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Greetings, Cousins!



Co-President
Kitty Quayle

Dydh da, Cousins! Here we are, just into summer and I, for one, am looking forward to the coming of Autumn and the cooler temperatures. But what a glorious Spring we had and perfect

weather for our Gathering, moved up to May to avoid conflicts with heat, graduations and weddings.

Meur ras to all the members who attended and supported our club, we wouldn't have one without you! Your many kind and positive comments are always much appreciated, and I send special thanks to Pete and Jeanette Edwards and Yvonne Bowers who, as usual, go above and beyond to make things work for us all.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

October 10, 2026 – Rosemary and Doug Gamblin have generously offered to host our Annual Fall Pasty

Luncheon at their home in Acampo. Please see the registration form included in this issue of the KK, registration is required so that we know how many to plan for.

October 17, 2026 — SoCal Pasty Lunch. See page 6 for details.

Friday May 21, 2027 – The 34th Annual Gathering of the California Cornish Cousins will be held in historic Placerville May 21-23. Besides having a charming downtown full of interesting buildings, shops and several museums, there are some notable previous residents such as John Studebaker who got his start there, selling wheelbarrows to miners for \$10.00 apiece and Levi Strauss who made a name selling sturdy denim trousers to the miners as well. My Great-grandfather, Richard Harry, picked up a nugget of placer gold there and had it made into a ring.

When, in 1848, James Marshall discovered shining flecks of gold in the tailrace of the mill he was building with John Sutter in Coloma, his discovery began the biggest mass movement of people in the Western

Hemisphere. Mining camps sprang up all along the foothills of the Sierra Nevada and by 1854, Placerville had become the third largest city in California, surpassed only by San Francisco and Sacramento. Originally the town was named Dry Diggins, because miners had to wheel their ore down to the creek to wash it, and later became known as Hangtown, when it became the place of execution for thieves and murderers who robbed the hardworking miners of their "poke". As time went on, the town was renamed Placerville and became an important supply hub for the surrounding area as well as into the Comstock Lode.

Close to town are the Gold Bug Mine, the Marshall Gold Discovery State Park in Coloma, numerous wineries, pioneer cemeteries and the famous Apple Hill. I hope to see you there.

Sowena!

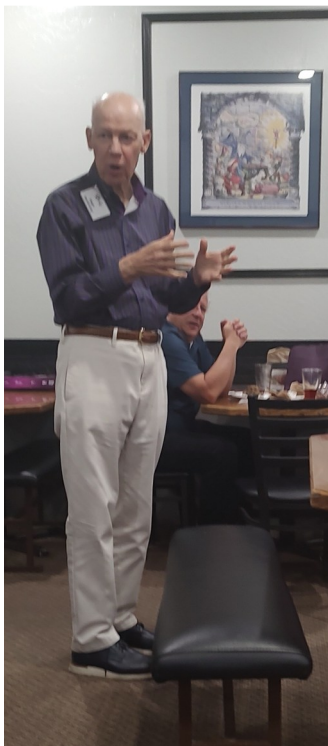
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Photos: Placerville Historic Downtown Assn.

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33rd Annual Gathering



Photos: Yvonne Bowers, Kitty Quayle



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FALL LUNCHEON

Saturday October 10, 2026 12:00 Noon
\$25.00/Person

Hosted by the Gamblins
3444 East Jahant Road
Acampo, CA. 95220
(Gate code 4114#)

Between Lower Sacramento Road and Highway 99
(about 5 miles north of Lodi)



RSVP no later than September 26th

Name(s) _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Number Attending at \$25 Each _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Number of Pasties (one per person): Beef _____ Veg _____

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How Cornish Miners Brought Football to Mexico

by Henry Cowling, BBC Sports Journalist



Inside the 25,000-seater Estadio Hidalgo in east-central Mexico, fans unfurl a tifo featuring a miner. A pickaxe over one shoulder, in one hand he wields a soccer ball and the other a pastry with a distinctly crimped edge. He is flanked by two flags, both the same - black with a white cross. To anyone with a knowledge of the United Kingdom's southernmost county, this figure is instantly recognizable as Cornish.

The fans of CF Pachuca, widely recognized as Mexico's first football club, are paying tribute to their roots. They are celebrating the story of how miners from Cornwall played their part in introducing the game to what has become one of the world's most passionate footballing nations, and one of this year's World Cup co-hosts.

