To all that braved the cold weather and the lightning with thunder over the weekend. The miners of the past would have been proud. Gold was found and the clean clear air was intoxicating. Thanks to Robert Jordan, our outing coordinator, for the great job holding down the fort. I was feeling under the weather, was all packed and ready to go on Thursday, but I was fighting a fever every day as the sun was setting. I did make it up for one day on Saturday not just for the pot luck...Ha Ha.... If you've been to one of our potlucks you know of the great food to be had...my stomach still hurts. I want to thank everyone who helped out during the outing. Your reward is pending...

We had some families with kids camp out for the first time, something that will always be remembered. The rain was nonstop through the night keeping some awake, with all the winds, but you made it and can be proud of yourselves. We needed the rain, so were thankful for it. Thanks again for all your hard work making this weekend a great memory for those who attended. You are what makes our club great. And you make me look good .....Mike

Cyndy’s Meeting Notes
4-10-2015 GH meeting

Well, Mike started our meeting as usual. Then had Robert Jordan talk about our Bear River outing. The rules, the times in and out, the potluck Saturday night and Sunday morning, etc.

Then Cyndy Burchard talked about the gold miners’ leadership meeting that she and Robert and Sherry attended in April. The AMRA recommends all the groups and businesses band together and how we need to get information on the legal situations and how you can help quicker to everyone. The organizations for this is coming together. Goldhounds now has a Facebook page. You can find the page on Facebook by searching for Goldhounds.

Cyndy also talked about some of the articles in the ICMJ magazine. The one on The Power of Mining Districts and What is a Mining Right?, written by Clark Pearson. Handouts of both articles were made available. And one that Scott Harn wrote about U.N. Agenda 21 & The Wildlands Project, handouts of this article along with a map of this project off of the internet were also available.

Cyndy also reminded everyone that we need to be active about either, attending the hearings, faxing our opinions, sending letters or calling our representatives when asked to do so. After all, if YOU don’t, WHO will!
Jim Hutchings spoke next. He talked about SB-637 and how we need people to be there to show the Senate that it isn’t just a few people that are miners and that women dredge and mine too. (You will find a write up of the day later in this newsletter)

Mike handed out the Miner of the month coins. One to a visitor that was 6’ 8” tall, for being the tallest miner in the room. Along with a nugget to a visitor that came the farthest for the meeting.

And of course we had a great raffle too!

Cyndy
American Mining Rights Association  
April 29, 2015 Hearing Update on SB637:

We testified as you all know, clear, concise and full of facts, science and truth. This bill was obviously decided long before this, or even the last committee.

It now moves to the Appropriations Committee and we are asking everyone to call the Senators listed below and voice your opinion, on how you believe they should vote.
We are going to call them and tell them this: Vote NO on SB637. This bill adversely affects the middle and lower class, has omitted data making the information contained in the bill false. Has blatantly false information about mercury as proven by the studies provided by the miners and it's just plain bad for Californians. This is an unnecessary bill and needs to be killed. We are going to call them and tell them this: Vote NO on SB637. This bill adversely affects the middle and lower class, has omitted data making the information contained in the bill false. Has blatantly false information about mercury as proven by the studies provided by the miners and it's just plain bad for Californians. This is an unnecessary bill and needs to be killed.

Here are the Senators on the Appropriation Committee and their contact numbers............Please make the call.

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You can find video of the 4-29-2015 hearing YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bP3e-A4nfSM
It is about 1 & 1/2 hours long, but you get to see and hear what happened.

**Comments on SB–637 Hearing by Jim Hutchings**

OK, were probably all home, except some of those who really put some miles on today to get to the State Capitol. We have had a little time to think through the day, and filter out the junk, and prioritize the take away high points.

As some of you may know, I worked in that building for much of my law enforcement career with the State Police and the CHP. I have sat through more of those Sub Committee meetings than I care to remember. From time to time, some groups and issues can cause a real ruckus and require extraordinary law enforcement presence beyond the Senate Sergeant At Arms that were in the room with us.
Thank you for your proper decorum while sitting through and taking the abuse of information that you knew was not true or spun to make our cause look bad. You held your tongues and snickers for the most part!

Chris and Shannon put on a hell of a show, to the point, and appropriate at this point in the game, and it is a game. They addressed the issues that this hearing was established to address and no more. If you had noticed, the Chair brought the focus back on the bill and its issues in front of the hearing on more than one occasion when some drifted off a little. Some might say that there were issues that should have been brought up and why not! Well, you don't show all your cards. The next round of hearings deal with the economic impacts of the bill.

