



Our Trip to Stanton, Arizona

By Larry & Shirley Weinau

The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, GPR President

Greetings to all "Gold Prospectors of the Rockies" members!



Have you seen it? Do you know how it will help with gold prospecting? I'm talking about the snow on the mountain tops and along gold producing canyons, like Clear Creek Canyon. Sure, everyone knows how much we need the moisture and how the snowpack will help replenish the water reservoirs. But, as the snow melts in gold bearing areas, it brings elluvial gold down the hillside and creates colluvial deposits. Gold from previous colluvial deposits can be brought further down the hill and into a stream.

The spring runoff from the snowpack picks up the gold, moves it downstream, and creates alluvial gold deposits. All we have to do is go out to the stream, find the alluvial deposit, and pick up the gold. Well, it might be a little tougher than that, but you get the general idea.

Now would be a good time to check, clean, and repair your prospecting equipment so it will be in tiptop shape when you are ready to prospect. Get all the equipment lined up so you know where all the parts are. It's really bad timing to find you forgot the hoses after you have hauled your dredge and engine to the stream. (Of course, nothing like that has ever happened to any club member . . . or has it?)

On to other items: We are in the final planning stages for getting new caps and shirts with our improved club logo. I hope to have a sample in hand for the meeting in April.

Dick Oakes and I are wrapping up the revised Standard Operating Procedures. A copy of each Board Member's S.O.P. was handed out at the February Board Meeting. Along these lines, Dick and I have had a meeting

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If you are a Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA) member, you know about the advertisements for the outings they have at their properties. One of these is the annual trip to Stanton, Arizona, every year the last week of December. Shirley and I decided we wanted to try and enjoy some warmer weather and find some gold. A friend of ours, Brian Thayer, was going again this year and told us what a great time it was. We had an early Christmas 2003 with family and made plans to leave December 22nd.

We stayed with our friend Gary Baderstadt in Colorado Springs to try and beat a snow storm the next day. Things were great until we got close to Trinidad. It had been snowing for a while and the roads were badly rutted. Luckily we ran out of it by Raton. We had made arrangements with Shirley's brother Alan to go with his family to Disneyland for a couple of days before

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

OK gang, here's the "Skinny" for March!



On the Prospecting Committee side, I have been checking on some mining property for the GPR. I really wanted to announce the staking of a claim in Gilpin County today, but sadly I can't. The property has not reverted back to BLM as I'd hoped. I don't intend to stop searching and I would appreciate some other members getting involved in this

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going to Stanton. Our son Matt lives in Phoenix and wanted to go with us also. The rest of the trip to Arizona was long but no weather problems. We stayed at Alan's that night in Prescott. Shirley and I had introduced Alan to gold panning about eight years ago. He got hooked right away. He has done very well finding gold around the Prescott area. We got up the next morning and did not have to be in Phoenix until the evening so we went panning in a very small creek that Alan had found. This creek is right in town and only about 3 miles long. There was just enough water running to provide some small pools in which to pan. We worked in a section of bed rock about four feet above the main channel. We had worked there last year and found some good color. Shirley and I were each digging in a different spot going back and forth to the creek. I was working on a pan when I heard Shirley say, "Oh!" kind of softly. I figured I'd better go check. Sure enough she had found a nice nugget. It was in the second pan she had done that morning. It weighed .4 gm. We panned for three hours, finding nice flakes along with fines. The gold is coarse so it must be coming from a source close by. By looking in the trees and bushes, there are times when the water runs five- to six-foot deep during a cloudburst, good for moving gold around.

The next morning we picked up Matt and headed to Anaheim and Disneyland. Have you heard the saying 'It never rains in southern California'? I beg to differ. We had tickets for two days in Disneyland and it rained the whole first day we were there. The second day was cool but dry. I thought that going on Christmas day would be great as there wouldn't be as many people. Wrong again. We managed to get on a few rides and enjoyed the day. I would highly recommend catching the light show in the evening. It was fantastic and the fireworks started shortly thereafter. Great day. Afterward, it was time get back to Arizona and Stanton.