The transatlantic connection between Hidalgo and Cornwall starts all the way back in 1824. Mexico's mining sector, which had been the bedrock of the country's economic success, was in ruins after a decade-long war that resulted in independence from Spain. Its plight caught the eye of a mining engineer called John Taylor, who had been investing in Cornish mining with great success, particularly in the village of Gwennap. "He had taken a group of failing and flooded mines and turned them into a success and he looked at the mines of Real del Monte and thought, 'I can do the same there'," Cornish mining migration specialist

Dr. Sharron Schwartz tells BBC Sport. His involvement led to hundreds of Cornishmen going back and forth between Cornwall and Hidalgo in the coming decades.

With this migration came a sharing of ideas, culture - and, of course, sport. The first reference on record to Cornish miners playing sport in Hidalgo is actually about cricket. In the late 1850s, before Association Football rules had been decided back in England, Cornish native and mining magnate Frank Rule set up a cricket team in Pachuca. "The football clubs came out of the cricket clubs," Dr. Schwartz explains. "In fact, some of them were interchangeable and the cricketers were the footballers."

The first mention of a football team in Pachuca came in 1892, with a local newspaper article reporting on a reorganization of the team due to a "schism". "There had been a rift between those in Pachuca and 'the mountain men', meaning those in Real del Monte. "When I read this, I laughed, I thought 'how Cornish'. The Cornish love a schism. "They were told to get their acts together and make their team stronger."

In 1895, there was a meeting held by Rule that led to the decision to amalgamate the Pachuca Cricket Club, the Pachuca Football Club and the Velasco Cricket Club to create a stronger entity. Thus was formed Pachuca Athletic Club.



How Cornish Miners Brought Football to Mexico, cont'd.

Rule donated a piece of land near his hacienda for the club to host games, on the condition that games would not be played on a Sunday because of his Methodist beliefs. By 1902, other clubs had started to pop up in areas such as Orizaba in Veracruz.



Pachuca's team in 1903-04, including William Bray (front row, far right)

To this day Orizaba contest the view that Pachuca were the first club in Mexico, and claim that title as their own. These two clubs, as well three others, came together to create the first recognized football league in Mexico, the Liga Mexicana de Football Amateur Association. Orizaba won the first league title in 1902, with Pachuca having some success of their own in the early seasons, winning the title in 1904-05.

It was not just the mining men enjoying the football on the pitch — Cornish women were also a key part of the matchday spectacle. "They loved to turn out [for matches] and often wore the club colors," says Dr Schwartz. "The first reference to pasties being consumed [in Mexico] was when play stopped in a cricket match. I can imagine those were cooked by the Cornish ladies." Pasties were an essential for miners at the time, with their thick crust acting as a 'handle' for dirty hands and pastry tough enough to survive being dropped down a mineshaft.

The constant stream of people going between Hidalgo and Cornwall led to a bizarre, shared culture thousands of miles apart, with Dr Schwartz saying it was common to hear Spanish spoken as widely as English in bars in Redruth and Camborne.

Antony Martin, whose great uncle William Bray was one of Pachuca's prominent players in the early 1900s, says Bray's siblings brought some Mexican customs back to England with them. "They used to have bread with every meal, which is a Mexican thing, and put cayenne pepper on everything. Absolutely everything. They both still spoke Spanish," says Martin. "But I remember my grandmother

and great aunt were so proud of Cornwall and everything to do with Cornwall, yet until they were teenagers, they'd spent their whole lives in Mexico in Pachuca."

Pachuca welcomed their first Mexican player to the squad in 1908, with David Islas invited to join the side by the son of a Cornish miner from St Blazey named Alf Crowle. Crowle, who became player-manager, was hailed for breaking down ethnic and social barriers, with Dr Schwarz adding: "He's probably Cornish-Pachuca's most famous son, as far as football goes."



Alfred Crowle (middle row, center) invited the first Mexican player to play for Pachuca, David Islas (front row, second from right)

In the early 1920s, many people in Pachuca, including Crowle, moved away in the aftermath of the Mexican Revolution, causing the football club to lose many of its players. Pachuca played their last tournament in the 'amateur era' of the Mexican game in 1922, with the original club folding soon after.

