



# **GOLD PANNERS #154**

# **Newsletter**

January 2018

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## **MASTER OF TRAVEL REPORT**

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to a fantastic Christmas Party at Linden on Dec. 13. Peggy has a great menu planned of Beef Wellington and ham, your choice.

I'd like to thank Bert and Jodie Frey for the great campout in Corning in October. The field trip to the olive processing plant was fun and I am sure some of our members left large sums of money there in purchasing olive oil and the like. Having the weather cooperating allowed us to play bean bag baseball outside which was a nice change of pace. At the campout general meeting, it was decided that the office of State Director was no longer needed as the Gold Panners is the only club now in California. This was allowed as the NCT has given this option to clubs that are the only ones in their state. The funds that are in the State Directors account will be transferred to the Gold Panners treasurer in the near future.

Our next campout is back at Paso Robles at the Wine Country RV Park. Hopefully the weather will be mild and we will have the opportunity to do things outdoors.

Your M.O.T.,  
Dennis

## **TRAIL BOSS REPORT**

Jodi and I arrived at Heritage RV Park on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> with the thought we would be the only members there from the Gold Panner's. Wrong. Bobby Wood had arrived prior to us and the Carlos Clan arrived shortly after us. On Saturday three more members arrived. We had a good group before the campout started. Sunday, we had six more arrivals and in the next two days two more rigs arrived for a total of 14 rigs. We also had Ole and Darlene staying in a nearby motel for the entire campout.

Sunday evening, we had lite supper provided by the Carlos Clan followed by an outside Vespers around fire pits.

Crafts started on Monday where the ladies made patchwork pumpkins. The Gold team won the first installment of beanbag baseball.

The Trail Boss breakfast was on Tuesday followed by crafts and the afternoon found the Gold team spanking the Blue team. We traveled to Casa Ramos Restaurant for dinner.

Wednesday following breakfast goodies, the group toured Lucero's Olive Mill where we ended up tasting various types of olive oils and shopped in the mill's store. We returned to the club house for Trail Boss BBQ which was followed by an ice cream social and Gals verses Guys in beanbag baseball. (Guys Won)

Thursday brought General meeting and Kangaroo Court where Judge Roy Bean Hang Em High Neu Got us all with help from Sheriff Ole and Sheriff-ess Darlene. We traveled to Rolling Hills Casino Buffet for lunch and after we returned to the park for cards, games and finished up with card bingo to close the night.

Jodi and I want to thank all who assisted us in this get together and hope to see all next year if not sooner.

### ***ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 2017***

On December 13, 2017, Master of Travel Dennis LeClert and his lady Peggy put together one of our nicest Christmas luncheons ever, at the Masonic Hall in Linden. The tables were decorated with center-pieces of brightly colored miniature cottages, the table service was holiday-themed plates, napkins and table-runners, and Christmas theme goodie bags were handed out to all who attended. One of the nice features involved several people participating in a cookie-exchange - - those who brought a supply of cookies could fill a gift bag with cookies that were brought by others.

The meal was prepared by Peggy and several of the members of her Linden Chapter, and featured a choice of either Beef Wellington or baked ham, together with vegetables, salad, fruit beverages, and a choice of pumpkin pie, bread pudding, or apple pie for dessert.

Numerous announcements were made for the benefit of our Gold Panners. Lew Young, our Wagon Master, announced that our 2018 events will include: Wine Country in Paso Robles from 2/18-23, French Camp from 4/22-27, 49er Village in Plymouth from 6/17-22, the brand-new RV park at Black

Oak Casino from 8/26-31, our Tri-State Rally in Oregon from 8/9-12, Casa de Fruta in Hollister from 10/7-12, and our 2018 Christmas Party in Manteca on 12/12.

Bob Morgan distributed copies of the newly revised Gold Panners Membership Brochure, and encouraged everyone to take a supply with them to hand out at Chapter and Lodge meetings. Also announced was a reminder that committees are still being formed for the 2020 National Rally, which the Gold Panners are hosting, and those wanting to work on one of the committees are encouraged to contact Gene Boesch.