We had a room at the Super 8 in Wickenburg and drove to Stanton each day. Alan stayed with us, as he had received a Christmas gift of going to the outing. We also met another friend staying at the Super 8, Lynn Parker from Buena Vista, Colorado. We had gone out the day before the outing to register. With the schedule in hand we had high hopes for the next day.

They were serving breakfast before the group meeting at 8:00 a.m. Although we thought that it would be nice and warm in Arizona, I was surprised at how cool it was. We used our coats both days working our shifts. This was just a three-day affair instead of five. The first day everyone worked a four-hour shift. The other half day we were on our own to prospect. We decided to go metal detecting on the Lucky Linda claim where the "Tongue Nugget" was found. We all found lots of trash but no nuggets. Nice area and the hot rocks are not too bad. The second day everyone worked a two-hour shift. The choices of equipment to work with were the large dry washer and smaller units around the pile of pay dirt. Down by the dry creek there were a couple of high bankers. A hole was dug and lined with plastic and filled with water. Pay dirt had been dug and piled by each work area. Our group went down to the creek below camp to finish out our second day. We worked, checking out some bedrock and working material left from the common operation.

The Lost Dutchman's Mining Association (LDMA), who owns the property, held an auction of donated items to support the upkeep of the camp. This property has some great restored buildings and lots of camping spots. There are four camping areas for recreational vehicles and most were full. We were told this was the largest group to ever show up for this outing. I want to thank the LDMA for opening their property to the GPAA members for this event. During our free time we walked around to visit the vendors who had every kind of machine or tool one could want. Some also had gold for sale. Shirley found an Australian nugget she couldn't live without; it is beautiful.

The third day of the outing was the gold split. There were 219 paid participants. Everyone got in line to pick up a bag of black sand concentrate and a plastic cover with a number on it. The number was for the nuggets from the common operation. All the covers were put in a white plastic bucket. As you went by, you reached in to grasp a cover. Shirley picked #99. Alan got #198. Lynn got #152. I was shocked when I looked at mine and it was #1. Shirley's nugget weighed .6 gm. There were 2 nuggets in the #1 cup, one was .8 gm the other was .9 gm.

We met other friends of ours during the outing--Tom & Lou Gray from Kansas along with Paul & Wilma Schiflet from Fairplay, Colorado. We had a great time at the outing. We even got to take our coats off the last day as the sun had come out.

On the way back home we stopped off to pan with Alan. We knocked the ice off the panning pool and got started. The color was still there and this time it was my turn for a nugget. I found a .2 gm this time. Then it was time to start driving home to beat the snow storm that was heading for Denver.

The Evolution of Gold Fever -- Conclusion

By Leonard Leeper, www.golddredger.com

We moved across the stream, set up the sluice box, and proceeded to dig sand and gravel out of the bank. We carried it down the bank and ran it through the sluice box. After about two hours and more than a few beers, we took the sluice out of the stream to do our cleanup. We flushed all of the black sand out of it into a gold pan, then panned it out. We were left with a whole handful of grey nuggets. Some of them were pretty big! Some of them had a round back, with lots of parallel serrations on them. The bubble burst--we had ourselves a handful of lead bullets that someone had shot into the bank. Time to drink some more beer! It wasn't a total loss because the books say "practice with lead as it is lighter than gold." If you can save the lead, you won't have any problem keeping the gold. By this time, it was late afternoon--time for supper!

I cooked our prospector's beans and we went to bed for the night. There was a thunderstorm that night and my sleeping bag was right under a small hole in the canvas. After more jokes from Steve, I broke out the universal canvas repair kit--a roll of duct tape. Normally, you can repair anything with duct tape but the canvas was already wet and the tape wouldn't stick. So, I took a broom and propped it up so the hole wasn't the low spot in the canvas. This fixed the problem, but brought on some more jokes from Steve.