A new version of the club was reformed in 1950, before folding once more and then reforming again in 1960. The club have since gone on to do big things, including winning seven Mexican league titles and the Copa Sudamericana in 2006. Pachuca fan Eduardo Hernandez says the club's heritage is important to fans. "The club is very proud of it. We were founded by miners and they brought the football to us. People are aware of that."

The club's nickname 'Los Tuzos', translates to 'the gophers', referring to a burrowing rodent found in North and Central America and serving as a nod to their mining heritage. "It's part of our identity. You can find the word around Pachuca, for example our bus is called 'Tuzobus'. "Everything is 'tuzo' around here. It's part of what we are." He adds that Pachuca and Real del Monte still have shops selling pasties, or pastes as they are known in Mexi-



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co, with Cornish flags visible in the most traditional stores in Real del Monte.

Real del Monte also hosts the annual International Pasty Festival, which has been held in the town since 2009, and a pasty museum. Pasties are very much part of matchdays in Hidalgo, although the Mexican versions traditionally contain beef and vegetables, like their Cornish counterpart, but with added chili. "It's our most traditional dish



In 2014, Prince Charles visits the Pasty Museum.

here in Pachuca. If you don't have much time, there's always a pastes store around the corner," Hernandez says.

Back in Cornwall, while grassroots football is part of the weekly agenda, the county is not best known for its footballing exports. But Kernow FA, who are a 'football alliance' that represent Cornwall at international level, want to put on a game between their Cornish team and Pachuca in Mexico to inspire the county's football going forward. Mexico, meanwhile, will this summer become the first nation to have hosted a men's World Cup on three separate occasions. "In every World Cup, we're the fans who bring the most colour and energy to the tournament, and being at home it has to be even better," Mexico's second all-time leading goalscorer and former Pachuca striker Jared Borgetti says. "We want the world to realize what we Mexicans are like."

If there's one thing the transatlantic cousins of Cornwall and Hidalgo will have in common this summer, it's that they'll be enjoying the World Cup with a pasty - or paste - in hand.



SoCal Fall Luncheon - Save the Date!



Saturday, October 17, 2026
-Noon
709 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton

For more information, please contact Jan Davis
 (619-890-5901 or jandavis3@cox.net)



Where in Cornwall is Nelson the Seal?

The life-size bronze statue, created by Cornish sculptor Suzie Marsh, honors the beloved seal who frequented a Cornish harbor for 25 years.

At the entrance to Looe Harbor.

Dues Were Due May 1st

Annual dues are US \$25.00.

Two ways to Pay:

- * **Mail a check payable to California Cornish Cousins** to Yvonne Bowers, 392 E. Napa St., Sonoma, CA 95476 or
- * **On our website:** califcornishcousins.org
 Scroll down to "Join the Cousins: [Click here to Join or Renew your Membership.](#)"

If you haven't yet paid your 2024-25 dues, please pay now. Thank you.

CALIFORNIA CORNISH COUSINS, INC.

