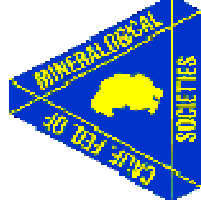
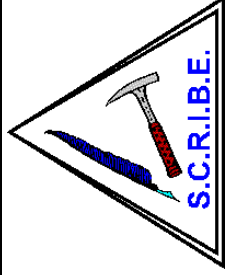


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**Club Website—[www.vvqmc.org](http://www.vvqmc.org)**

## Minutes of August Board Meeting

Jonathan VanDerLoop suggested the George Airforce Base auditorium for a possible location for the Fall tailgate.

It was motioned that we take the cost of \$900 for a security system upgrade to the General Meeting.

Tina La Bau mentioned the Petrified Pups attendf a field trip in Swertout cyn for Gold Panning in August.

It was motioned that new members submit their dues at the time of application.

Amy Forester donated a 'fridge to the club posthumously.

The board changed the meeting times for Wednesday and Thursday from 1—9p.m to 12noon—9p.m.

John Printz gave a Gem & Mineral power point presentation to the Barstow V.A.

It was motioned that old, surplus equipment be donated to the Salvation Army.

Morris O'Brien was made a permanent instructor.

Cory Beck expressed concern about disposal of waste oil.

Terry Booth said he would make arrangements with the city of Victorville.

## Minutes of the July General Meeting

Debbie Berresford spoke of the recent CFMS Show.

Jim Fosse won first place for the club website.

Cyndy Mandell bought an Everclean Machine for the 24" saw to clean the oil.

Blaine Witte is leading a field trip to the Borax Visitor's Center in Boron.

Jonathan VanDerLoop is collecting material on Virgil Melton who recently passed away.

Tina La Bau spoke of the Petrified Pup's recent field trip to La Brea and the CA Museum of Natural History.

Lois Papner will present a display this month.

Lois Papner is looking into the Hesperia Grange Hall for the club Christmas party.

An Election committee was formed to oversee the upcoming club elections.

We will vote on some bylaw changes next meeting.

The membership present voted to buy a sphere making machine and a vibrating lap table.

## Petrified Pups Schedule

Meetings are from 9a.m till noon on the days specified. Field trip times will be discussed at the prior meeting.

August 18th Gold Panning trip.

September 1st Make up/Fill in day, we'll use this day to complete missing badge work and update our books.

September 15th—Rocking on the Computer.

October 6th—Forescent Minerals

October 20th—Florescent Minerals—and/or a possible camping trip to El Mirage and the Princess Pat Mine.

November 3rd—Gemstone Legend and Lore.

November 17th—Gemstone Legend and Lore.

December 1st—Full shop day for making Christmas presents.

December 15th—Full shop day for making Christmas presents.

Every meeting we are in need of volunteers to come in and assist our kids with their knowledge. People experienced with cabbings are especially needed. We're also in need of people who can assist the kids in various ways to turn cabs into jewelry, as they are too young to use the tools in the silver room.

We will need volunteers for the August 18th Gold Panning trip to join us, bring their equipment, and help teach the kids different methods.

We will need people with florescent lamps to join us on our (still tentative) October 20th field trip and help the kids gather specimens.

In December we'll need volunteers to come in and teach some quick and easy projects for the kids to make as gifts for the holidays. The volunteers need to let us know prior if there are any supplies needed. The more volunteers we have, the better as each kid enjoys something different and at different skill levels.

We are also looking for a volunteer to set up meetings for the pups under the age of 10 years. The younger kids cannot use the machinery, but are very interested in learning about Geology and the Lapidary Arts. Children of any age can earn badges out of the FRA badge program and we feel this service would benefit the younger children greatly.

## The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

was organized in 1947 and has been the focal point of High Desert rock hounds for the past 65 years. The club takes active roles in various civic activities. Membership is open to all persons interested in the gem and mineral hobby and lapidary arts. Meetings are held at the clubhouse located at 15056-B, 7th Street (behind Kaman Bearing) in the center of Victorville.

Visitors are always welcome.

For further information, call (760) 243-2330.

### Meeting dates

Our August general meeting was held on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. and the September general meeting will be on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### On The Front Cover

Well, Summer's here and it's hot! I tried to show that on the front cover. In the Victor Valley, the temperature has been consistently over 100°F for the longest time and that has probably caused people to stay away from the club and working on their projects

### Buy, Sell or Swap.

On my visit to Mexico, I made a friend who cuts and polishes stone. He is looking for used equipment. If anyone has any old Genies or any such equipment, please contact me, John Hill at [stonegardenpaths@yahoo.com](mailto:stonegardenpaths@yahoo.com)

## By Law Changes



The By Laws have been revamped. They've been worked out committee and have been sent to the board for consideration. We at the board have spent many hours working on these. Thinking what would be good for the membership. Take a look at the proposed changes which are on pages 4,5 & 9 of the Bulletin. We will be voting on them at the meeting.

### In Memorium

Amy Forester, a recent member of our club passed away on Wednesday, July 18th, 2012. She posthumously donated a refrigerator to our club—for which we're very grateful. She will be sorely missed.

### Club Elections

The club elections are just around the corner and I (Alan Molineux) am on the election committee.

