

# The Gold Pan

May 2023 Issue

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***“The desire for gold is the most universal and deeply rooted commercial instinct of the human race” – Gerald M. Loeb***

Thanks to Jeffrey we have our new claim signs ready to go! Some have already been distributed to those going out to a claim or two and will post them. The others will be at our future meetings for distribution to those that will be going out to a claim in need. We will also have 2”galvanized nails for the signs. Note, an extension ladder will be beneficial for some placements.

### Next Meeting

**May 23,  
2023**

All members  
Welcome

Speaking of claims, I know it seems like September is a long way off but we need to work on getting our assessments in. We have over 20 claims that require our paperwork and we would like to avoid the last minute push. Last year with VP/Claims Chairman Gary's diligence we got all done in a timely matter with a few members going out just to get the required “proof of labor” done. As usual, the few members are always the same! Just saying...there are members who ask about getting new claims? My opinion is that we have some of the best claims in our area! We should appreciate such and enjoy what we have, newer claims may be better or may be worse! Our Claims Committee has been looking at a lot of areas this past year, lots of driving at \$4 /gal and lot of hiking (which is good for most of us). We let go 3 claims last year that were not being used. Perhaps before finding the “Eureka!” claim we should limit our claims inventory...just a thought. We will be reviewing claims assessments and input from members as we do every year.

Speaking of Gold Claims, with all the publicity of the “2023 Gold Rush”, we should be vigilant as to who are on our claims!

Do not hesitate to POLITELY ask for their “CGP Membership Card”.

The Downieville Gold Rush Days is on August 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have a major part in this as we our opening up Warrior #1 and #2 and Squaw #1 (thank you Wayne and Cynthia) to those that are attending. We will be attending a meeting in Downieville Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May and get more input of our role. To start with we will have a table at check in with maps and will have signage thanks again Jeffery) on our claims. We need volunteers to help “wrangle” the event. WE are thinking 4 on Thursday, 8 on each Friday & Saturday and then 4 on Sunday. However, the more the merrier! Good time to help out and prospect at the same time! Hopefully, the rivers will be “manageable”. Some of our members were out and about with the observations that the waters are swift, deep and COLD! We will have a table set up next to the ICMJ “event coordinator”, PLP and others as well as our George and his “rocks”. More to follow at our Club’s Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. This event will be a big deal for us. Hopefully, not too many hiccups!

Speaking of our Club’s Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, we will have Tami Force (newsletter Nevada Ghost Towns & Beyond) as our “returning” guest speaker. She is a “Ghost Town” guru and will be covering places of interest and the history of such and perhaps some of our “ghostly” relatives!

We had about 85% renewal rate for our memberships. I feel that this good as to our change in membership renewal period and with the goings on in our world about us.

Until next time...Happy Prospecting!  
**-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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Public group · 5 members

Joined ▾

Invite

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Photos

Files

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## Gold Panning Class

### “EPIC” TMCC

Ken M. is conducting his panning class at TMCC this June 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm at the TMCC Meadowood campus with the field trip June 10<sup>th</sup> 7am-6pm. This is a great course with a great instructor. To register go to TMCC website to register...course name “EPIC”.

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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

- **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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## Volunteers Needed!!!!

For the longevity of our club in general volunteers are always needed. This club offers an incredible opportunity to prospect for gold for a very small price a year. Each one of us that makes things happen donate our energy and time for this club's survival.

### With that being said:

Volunteers are needed for Downieville Days. We need approximately 10 volunteers to insure a successful participation from our club.

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



## **The Club no longer offers Equipment Rentals**

Due to nearly no demand at all, the club no longer offers equipment rental.

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# Classifieds

## 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 1/4"  
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*

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## **General Meeting Agenda:**

April 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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**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\*\***