Those who attended the luncheon included: Gary and Ginny Bennis, Brad and Robbin Carlos, Jerry and Julie Center, Gene and Sue Cripe, Larry and Janis Decker, Paul and Ivy Laffoon, Dennis and Peggy LeClert, Janet Lee, Bob and Carol Morgan, Ben and Pat Neu, Walt and Joan Patterson, John and Nancy Pozar, Whitie and Audrey Thomas, Woody and Nancy Wright, Rob and Karen Bennett, and, Lew and Shelley Young .



# CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES





## **CIRCLE OF CONCERN**

A note from Billy

(Billy asked that the following note be sent to all members)

*MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL MY DEAR FRIENDS. I AM HOPING THIS SEASON FINDS YOU IN GOOD HEALTH AND AN ABUNDANCE OF HAPPINESS.*

*I HAVE HAD A GOOD YEAR, WITH SOME WONDERFUL TIMES, AND SOME NOT SO WONDERFUL TIMES.*

*ON DECEMBER 15TH, I HAD A SEIZURE AND A SECOND ONE ON DECEMBER 16TH. IN MY CASE, SEIZURES CAN BE CAUSED BY SOME SWELLING IN MY BRAIN. THE SECOND SEIZURE CAUSED A TYPE OF TEMPORARY PALSY WITH STROKE-LIKE SYMPTOMS (WEAK LEFT LEG AND ARM). THERE ARE STILL NO TUMORS, BUT I AM TAKING SOME MEDICINE TO REDUCE THE SWELLING. I AM STILL GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR MY TREATMENTS. WHEN I HAD THE SEIZURE, I WENT TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY ROOM AND THEY TRANSFERRED ME TO SAN FRANCISCO - IN AN AMBULANCE. IT WAS A GREAT RIDE.*

*I TOOK A TRIP TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS IN MARCH WITH MY MOM AND DAD. IT WAS A BIT OF A CHALLENGE, BECAUSE MY DAD AND I WEREN'T FEELING OUR BEST, BUT WAS A TRIP THAT I ALWAYS WANTED TO TAKE MY MOM ON, AND I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO NOT GO.*

*I WAS ABLE TO GO ON A CAMPING TRIP TO CORNING WITH THE GOLD PANNERS, MY GRANDPARENTS, AND MY AUNT JODI AND UNCLE BERT. I LOVE MY CAMPING TRIPS AND MISS THEM SO MUCH. I AM HOPING I WILL BE ABLE TO GO ON MORE IN THE NEX YEAR.*

*I WISH YOU THE BEST OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND ALL THE BEST THE NEW YEAR CAN BRING - GOOD HEALTH, LOVE, LIFE, HAPPINESS, JOY, COMFORT AND MANY, MANY BLESSINGS.*

LOVE,  
BILLY

	<u>Contact/Trail Boss</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>City</u>
<b>2018</b>			
February 18-23	Sue & Gene Cripe	Wine Country	Paso Robles
April 22-27	Eleanor & Bobby Wood	French Camp RV	French Camp
June 24-29	Carol & Bob Morgan	49er Village	Plymouth
August 9-12		Tri-State Rally	Oregon
August 26 – 31	Peggy & Dennis LeClert	Black Oak RV Park	Toulomne
October 7 – 12	Karen & Gene Boesch	Casa De Fruita	Hollister
December 12	Christmas Party	Camellia Gardens Clubhouse 197 Garden Circle Dr.	Manteca

## **2017-2018 OFFICERS**

**Master of Travel**

Dennis LeClert

**Wagon Master**

Lewis Young

**Trail Boss**

See list of individual campouts

**Secretary**

Karen Boesch

**Treasurer**

Pat Neu

**Chaplain**

Peggy LeClert

**1-Year Trustee**

Gene Cripe

**2-Year Trustee**

Bobby Wood

**3-Year Trustee**

Brad Carlos