

The Gold Nugget

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The Little Kingdom of Gilpin

By Paul Nagy

In 1858, word of the Pike's Peak gold rush (named for the nearest known prominence) reached John Gregory at what is now Cheyenne, Wyoming. Gregory, a native of a gold-producing region of Georgia and a former California forty-niner, headed south with a party of men to join the diggings at the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte River.

Panning all the streams emanating from the Front Range along the way, Gregory struck color in Clear Creek a few miles short of his goal. In a decision momentous for the future growth of the region, Gregory veered westward. He prospected, with increasing success, to the gateway of the mountains, now the city of Golden.

With the spring thaw, Gregory panned his way up Clear Creek Canyon to a fork in the stream. Weeks previously, George Jackson had followed the left branch to rich but not very extensive placer digs at current Idaho Springs. Gregory selected the right-hand branch which, a few miles upstream, culminated in the rich lodes of what became Gregory Gulch,

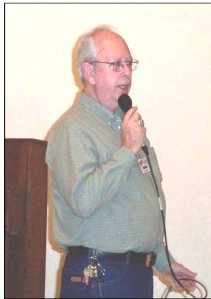
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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

We now find ourselves in that great time of year with hot and cold running weather. It's difficult to plan which coat to wear in the morning because it surely will not be the one you need by afternoon. If you are going prospecting this time of year you should dress in layers so you can easily add or take off clothing as needed.



We had another great meeting in March with exchange of Club information, good conversation, great friends, and an excellent video about Central City and Black Hawk.

Jeff Mosteller is compiling a list of panning demonstrations for this year and will be in need of member participation to meet the obligations. This is your chance to hone your panning skills while

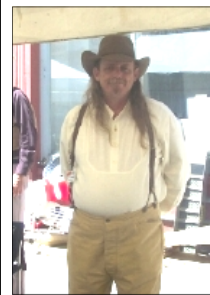
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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings!

Well the demos are going to start a little early. I didn't know this but apparently Mark Twain traveled through Colorado around the time of the Gold Rush and had many things to write about our state or territory as it was.



The Douglas County Library in Louviers, Colorado, was in touch with the Bemis Library and found out about us through Phyllis, our contact there. The DCL has decided to do a "Mark Twain" theme presentation at the library and has invited us to put on a demo. It will be on April 21st at the

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Join Us on the Third Wednesday!
Lloyd G. Clements Community Center
1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado
 (One block west of Wadsworth, then one block north of Colfax)
7:00 p.m. (Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.)
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Opinion

Keep the Door Prize

By Steve Cychosz

Dear Kathy,

I would like to thank you for being the Gold Prospector of the Rockies Club Treasurer. It's one of those thankless jobs that takes a certain amount of one's valuable time that one rarely ever gets thanked for. On top of that, you're in charge of the Gold Drawing program, which is the club's main revenue stream. It's great to see so many large nuggets available for members to win. What a great incentive for members to attend monthly meetings and buy tickets; great job! Many people are not so dedicated as you. One of my most cherished possessions is one of the sniffer bottle, tweezer, and gold vial holders that I kept for myself, which you made when I had my store. Thanks for your hard work and dedication.

I'm just a bit saddened to see the "door prize" program suspended. Five reasons come to mind.

First, all successful businesses (of course a non-profit organization such as our club is a business) have one thing in common. They must differentiate themselves from their competitors, and in our case other clubs. For example, Walmart's strategy is low cost differentiation. They differentiate themselves from their competitors, Target and Kmart, by offering the lowest prices. I'm currently not a member of many clubs, but when I was our club was the only club that offered "door prizes" on a regular basis, which differentiated our club from other clubs.

Second, all organizations should give back to the community, and of course our club does this through its panning demonstrations at schools and other venues. Just as important, the best organizations also give back to their employees or members. For example, Foley's gives back to its employees by offering a 30% discount on store merchandise. I think the "door prize" program gives something back to the membership community. The attending members don't have to buy a ticket and they get a chance to win something just for showing up.

