofit Organization  
The Public is Invited to Attend  
SVDB Newsletter  
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### Day-in-the-Park

Volunteer

### Secretary's Minutes for Meeting of June 2, 2005

- Ron Swenson opened the meeting and introduced the Board .

### Treasurer's Report: Chuck Klein

- New Balance: \$3702.07

### Secretary's Report: Rick Costello

- Everything is cool

### Librarian Report: Tom Schweppe

- Everything is looking good.

### AMDA Report:

- The Laughlin Hunt: October 28<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>.  
See you there

### New Business:

- *The Club Fund Raiser – We'll find out all the particulars at the July meeting. However the day I was there, Saturday, it was sort of slow. Hopefully things picked up on Sunday*

- *John's phone number is no longer in service!  
Don't use it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

- ***CALLING ALL** Day in the Park Hunters—Let's do it. It's fun and you don't know what you'll find.*

- *Meetings are held at the New/Old place. The SMUD Building at the intersection of Elkhorn and Don Julio in North Highlands.*

## SEE YOU A THE NEXT MEETING!

### SVDB Day-In-The-Park

There are two day-in-the park hunts per month. The hunts are on the first Sunday and the third Sunday of each month. Breakfast at 8:00am with the hunt

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starting at 9:00 am. See the following for meeting place:

- ❑ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at Watt and Auburn
- ❑ 3rd Sunday Hunts: Meet at Pancake House at 21<sup>st</sup> and Broadway

We had a very lively discussion regarding the Park Hunts at the last meeting. How to get more people to attend, prizes, should there even be prizes, were among things discussed. No definite conclusion was reached. If you have a suggestion for improving the hunts, please e-mail me, and I will bring your suggestion to the board. My e-mail address: [esteponapj@citlink.net](mailto:esteponapj@citlink.net)

### *SVDB Finds of the Month:*

The Show and Tell feature is quit popular. It gives everyone who hunted successfully during the month a chance to brag. It also shows those of us that are new to the hobby what can be found. There have been some great finds.

Thank you to everyone for his or her participation! It fun to see and hear about everyone finds!!

Congrats to all the hunters for their nice finds!!

### *SVDB Raffle:*

A nice selection of coins was raffled off in June. For the month of July there will be more prizes to give away. This is because of all the money we were able to earn with the June raffles.

Permits—we don't need no stinkin' permits!

### **A reminder**

If you plan on hunting in RENO, make sure you get a permit.

Roseville requires a permit to hunt. Get it at the Park and Recreation Office

San Jose Parks also require permits.

### *Web Sites*

**Gold Prospecting, Gold Panning , Mining, Treasure Hunting, ...**

Maps for **gold** prospecting, **gold panning** ,**gold** mining, treasure hunting, rockhounding, metal detecting, RVing, camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, canoeing and ...

Description: Maps for **gold** prospecting, **panning** , mining, treasure hunting, rockhounding, metal detecting, RVing,...

[www.goldmaps.com](http://www.goldmaps.com)

**Gold Panning , California Gold Country and Yosemite**

California **Gold** Country, **Gold panning** information, **Gold** Country accommodations, and **gold** rush history. ... **Gold Panning** and California **Gold** Rush Country. ...

Description: California **gold** country travel information, **gold** rush history, **gold** country, free classified ads

[2getgold.com/](http://2getgold.com/)

**Pan For Gold In The Klondike With Eureka Gold Panning Adventures ...**

Alaska,sixty miles from here is Dawson City, Yukon, Klondike for **gold panning** , hiking, mountain biking, birding, wildlife viewing and camping in kitchette wall ...

Description: **Gold panning** in a Yukon creek, camping in well-equipped wall tents, hiking, biking or driving historic...

[www.eurekagoldpanning.com/](http://www.eurekagoldpanning.com/)

**Montana Gold Panning Trips**

An Authetic Montana **Gold Panning** Trip, Other **Gold** Tours, ... Features, What can you expect from the GMRV **Gold Panning** Campout? 1. **Gold ,Gold** , and more **Gold** !...

Description: Dreaming of **gold** ? We have a **gold** claim west of Helena, Mt. where you can pan for **gold** , dredge, hike,...

[www.geocities.com/gmrv/gold](http://www.geocities.com/gmrv/gold) -

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These are just some of the sites out on the net. If you have a favorite, please let me know. I will include it in the next newsletter.

### **Places to Go.....**

#### **Bodie A Ghost Town that Lives on**

**W.S. Bodie discovered gold here back in 1859. Unfortunately he died in a snow storm that winter and never saw the town that took on his name.**

**Over the years, Bodie has seen numerous booms...and busts. There were some huge gold strikes here and, at one point, the town had nearly 10,000 residents. By 1882 though, the big strikes were mostly history and the folks began to go elsewhere.**

**Today Bodie is one of the largest and best preserved ghost towns in the West. Over 170 buildings remain and what the California Department of Parks and Recreation calls a state of "arrested decay." It is, without a doubt, a photographer's paradise. History buffs and fans of the old West will find walking through Bodie a remarkable experience.**

**You'll find no tourist traps or fancy recreated saloons here. No food, no drinks except for three water fountains. The only business doing commerce is the Bodie Museum (open from May to October). The museum is free to the public and offers postcards, books, film and a few other items. Bodie is now a California State Park and is open year round weather permitting. In the wintertime though, some connecting roads and most trans-Sierra highway can be closed because of snow accumulations. With an elevation above 9000 feet, the snow gets deep.**

**The park is open from 8am to 7pm during the summer & 8am to 4pm during the winter (sometimes hours change and are strictly**