I can guarantee you this bill will make it to the floor of the Assembly and the Senate. The goal is to get it modified to reflect detail that is not currently in it. This bill is too broad and too vague. What we did get through to the Author and some of the members is, that the bill must allow for dredging to take place, not be used to permanently shut it down. They heard that, and they repeated it back to us. It is called Legislative Intent. When the agency, in the future, uses the authority given it, we want the discussion we had today, on the record, to show that the Author and others were in agreement, this bill shall not be used to shut dredging down without specific and significant cause, and only where those situations indicate that it is necessary. In addition, they found that we were, in fact, removing lead and mercury from the river, until we were stopped. They were genuinely shocked to realize the obvious, the miners clean our environment. They were confronted with the idea that the Sierra Fund plans to spend millions to attempt to do what we do, incidental to our mining operations. We just need a place to get rid of the mercury....they got that!

You have to know that this is extraordinary and out of normal practice to allow 75 people step up to a microphone and make the statements we did. It was clear to me, watching the chair and the Author closely, that they were taking us seriously, and taking note. They saw this was a purely organic and spontaneous citizen driven event. It was sincere and respectful and put a human face to the impact of this badly worded bill.

I have no doubt that The Sierra Fund now knows, they are not dealing with hicks. The work that Chris, Shannon, Rick, Ed, and a dozen other guys and gals behind the curtain, had the necessary back up and science to make the Author send his staff back to take a look at what they have been fed! Thank you all for being there, and thank you for taking the time and personal interest in participating in a truly democratic process. It's your government, and other than voting, voicing your opinion before the California State Senate, is sacred duty and necessary to try to protect your interests. It cannot be said, that if we lose this battle completely, that we, the current miners of this era, did not do anything to stop it!
Hello Gold Hounds,

April 11th was a beautiful day for gold mining on the Bear River. Our day trip began at the small parking lot upstream of the day use camping area and walked about 15 or 20 minutes upstream from there. When we came across a couple of holes that someone else started and left open, we all dug in and started getting gold. I believe most of us got gold in almost every single pan. Russ and Paul were running material through their sluice box that they were digging in the top foot of overburden right on the river. The rest of us were screening and panning. I tried a couple pans from 30 feet up away from the river and didn’t get much so I jumped in the hole that most everyone else was working in, also in the top foot of overburden. The gold was more prevalent in the top brownish layer then not so much in the reddish layer below that. We all had a nice day and will go back there again and again until it plays out. After all, it’s Bear River gold. It’s not big, but it’s all over the place down there. Take a day and go get yourself some. Thanks to all who participated, and special thanks to Don and Ray for your helping a couple guys out. You guys are the best!

Goldhounds Annual Members Only Bear River Outing
April 23 – 27, 2015

Hello again Goldhounds,

It was a beautiful day when we got in line for the Annual Bear River outing on Thursday April 23rd. When I showed up a little after noon there were already 20 or more people in line. Cyndy said the Ranger had already been there and that we could go on in so I organized a couple guys to help me expedite the taping off of the off limits to parking areas and a couple other guys to come in first then assist the others as Cyndy let them through the gate one at a time a few minutes apart. Once we had everyone in the campground from the parking lot, Cyndy locked our lock into the chain and the festivities got under way. Most of us spent one or two hours setting up our camps, but it wasn’t long before I saw a few folks wandering down to the river with various amounts of gear in tow. Thursday afternoon was a hoot greeting old friends from far off lands like Napa and Hollister, and meeting new friends, Welcome Victor and family. Friday morning started okay but by afternoon was getting a little dreary. That didn’t stop the real miners though! Several guys went sniping in the frigid water and did quite well. By late Friday afternoon it started to drizzle off and on but by 10:00 pm it was RAINING! A couple brothers suffered heavy losses of their easy up tent shelters when the easy ups collapsed onto the tent due to rain water accumulation which then flooded their tent, bummer. That didn’t squash their miner’s spirit, they went out Saturday morning for a few hours before carefully pulling apart the mess and headed home to repair the damage.

Saturday morning about 10 am the sun finally poked it’s head back out and the miners were ready for it. Some were already sniping while other were panning, sluicing, or using a rocker box.

Saturday night’s potluck was a smashing success. We had three time as much food as we needed and it was all so very delicious. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare those delicious dishes for everyone’s enjoyment. Some of you have a real gift for food prep. Thanks to President Mike for the blessing of the food. President Mike decided against a movie because the weather was a little blustery but hey, that’s camping. Thanks to Wendy for reminding us all to collect our dishes and clean up after dinner so we could progress to the next step of the evening....THE FIRE....wait for it....wait for it....aw phooey, never mind. Art, I need you buddy. The biggest gathering was at Jim and Jos’s place where the wine did flow and the stories were told.