The next day, we continued to explore the area around the camp then returned home. We had no luck finding gold that weekend, but it still was a great trip. Remember, the joy is really in the hunt. The gold is out there . . . it calls to you and then hides. The search for the treasure is often greater than the find.

The reason you weren't informed that Leonard's story last month was to be continued this month is because your Editor didn't notice that the story extended three paragraphs below the bottom of the text box on Page 2 until he had returned from mailing the newsletters! Thus, the "Conclusion" to GoldDredger's story on Page 2 of this issue!

~ Editor

GPR Events Calendar					
Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Presenter/Coordinator(s)
Mar	17	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
Apr	21	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
	24	12:30 p.m.	Outing	Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI), 1025 Northgate Rd., Colorado Springs. Take the Air Force Academy exit 156A. Bring a sack lunch and drink.	Shawn & Pinie Conell
May	19	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
	22	10:00 a.m.	Outing	Annual Metal Detecting/Coin Hunt. Members only. Need volunteers at 8:00 a.m. for cleanup--no volunteers, no hunt.	Shawn & Pinie Conell
Jun	12-13		Panning Demo	Olde Town Arvada	Jeff Mosteller
	16	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
	19	11:00 a.m.	Panning Demo	Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura St., Littleton	Jeff Mosteller
Jul	10	5:00 p.m.	Panning Demo	National Costumers Assoc. Mtg., DIA Holiday Inn	Jeff Mosteller
	21	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	

All GPR meeting presentations and trip activities are subject to change. Non-club prospecting-related events may be included for your information. Members attending any trip activities are asked to **be sure to sign up or contact the event coordinator prior to the activity to allow planning for an estimated number of people** and so attendees may be contacted in the event of any change, cancellation, or rescheduling.

Mining Museum Outing Slated for April 24th



Shawn & Pinie Conell have put together an outing to the Western Museum of Mining & Industry at 1025 Northgate Road in Colorado Springs. Take the Air Force Academy exit 156A and go east. Bring a sack lunch and drink.

Among the museum's attractions, you will find mining artifacts, a 12,000 volume research library available by appointment, a museum store, and historic machinery that actually works.

The Western Museum of Mining and Industry, or the WMMI, is a nonprofit educational museum dedicated to preserving the West's mining heritage.

For additional information, go to their website at www.wmmi.org.



Metal Detecting Coinhunt / Gold Panning Outing Scheduled

The Gold Prospectors of the Rockies Second Annual Metal Detecting Coinhunt / Gold Panning Outing is scheduled to be held on May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. The panning is open to all. The metal detecting portion of this outing, on the other hand, is for Members Only--guests are welcome to "spectate," but to participate in the coinhunt, detectorists MUST be current (paid-up) GPR members (the coinhunt is free to members). Further details will be available at the March and April general meetings.

There is a caveat, however. In order for this outing to be a "go," coordinators Shawn & Pine Conell need volunteers to arrive at 8:00 a.m. for site clean up. Last year, no one showed up early to help them with this task, which is a lot of fun when several members jump in to help. So, this year, if you arrive and there is no hunt, you'll understand why--no one showed up to help clean up the site. As Pinie says, "No help, no hunt!"

The "GPR Cache" is Coming!

As reported in our February issue of The Gold Nugget, it was Mark Twain who said, "There comes a time in every rightly constructed boy's life when he has a raging desire to go somewhere and dig for hidden treasure." Did you ever have that desire? Do you still have it? Well, boys and girls, you too can join the search because Shawn & Pinie Conell are cooking up a humdinger of a treasure hunt for GPR members! A treasure worth upwards of \$150 will be secreted somewhere around the Denver metro area and you will actually be clued in as to where to look for it!

After finalization, Shawn & Pinie will post the GPR Cache rules and regulations at upcoming meetings. Clues will be available ONLY at GPR general meetings (not in the newsletter or on the website). So, if you're interested, we'll see you at the meetings!

