

# The Gold Pan

January 2025 Issue

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### Next Meeting

**January 28,  
2025**

All members  
Welcome

### President's Letter

#### **GEORGE EGLINGER – PRESIDENT**

*HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2025! I sure hope each of you had an incredible holiday, filled with family and friends.*

*We just finished up our first claims committee meeting for this year. The word on the street, is this was one of the best claims meetings we have had. There was lots of discussion and we finalized the decision to purchase a new claim on Spanish Creek near Quincy, CA. A couple of us will be submitting all the required paperwork sometime this week. We will talk about this new claim at the next meeting, January 28.*

*I can't say this enough, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! to the past & present board members and all the people who show up to the claims committee meetings. A special shout-out to Ken Mela, Justin Shaw, Jim Richards, and Rick Salinski!*

*The Comstock Club will be focusing on Claims Education for the first 3 months of the year. January, February, & March Meetings we will conduct classes that focus on obtaining, filing, buying, selling, staking, processing, mapping, & etc. Mining Claims.*

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*Our very own, Justin Shaw, will be conducting the first Claims Class this month. February we will have other club members who are experts in this field teach the class, stay tuned. We are thrilled to welcome back Lucia Patterson with Nevada Division of Minerals. She will complete our training classes at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The 2025 year is already looking to be a very productive year for our club. The price of gold is hovering just below \$2,700.00 and silver is hovering around \$30.00. What a great time to learn the trade and get out panning, sluicing, digging, dry washing, metal detecting, etc.!*

*Let's make this a gold producing year.  
George*

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## **Guest Speakers**

**January -Justin Shaw class on "Researching Claims"**

**February- TBA**

**March - Lucia Patterson**

**More To Be Announced....**

*\*\*Please feel welcome to volunteer to be our guest speaker if you have some useful information for the club; we will also take any suggestions or ideas for additional speakers.*

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# November Speaker

Our guest speaker, Stanley Paher, did not disappoint. If you missed this presentation (or even if you were there) you must get any one of his books. Stanley is very knowledgeable in the mining history of Nevada.

Some highlights:

1849- Gold was discovered in Gold Canyon, Dayton/Virginia City

1861- Nevada was part of the Utah Territory

1864- Nevada became a State

1900-1918- Silver was mined in Tonopah. This activity drew many visitors from the East. A Must-See-Trip to Tonopah\*/Austin/Rhyolite/Gold Center/Beatty/Tybo/Belmont/Manhattan, Round Mountain/Ophir Canyon/Weepah/Goldfield/Virginia City. Stanley's books have short to medium historical facts on each of these mining camps.

Rhyolite-The population peaked at 3,000, by 1910 it dropped to 700.

Just south of Beatty was the underground Gold Center Brewery where they made draft beer and ice.

Tonopah-Its history started with Jim Butler & his mule. Did you know there was a Stock Exchange in Tonopah? 55-60 mining camps were outside of Tonopah.

## Outings

# To Be Announced

## Classifieds

The advertisement features a watercolor-style illustration of a resort building with a green roof and a sign that says "RESORT". The building is surrounded by lush green trees and foliage. In the foreground, there's a circular graphic with a mountain and trees, containing the text "Bike. Hike. Fish. Swim. Relax" and "Downieville River Inn" with the website "www.downievillerverinn.com" and phone number "(530) 289-3308". At the bottom of the graphic, it says "The One With The Pool".

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Gold Club for free.**

**General Meeting Agenda:**

November 2024

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

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Correction to minutes: No Corrections

**Membership Report:**

Total Members: 324

New Member:

154 Individual/ 147 Family

**Claims Report:**

Claims Committee Meeting: Meets Monday at 11:30am Denny's / Reach out to VP Ray Bratt for questions.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Outings and Events

**Outings Report:**

## Board of Directors-2025

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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\*\***