Sunday morning is my third most favorite time of this whole weekend because it was BREAKFAST time. That’s right, Sunday morning potluck breakfast down on the river. It was another smorgasbord of food and we couldn’t finish all of those wonderful dishes either, but we tried! So fuelled up, the miners headed out to the river to abscond with more gold from the frigid rivers clutches. Things started winding down Sunday afternoon as a few folks started cleaning up camp and heading home. By 9 pm Sunday, the place was nearly deserted again as if we had never been there. Ed Burchard and I patrolled the beachfront for trash and found
none and unattended holes and only found three of question. We filled them not being sure if they were ours or not. Thank you everyone for being such considerate people. True greenies, not like the fake ones we are shucking and jiving from these days in the courts.

Until next we meet again my friends, may your pan smile yellow upon you.

Robert Jordan
Outings Coordinator
Regretfully, we announce the loss one of our long time members, Sam Markley, husband of Henrietta Markley on the 14th of April. He was full of info on rock hunting, prospecting and many other subjects. He also enjoyed fishing and flying. Sam was a member of the Air Force, a patriotic person, and strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment.

Sam and Henrietta were one of the first GPAA River City Prospectors members.

Sam and Henrietta are both very kindhearted and giving of themselves, and longtime supporters of the many clubs they are members of. Sam was always eager to donate many, many items to the various raffles over the years, and eagerly shared his knowledge and experiences.

His wife Henrietta has set up a memorial service for Sam at: Lambert Mortuary, 400 Douglas Blvd, Roseville, CA, on May 9, 2015, at 11:00AM.
Mother Lode Goldhounds Schedule of Events 2015

We meet the second Friday of every month from 7-9 pm at the Veterans Hall, 100 East Street, Auburn, CA.

Take Hwy. 80 toward Auburn, get off at Hwy 49 and turn toward downtown Auburn. At the first stop light turn right, go one block, turn right again. The Veterans Hall sits on your left.

Bring your friends. The Public is invited. Come early for snacks, buy door-prize tickets, and visit with friends.

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GOLDHOUNDS OUTINGS SET-UP AND COORDINATION BY ROBERT JORDAN

Hello Goldhounds,

This year we are going to take a few day trips to the American River North fork and the Bear River. Starting in February and running through October on the second Saturday of each month. There will be one campout other than the Bear River and the Gold Panning Championships. The day trips will be for gold panning, sluicing, and metal detecting. I will post directions the month before each trip comes around.

Robert Jordan
Robster132@gmail.com
SPECIAL EVENTS

June 13 & 14 16 to 1 Underground Gold Miners Museum will hold their Annual Gold Show, 10am to 5pm. The Original 16 to 1 Mine will hold a raffle for a gold and quartz specimen, drawing will be held on Sunday at 5pm.

August 14 Ice Cream Social at Goldhounds meeting.

September 12 & 13 CALIFORNIA STATE GOLD PANNING CHAMPIONSHIPS DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED AND IS NO LONGER HELD OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

November 13 Elijah’s Jar Fundraising at Goldhounds meeting

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CYNDY BURCHARD is in charge of our membership and is the club Secretary, as well as our Sunshine Lady. Cyndy also sends emails out for the Goldhounds.
A BIG THANK YOU to Cyndy for all her hard work.

GOLDHOUND PATCH for your hat or jacket are can be bought at each meeting for $6.00 each.
See Cyndy Burchard

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Mother Lode Goldhounds, P.O. Box 1371, Colfax, CA 95713

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I hereby apply for membership/renewal with the Mother Lode Goldhounds. I fully understand Mother Lode Goldhounds and its agents do not provide goods or services for any of my activities including, for example, mining equipment or supplies, lodging, transportation, food, etc. Mother Lode Goldhounds is not liable for any negligent or unwillful act or failure to act by providers of such goods or services during my activities. I acknowledge that there may be certain risks involved with activities as a member including, but not limited to, rugged or uneven terrain, uncertain or unpredictable river currents, physical exertion for which I am not prepared, or other unknown forces of nature, high altitude, accident or illness without access to means or rapid evacuation or availability of medical supplies, the adequacy of medical attention once provided, or negligence on part of Mother Lode Goldhounds.

I hereby agree to be responsible for my own welfare and accept any and all risks of unanticipated events, illness, injury, emotional, trauma or death. I acknowledge that the cost of Mother Lode Goldhounds membership is based upon participants executing this release of liability. That whatever recreational event I, or my family attend, I am responsible and at no time will have legal or financial claim against, nor will hold responsible, any member or club official of the Mother Lode Goldhounds for any damages or injuries. I agree that this release shall be legally binding upon me personally, all members of my family and all minors travelling with me, my heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives, it being my intention to fully assume all risk associated with my activities as a member of the Mother Lode Goldhounds.

I have read and fully understand this release and membership application.

SIGNATURE________________________________________   DATE______________________
Frank, finding nuggets on the North Fork.