Notes from GPR Meetings of February 18, 2004

Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call

In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Sue Clover, Pinie Conell, Shawn Conell, Cindy Douthard, Hank Innerfeld, Allen Mershon, Ken Oyler, Joe Shubert, Terry Weatherly.

Quorum Present?

Yes.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Accepted as read and available at tonight's general meeting.

Correspondence

Newsletters from other clubs, membership applications/renewals, and a letter from Aurora Youth Water Festival requesting panning demo information.

Committee Reports

Seven committee reports submitted by Dick Oakes, Coordinator.

Unfinished Business

Ken Barker Award. Gary Hawley. Guidelines are almost completed and will be in the newsletter when finished.

Club Trommel. Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

Liability Insurance. Gary Hawley, Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

New Business

Snack Table. Gary Hawley. Revisited snack table guidelines.

Newsletter Articles. All Board Members to write two articles per year, beginning now, and forward to Dick Oakes who will publish as space available.

Annual Board Meeting. Gary Hawley. (Directed by the Colorado Nonprofit Clubs Act.) The February 9 Annual Board Meeting items discussed included:

1. Advancement of Club logo and purchase of hats, shirts, etc.;
2. Correcting info on "Gold Cards" given at panning demos;
3. Setting distance limits for panning demos;
4. Organizational chart and Board Member responsibilities;
5. Club outings.

Club Trailer. New license plates have been received.

Drawings Drum. Some renovation has been done on the ticket drum to cure the loss of tickets when the drum is rotated.

Demo "Gold Cards." Gary Hawley. Gary has designed and ordered new panning demo "Gold Cards."

Discount Store Membership. Approval was given to obtain a membership in a discount store (Costco or Sam's Club)--the primary use being for the Refreshments Committee purchases.

Committee Advance. Approval was given to advance \$150.00 to the Outings Committee for a "GPR Cache" treasure hunt.

Planned Outings

See the GPR Events Calendar in *The Gold Nugget* newsletter.

Announcements

Next Board Meetings: March 17, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: March 17, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: Rick Miska DSNRR II.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

General Meeting

By Dick Oakes, Acting General Meeting Recorder

President Gary Hawley opened the meeting by having Rick Miska lead the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Dick Oakes reported that with the three new members joining this evening, the membership now stands at 127. Because Dick is still coordinator of seven Club committees, Gary asked for someone to help the Club by taking over the General Meeting Recorder duties that consist solely of taking notes, such as these you are reading right now, at the meeting and e-mailing them to the newsletter editor. No one volunteered.

Jeff Mosteller is still working on a deal for the club with an international costumer. We declined a four-day affair for the Cub Scouts--we don't have the bandwidth to handle that kind of commitment. Nor do we have the capability of doing demos outside of the general Denver greater metro area out to Central City. Even there, we will probably limit our involvement. Gary said that the Club has purchased another 5,000 "Gold Cards" (on which we affix "nuggets" to give to participants at our panning demos) with updated Club mailing and web addresses. The Club trailer has had its license plates renewed for the upcoming summer panning demo season.

Donna Mosteller, coordinator of the Refreshments Committee, has inaugurated the new plan of bringing coffee, sodas, cups, ice, etc. while relying on the generosity of members to donate snack-type items, such as donuts, cookies, brownies. You might contact Donna ahead of time about what you plan to bring.

Because the cost to fill in our fully developed, embroidered logo with full color in the background will actually double the cost of manufacturing Club-related items, a decision was made to have the mountains rendered in outline only as the fiscally responsible path to take. Another decision was made to sell the remainder of our club caps with the vertically squeezed logo at half price--\$5.00.

Pinie Conell said the Outings Committee was gearing up for a special Board-approved members-only treasure hunt, the "GPR Cache." A treasure worth up to \$150.00 will be buried and clues will be announced at the meetings as to where the treasure is located. Clues will *not* be printed in the newsletter nor put up on the website.

