

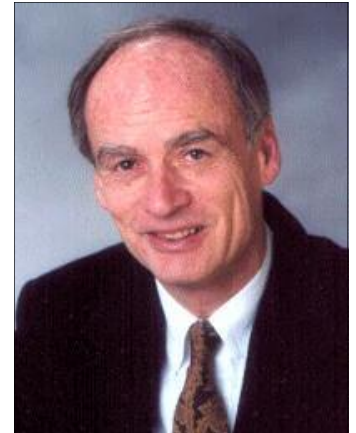


### A Comparison of Gold Exploration Environments

From a slide presentation by Professor Samuel B. Romberger, PhD., Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, Colorado School of Mines, Boulder, Colorado  
Transcribed by Paul Nagy, GPR General Meeting Recorder

At most large mines today, the gold is invisible. It is so finely disseminated in the rock that geologists are heard to say, "I found a lot of gold, but I haven't seen it yet." In any case, different environments produce different gold exploration conditions. The following is a comparison of some of those environments.

**Portugal.** Of three properties investigated, one is now producing. That is a very good batting average! The properties were mined in Roman times and this was a re-evaluation of them. The Romans were very thorough; there is no gold left in the old workings. The deposits are in brecciated quartz veins (angular rock fragments in a quartz matrix). The gold here is associated with pyrite. The Portuguese government did not mind that historical areas were slightly disturbed in the search for more gold. Many countries, however, will not permit this.



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### The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

With the way the weather changes so quickly you must be careful and prepared. This is especially true if you decide to do some prospecting. A clear morning can turn into a snow storm in a matter of a few hours. Wet clothing can be the beginning of hypothermia in a matter of a few minutes.



Check weather reports, keep an eye on conditions, and tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Be careful and be safe; the gold will still be there when the weather gets warmer.

The first Board Meeting of the year was very productive. Several changes were made to our Organization Chart and I will have it printed as soon as it is completed. Welcome new Board Members **Paul Nagy**, **Matt Schreiner**, and **Jim Jarnutowski**.

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### VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings and a happy new year to all. Not too much to cover this month so I'll recap my announcements from the last meeting.

I was contacted by the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) to be in a photo shoot for an article they were putting together about Treasures in Colorado. They needed a Prospector panning for gold so the photographer, his assistant, Donna, and I headed to Prospect Park in Wheat Ridge off 44th Avenue and Tabor Street and took a bunch of pictures.



The Magazine is called *Colorado Country Life* and the article is to be out

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### Join Us on the Third Wednesday!

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**GPR Events Calendar**

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Presenter
Feb	16	7:00p	Meeting	Presentation: "Soil Sampling"	Graham Closs, Ph.D., CSM
Mar	16	7:00p	Meeting	Presentation:	
Apr	20	7:00p	Meeting	Presentation:	
May	18	7:00p	Meeting	Presentation:	
Jun	15	7:00p	Meeting	Presentation:	
Jul	20	7:00p	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. For events added after the meeting, check the GPR website.

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT PANNING DEMOS ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE START TIME.

(Continued from Gold Exploration, pg. 1)

**Mexico.** Better known as a silver producer, Mexico still mines a lot of gold. The Guanajuato district alone has produced more than 20 million ounces. Current gold mining here is very modern and obviously well financed. In quartz veins, amethyst is a good indicator of silver, which is often in black sulphide minerals. Red "ruby silver" minerals are also common. Some tailing ponds are high on hillsides above a human habitation. This is very dangerous as tailings are unstable.

**Costa Rica.** Although not known as a prosperous country, Costa Rica nevertheless has a strong environmental awareness and mining permits are difficult to obtain. The country is mainly thick rain forest and one can explore for many days and never even see a rock! Also, the soil is so deep that geochemistry doesn't work well. Contrast this with arid regions where rocks are everywhere. Troops of monkeys in the trees follow explorers everywhere.

**Belize.** All available mineral land in this 4,000 square-mile country was leased by the Anschutz Corporation. Like Costa Rica, it is mainly thick jungle and it is hard to find a rock, much less a gold mine. Project strategy was to follow streams and hope for waterfalls or other places where rock might be exposed. There were snakes venomous enough to cause nearly instant death! Camp fare included large amounts of a native rodent, notably tough and gristly. Although there was potential for other minerals, there were no significant gold finds.

**Nevada.** This is one of the great gold-producing regions of the world. Most of this is in the northeast of the state in the "Carlin Trend" which was discovered in the early 1960s and has been expanding since. Total reserves are now about 150 million ounces. Nearly all is invisible gold, not seen until poured into bars for shipment. Arsenic minerals are commonly associated with the gold. Another good indicator is jasperoid, a massive multi-colored quartz rock. In some mines, black carbon material can be seen and is believed to be former petroleum steamed out by gold-bearing fluids.