Treasurer Report - 2025-2026

5/1/2025 - 4/30/2026

All Account 37 Categories

Category	Date	Payee	Memo/Notes	Amount
Income				
Business Income				
- Donations				
	5/31/25	ROBYN HOUTS		\$19.36
	3/18/26	DEPOSIT	Carson (In Lieu of Refund)	\$85.00
	3/18/26	DEPOSIT	Carson	\$100.00
- - Total Donations				\$204.36
- Membership				\$1,025.00
- Total Business Income				\$1,229.36
Program Income				
- Gathering Income				
- - Registrations - Grass Valley 2026				\$2,370.00
- Luncheon Income				
- - Registrations - Acampo 2025				\$475.00
- Total Program Income				\$2,845.00
Total Income				\$4,074.36
Expenses				
Business Expenses				
- Fees & Charges				
- - PayPal Fees				-\$3.08
- - Tax Filing				
	5/1/25	DEPT. OF JUSTICE	RRF-1 5/1/24-4/30/25	-\$25.00
	5/2/25	SIMPLE990	5/1/24-4/30/25	-\$50.00
- - - Total Tax Filing				-\$75.00
- - Total Fees & Charges				-\$78.08
- Internet				
- - Domains				-\$159.81
- - Email				-\$92.53
- - Internet (Other)				-\$64.90
- - Web Host-Wordpress				
	5/19/25	WORDPRESS	Annual Wordpress Pro	-\$180.00
	2/2/26	WORDPRESS	Additional Mailbox (webmanager@)	-\$21.57
- - - Total Web Host-Wordpress				-\$201.57
- - Total Internet				-\$518.81
- Program Expenses				
- - Gathering Expenses - Almaden 2025				
- - - Food & Refreshments				
	5/31/25	ROBYN HOUTS	Pasties	-\$115.36
	5/31/25	ROBYN HOUTS	Fruit, Cake	-\$99.00
	5/31/25	LAZY DOG RESTAURANT	Saturday Night Dinner	-\$590.69
- - - - Total Food & Refreshments				-\$805.05
- - - Museums, Tours				
	5/31/25	SCC PARKS AND REC	Donation to the Quicksilver Mining Museum	-\$100.00
- - - Total Gathering Expenses				-\$905.05
- - Luncheon Expenses - Acampo 2025				
- - - Food & Refreshments				
	10/8/25	ROSEMARY GAMBLIN	Pasties/Salad/Apple Crisp	-\$252.00
	10/17/25	JEANNETTE EDWARDS	Soda/Water	-\$23.00
- - - - Total Food & Refreshments				-\$275.00
- - Total Program Expenses				-\$1,180.05
- Total Business Expenses				-\$1,776.94
Supplies & Postage				
	5/6/25	DELUXE	Check Reorder	-\$120.86
Total Expenses				-\$1,897.80
Total				\$2,176.56
5/1/25	Checking Account	\$6,306.05		
4/30/26	Checking Account	\$8,482.61		
		\$2,176.56		
	Less 2026 Gathering Income	\$2,370.00		
		-\$193.44		



Treasurer's Report 5/1/25-4/30/26

Notes:

1. Income for 2026 Gathering is captured in 2025 report
2. All tax filings (Registry of Trust, 990-N, 199-N, Statement of Information) Complete for 2025
3. 2025 Gathering and Luncheon Recaps previously submitted
4. Checking Account Balance as of 4/30/26 \$8,482.61

Yvonne Bowers

California Cornish Cousins

Board meeting (Annual Gathering)
5/16/26 11:30am Empire Mine State Park

Board Attendees

Co-President Kitty Quayle
Co-President Pete Edwards
Treasurer & Membership Yvonne Bowers
Past President Robyn Houts
Historian Gage McKinney

Excused

Secretary Pat Carson
Newsletter Editor Rosemary Gamblin

Yvonne Bowers took notes in place of Pat Carson

Regular Business

Yvonne Bowers read the Treasurer's Report (attached)

Yvonne Bowers read the Membership Report (attached)

Gatherings

Everyone assembled likes the May date rather than the June date
Next years gathering will be in Sutter Creek, Jackson, Placerville or Sonora

Luncheons

NorCal October Luncheon will be in Acampo Saturday October 10th
SoCal Luncheon will be arranged by Jan Davis (date TBD after the 10th)

Kresen Kernow Donation

After voting in Gilroy (2024) to possibly void the Board vote due to lack of progress, Gage has agreed to pursue the donation gift (\$2,500) to a genealogical program and will advise Yvonne when and where to send the check.

CAHS

Gathering - Mineral Point Sep. 25th & 26th
Dorothy Hosking supplied brochures for the upcoming Gathering in Wisconsin.
Info also available at cousinjack.org

Yvonne and Dorothy also discussed the free Special Interest Group Meetings (Zoom) - Cornish Language Group and Cornish Genealogy Group (hosted by CCC members Yvonne and Margaret AmRhein)

Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce Cornish Brochure

Gage passed out the draft brochure for comment.

Naturalization

New member Renee (Jeff) Kitto will be naturalized at dinner.

Meeting was closed at 12:00pm

Yvonne Bowers



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Paid Members	51	
Life Members	54	
Total Members	105	
2026 Members Renewed	28	54%

Members in Arrears

Members who haven't renewed since 2021	2
Members who haven't renewed since 2022	1
Members who haven't renewed since 2024	3
Members who haven't renewed since 2025	4
*Members left to renew for 2026	<u>13</u>
	23

**At least one's check is in the mail and some are renewing at the Gathering*

Note:

- An eblast and reminder sent
- A direct email sent to non-renewals



The California Cornish Cousins

c/o Rosemary Gamblin, Newsletter Editor

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Address Correction Requested

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