Someone was digging in an Adams County creek with a backhoe. The perpetrator was not arrested, but the County is enforcing a ban on any motorized equipment on county property in Clear Creek or the Platte River channels--just pans and sluices. Gary is gathering additional facts and will be researching ordinance information and map details. We may still use the Tymkovich Meats property to park and prospect Clear Creek to the west of 70th and Washington (see the map in their advertisement). Caution must be exercised though--we may not climb their fence, but must walk back out the gate, which they leave open for GPR Club members, and transport our equipment along the street and down along the bridge. Also, we may only prospect the width of their business site as only that part of the creek is their private property.

Dick Oakes and Gary Hawley have completed work on the Standard Operating Procedures for Officers and Committee Coordinators and their applicable sections were handed out. Gary asked that they be reviewed and comments sent to Dick or himself.

Rick Miska showed the second half of his DSNRR video. Rose Ann Knight donated a jacket with the club logo (see her J.R.'s Embroidery ad), Teena Swisher donated a turquoise pendant she had made, Central City donated a western shirt, and Randy Solomon, as usual, donated a gold nugget for the door prize drawings.

Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings

1.7 gram nugget.....	Jay Nunn
1.5 gram nugget.....	Allen Mershon
1.4 gram nugget.....	Marten Swisher
1.2 gram nugget.....	Dick Oakes
1.1 gram nugget.....	Andy Doll
1.1 gram nugget.....	Donovan Greene
1.1 gram nugget.....	Wolf Stumpf
0.9 gram nugget.....	Jay Nunn
0.7 gram nugget.....	Rose Ann Knight
0.6 gram nugget.....	Teena Swisher
0.6 gram nugget.....	Hank Innerfeld
0.5 gram nugget.....	Carol Oakes

Door Prize Drawings

0.4 gram nugget.....	Dale Varner
(Donated by Randy Solomon)	
Turquoise Pendant.....	Don Tiglas
(Created and donated by Teena Swisher)	
Western Shirt	Don Dixon
(Donated by Central City)	
Embroidered Jacket.....	Wil Davis
(Embroidered and donated by Rose Ann Knight)	

The Q&A

By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

The **Question for February** was:

Q: At its peak, before being absorbed by Colorado's Central City and Black Hawk, Mountain City had a brewery. What was its name?

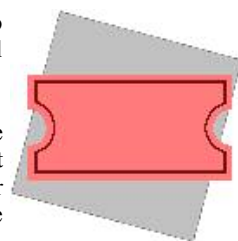
A: "At its peak, Mountain City had its own log theatre, 2 newspapers, the first saloon in a Colorado mountain town, The Mountain City Brewery, a butcher shop and jewelry store."

~ColoradoHistory.com (Google search: colorado "mountain city" brewery)

The **Question for March** is:

Q: What Methodist minister built Breckenridge's first Church, and is also honored with a stained glass portrait in the Colorado State Capital?

Members who submit the correct answer to this question at the next meeting will receive a ticket for the nugget drawing.



If you can't get to your local library before the March meeting, why not do an Internet search (try Google and enter three or four words putting phrases in quotes). It might be worth a ticket for the gold nugget drawing!

March Birthdays



The following GPR members were born in March. Be sure to wish them Happy Birthday!

Sue Clover, Chuck Cummins, Wil Davis, Rodger Hardendorf, Clarence Henke, Jon Knight, Mary Lorenz, George Medich, Carol Oakes, Wallie Robinson, John Seymour, Chuck Weaver.

Born in March but your name isn't here? Contact the Editor!

Welcome New Members and Guests

By Dick Oakes, Membership Coordinator

Three prospecting families joined the GPR at our February meeting: **Wil Davis, Hillary Smith, and Dale & Marion Varner.** Welcome!

Our February guests included **Fred Dodge** and **Don Thorpe.** Thanks for making the GPR your night out on the town, guys!

