

The Gold Pan

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The Newsletter of the Comstock Gold Prospectors

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January 25, 2022

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PRESIDENTS LETTER:

The New Year is upon us. We are still masking up?...but not on our claims!

So, time to check our equipment and sort some out as to use or not. We have the option of selling in our newsletter if you wish or donate to the raffle table.

The Christmas party was good and all had good eats. About 45 showed up which was anticipated with all that is going on. In the past, we averaged 75. The winner of the Keene Dry Washer was George (our Treasurer). He was happy that he bought just enough raffle tickets!

As a note, the Club Members voted on and donated for 2021 to three non-profits \$500.00 each:

- Veterans Guest House (<https://www.veteransguesthouse.org>)

- The Special Olympics (<https://www.sonv.org/about/meet-our-staff/reno-office>)
- The C&C RR Depot Restoration in Dayton, Nevada (<https://daytonnvhistory.org/cc-railroad-depot/>).

One of our annual Panning Demos showcasing our Club's Existence takes place at "Dayton Valley Days" each September for two days*. In 2020 an arsonist burned down the Depot's rebuilding efforts at that time, now a renewed effort has restarted! We utilize that property to setup on "the gold creek".

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CHANGES!!!

We are hoping that we are paying attention to our new MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CHANGES that are explained in the by-laws that are available on our website. As a review:

Basically, our membership runs from April to April...no Grace Period!!!

Our renewal date therefore will be by March 1st for the next year.

For those that do not renew by March 1st, they are still a member until April 1st. After that membership will be canceled and if so desired, they would have to sign up as a new member! So please renew by March 1 of the coming year! The bylaws also cover membership for Life, Honorary and Licensed Claim Holders.

Chris Ralph will be our guest speaker for January. A great speaker for getting this year going. He will have his wonderful book available (Fist Full of Gold) which is a must have! He will be updating us on the latest and best for prospecting.

I ran across this article concerning the lithium deposits in Nevada. We have the largest in the US!

Lithium is the "hot" item globally with the push for electric vehicles (Evs). If you have time it is a good read. Also, it would be wise to study a bit up on lithium salt deposits and be on the lookout for them and maybe even consider a claim.

•The article is:

<https://www.nnbw.com/news/2021/dec/28/reno-carson-next-lithium-capital-companies-looking/>

The deposits in Nevada are on the Nevada Oregon border and south of Carson. The mining in northern Nevada is being held up by Indian issues, sage grouse etc, etc, but will be overcome as like I said, this is a high demand mineral globally. Tesla currently does not rely on these deposits and has gone elsewhere out of country.

We are looking for outing suggestions and volunteers for Club vacancies and as always, raffle table donations. Some of our outings this past year were canceled, as expected. Hopefully we can plan on them this year.

Well, see you all at Tuesday January 25th's meeting.

As a note, besides Chris Ralph as our keynote speaker, there are **10 silver rounds** up for grabs!

~ Jim

*It was the spring of 1849 when frontiersman Abner Blackburn left Salt Lake City for the California goldfields. His handwritten diary tells the story of Nevada's first gold discovery. "In the spring, (March), I joined a pack train for the gold mines," he wrote. The pioneers followed the Carson River Route. While laid over in Gold Canyon waiting to cross the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Abner found Nevada's first gold. He describes the unforgettable moment in his journal. The quote contains his words and spelling. "I took a bread pan & a butcher knife & went in the ravine to prospect & found gold in small quantities in 3 places. Went to a larger ravine, where the water ran down over bed rock a little on the side of the gulch. Dug down in the slate & found a fair prospect & kept panning for an hour or more. Went to camp & all hands grabbed up pans, knives, kettles & started out. We scratched, scrapped and panned until nearly sundown & took nine- or ten-dollars' worth of gold. Being without tools & nearly out of provisions, we were compelled to abandon the place but calculated to return." A year later in 1850, Mormon pioneers again stopped at Gold Canyon. A nugget weighing 19.4 grams was found by John Orr – it is now part of the Nevada State Museum Collection but is on display at the Oakland Museum.

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Upcoming Speaker:

January Speaker--

THE CLUB WELCOMES BACK HONORARY MEMBER AUTHOR CHRIS RALPH The Club is proud to announce **Chris Ralph** as returning guest speaker for Tuesday January 25th's General Meeting at 7:30PM. **Chris's presentations have interesting details to assist Club Members to focus on geology and methods to explore and identify gold deposits.** His books*, articles** and YouTube*** videos on prospecting can help you understand how gold deposits form, how to gather information on an area and how to prospect efficiently so you can find gold. Besides, he has been a member of the Club, we all thank you. This will be an excellent talk! ****Fists Full Of Gold, How you Can Find Gold In The Mountains And Deserts (January 2010), Secrets of Successful Prospecting Brand New (April 2019) ** Contributing Editor with ICMJ's Prospecting and Mining Journal (articles & videos) *** YouTube presentations on Prospecting and Mining (videos)***

- Link to the post: <https://cgpgold.org/new-year-2022-the-club-welcomes-back-honorary-member-author-chris-ralph/>
- Link to Comstock Gold Prospectors, Inc.: <https://cgpgold.org>

Classifieds:

Mining Trailer and equipment all for one money \$5,000 OBO takes all. Sluices, dredge, pans, clothes and many other pieces of equipment. Call Toni: 775.770.0827 to schedule an appointment to see the entire lot.



**Comstock Gold Prospectors Membership
Application**

Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. A family membership includes applicant, a spouse or significant other, and their children under 18 years of age (Membership cards are issued to adults only).

Note: Bylaws require a signed application be submitted every year. On April 1, unless you're a licensee then it's September 1.

Please print the following information.

Name (member 1) Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Primary Email: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Reason for Application: (Please check one)

- _____ New Individual membership (\$65.00)
- _____ New Family membership (\$75.00)
- _____ Lifetime/Honorary Membership update
- _____ Renewing Individual membership (\$35.00) due 4/1
- _____ Renewing Family membership (\$45.00) due 4/1
- _____ Licensee Membership (Individual/Family) due 9/1

**For Membership Only
Comstock Gold Prospectors PO Box
50517
Sparks NV 89435**

Recommended by (if new):

Please print the following information (include spouse/significant other if this is a Family Membership with two adults).

First Name: _____

Name (member 2) Last Name: _____

Primary Email: _____

I hereby apply for membership in COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS. I, the undersigned, fully understand that whatever recreational event I or my family attend, I am fully responsible and at no time will have legal or financial claim against, nor will hold responsible, any member or club officer of COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS, for any damages or injuries received by my participation in any event. I will be responsible for my own actions and the actions of my family or guests.

I have read and fully understand this release. *(Signature required.)*

Member 1 Signature: _____

Date: _____

Member 2 Signature:

Date:

Website: cgpgold.org

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Please reach out to the board if you are interested in Volunteering!

****All "Gold Pan" submissions are due 2nd Monday of the month****