

The Gold Pan

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Next Meeting

**March 28,
2023**

All members
Welcome

President's letter

We have a great speaker scheduled for our Tuesday March 28th meeting. Introducing Mike Maloney..." a researcher, analyst, commentator, and educator, who is head over heels in love with and passionate about, economics, monetary history and trying to figure out how to achieve maximum prosperity for all of humanity."

He is a noted author (The Great Gold and Silver Rush of the 21st Century) and has a 43-episode docuseries on YouTube. (<https://goldsilver.com>). Well worth a look see! His explanation of money vs currency is an eye opener.

I do hope everyone got email notice of February's meeting cancellation due to the weather. When is this pattern going to end? Well, if nothing else it is good for replenishing our claims!

Needless to say, our claim signage has been put on hold until a break in the weather. In near future Claims Committee shall ask for volunteers to join in this effort, stay tune!

In the February's newsletter we mentioned the "**Downieville Gold Rush Days**" sponsored by the ICMJ and Reinke Mining. Jon Reinke is the current Publisher and Editor of the ICMJ. As mentioned in the March ICMJ the dates August 10th - 13th (Thursday – Sunday) are still TENTATIVE. So, until the dates are firmed up the

CGPC will be holding off for our participation plans and volunteers. I am sure the event will happen but we cannot plan as of yet.

Again, as a reminder...

- Club Membership renewals were due Wednesday March 1st or the current year membership will **expire Friday March 31st!**
- If your membership expires, you will have to rejoin at the new member rates!
- Lifetime members still have to fill out and submit renewals as above for our insurance agreements.
- Many thanks to the **227 Club Members (70%)** who met our By-Law Requirement; Signed Applications on File. Thanks to all that have renewed in a timely manner and thanks to Jeff for all his work.
- **Our Membership Chairperson Jeffrey Benik is ready to receive if mailed or dropped off at our next meeting Tuesday March 28th.**

We were unable to proceed with the by-law change at the canceled February meeting. Therefore, we will vote on the change at Tuesday March 28th meeting. Information of the change is as follows:

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 Tuesday March 28th 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.

We now have a Facebook page for our Club thanks to Jim Brothers. The postings will be monitored by Jim. So far we seem to be getting interest. We have agreed to try it out for six months to see if we can get new members and input and usage from our current members. We feel that we should try and get with the “times” as the younger group use social media more than most of the members I know. It won't hurt to try it out. Most non-profits use Facebook. We shall see!

Even though the weather is not cooperating, we need assessment forms filled out and turned in for our claims. We are trying to keep Claims Chairperson Gary happy! And remember, there is a chance to win a silver round if your form is picked!

Anyways, hope to see you all **Tuesday March 28th meeting**...Jim R.

Jim Richards-

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Membership Applications are Due along with Annual Fees March 31st.
As a reminder Jeffery Benik Is now the Membership Chairman.

Wade and Jeffery Below changing hands earlier this year.



CCW Classes Coming Soon Near You

Speaking of Wade.... He's been busy doing other things since stepping out of the membership role.

WADE LAVERY HAS ARRANGED FOR A CONCEALED CARRY CLASS (CCW) TO BE HELD AT COMSTOCK'S MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION (MASONIC LODGE), AT A 33% DISCOUNT! NORMALLY \$124.00, THIS CLASS WILL ONLY BE \$80.00. THE CLASS WILL BE TAUGHT BY LOCALLY OWNED, TOP SHOP FIREARMS AND TRAINING.

THE CLASS WILL BE HELD AT THE LODGE ON SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M. WITH A BREAK FOR LUNCH.

THE LAW MANDATES A WRITTEN TEST WILL BE ADMINISTERED WHICH MUST BE PASSED IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO QUALIFY WITH THE FIREARM. THE TEST IS AN OPEN TEST WITH ALL QUESTIONS ANSWERED AS THE MATERIAL IS REVIEWED. PARTICIPANTS CAN PICK ONE OF THE THREE SUCCEEDING DAYS TO QUALIFY WITH THE CLASS INSTRUCTOR, MAY 22, 23*, 24, 2023.

THE MINIMUM CLASS SIZE IS SIX STUDENTS WITH NO MAXIMUM SIZE OTHER THAN THE ROOM CAPACITY. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO COMSTOCK MEMBERS, MASONIC MEMBERS, THEIR FRIENDS / NEIGHBORS, ETC. A HANDGUN IS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY, NO RIFLES PERMITTED.

PLEASE **DO NOT** BRING ANY FIREARMS INTO THE CLASSROOM. FIREARMS WILL NOT BE NEEDED UNTIL THE ACTUAL QUALIFICATION.

CONTACT WADE TO REGISTER AT lavery531@me.com or 650-823-8658.

****TUESDAY MAY 23RD IS CGPC'S REGULAR MEETING, WE WELCOME THE RETURN OF GUEST SPEAKER TAMI FORCE "NEVADA GHOST TOWNS & BEYOND"***

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. Please see what it looks like when you follow it online.



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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.

Upcoming Monthly Speakers

- March Tuesday 28, 2023 "Mike Maloney"
- 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

The ICMJ is organizing and sponsoring Downieville Gold Rush Days August 11, 12 and 13th. 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 apart 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, RV'ing 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.

"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@downievilleriverinn.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!

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:

February 2023

Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather

Board of Directors-2023

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| Position | Name | Phone Number | Email Address |
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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****