From the Ledger

By Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to the following members for their donations to the February door prize drawings:

- **Randy Solomon** – gold nugget
- **Rose Ann Knight** – embroidered jacket
- **LeRoy Lamgo** – 200 drawing tickets for gold nuggets

We have had a lot of support from the members in ticket sales for the nugget drawings this year. This has allowed us to purchase some beautiful gold nuggets for the drawings! You will see in future months some of the nuggets that were found in Anvil Creek, Nome Alaska. Also, in March, we will have a 2.9-gram nugget from Venezuela, valued at \$70.00. We also will have five additional nuggets that are at least *1 gram each!* So come prepared to buy some extra tickets and Good Luck!

Food for Thought

By Donna Mosteller, Refreshments Coordinator

Well so far so good. I think our new way of doing the snacks is going to work out just fine. Lots of different things to choose from this way when people donate snack items when they can. I thank **LeRoy Lamgo** for the cakes; **Allen Mershon** for the girl scout cookies; **Randy and Kendra Solomon** for the fudge and girl scout cookies; **Jay Nunn** for the chili, tortillas, and ham; **Rick Miska** for the doughnuts; and **Barbara Conte** for the caramel popcorn. See you at the next meeting.



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We meet at the Lloyd G. Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado, on the third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. sharp to educate members about gold prospecting and gold prospecting rules, review old and new products, coordinate outings, participate in drawings for door prizes and nuggets, socialize with like-minded friendly folks, and promote the pursuit of gold.

Deadline for all newsletter submissions is five days before the month of publication. Single issues are \$3.00 per copy (postpaid).

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MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

SMALL HOUSE FOR SALE

This 2-bedroom house in Bonanza, Colorado, has a large kitchen, storage room, wood stove for cooking, and an electric heater. There is, however, no water available. Prospecting and hunting are allowed. \$18,000 (Negotiable/Trade). Contact Teena Swisher, (303) 428-5696, Ext. 237 (Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

TRAILER FOR SALE

Trailer made from a white half-ton Ford pickup bed (don't know year) with 15-inch tires and two-inch hitch-ball. \$125.00. Contact Rick Mika, (303) 404-2897, RichardM@imrgold.com

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Looking for a used copy of the 64-page paperback book *Breckenridge!* by Mary Ellen Gilliland. Contact Dick Oakes, (303) 683-3342, prospector@phantomranch.net



GPR GOLD PANNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Know an organization that might want us to set up a gold panning demonstration booth? Contact

Jeff Mosteller

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For additional information and photos, see <http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>

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to examine and update the Club Bylaws and those should be ready for Board approval at the March Board meeting (the Bylaws have not been brought up to date since 2000). This has been a major undertaking and I appreciate the help given by Board Members and Committee Coordinators to get the job done. A special thanks to Mr. Oakes for his guidance and encouragement to complete this task. These documents are vital to the proper running of our Club and I could not have had a more sincere person leading the way. Thanks, Dick!

Jeff Mosteller is getting some interesting panning demo dates lined up. I think we are going to have another fun-filled year with the demos. I do want to clarify one item about the demos: Several members have done a great job at making or buying costumes that would reflect what prospectors would have worn from the 1860s to the early 1900s, which adds to the attention we get at panning demos. However, gold prospecting has been a Colorado pursuit since before 1859 and continues to be a pursuit today. I don't want anyone to feel they have to spend a lot of money on costumes to be involved in the panning demos. You can dress however you wish. I actually would like to see someone wearing what prospectors wear today: rubber boots, waders, long red panner's gloves, sunglasses, and maybe even a Broncos cap. Every member is welcome and the help is appreciated.

Shawn & Pinie Conell have some interesting outings planned and they will be setting up a special treasure hunt in the near future. Watch for further details!

Kathy Hawley has convinced me that we should have some *larger nuggets* available for the nugget drawings. Might I suggest you arrive early for the March meeting and see what she chose for the drawing? You will be pleasantly surprised.

The Club continues to grow, not only in memberships but also in opportunities for members to be involved. The elected Officers and Directors are getting settled in and good things are happening. Get involved, volunteer, and help us grow.