Some club members are keeping their positions and others will become vacant. Remember, this is your club—get involved and help keep your club running. If you disagree with the way it's been run or if you feel you might have something to contribute then you might be able to help out in some way.

Remember, those who hold positions at the club were once inexperienced but now are valued and contributing members. All that is asked is that if you are approached to take a position, then please consider it. Someone sees your potential. Someone believes you can fill one of the vacant positions.

## By Law Changes

Article IV Membership to the Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club is open Section 2b to anyone regardless of age or place of residence. Membership Junior members (young people under the age of 18) must be sponsored by a parent, guardian, or member in good standing, and must be accompanied to meetings and on field trips by an adult member. See Policy and Procedures for other requirements.

### Previous Version:

The minimum age for membership is ten (10) years. Those between ten (10) and eighteen (18) years of age will be junior members without voting privileges.

Policy and Procedures Junior members are any member under the age of 18. Junior members Procedures under the age of ten (10) are not allowed to use any motorized shop Petrified Pups equipt. He/She must be supervised by his/her sponsor\*.

Junior Members age ten (10) through age thirteen (13) must be right next to and supervised by his/her sponsor while working with any equipment.

Junior Members from age fourteen (14) through age seventeen (17) must be certified on the equipment and his/her sponsor has to be in the club house while the junior member is using the equipment.

Junior Members at age eighteen (18) may become an adult member of the club by going through the regular membership procedure.

Junior Members will not be allowed to use the silver processing, wax casting, burn out ovens, and/or mold making equipment.

\*A sponsor is a club member (usually a relative of the junior member) that is certified on the equipment that the junior member is using.

## Resolving Conflicts Between Club Members Policy and Procedures

## By Law Changes (continued)

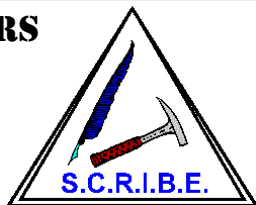
Whenever there is a conflict or disagreement between club members these are the steps to take to resolve the conflict or disagreement.

1. The members involved should meet and discuss the situation among themselves in a quiet area with no one else listening or participating. If they cannot resolve the issue, they will then go to step #2.
2. The members concerned will go to the president or one of the vice presidents who will get 2 other board members, or club officers, together to discuss the concerns/ disputes in a quiet area with no one else listening or participating. If the issue still cannot be resolved, go to step #3. If it has to go before the board, a letter will be mailed out to the parties certified with return receipt.
3. The matter will be discussed at the next scheduled board meeting.
4. A vote/determination will be made at a meeting of the Board members and that decision will be final.

### Initial Complaint:

- a. No event over 6 months old can be brought before the board.
- b. The exact same concerns or disputes cannot be brought back again.
- c. At the Board Meeting, the Board can take disciplinary actions against either party involved in the dispute.
- d. There will be a complaint file kept and locked up in the office.

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Returning  
Instructors  
Policies and  
Procedures.

If someone that was previously an instructor (and had to voluntary quit) and want to become an instructor again these are the procedures.

1. Fill out an instructor application and turn it into a club officer.
2. The instructors, at their next scheduled meeting, will evaluate the application and make a recommendation to either accept or reject the application to the board.
3. The Board, at their next scheduled meeting, will either accept or reject the application.
4. The applicant will be notified of the decision of the Board.
5. If the applicant is accepted as an instructor they do not have to go back through the probationary period; but will immediately become an active instructor.

Time Limit on  
equipment;  
Policies and  
Procedures

There is normally no time limit on the use of our club Equipment but in the event that there is an other club member waiting to use the same equipment then these are the steps to be followed.

1. The member wanting to use the equipment will let the instructor on duty know what piece of equipment they want to use.
2. The instructor will talk to the member currently using that piece of equipment.
3. If the member using the equipment is using only one piece of the same type of equipment they will have one hour to use the equipment and clean up the equipment. The equipment is to be cleaned (unless the next user agrees to accept the equipment as is) and let the member waiting to use the equipment have the equipment.
4. If the member using the piece of the equipment is using more than one piece of like equipment then they can finish the current operation but cannot start another operation on the equipment. The current user must clean up the equipment unless the next user agrees to accept the equipment as is.

NOTE:

The same type of equipment usually refers to using two or more slab saws. It is not limited to only this category of equipment.

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# September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Workshop 12—5p.m. Petrified Pups 9—2p.m.
2 Workshop 12—5p.m.	3	4 Instructor's Meeting 6p.m. Board Meeting 7p.m.	5 Workshop 12-9p.m.	6 Workshop 12—9p.m.	7	8 Workshop 12—5p.m.
9 Workshop 12—5p.m.	10	11 Youth Demonstration Night 7p.m.	12 Workshop 12—9p.m.	13 Workshop 12—9p.m.	14	15 Workshop 12—5p.m. Petrified Pups 9—2p.m.
16 Workshop 12—5p.m.	17	18 Education/ Demonstration Night—7p.m..	19 Workshop 12—9p.m.	20 Workshop 12—9p.m.	21	22 Workshop 12—5p.m.
23 Workshop 12—5p.m.	24	25 Pot Luck 6:30p.m. Monthly General Meeting 7:30p.m.	26 Workshop 12—9p.m.	27 Workshop 12—9p.m.	28	29 Workshop 12—5p.m. Club Clean up 9a.m
30 Workshop 12—5p.m.						

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