

# The Gold Pan

February 2023 Issue

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### Next Meeting

**February 28,  
2023**

All members  
Welcome

### President's letter

Have we had enough snow and cold? I have! Six feet at my house since the New Year and Big gas bills...global warming I guess, Spring is just "around the corner".

First off, the ICMJ Gold Summit has been canceled (again)- 2016 was the last one we attended. The costs for the event and vendor attendance seems to be the primary reason for postponement. But the ICMJ is organizing and sponsoring Downieville Gold Rush Days August 11,12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. This should be a great event. We have been asked for our participation and use of our licensed claims in town. Wayne Farnum (the claim owner) is totally supporting this event! This event was something that was part of the history in past years. This will be good exposure for our Club and a great outing for us. We will be doing panning demos and instruction on prospecting in the river. This will be a good "day" trip or camping, RVing or staying at one of hotels in the area as the Downieville River Inn ([530\) 289-3308](tel:5302893308)) and they offer a 10% discount to Club Members.

About half of our members have renewed for the coming year. This is good and we can thank Jeff (and Wade) for their due diligence in membership tracking and renewals. This is a lot of work and be sure and thank them if you happen to bump into them. And **REMEMBER**...renewals are due by March 1<sup>st</sup> or the current year membership will expire 31 March. If your membership expires, you will have to rejoin at the new member rates! Lifetime members will have to fill out and submit renewals by March 1<sup>st</sup> also. This is per our insurance agreements. If a Lifetime member does not renew by March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Lifetime member will have to petition the

Board for reinstatement! So please get your renewals in on time to avoid any lapses in your membership.

Jim Brothers is looking into setting up a Facebook account for our Club. As a nonprofit, this could give us good exposure to those that are looking to getting involved in prospecting. We will be doing the Facebook for six months at which time we will re-evaluate the exposure and continue or not. A lot of us are not “Facebookers”, but some think this would be a benefit to our Club. Thank you, Jim!

We are still looking for a Webmaster as Dave is “retiring” this June! If anyone has a desire for this position, let the Board know. Dave has agreed to help during transition to the new Webmaster. He has done all the hard work on our Web setup, so the transition will not be like starting from scratch!

We also would like to fill the Sargent-at-Arms position and Historian(photographer). We have let our Club history go by the wayside the past few years. We have albums of past history and pics which were kept up by Bill. These are great for perusing! Any volunteers???

The Board has suggested that the appointed Membership Chairperson should occupy a voting position on the Board of Directors. This suggestion was voted on and approved by the attending members at the January meeting. This has to be entered into our By-Laws. We will vote on this at the Feb meeting. The amendment to the By-Laws according to Article VIII Section 1. to be voted on and approved by 2/3 of the members at any regular meeting will be as follows:

Article VII Section2

The Board of Directors consist of the current President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, **Membership Chairperson**, and two (2) Members at Large (defined in Article VII, Section 2a (**all accept the Membership Chairperson**) elected by the membership at the appropriate regular November meeting and take office in January of the following year.

Later...I am off to launch some BIG balloons...JR

***Jim Richards-***

### Removal of Club Claims

The club has not renewed the three claims below:

- 1.) Grizzly 1
- 2.) Grizzly 2
- 3.) Aloni

What this means to you? We no longer have a license to prospect the above mining claims. This means the club, and members within do not have legal access to these claims any longer. We have 9 owned claims by the Comstock Gold Prospectors as well as access to 25 leased claims.

### Welcome Facebook Members

A huge thank you to Jim Brothers who has decided to take on the Club's Facebook page. Those of you who are already members of Facebook check out, like and share our page. Facebook is an excellent way to build a larger network and communicate with members and allow members to post invaluable information such as road conditions to claims and outing events.



### The Comstock Gold Prospectors, Inc. >

Public group · 5 members

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## Change in Bylaws:

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## Guest Speakers

Please see the schedule for upcoming Speakers

If you have someone you know or you are interested in being a guest speaker for the club, please reach out so we can add to the schedule.

### Monthly Speaker Status 2023

- January Tuesday 24, 2023 "Open"
- February Tuesday 28, 2023 "Open"
- March Tuesday 28, 2023 "Open"
- **April Tuesday 25, 2023 Stanley Paher**
- **May Tuesday 23, 2023 Tami Force**
- **June Tuesday 27, 2023 Chris Ralph**
- **July Tuesday 25, 2023 Webb Varnum**
- August Tuesday 22, 2023 "Open"
- September Tuesday 26, 2023 "Open"
- October Tuesday 24, 2023 "Open"
- November Tuesday 28, 2023 "Open"

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## Outings

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**"NO DREDGING ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT"**

### Downieville River Inn & Resort

"The One with the Pool"



Stay with us in a unique home-away-from-home, surrounded by the Tahoe National Forest, nestled in the quiet and **historic gold rush town of Downieville. Current Comstock Gold Prospectors Club Members at the time of stay may ask for our discount and show current membership card at check-in.** Relax in comfortable guest rooms and cottages, each with private bath and porch or balcony. We have cottages with full kitchens and rooms with kitchenettes. Enjoy our beautiful gardens, picnic areas with barbecue grills, sauna and a clean, refreshing swimming pool. Nearby you will find world class mountain bike trails, excellent trout fishing, hiking, kayaking, river rafting and **gold panning**. We are happy to be your guides to activities in the Downieville region. We are located on the North Yuba River, along Highway 49 and the Yuba-Donner Scenic Byway. Our inn is just a short walk from the North Yuba and Downie rivers and surrounded by picturesque tree-lined hills. Downieville River Inn is the best destination in the area for family reunions, club events, and other group get-togethers. We have plenty of space for everyone to enjoy, and we're always happy to see our guests! Call or email us today for a reservation. Phone: (530) 289-3308 Email: [reservations@downievilleinriverinn.com](mailto:reservations@downievilleinriverinn.com)  
Address: 121 River Street, P.O. Box 412, Downieville, CA 95936

**If you think your attending and need a room please book your reservations NOW!**

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# 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.

*Ads are Free to Members in the Gold Pan Newsletter*

### General Meeting Agenda:

January 2023

Meeting Called to order: 7:30pm by: President Jim Richards

Correction to minutes: No Corrections

#### **Membership Report:**

Total Members: 325

New Member: + 2

182 Individual/ 143 Family

#### **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

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## Board of Directors-2023

Postion:	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
President	Jim Richards	775.225.2494	President@cgpgold.org
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Member at Large	Keith Wilson	775.450.5723	AtLarge1@cgpgold.org

## Appointees

Position	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Christmas Party Chairperson	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Claims/Chairperson	Gary Hagstrom	775.409.4996	Claims@cgpgold.org
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Outings Chairperson	Patty Halas	904.806.1780	Outings@cgpgold.org
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Webmaster	David Terwilliger	775.241.0186	WebMaster@cgpgold.org

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

**\*\*All "Gold Pan" submissions are due 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month\*\***