Until next time: May the gold in your pan be worth the effort you put into finding it.

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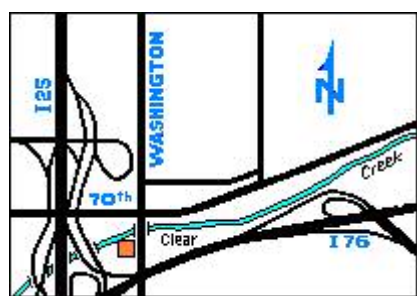
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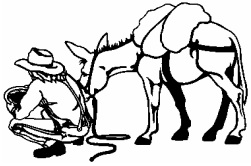
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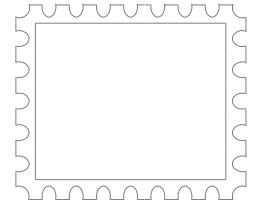
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- It's a strange fact--that in mining country all over the U.S. gold is found more often on section 39 of the township.
 - Note on a prospector's shack, "Would you please put out a little food for the cat? It will eat almost anything but don't put yourself out."
 - The prospector-miner is the greatest optimist in the world . . . he is either three feet from a million dollars or a million feet from three dollars . . . it doesn't matter, he just keeps on diggin'.
- ~ Harry Oliver



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with me. Talk to me at the March meeting and let's get a Claims group together. I still know a few things about Gilpin County and we're not done with Clear Creek Canyon just yet either. I can hardly wait to fire up the pumps and get in the water. Guess I'd better drag out some concentrates and fire up the Spiral--at least that's warmer than the creek right now.

On the Demonstrations Committee side (this is better news), we have been invited as guests of Olde Town Arvada to be on Grandview Street on June 12th and 13th for their 100th Anniversary Festival. We have also been in contact with Central City and are working out the details on a busy June, July, and September. On the 3rd of July, at the Freedom Fest in Central City, Lanny Garrott will be on stage from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Main Street.

These are just a few Highlights of "Summer Fun with Jeff-n-Donna," also known as the GPR panning demos! We hope many of you will step up to the plate and come and have some fun with us (I enjoy doing the demos so much that if I could get paid to do them I'd change careers and be gone).

I'll have lots more to tell at the meeting!

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In 1890, at the defunct town of Apex, three mining partners were working a marginal mine. One sun-up, two partners and their \$30,000 working capital didn't answer roll call. This made the third partner so disgusted that he planted all the dynamite left into one shot, blew up the mine, and \$1,800-a-ton ore fell in his lap.

~Al Look

Adams County Policy on Lower Clear Creek

By Gary Hawley

I recently received information from a club member that indicated a problem with prospecting/working Clear Creek as it meanders through Adams County. Our Vice President, Jeff Mosteller, did some research and received the following information via email:

Dear Mr. Mosteller:

Adams County does not allow motorized recreational prospecting in rivers or creeks in the county. The Board of County Commissioners have recently reviewed this policy and decided not to change it. If you have other questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Crystal Gray, Adams County Parks Director

I am aware of several incidents involving prospectors, landowners, and officials. At this point, I am thankful that Adams County has not restricted anything other than "motorized" prospecting. Does this affect such tools as battery powered wheels, Camels, Micro-Sluice, etc.? I don't know, but I will find out.

The direction of the GPR is to promote gold prospecting. Such promotion can be through our panning demos, television and newspaper articles or just by being polite and helpful to others while we are on a stream. We can promote gold prospecting to children, adults, organizations, and political entities. Our actions, individually or as a group, will directly affect what, and where, we are allowed to prospect.

It is my request that all GPR members honor the Adams County policy. In the near future I will attempt to contact Adams County representatives to clarify their policy and determine what may be done to change the restrictions. For the present time, please allow this situation to settle down. I would prefer that you bring your comments and concerns to a club meeting, rather than contacting Adams County directly.