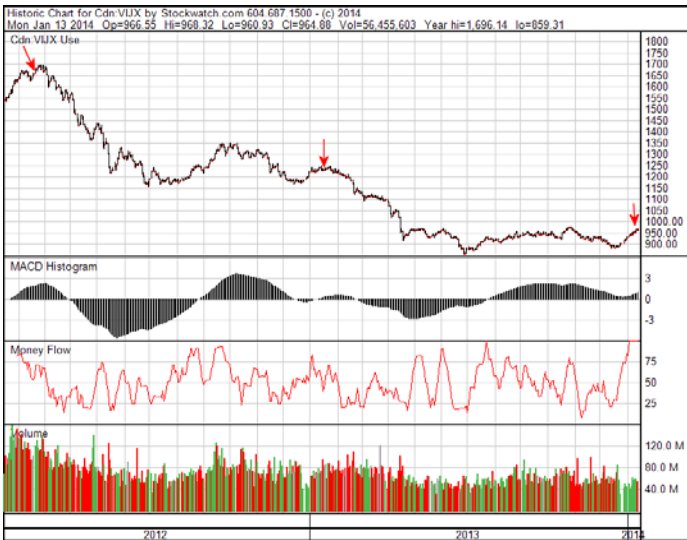


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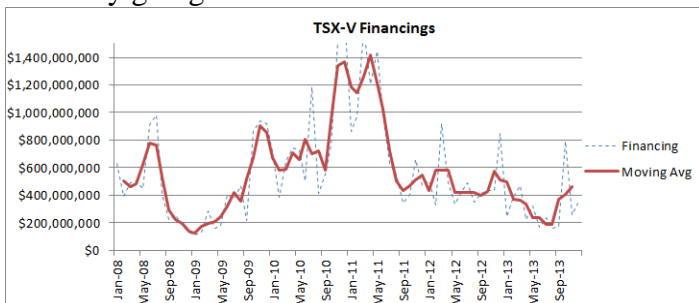
As January starts, we are in the middle of the annual TSX-V pre- Roundup sucker rally. What is unusual about this one is the abysmally low volume.



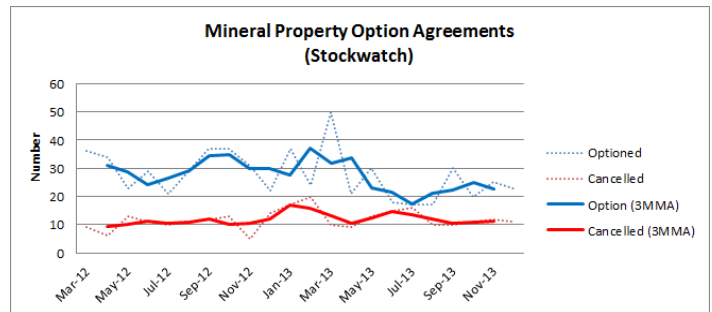
The junior market is just about dead. GDXJ is an ETF made up of a basket of gold junior mining companies and is a good proxy for the health of the industry. How's it doing?



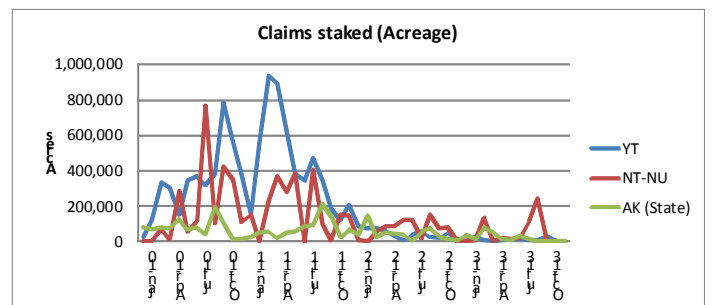
Dead flat - except it looks like some big institutional buyers (read hedge funds) are buying the dip. There is no money going into the market.



Properties are still being optioned but the pace is slowing.



And no claims are being staked. In fact, in November no claims were staked north of sixty from Alaska to Nunavut! In December, someone staked 5 claims in the Whitehorse district to move the needle for the Yukon but no claims were staked in Alaska, NWT or Nunavut.



Company-news-wise also very quiet.

AMERICAN BULLION, **NORTHERN TIGER** and **SILVER PREDATOR** ate each other in a deal only a hedge fund manager could untangle.

WESTERN COPPER formally submitted their YESAB application to build the Casino Mine to the wailing and gnashing of teeth of local conservationists. They didn't read the application (can't blame them - it was 7,000 pages) but that didn't prevent them slamming it on point of principal.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.



So - it's 2014 and time to look ahead. We know where we are - where might we be by next December? I know predictions are a mugs game - but why not try anyway. Here are some predictions for the year ahead:

The World..

- After a dress rehearsal last summer, China has a major financial crisis when the PBOC tries to cut back credit to build zombie cities.
- To keep everyone's mind off financial problems - there will be a spat over the Spratley (Phillipines) or Senkaku (Japan) Islands. Obama will chicken out and not send in the 7th fleet.
- The S&P will correct by 20% and Wall Street will still make money.
- Israel (with Saudi help) will fix the Iran problem with intense surgical bombing.

Markets...

- No hope for the TSX-V before at least March and likely next November. Slow trading, no volume, 2/3 of listings < \$0.10 and no junior financings likely until then - even if gold pops because of some crisis.
- **What's hot:** Lead (electronics), tin (Indonesian cutbacks), PGE's (South African cutbacks) and maybe zinc (mine closures).
- **What's not:** Moly & copper (supply gluts), iron ore and nickel (China), and maybe gold (but who can tell because the market's rigged).

The Yukon...

- Big lose-lose on the Peel watershed. Greenies unhappy / miners unhappy / FN's unhappy - YTG calls it a reasonable compromise. No staking rush ensues.

- \$60M in exploration but \$40M of that is at Howards Pass (Selwyn).
- After this winter's hardball session, Silver Wheaton comes to its senses and Keno Hill goes back into production full time with a revised royalty agreement.
- White River FN takes YTG to court over staking / exploration / whatever in their traditional territory. Champagne Aishihik, Carmacks and Tr'ondek Hwechin FN's line up with YTG against them because of overlapping claims.
- Greenies replace their "*PROTECT THE PEEL*" bumper stickers with "*DON'T GAMBLE WITH CASINO*". They raise a lot of money and we all learn about the unique species of black spruce, willow and mosquitoes that live around Casino.
- More government / less industry / more whining.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Matters of note:

- Thanks and kudos to Al Doherty for continuing to represent our association in the ongoing matter of the Dawson Land Use Plan.
- Vancouver Resource Investment Conference (Cambridge House). Thanks to YTG and Yukon Gold Mining Alliance for getting us a table there. Five prospectors will be displaying their wares on Jan 19-20.
- Roundup - We have space in the Prospectors Tent for all four days (25-29 Jan). Same hardy five prospectors will display their stuff.
- AGM Tuesday February 11, 2014 at 1900 hrs / Yukon Chamber of Mines.

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