**Colorado.** All the old veins in Cripple Creek were completely mined out. The only gold production, and the only producing gold mine in the state, is in low grade areas mined by open pit methods. The typical grade is one gram per tonne, which means one part per million, or, put another way, 33 tons of rock might contain one ounce of gold. But of course not all of the gold will be recovered.



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Thanks to outgoing Board Members **Ken Oyler** and **Sue Clover**. I appreciate the work you did for the club. We all look forward to seeing you at the club meetings.

VP **Jeff Mosteller** is making plans for a busy summer. He has already been asked to set up several panning demos and I am sure our regular venues will be available again this year. These are fun events that give the club some special exposure and are well received by all participants. Jeff will keep you informed of dates and times and he will be asking for your help to make the demos successful again this year.

**Joe Johnston** will be our new Librarian. He has a list of books and videos that are available for club members to borrow.

**Jim Jarnutowski** is making plans for some great outings this year. Watch the GPR Events Calendar, both in the newsletter and on the website, for information on these outings.

**Cindy Douthard** is our new Membership Coordinator, **Donna Mosteller** will be in charge of the Club Store, and **Jackie Barker** will coordinate the refreshments table.

We need one or two people to be Publicity Coordinator and/or Advertising Coordinator. **Dick Oakes** has done an excellent job with these positions for the last couple years and has said he will be happy to work with the new coordinators. It is just time for someone else to take over the coordinator positions. This is one of those times when the club needs the membership to step forward and help. Contact me or Dick for more information.

One more thing; watch for **Kathy Hawley's** newsletter article "From the Ledger" in this and future newsletters. She surprised us in November with a full ounce of gold for the drawings prizes. Well, she has that 'gold' look in her eye again! She has something in mind! She won't tell me what it is, only that it will happen before summer. Stay tuned.

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

## Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

### Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

#### Roll Call

*In Attendance:* Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Matt Schreiner, Joe Johnston, Joe Shubert, Paul Nagy, Jim Jarnutowski, Cindy Douthard, Hank Innerfeld, Terry Weatherly. Unable to attend: Allen Mershon.

#### Quorum Present?

Yes.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

#### Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as read.

#### Treasurer's Report

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

#### Correspondence

Other club newsletter, advertisements.

#### Committee Reports

*Reports:* Drawings, Outings, Library H&V, Monthly Q&A, Panning Demos, Prospecting, Membership, Newsletter, Website.

*No Report:* Vendors, Club Store, Dowsing, Nominating, Ken Barker Award, Metal Detecting, Refreshments, Speakers, Find of Mo./Yr., Bylaws, S.O.P., Publicity, Advertising.

#### Unfinished Business

*Club Trommel.* Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

*C.A.N.P.O.* Hank Innerfeld. Ongoing

*Vendor Fees.* Gary Hawley. Suggesting a "per meeting fee" of \$3 for now. This has been assigned to Matt Schreiner for consideration.

#### New Business

*Standing Rules.* Dick Oakes. Proposed changes are approved by the Board.

*S.O.P.* Dick Oakes. Proposal to place the Standard Operating Procedures on the website was read and discussed by the Board. It was decided to not place the S.O.P. on the website.

*Find of the Month/Year Committee.* Gary Hawley. Gary suggested doing away with the Find of the Month/Year Committee. After discussion, in which Joe Johnston presented a proposal for continuation of the committee, action was tabled until the February meeting.

*Organization Chart.* Gary Hawley. Gary presented changes to the Organization Chart which will be printed in the newsletter when completed.

#### Planned Outings

*Outings.* Check the GPR Events Calendar in the newsletter.

#### Announcements

*Next Board Meetings:* February 16, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.

*Next General Meeting:* February 16, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

*Tonight's general meeting program:* "A Comparison of Gold Exploration Environments" by Sam Romberger, Ph.D., Colorado School of Mines.

#### Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

The "problem" with today's society, is that; (no one) knows how, to punctuate correctly, anymore?

### General Meeting

By Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

President Gary Hawley convenes meeting. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome to Dick Oakes after recent knee surgery. Rundown of the current board of directors. Donna Mosteller will take over the club merchandise store. Jackie Barker will take over the refreshments. Club S.O.P. and bylaws are available for perusal.

"What is the reason for this club's great success?" asks Hawley? People!," states Oakes. Hawley goes on to say, "The members have taken an interest in the club and that is what it's all about." There are three such clubs in the Front Range region. The Fort Collins club leans toward metal detecting. The Colorado Springs club has six mineral claims and tends to dig. This club is all 'round.

