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Spring has sprung (at last)! With the ensuing snow melt the rivers are rapidly bringing down gold for our pleasure. However, if out and about be mindful of the fast and COLD waters! “My” creek in the front yard is two feet deep and roaring and full of mud...Might do some panning when it slows down.

As per Jeff’s tallies, we have 84% renewal rate. I feel that is damn good with all that has been going this past year! Thanks to Jeff for all the work and a shout out to Wade for his working with Jeff during the transition. The new by-laws will show that the Membership Chairman will be an APPOINTED and a VOTING member on the Board beginning in April 2023.

Jim Brothers was at a “meet and great” at our Claims meeting Monday. He will be replacing Dave as our new Webmaster. Dave has been working with Jim and is very satisfied with his knowledge and understanding of the duties. Going forward, we will be buying a dedicated computer (less than \$400) for the webmaster as per Dave and Jim’s suggestions. Maintaining our website will still be about \$150/yr (or less). Jim B is also our Facebook administrator. Thanks to Jim B for volunteering and a BIG SHOUT OUT to Dave during the transition and the initial startup! Thanks again Dave!

### Next Meeting

**April 25,  
2023**

All members  
Welcome

Well, it is official! The Downieville Gold Rush Days is on for August 10-13<sup>th</sup>. Wade put out an email blast with the announcement as per the March ICMJ...Thanks Wade! There is camping available as well as motels or a good day trip. The rooms are going fast! We will be providing access to our claims in Downieville and have a panning demo set up for all. George will be bringing his “rocks” which is always a big hit. There will be vendors and hopefully speakers. This is the first one in several years, so we are planning a good turnout and exposure for our Club. We will be asking for volunteers for the event. We are still in the planning stage, but we would like to see a good turnout. Basically, some of us at our table for demo and others “in the water”. More to come at our next meetings. As a side note, we have received our raffle tickets from PLP with our yearly renewal. We will be selling them at \$10 for 12 and the drawing will be at the Downieville event. The prizes are fantastic!

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It was brought to my attention that before all shut down several years ago, we were having volunteers step up at our meetings and give a 15-20 minute chat of a claim they are familiar with...history, findings, pictures, etc. Nothing too elaborate. We would like to resume this and need some volunteers to sign up for this?

This last meeting we had an informative speaker on the world and US currency markets.. Mike Maloney has researched and studied currency for decades. His

expertise was an eye opener to us as to the state of the economy and the importance of owning physical gold and silver. If you have a chance, look him up on you tube. He has about 40 sessions that are free! Thanks Mike for your presentation!

This month we will have Stanley Paher returning for more captivating adventures and his fabulous books! This is a must attend meeting...

*Until next time...Jim R*

**--Jim Richards**

### 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.



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## Gold Panning Class

### “EPIC” TMCC

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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

- NONE
- 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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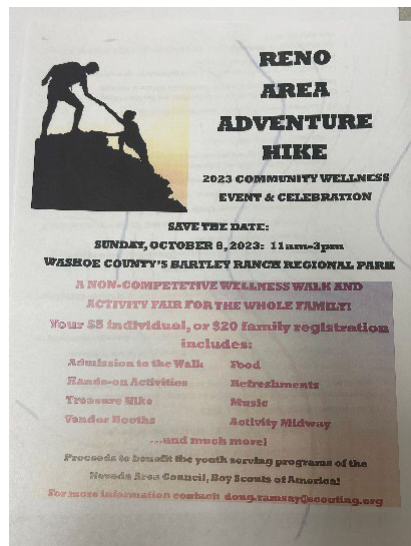
**"NO DREDGING ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT"**

## 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@downievilleinn.com](mailto:reservations@downievilleinn.com) Address: 121 River Street, P.O. Box 412, Downieville, CA 95936



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**March 23, 2023**

## ***PLP's Quartzsite Roundup and New News You Can Use!***

Howdy Friends!

