

The Gold Pan

July 2023 Issue

The Newsletter of the Comstock Gold Prospectors

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Next Meeting

July 25, 2023

All members
Welcome



President's Letter

“Gold — what can it not do, and undo?” — William Shakespeare

With the warmer weather at hand, all our claims should be accessible. If going out be sure to fill out a claim assessment form(s) and forward it to Gary. Also, at our next meeting you could pick up **claim markers** from Jeff and post them on our claims. Nails are provided...bring a step ladder to get **claim markers** as high as possible.

Your claims committee went out to investigate two claims available at Rye Patch, Nevada. It is a good area but it was real HOT. So, it was deduced to further investigate later this year when cooler with more Members. We would like to use metal detectors and dry washing when we go out next time.

As a note, “two” 5-gallon buckets per person are available to Members who attend our Club meetings. They are high quality buckets that come with lids that have rubber seals (which makes them air and watertight) and were food grade. They have sturdy plastic handles that will not set off your metal detector. They have

been rinsed (not sanitized) and “labeled” by one of our members. Great for a multitude of purposes in addition to prospecting (landscaping, gardening, storage, etc...). These are top quality...thanks for the donation Board & Membership Chair Jeff B.!

Downieville Gold Rush Days is NEXT MONTH... August 10-13th 2023. This will be a great event!!

- We have sign-up sheets at our meetings for volunteers. We would like to have **6-8 volunteers per day** to help with directions, answering questions, panning and monitoring our claims that will be available **starting on Friday August 11 thru Sunday**.
- You will have time to visit the vendors attending and do some prospecting. We will have a **free ticket for our volunteers** (tickets are \$20).
- Claims available during the event are **Warrior 1&2** and **Squaw 1**.
- Also, **PLP** will be having their raffle drawing on **Sunday August 13th**.
- **PLP's** will demo their reclamation dredge at this event.

Our next event is Dayton Valley Days 17th and 18th September. We will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers at our July meeting. We need **4-6 volunteers per day** for this event. We set up about 9am. This is a panning event and is very popular! The event has a car show, dog show, chili cook off, silent auction etc. and is in supporting of the reconstruction of the **Dayton Train Depot** which was burned to the ground a few years ago! This is great event and we are well received.

Member Webb Varnum is our speaker in July. Bring your rocks for identification...try and include location where found. His presentation will be local geology and is always encompassing.

NOT AGAIN!

- The Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act supported by *Jackie Rosen* is making it's way forward UGH!
- **AGAIN!** It would designate hundreds of thousands of acres as “wilderness” and “special management” areas!
- **This would deny access (prospecting etc) to OUR LAND!**
- **AGAIN!** Pershing County has before it a **lands bill** of which **135,072 acres** will be “wilderness area which would prohibit new mining claims and purchase existing ones...with whose \$...maybe china?
- **We are behind the proverbial “8 ball”.** We campaigned against this years ago and it is now back. I wonder of the 6700 people in Pershing County, how many know this is happening again!

The BLM is also proposing a new rule, “Conservation and Landscape Health” allowing the sale of “conservation leases” allowing public land to be locked up without public access. Who do you think will be getting those leases? It will never end. We are being out paced by “well funded” groups and our tax dollars!

Well prospecting is good again...do not forget your assessment forms...

-Jim

Additional Claims Assessments still Needed on the below Claims

If you have visited any of these claims, please turn in your assessment reports either email or the next meeting.

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

We still need assessments for:

- **Warrior #2**
- **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
- **Who-Do**; Club claim on Nelson Creek off Quincy-La Porte Road near Quincy, CA

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Guest Speakers

A Huge Thank you to Chris Ralph who came to see us in June



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

• **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@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.

Classifieds

Minelab Monster Metal Detector

\$700

If interested, Please contact:

Patty Halas: 904.806.1780

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

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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 Jan 10, 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:

June 2023

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

Correction to minutes: No Corrections

Membership Report:

Total Members: 327

New Member: + 2

184 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 2nd Monday of the month****