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COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS

The monthly newsletter of the Comstock Gold Prospectors



President's Letter

-George Eglinger

The crisp air has crept in as we wind down our months end for the race of the last quarter of the year. May we celebrate some wins among our prospectors. Downieville

Days was a wonderful success, throwing our member numbers to record highs, community involvement, intense club volunteer hours and the rustic wooden reminders.

Downieville Days gifted us memories, wonderful guest speakers, ol' gun slingers and a tale of what once was... Massive thank you to all our volunteers! Club shout out to

Jeffrey Benik who arrived at the beginning of the week, organized guest speakers, and worked tirelessly throughout the entire event into Sunday. Scouting

America Reno Adventure Hike- Community Wellness Event & Celebration was another success for our club this month. Thank you again Jeffrey Benik for your work collaborating this opportunity for our club. May more than the falling leaves from the trees be filling your gold pans; while the weather is still warm there is time to exercise your prospecting skills in the riverbeds.

---George

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

**Next Meeting
October 27th 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
October	October 12 th	October 27 th	Boyscout Adventure Hike
November	November 9 th	November 24 th	
December	No Meeting	No meeting	Club Christmas Party

September Meeting Recap of Downieville Days

While a full video will be at the Christmas Party celebrating Downieville Days. Enjoy some photos from the event.



October Guest Speaker

An admired expert:
Exploring and documenting Nevada's History, including ghost towns, mining camps, and historical sites. Find her on social media to stay up to date on her latest work. Bringing Nevada's lost history back to life.

October Guest Speaker the club excitedly welcome's back Tami Force!



Juli's Tidbits



Words cannot fully describe how incredible Gold Rush Days were. Thanks a million to Jeff, George, Keith, and Sonya Meline for all the work and dedication that went into making this the best weekend. Thank you to all other members who came out to help with event sign-up, membership sign-up, panning station, t-shirt sales, helping new members learn the basics, and those who ran around making sure speakers were set up, crowds knew where to go, and cover breaks. I know I missed many more. Just know we could not have done this without everybody's help.

The speakers were the best. I was able to see Lucia Patterson. Once again, she was full of great tips. Lucia focused on searching past claim owners and what material they were looking for. Go to Nevada Division of Minerals.

www.minerals.nv.gov.

I also sat in on the infamous detectorist, Ray Mills. He assured us that the most popular and easiest detector to use is the "Minelab Gold Monster 1000". No need for any other. The main tip Ray gave us is to take your detector out and learn the sounds, how it turns on & adjusts, its dings once it connects to a satellite, and the overall feel. Make sure you learn all of this with headphones and without headphones. Just like perfecting your panning skills, by practicing, you need to practice swinging & listening to your detector. Don't watch the meter, watch your surroundings and listen to the sound. Never run on Auto-mode and only use your headphones when you are with a group of people. The 5 inch coil is the best. Use a regular garden hoe to scrape the soil (attach a magnet to the head). When you have a pile, pick up with your hand and trickle it on the coil cover. Using a scoop could cause you to miss a piece due to the shape. Learn the terrain. Study what rocks and minerals to for in that area. Example: Shale with Clay = Gold. Ray Mills did write a few books.

Since they are out of print, you have to call to find out how to get them. It might be worth it if you are getting into detecting.

I can't say enough about the fabulous vendors, the Downieville businesses, & the many events that weekend. I was sad to have missed out on the Sierra City events, hopefully next time.

Lastly, I was not able to come back on Sunday to hear Tami Force speak, but I am looking forward to her speaking at our next meeting October 27, 2026, 7:30PM.

SEE YOU THERE!