**SOMETHING NEW:** We will be trying something new and setting up a PLP booth at the Yucaipa CA RODEO! We'll be at the Yucaipa Equestrian Center on Friday March 31st from 4 pm to 10 pm and Saturday April 1st from 2 pm to 10 pm, Tickets are available at <https://yucaiparodeo.ticketleap.com/2023/> or <https://yucaiparodeo.ticketleap.com/premiere/> . We will be offering gold panning lessons as well as educating the public on Public lands issues. We'll be selling Grand Raffle tickets, paydirt bags, PLP shirts and an extremely limited number of solid silver jewelry mining picks created and donated by Steve Wandt. Call or send us an email if you would like to volunteer at the PLP booth.

In February, PLP once again spent 4 days in Quartzsite, Arizona for the Quartzsite Gold and Treasure Show! We want to thank Richard Trusty and his team of volunteers for another well-run show. Bravo!

Public Lands for the People (PLP) was there to raise funds for the mission we are called to engage in (See PLP Mission Statement above). We really enjoyed seeing so many of our old friends and meeting some new ones. We had lots of folks from First Class Miners (FCM), come by and say "Hi". One happy gal with a FCM shirt on also won a nugget in our raffle! We really appreciate the enthusiastic participation in our technical talks and raffle drawings, gold bag and T-shirts sales, PLP Memberships and more.

On Saturday afternoon, we held a public discussion and update on the successes of the PLP gold card regarding the CA Suction Dredge Guide for

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Reclamation Purposes and explained our next moves to advance public outreach in the western US. Steve Hicks was there from Montana to share his legal success dealing with the Forest Service with PLP's help. Many thanks to Steve for making the long trip to be with us in Quartzsite! There was a robust question-and-answer period at the end of the meeting with many folks participating. PLP raffled off some gold nuggets, copper rounds and even a Royal dry washer at the show. Congratulations to Ronnie McCoy who won the drywasher! Ronnie has been a PLP member for many, many years and also currently volunteers his services with Temecula Valley Prospectors (TVP). TVP was also set up at the show.

**Grand Raffle NEW DATE and LOCATION:** We will be doing the drawing at the Downieville Gold Rush Days on August 13th! See the Mining Journal for all the details on the HUGE event!

This month we are giving a shout out and THANK YOU to Mad Mining who has been a generous contributor to our Grand Raffle for many years. Your generosity is appreciated! You can see their equipment here: [www.madmining.com](http://www.madmining.com)

[Join/Donate | Public Lands For The People](#)

Supporting PLP's Grand Raffle also helps us continue to fight for your rights. A book of 12 tickets is still only \$10. We have a lot of great high value prizes, and a list of those prizes is in the latest ICMJ Prospecting & Mining Journal. You can't win if you don't enter! Tickets are available NOW to purchase by phone for the August 13th, 2023, Grand Raffle Drawing. You can call our toll-free number (844)-PLP-1990 which is (844) 757-1990 by the August 11th deadline or Mail a Check by the Aug. 3rd deadline (to the address below) and specify the number of ticket books you wish to have mailed to you.

If you like this information, **USE IT WISELY**

Your PLP Board of Directors

The original. No compromise. Standing 33 years strong for Multiple Use on Public Land "RIGHTS"!

# Classifieds

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## **NORTH FORK YUBA RIVER CLAIM**

**17acres+/- Easy access with offroad parking.**

1mile east of Downieville . Upstream from "The Lure". Downstream from "KVB"  
claim.

Beautiful bedrock and gravel

\$5000

**Contact: Ray Ryba 760.807.1774**

## **Mining Equipment**

2 Honda Water Pumps 1hp-2.1/2

1 2 Stroke Water Pump 1hp

2 Mini Dry Washers (12Volt) motors

1 Hi-Banker w/1" Hoses

62' Lay flat Hose with Fittings 1 ¼"

Small Sluice Boxes

Bounty Hunter Elite 2200 Metal Detector

Gold Pans

75-100' Lay Flat Hose with Fitting 1"

Misc Screens – Pedestal Pump 1"

2014 Econ 16' Travel Trailer \$9,500.00

***Call Dick Tieben PH: 775.720.3331***

***Pickup in Carson City***

## **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:**

March 2023

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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

**Outings Report:**

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**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\*\***