Membership report by Cindy Douthard: 120 family memberships. Oakes points out that family memberships include many more than 120 members (approximately 190). Two guests present.

Treasurer's report by the president on behalf of Kathy Hawley.

Hawley mentions that a tour to the gold area near South Pass, Wyoming, is in the works

VP Jeff Mosteller represented the club at a photo op in Prospect Park on January 8 for Country Living Colorado, the magazine of the Rural Electric Association. A panning demo is being planned for the Aurora Water Board. The Scully costume catalog is available for members who want to order period-costume pieces. For those with digital cameras who take pictures at club events, please e-mail copies to Jeff & Donna Mosteller so they can be used for the club record and copy Dick Oakes so they can be used on the website and in the newsletter. A small-scale mining DVD is in the works for showing at panning demos. This is partly to counter the few activists who can't accept that our activities are environmentally benign, historically educational, and a valuable part of our western heritage that deserves to be preserved.

Hank Innerfeld requests that any old cell phones be donated to aid a victim of Hodgkins Disease. A tax credit of \$40 is usually applicable for the donation. Bring the phones to the next meeting.

Joe Johnston gives the clue of the month for the hidden treasure. As the new club library custodian, Joe welcomes the donation of mining related books, periodicals, and other publications for club use.

Rick Miska gives plans for future questions of the month.

Sue Clover, long time Board member, is giving up her Board position but will remain a member. Loud applause for all the good work she did.

Allen Mershon, program chairman, introduces the evening's speaker, Dr. Sam Romberger of the Colorado School of Mines and his talk and slide show entitled "A Comparison of Gold Exploration Environments" (see article).

After prize drawings, the meeting is adjourned.

### Gold Quotes

Silver and gold are not the only coin; virtue too passes current all over the world. -Euripides (480 or 485-406 B.C.). Oedipus. Frag. 546.

Whilst that for which all virtue now is sold, and almost every vice, almighty gold. Ben Jonson (1572-1637)

## Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

### Nugget Drawings

- 2.0 gram nugget.....Don Dixon
- 1.4 gram nugget..... Marc Johnson
- 1.3 gram nugget..... Gale Herbertson
- 1.1 gram nugget..... Gale Herbertson
- 1.0 gram nugget..... Ed Finney
- 0.9 gram nugget..... Ed Finney
- 0.8 gram nugget..... Don Fling
- 0.8 gram nugget..... Chuck Harris
- 0.6 gram nugget..... Henry Chambliss
- 0.6 gram nugget..... Marc Johnson
- 0.5 gram nugget..... Susan Duncanson
- 0.4 gram nugget..... Mary Fortunato

### Membership Drawing

- 0.5 gram nugget..... Rich Crist

### Door Prize Drawings

- 0.6 gram nugget..... Dale Herbertson  
(Donated by **Allen Mershon**)
- 0.3 gram nugget.....Donovan Greene  
(Donated by **LeRoy Lamgo**)
- Collapsible Travel Chair ..... Gale Herbertson  
(Donated by **Wayne & Diane McCarroll**)
- Collapsible Travel Chair .....Paul Nagy  
(Donated by **Wayne & Diane McCarroll**)

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in the February edition; the club will get a mention in the article. The editors will send us a bunch of copies as well. The photographer said he and his assistant will attend the next meeting as guests.

I was also contacted by a historical group in southern California about panning demos; they were looking for someone to do about 6 weeks of panning lessons for a display that was being put together by the California Historical Society. Because of money constraints we didn't get the job. Darn!

For those who are interested in costuming, I have the 2005 catalogs from Scully International in hand. The prices can't be beat and we don't have to do our orders in thousand dollar lots any more.

Anyone who takes digital pictures at any of our events this year please e-mail copies of them to me for the online photo galleries. This year we are going to add a multi-media presentation to the panning booth in hopes of helping to educate folks on the positive aspects of small scale mining and the environment. If anybody wants to get involved or wants to give input on this subject, please contact me during a meeting.

Nothing new set on the calendars yet this year but it's early. I'll keep every body posted. Hope to see more new faces show up for the panning events. This year should be a lot of fun for all.



By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

### February, 2005

1. I was born in 1831 on an Ohio farm.
2. I helped lay out the structure of Omaha, Nebraska.
3. I wrote seventeen 1859 guidebooks to the goldfields.
4. I published Denver's first newspaper on April 23, 1859.
5. I died in 1903 and am buried in Fairmont Cemetery.

**Question:** Who am I?

## From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to **LeRoy Lamgo** for donating a gold nugget and to **Wayne & Diane McCarroll** for the chairs for door prizes.