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**enforced).**

**There was relatively recent good news. The California Department of Parks and Recreation announced in October, 1997 that Bodie State Park had literally doubled in size to more than 1,000 acres. That government agency acquired 520 acres that had been considered for open-pit gold mining. ...Amazing that this latest gold claim would come more than 120 years after the original. Preservationists can thank this acquisition to end possibilities of mining and its possible impact so close to this wonderful, old town.**

**Bodie is 13 miles east of Highway 395 on Highway 270, which is 6 miles south of Bridgeport. FYI: Highway 270 is open only sporadically in the winter time and is not paved on the final 3 miles to Bodie.**

**For more information on Bodie, contact the Bodie State Historic Park; P.O. Box 515; Bridgeport, California 93517. Their phone number is 760 647-6445. There is a \$2 adult, \$1 children (ages 6 & under) admission charge to get into the park.**

**Dogs may accompany visitors into the town site but must be on a leash at all times.**

### **Lost Diamond Field in California**

**When the diamond fields of America are thought of, most people think of the fields in Arkansas and North Carolina. But have you ever heard the story of the 200-pound diamond found in California, as told by Major Horace Bell, in his Reminiscences of a Ranger.**

**Diamonds have been found in California in many different areas. The California State Division of Mines says diamonds were found in that state shortly after the gold strike in 1849. Geologists believe they were washed down from**

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the volcanic rock in the Sierra, though ordinarily these gems are found in "pipes," that are round, vertical outcroppings.

Not long after this early discovery, diamonds were found in Cherokee, Butte County.

"Placer deposits elsewhere have also yielded them from time to time," says the Division of Mines. "Their occurrence has not been limited to any one field. No record has been kept of the total number found, but it is probably between 400 and 500.

"A few of the stones found," the statement continues, are more than two carats in weight and of good quality, but the majority are small and mostly off color, usually with a pale yellow tone. Most of these diamonds were found during the days when placer and hydraulic mining were at their height, and since that time diamond finds have been less frequent."

In 1942, in the outskirts of San Bernardino, a man picked up a diamond weighing two or three carats, of good quality and color. His interest at the time was gold, so he gave the stone to a friend.

The friend took it to the head of the geology department of the University of Southern California, who tested the gem for weight and hardness, declaring it worth about \$2000 when cut. No one knew where the stone was found, beyond the fact that it was discovered in San Bernardino.

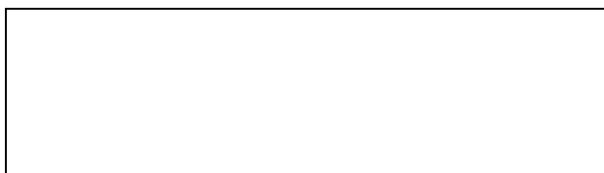
When the story of the diamond was made known, a woman told The University geology department, that, some years earlier, her grandfather had found diamonds near San Bernardino, and that she knew approximately where to look for them. The Diamond field has not been located though it is known to be about one mile out from town.

Locate a spot about one mile from San Bernardino where you would pan for gold. Then forget the gold and look around for diamonds. If you don't find them, remember diamonds have also been found in all the following counties of California: Amador, El Dorado, Fresno, Nevada, Plumas, Siskiyou, and Trinity. Maybe you will be the one to find the lost diamond field.

*It's a summer re-run issue.....*

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<p><b>January 2005</b>                      <b>Birthstone: Garnet</b>  02. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>06. Thursday 7:30 pm SVDB Meeting</b>  16. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt</p>	<p><b>July 2005</b>                              <b>Birthstone: Ruby</b>  03. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>07 Thursday 7:30 SVDB Meeting</b>  17. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt</p>
<p><b>February 2005</b>                      <b>Birthstone: Amethyst</b>  06 Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>03. Thursday 7:30 pm SVDB Meeting</b>  20. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt</p>	<p><b>August 2005</b>                              <b>Birthstone: Peridot</b>  07. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>04 Thursday 7:30 pm SVDB Meeting</b>  21. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt</p>
<p><b>March 2005</b>                              <b>Birthstone: Aquamarine</b>  06. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>03 Thursday 7:30 pm SVDB Meeting</b>  20. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt</p>	<p><b>September 2005</b>                              <b>Birthstone: Blue Sapphire</b>  04. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>01. Thursday 7:30pm SVDB Meeting</b>  18. Sunday 8:am Day in the Park Hunt</p>
<p><b>April 2005</b>                              <b>Birthstone: Diamond</b>  03. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  07 <b>Thursday 7:30 pm SVDB Meeting</b>  17. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt</p>	<p><b>October 2005</b>                              <b>Birthstone: Tourmaline (Pink)</b>  02. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>06 Thursday 7:30 pm SVDB Meeting</b>  16 Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt</p>
<p><b>May 2005</b>                              <b>Birthstone: Emerald</b>  01 Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>05 Thursday 7:30pm SVDB Meeting</b>  15 Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt</p>	<p><b>November 2005</b>                              <b>Birthstone: Citrine or Topaz (Golden)</b>  06. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>03. Thursday 7:30pm SVDB Meeting</b>  20. Sunday 8:00am day in the Park Hunt</p>
<p><b>June 2005</b>                              <b>Birthstone: Alexandrite or Pearl</b>  05. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>02 Thursday 7:30 pm SVDB Meeting</b>  19. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt</p>	<p><b>December 2005</b>                              <b>Birthstone: Zircon or Tourmaline (Blue)</b>  04. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt  <b>01. Thursday 7:30 pm SVDB Meeting &amp; Christmas Party</b>  18. Sunday 8:00 am Day-in-the Park Hunt</p>



### NEW Membership Fees

**\$20-Single    \$30 family**

**Send Fees to:**

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