

The Gold Pan

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Next Meeting

**March 25,
2025**

All members
Welcome

President's Letter

GEORGE EGLINGER – PRESIDENT

First and foremost, please be praying and send good thoughts to our Vice President, Ray Bratt. Ray is undergoing some medical procedures. Hopefully, we will see him at our March's meeting. We have so many exciting things happening in our club. The last 2 meetings we had great discussions and presentations about researching & staking claims. At our March 25th meeting we will, once again, hear a presentation from Lucia Patterson from Nevada Division of Minerals. The Claims Committee is working on making sure all of our claims are up to par so we can have a lucrative year prospecting

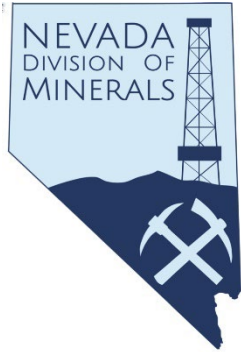
as much gold as possible. Since gold prices are at \$3,000/oz. we want to focus on all the ways and opportunities to retrieve the “shiny”. The Board Members are diligently working on zeroing in on Downieville Gold Rush Days. We will have some great news about it at this month’s meeting, hint-How many of you know Ray Mills? Another great event we are looking forward to is Farm Day at Rancho San Rafael Park Saturday, April 26 10AM – 1PM. The Comstock Gold Prospectors will have a panning station displaying vintage prospecting/mining equipment. PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Our next meeting, Tuesday, March 25th @ 7:30, is another MUST ATTEND event. It will be packed with great information from Lucia Patterson along with updates for Downieville Gold Rush Days, Farm Day, and information on many of our claims. Please let us know if you have been prospecting to share tips and/or experiences.

-George Eglinger

Guest Speakers

March - Lucia Patterson

Lucia Patterson from Nevada Division of Minerals



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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Juli's Tidbits

FEBRUARY 25, 2025 CLUB MEETING RECAP – CLAIMS

WHAT INCREDIBLE INFORMATION ON CLAIMS!! THANK YOU TO JUSTIN SHAW & RICK SOLINSKY!

Justin began the discussion with explaining some definitions of terms we would need when staking or even researching claims. This information all stems from Public Land Survey System which was instituted in 1785 for the purpose of surveying lands to claim for minerals in the United States, except Texas. This system was refined in 1851.

The PLSS is posted on grids longitudinal and latitudinal in square mile sections. It will be very helpful to understand the terms Meridian, Section, Township, and Range. My understanding of this was North/South is Meridian, East/West is Range, a Section is 1 square mile, a Township is 36 Sections. Also, an Aliquot Part is a subsection of land. You can look up these terms under Public Land Survey System. Other places to research are BLM MRLS maps, Arcgis.com, Google Earth for overlay, Earthlink, NDOT Atlas, BLM land us maps, and PLSS grid maps.

Next, we had Rick Solinsky give us his knowledge from many hours of researching gold bearing areas. He recommends to start with MLRS & County Records to see what land is active. A common mistake novice

claim-stakers will make is failing to file your claim with BOTH BLM & County Records.

Rick recommends going to BLM Master Title Plan, Earthpoint, old newspaper articles, and CAL-Topo to see land without any “wood”. BE AWARE of buying a claim from a private party. Do your research or employ someone with experience and make sure this claim was filed properly.

There was so much great information shared that I am afraid I only recalled a fraction of it. Our meeting on March 25, 2025 will, once again, have Lucia Patterson with Nevada Division of Minerals. Her presentation is top-notch! She will be able to tie all the information we have been learning from the last 2 meetings. If you are local, it is a must to attend.

Your Secretary- Juli

Outings

Sunday, April 26 10am-1pm at Rancho San Rafael's
FARM DAY.

We will have a panning station set up for families to come by and try their panning skills.

As always, **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! 6-10 people**



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General Meeting Agenda:

February 2025

Meeting Called to order: 7:30pm by: President George Eglinger

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:

Updated claims information

New Business:

Outings and Events

Outings Report:

April 26th Farm Days

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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****