

The Newsletter of the Comstock Gold Prospectors

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June 2023

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“Gold is a treasure, and he who possesses it does all he wishes to in this world, and succeeds in helping souls into paradise” – Christopher Columbus

Here we are in June and some that have ventured to our river claims and report that the water is SWIFT and Cold! Be careful...
VP/Claims Chairperson Gary has been working overtime on our claims documents.

“Our 146 NV Members/124 CA Members please help with these assessments!”

We still need assessments for:

- **Jack 1,2,3,4;** Licensed desert claims in the Placerites area out of Lovelock, NV
- **Ken Bennet;** Club claim North Fork of Middle Fork of American River near Foresthill, CA
- **Antelope;** Club claim on creek below Antelope Lake close to Janesville, CA
- **Oro Mucho;** Club claim Feather River near Quincy-La Porte Road near Quincy, CA
- **Who-Do;** Club claim on Nelson Creek off Quincy-La Porte Road near Quincy, CA
- **Lucky Linda;** Club claim on Yuba River near Downieville, CA

Let us know if you can help out. Also at our next meeting, we have claim signage (thanxs Jeff) available for those planning to visit a claim. Nails are provided but suggest you also bring a ladder when placing the signs to discourage the mischief creatures and heavy equipment in the area. We are looking at 2 claims available at Rye Patch...more to follow.

Downieville Days is still on for August 10th -13th (THUR/SUN). We are looking forward to this event and our Club will be the focal point for it's success. We will be using claims Warrior #1, Warrior #2 and Squaw #1 for this event (thanks Wayne and Cynthia Farnham). We will need volunteers to help out for the three days. The volunteers will not be “tied” down in one area. You will have access to the activities and entry (\$20 savings). Also plan on doing some panning and mingling. We would like to have at least 6 on Friday and 8 on Saturday and Sunday. This is a great opportunity for our Club! The ICMJ has more info. The June meeting we will be signing up our volunteers and have more info.

Our next event will be Dayton Valley Days panning demo September 16th & 17th (SAT/SUN). We are well received and busy during this event.

Next Meeting

**June 27,
2023**

All members
Welcome

Now to bring up items that will be affecting our pursuing prospecting in Nevada. Some of us were involved in the Washoe County Lands Bill years ago. This was tabled but now it is up and running.

Once again, the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act aka Washoe County Lands Bill has resurfaced from 2018.

Under a different name this bill would curtail or eliminate prospecting, mining (as in lithium), ranching and recreational activities in Washoe County...over 715,000 acres! Washoe County goes from our area of interest up to the Oregon border!!!

There have been several presentations on this lately...As a note, the presenters (Friends of Nevada Wilderness and others) have “wonderful” charts and handouts promoting their agenda to the public.

These groups are WELL funded and have paid lobbyists unlike us taxpayers who have no idea what is going on ...as in mushrooms! The current political climate in Washoe and our federal representatives have created the opportunity to get this passed this time. The support of this lands bill comes from the residents of Reno and Sparks most of whom have never been north of Red Rock, seen the burros, sage hens, etc.. Those that are affected are those living and working in the sparsely populated areas north of Red Rock...ranchers, miners, etc.. They are vastly outnumbered by the city folk who are being actively solicited by the “green” groups in their neighborhoods to get this passed! We need to support those living north of Red Rock as best we can...attend the meetings, written response or whatever. Last time I found the minority affected did not have time to drive hundreds of miles to the presentations or take the time from their work. Any help would be appreciated...remember, this affects our Club activities.

KEEP OUR PUBLIC LANDS FOR ALL NEVADANS!!!

Also...New BLM Rules On ‘Conservation Leases’ Will Fundamentally Transform Public Land Management. This is making its way through congress which would eliminate prospecting for one item. This would eliminate the “multiple use mandate” implemented in 1976. Also, **TRACY STONE-MANNING is the new director of the BLM. She comes from an environmentalist activist background...enough said!**
We have to pay attention who we support!

I know this is long, but I think important!

Anyways, our next meeting we will have the famous Chris Ralph as our speaker!!! Bring your pad and paper to take copious notes! He will also have his book for sell, some referred to it as the Bible of Gold prospecting. This is worth the attendance besides the coffee and snacks.

See you all soon...Jim

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

- **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

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@downievilleinn.com
Address: 121 River Street, P.O. Box 412, Downieville, CA 95936

**September Outing: Dayton Valley Days panning demo
September 16th & 17th (SAT/SUN).**

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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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

Gold Cradle Rocker Box \$ 100

Like new condition all aluminum unit, total weight 20 lbs. All the parts fit in the 5 to10 gal. box for easy transport.

Removable classifier, and can be used in the desert in the

RECIRCULATING MODE of ops.

Jim at: 775-434-7295

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:

May 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 2nd Monday of the month****