I am glad to see so many members wearing their name badges. Remember to wear your membership badge so you don't miss out on the "Members Only" drawing.

At the February meeting I will have Alaska gold for the drawings. We will give away a total of 13.3 grams of gold with the largest nugget being 3.1 grams. We will have 5 nuggets over 1 gram each. Keep watching the newsletter for an announcement, as we will have a special drawing coming up in the near future.

So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and Good Luck!

## Food for Thought

By Donna Mosteller, Refreshments Coordinator

Thanks go to **Barbara Conte** for the 1 Bite Swedish Cookies, **Hank Innerfeld** for the Banana Bread and **Ed Finney** for the Chocolate Fudge Pecan Brownies. As usual nothing was left. I'd like to welcome **Jackie Barker** as the new Refreshments Coordinator. I know you will support her as much as you did me. I thank all of you for everything. I'll see you next time in our Club Store.

## February Birthdays

By Dick Oakes

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

**Andy Doll, Cindy Douthard, Peg Brozek, Don Fling, Dot Giorgio, Judy Hale, Diana Homola, Jon Knight Jr., Rick LaCombe, Don Tiglas, Joyce Tiglas, Marlin Wiedman.**

Born this month but your name isn't here? Contact the Membership Coordinator!

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Board Member	Joe Shubert		
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Demonstrations	Jeff Mosteller		
Drawings	Kathy Hawley		
Library/History/Video	Joe Johnston		
Membership	Cindy Douthard		
Metal Detecting	--TBD--		
Newsletter	Dick Oakes, Editor		
Nominating	Joe Shubert		
Outings	Jim Jarnutowski		
Prospecting	Jeff Mosteller		
Refreshments	Jackie Barker		
Speakers	Allen Mershon		
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Website	Dick Oakes, Webmaster		
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Dowsing	Hank Innerfeld		
Find of the Month/Year	--TBD--		
GPR Cache	Joe Johnston		
Ken Barker Award	Joe Shubert		
Monthly Q&A	Rick Miska		
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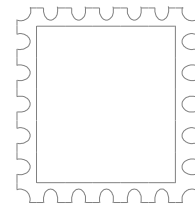
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**That Ol' Pal of Mine**

One time in the old West a stagecoach was speeding across the prairie when suddenly a cowboy riding a horse pulled up to the left side of the stagecoach and a riderless horse pulled up on the right. The cowboy leaned over, opened the door, and jumped off his horse into the stagecoach. Then he opened the door on the other side and jumped onto the other horse. Just before he rode off, one of the passengers yelled out, "What was all that about?" The cowboy yelled back, "Nothin' really. It's just a stage I'm going through."

Joe, a young man from the city, really wanted to be a cowboy. Taking pity on him, an Oklahoma rancher decided to hire the lad and give him a chance. "This," he said, showing Joe a rope, "is a lariat. We use it to catch cows." "I see," said Joe, trying to seem knowledgeable as he examined the lariat, "and what do you use for bait?"

"I may not be an explorer, or an adventurer, or a treasure-seeker, or a gunfighter, Mr. O'Connell, but I am proud of what I am. I am a librarian!" ~From the movie, *The Mummy*

I wish my brother would learn a trade, so I would know what kind of work he's out of. ~Shecky Greene

The old prospector had never seen railroad tracks or trains before, having lived his whole life in the desert. So, when he heard the train whistle, it meant nothing to him. He didn't move out of the way. Fortunately it was only a glancing blow, but it did result in some minor internal injuries, a few broken bones, and some bruises, requiring several weeks in the hospital to recover. Back at his friend's house after being released from the hospital, he was in the kitchen

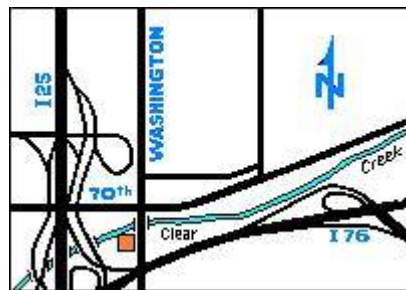
when the teakettle started whistling. He immediately grabbed a bat from a nearby closet and bashed the teakettle into an unrecognizable lump of metal. His friend, hearing the ruckus, rushed into the kitchen, saw what had happened, and asked the old prospector, "Why'd you do that to my teakettle?" The prospector replied with complete sincerity, "Because you gotta kill them things when they're small!" ~Submitted by Don Dixler

**Welcome New Members & Guests**

By Rick Miska

Welcome to our guests, **Randy Burks**, **Rick Crist** (former member), and **Dr. Sam Romberger** (our speaker).  
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