

JUNE 2026 ISSUE

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS

The monthly newsletter of the Comstock Gold Prospectors



Presidents Letter

As we head into the heart of summer, the high country is calling! With snowmelt feeding the creeks and longer days of sunshine, it's the perfect time to get out on our claims and find your small fortune.

Huge shout out to Chris Ralph for his fantastic educational presentation. We warmly welcome June guest speaker from the Nevada

Department of Wildlife addressing how to handle wildlife situations and preventing them from going bad. We had a wonderful turnout at our impromptu club set up late last month at Turning Point Alternative school. It was a small event manned by Rachelle and I and the kids and parents were all highly engaged.

Happy Prospecting and Hope to see you all at the June 23rd meeting ---George

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**Board of
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**Meetings held 4th
Tuesday of the Month**

**Next Meeting
June 23rd 2026**

CALANDER OF EVENTS

Upcoming Club Meetings, Club Events, Member Events and Outings

Planning Ahead Mark your Calendars for the upcoming Meetings			
Month	Monthly Claims Committee meeting	Monthly Club Meeting	Outings and Events
June	June 9 th	June 23 rd	June 6th Panning Demo Carson Valley Museum 11-2 Gardnerville
July	July 13 th	July 28 th	
August	August 10 th	August 25 th	

May Guest Speaker

**May Guest Speaker was
Chris Ralph**



June Guest Speaker



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& Fishing license!*

Guest Speakers

Upcoming Guest Speakers

New Speakers Welcome

**July has no Guest Speaker
at this time**

Juli's Tidbits



WHAT! An amazing meeting we had. There were approximately 65 members & visitors in attendance. Jeff B. recommended taking the Sutro Tunnel tour. They are making some groundbreaking improvements. Chris Ralph announced an opportunity for all prospectors to attend the North Yuba Nugget Shoot at Union Flat Campground on July 26th. This place is on the Yuba River at Highway 49, in-between Downieville and Sierra City. It was also mentioned that the tour at the Donavin Mill in Silver City, Nevada, is worth taking. Once again, Chris Ralph did an amazing job giving all of us tips on how to find the gold. Everything Chris talked about can be found in his book, *Fists Full of Gold: How you can find gold in the mountains and deserts*. Gold is where geology and erosion (wind, water, gravity) has put it. Most gold comes from hard deposits where it takes a lot of uplift to bring the gold to the surface. Key points are: Read the River (most gold drops in the inside bend), Use What You Know, Test Pans, Do Research, Get Out and Explore. The biggest tip Chris Ralph gave us was to watch his videos on YouTube and join his Facebook page, *The Professional Prospector*. HISTORY TIDBIT: While you are in Downieville for Gold Rush Days, you might get the urge to go exploring. The small town of Alleghany is most famous for having the 16-to-1 Gold Mine, still in operation since 1896. The nearby Kanaka Creek (named after a group of Hawaiian prospectors) has been mined since the 1850s. An article from 1957 wrote there were about a dozen people living in Alleghany in the late 1800s. In 2023, it was reported the population increased to 35. These 35 people support a post office, bar, and a museum. As we all know, prospectors were frantically looking for their next strike, moving up and down the Yuba River. In the 1850s, miners settled Goodyears Bar, Forest, and Alleghany. A group from New York and Pennsylvania named Alleghany after the Alleghany River, a tributary of the Ohio River. With gold hovering around \$4,500 per ounce and silver hovering around \$75 per ounce, let's take Chris Ralph's advice and GET OUT AND EXPLORE!

Club Outings

Later in the Year we have
Downieville Gold Rush Days.

Get your rooms reserved,
campsites booked and
calanders marked for this fun
filled weekend for the
Comstock Gold Prospectors

*This is the time
network, build
friendships and enjoy
your fellow
clubmembers and the
club*

DOWNIEVILLE
GOLD RUSH DAYS
PRESENTED BY:
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**Downieville
Gold Rush Days 2026**
September 18th - 20th

Presenting Sponsor: COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS - RENO NV

3 Days of Wild West History and Fun!



Additional Club News

George and Rachelle setup a CGP table at the Turning Point Alternative School. George did a special education on the fossils he brought in. Everyone was highly engaged. Fun time for students, parents and faculty members



With Heavy Hearts

We celebrate Grant Garrison passing this month. Pictured below volunteering in 2015 Panning Demo at Pleasant Valley Elementry School. Photo taken by another fallen missed member Bill Vogt



MayMeeting

***May was an excellent turnout
for the Comstock Monthly
Meeting! Janet Cox and
Yvonne Griffith was our luck
Silver Round winners***



**Well made dredges for sale
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Continued Meeting Agenda:

***Continued New Business: (Sign up Sheet at Front Table for the Panning Demo for Family Days at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center on June 6th 11:00 am to 2:00 pm) (Sutro Tunnell Renovation Project is Underway in Dayton, NV)
(2 tours per month, \$35.00 per person, \$25.00 for seniors age 62 +, Tour lasts from 1.5 to 2.5 hours, I am going on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 am***

Outings and Events

Downieville Gold Rush Days Sept. 18-20th

IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN OUTING EVENT! PLEASE START ORGANIZING AN EVENT. (Share the event so we can post it on the website and tell others) WE STILL HAVE AN OPEN POSITION FOR THE OUTINGS CHAIR PERSON.

General Meeting Agenda

May 2026

Meeting Called to order: 7:30pm by: Jeffrey Benik

Correction to minutes: No Corrections

Membership Report:

Total Members: 405

New Member: (88% from 05/26/2026, 271 memberships, 386 total members)

Claims Report:

Claims Committee Meeting: Meets Monday at 11:30am Denny's / Reach out to George or Rachelle for questions: (24 Total Claims, 18 are wet claims in Northern Ca, 6 are dry claims in Northern NV, Jahhmach and Ken Bennett are pan and shovel only) PLEASE submit work assessment forms online or via mail.

Old Business:

Our President requests a Vote to give member who volunteers for the event \$25.00 per day each day they volunteer (already approved by claims committee, Voted in YES at meeting)

New Business:

(Newsletter in Folder on Table)

(PLP March 2026 Newsletter in Folder on Table / article about upcoming Downieville Gold Rush Days)

(Downieville Lodging Accommodations Sheet in Folder on Table - Lists every Hotel, Motel, Cabins and Campgrounds with contact info.in the vicinity of Downieville)

(Regarding the upcoming Downieville Gold Rush Days, Our President requests a Vote to give member who volunteers for the event \$25.00 per day each day they volunteer (already approved by claims committee, Voted in YES at meeting)

2026 Elected Officers and Board Members by Wade Lavery • 03/14/2026

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President: George Eglinger – 775.722.8554 Email: President@cgpgold.org

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