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Next Meeting

**October 25,
2022**

All members
Welcome

President's letter

Fall is here which is bringing an end to our prospecting. The weather however right now is perfect for our endeavors.

We are still looking at new claims close by. This week after our claims meeting, we have two groups heading out to look at 2 claims for purchase which will be covered at our next meeting. These claims look very promising with good access and camping. Right now, the Club owns 9 claims so we can add one more and keep our Small Miners Waiver. If we lease a claim, that does not impact our waiver. Thanks to those that are finding available areas.

The vehicle window cards seem to be working well. New members are displaying the cards, and not only do they show that they belong to the Club, it is a good way for members to interact with each other and spread knowledge. And remember, when out on a claim, be sure and submit an assessment form (minimum 4 hours work) which we need in order to comply with the BLM. The work can be anything from active prospecting to road clearing, cleaning up the area, etc.

As a note, the areas of our claims are in a California Stage 2 fire restriction. That basically means no gas-powered equipment, smoking outside, campfires (restrictions statewide until 2025). If you have questions about the restrictions, call the Eagle Lake Field Office 2550 Riverside Drive Susanville, CA 96130 (530) 257-0456. A word of caution, if caught violating the Stage 2 restrictions, the fines are "hefty"!

This of course is due to the mismanagement of the forests which results in extreme fire danger.

So for now, leave your motorized equipment home for now including chain saws, backpacks, etc.

Wade L. is retiring as membership chair after he and Martina and Dave worked tirelessly for 2 years or so. The work they did cannot be thanked enough! When you run across them, a thanks would be welcomed! The process is now simplified and streamlined so that the next Chair does not have to “start over”. So... who will be our new Membership Chairman you ask? Jeffrey Benik our current Sargent-at-Arms has volunteered! He will be working closely with Wade during the transition period. Wade will be available in the “background” if anything comes up. Thanks again to Wade and to Jeff for stepping up!

Our Guest Speaker in Sep was David Lawler. One of our better speakers! Fantastic knowledge of our claim's areas and history! His write up is in the last month's newsletter. He provided a map which covered his presentation which were “gobbled” up by our members. And a thanks to Patti for the contact.

Our Oct guest speaker will be Tami Force a photographer of the Gold Country and ghost towns. This should be a good one. Her bio is also in last month's Gold Pan.

Our Christmas party will be Dec6th. Set up at 5:30 and sitting at 6:30. Rachelle will be heading up the organizing of the event. We will be asking for volunteers to help in set up and tear down. We will provide the ham and turkey the remainder of the dinner will be a potluck. The gift exchange will be as in the past...guys for guys and gals for gals about \$10 or so.

Also, nominations for Club board members will be coming up this Nov. Volunteers??? We will go over this next meeting.

As a note, we were notified by Jim Bowman that his wife Linalu passed away. She was a real trooper and an asset to our Club. As well as serving as secretary, she was an avid prospector. Our hearts are with you Jim and we will miss her....

Later
Jim

Jim Richards-

Guest Speakers

October Guest Speaker



Tami Force

Webpage: [NEVADA GHOST TOWNS & BEYOND - \(nvtami.com\)](http://nvtami.com)

For years I visited, photographed, and researched ghost towns and back roads as a hobby. Now I want to share the enjoyment of [ghost towns](#) with you while preserving information for future generations.

Growing up in Idaho, we often drove through Northern Nevada to visit family in the Gold Country. If I wasn't out exploring you would find me curled up on Aunt Erma's recliner reading [Time-Life Old West](#) or the [Wagons West](#) Series. My favorites were about people, challenges they faced and how they created a life out of nothing.

I didn't connect it until later, but this interest continued through my life. I earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in sociology followed by a master's degree in Social Work. I became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and taught about people,

families, and society at the local college. Who would have thought social work and ghost towns would be connected!

As my children grew older, I had more time to pursue photography. I began taking classes and started hanging out with the “Rough Crowd” of photographers—wildlife. As much as I love photographing [bald eagles](#) and our ranches [owls](#), my real love is history. The blog has grown and been published by [Nevada Magazine](#) and [Oregon California Trails Association](#). I can now say I’m a professional ghost townner, how cool is that?

I was raised in Idaho and moved to Nevada in 2000 when I married a native Nevada boy. We live on the family ranch along with our 4th generation Nevada kids, giant breed dog, cats, goats, chickens, and whatever other animals we decide to add to our family. If I’m not out exploring and photographing, I am researching my next trip, preserving our historic ranch buildings, or planning something—anything—seriously I love to plan!

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Christmas Party

December 6th

Ho... Ho... Ho.... We have the Christmas party coming upon us faster than we may realize. With only two meetings ahead of us prior to the Christmas Party. We are providing the Turkey and Ham. Please bring your favorite side to share at the party.

If you want to be apart of the gift exchange, please bring a gift wrapped for the table.

Christmas is my favorite time of year, and I am very excited to volunteer this year to coordinate the party. Any questions, requests or suggestions please reach out to me. -Rachelle

Classifieds

20 ACRE PLACER CLAIM

SHASTA RIVER

Unpatented 20 acre placer claim on BLM land, 15 miles from Yreka, CA. Includes 1/3 mile of year-round river. Gold rich placers in streambed, gravel benches and a long bar created by a 150° river bend. Lode gold found historically in canyon walls above claim. Former Union Mine at top of 900 ft canyon above claim produced & shipped a \$51,000 bullion shipment Jan10, 1918 (1918 dollars - see Mindat). That's more than \$5 million at today's prices. Although located in a steep canyon, you can drive your pickup as close as 15 yards to the water with an easy hike to the river bank. Several campsites within 2 miles of claim. Asking \$9,995. Contact Steve (775) 742-3336.

Personal Ads: Are Free to Members for a maximum of three editions of the Gold Pan Newsletter

General Meeting Agenda:

July 26, 2022

Meeting Called to order: 7:30pm by: President Gary Hagstrom

Correction to minutes: No Corrections

Membership Report:

Total Members: 359

New Member: --

198 Individual/ 161Family

Claims Report:

Claims Committee Meeting: Meets Monday at 11:30am Denny's / Reach out to VP Gary Hagstrom for questions.

Old Business:

New Business:

Outings and Events

Outings Report:

Christmas Party December 6th

Board of Directors-2021

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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****