September Meeting

***September Meeting was a skip month for
guest speakers. We did however have
some Silver Round Winners!***

The Silver round winners were

Jim Sutherland

Verna Furtado

New members': Steven and Pou Aldridge

**Silver Round member drawing
Jim Sutherland**



**Blue Ticket
Silver Round
Winner
Verna Furtado**

Reno Adventure Hike

Community Wellness Event & Celebration

**Club member
volunteers and
families joined our
Comstock Gold
Prospectors for
Panning Demos'
and hands on
experience at the
Bartly Ranch
earlier this month**



*You just never know
where your news editor
might be that you are...
Snuck this beautiful
nostalgic picture of one
of our fellow
prospectors in the right
corner in his round
brim hat working Shilo
on this October
afternoon.*

Welcoming
in our New
Members
Who also
won the
Silver
Round
Steven and
Pou
Aldridge



Club Events

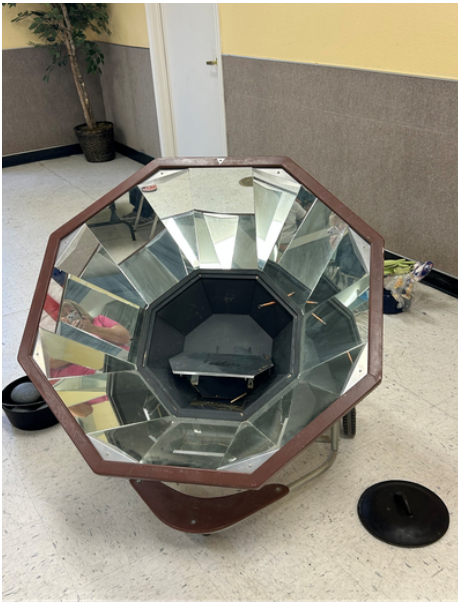


**Next Meeting Potluck
List will go out. Club
Providing the main dish
*Needed: Party Planners
Sign ups' in entry
or message your
"friendly news editor".*

*Early... Perhaps Yes... Too early to plan?
Definitely not!
This year Christmas Party is due to be the biggest
one yet!
Welcoming all club members, families and guests.
Gift Exchange- GIVEAWAYS-Potluck Style-Year
end memory lane- Activities-Christmas music to
brighten your spirits*

*Decmeber, 15th
Doors Open 5pm
Dinner starts at 6pm*

Classifieds



If you have ever wanted to live off-grid or cook while going on an extensive camping trip. The Solar Chef Oven is for you. For \$350, you will literally be able to cook anything under the sun.

For questions or more information, please contact Jim Godde at 702-600-5721.



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*Requirments: Contact your friendly "News Editor"
Provide digital pictures and your verbage in your ad.
Not computer savvy? No problem let your editor
know.*

Claims Update

Crawling into 2027 we are having workshops to assist, train and implement teams for filing club claims. This is an exciting opportunity to sharpen your pencils and learn behind the scenes of what it looks like to file claims paperwork, how to manage mining claims and gain another notch under your belt in your mining resume.

Brain storming session will begin at the next claims committee meeting October 12th.

We are accepting new paper assessments to prepare for 2027 filings as being proactive is the easiest way to finish everything timely.

All club members welcome

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General Meeting Agenda

September 2026

Meeting Called to order: 7:30pm by: Rachelle Cranney

Correction to minutes: No Corrections

Membership Report:

Total Members: 462

New Member: (321 memberships, 180 individual and 141 family 462 total members) After the upcoming event we will be well over 104%

Claims Report:

Claims Committee Meeting: Meets 2nd 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, Jahmach and Ken Bennett are pan and shovel only) All paperwork is filled and registered. Please continue to send in assessments for our 2027 filings to be ahead of the calander. Claimes committee workshops.

Old Business: Downieville Recap, next year "Nugget Shoot"

New Business: Upcoming Elections, Christmas party and Claims Committee restructor, Board member change of duties into dispersements.

New club board positions available

Upcoming boardmembers needed

(Newsletter in Folder on Table)

(Christmas Volunteer and Potluck list on Table)

2026 Elected Officers and Board Members:

- President: George Eglinger – 775.722.8554 Email: President@cgpgold.org
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- Claims/Chairperson: OPEN Email: OPEN
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