Third, I believe the "door prize" program is an incentive for members to attend monthly meetings. Obviously, the club pays the same hall rental fee whether 50 people attend or 100 people attend. Because the Gold Nugget Drawing is the club's main revenue stream, a successful strategy would include incentives to promote meeting attendance because the more members that attend, the more tickets will be sold, resulting in increased revenues. I think the "door prize" program is one of those incentives.

Fourth, the "door prize" program promotes "good will." It gives a potential member who comes to the meeting for the first time a chance to win something just for being there, and that does happen, which demonstrates "good will" and provides another incentive to join the club. Furthermore, there are always people who sit on the fence considering whether to join the club or renew their membership. The "door prize" program might push them to the side of joining or renewing.

Fifth, most of the time, the "door prize" is a donation by another member. What a great vehicle for members to give something back to the club without having to commit time or a large amount of effort. This program costs the club nothing and does so much good. Even if the club gave five dollars worth of gold as a "door prize" each month, the club could recoup that yearly expense from just one person joining or renewing his membership who then attended the monthly meetings and only bought a few tickets each month.

Please don't get me wrong, I don't think suspending the "door prize" program will break the club, although I do think it is part of the value chain that adds value to the membership. To reiterate, the "door prize" program differentiates our club from other clubs, it gives something back to the members, it provides an incentive for members to attend monthly meetings, it promotes "good will," and it provides a way for members to give back to the club.

I hope I have not stepped on your toes or offended you in any way. I think you're doing a superior job and we are so fortunate to have people like you and Gary who are so dedicated to the club. I know you have the best intentions for the club's well being. I only want to share my feelings with you and the Club on this subject in hopes that you may reconsider not suspending the "door prize" program. I understand that you may know and see things that I don't and I will respect your decision. Thanks for your time, and I wish that your pan always overflows with Gold!

Steven Cychosz, Club Founder and President, 1996-98.

GPR Events Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Coordinator
Apr	20	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
	21	6:00 to 9:00p	Panning Demo	Douglas County Library, Louviers	Jeff Mosteller
	24		Event	Dredging, highbanking, and panning. Clear Creek	Jerry Jensen
May	18	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
	28	11:00a to 4:00p	Panning Demo	Main Street Central (no donation or food), this event is for the club's entry into Main Street Central "2005" roster	Jeff Mosteller
	28		Event	Gilpin County Museum opens for season (Museum, Thomas House, Opera House)	

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.

Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call

In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Joe Johnston, Joe Shubert, Matt Schreiner, Paul Nagy, Jim Jarnutowski, Cindy Douthard, Terry Weatherly.

Unable to Attend: Hank Innerfeld, Allen Mershon.

Quorum Present?

Yes.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 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

Membership dues, request for club information, newsletter.

Committee Reports

Reports: Presented and discussed.

Unfinished Business

Club Trommel. Allen Mershon. Jeff Mosteller will contact Gilpin County Museum to see if they would be interested in having it.

Gary Hawley will attempt contact with the mining museum in Colorado Springs.

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

Vendor Fees. Matt Schreiner. Determined the fee amount of \$3.00 per meeting to begin in June with the approved policy published in the newsletter.

Find of the Month/Year Committee. Joe Johnston. Presentation of proposal for Board consideration. Concerns were voiced about the amount of meeting time that may be required for this project. Also concerns about validating "found" items and value of such items. Joe presented some guidelines for Board consideration.

Boy Scouts Environmental Sciences Merit Badge. Allen Mershon checking to see if GPR members can be involved in this program.

New Business

DVD. Jeff Mosteller. Jeff spoke about a DVD presentation that he has prepared. This will be used during panning demonstrations.

Exchange Info. Paul Lang. Paul, president of Rocky Mountain Prospectors and Treasure Hunters club in Ft. Collins was a guest at the Board meeting tonight. Paul expressed a desire to work together with our club to exchange information relating to prospecting and metal detecting. An invitation to share outings was also expressed.

Planned Outings

Outings. Check the GPR Events Calendar in the newsletter.

Outings are still in the planning stages.

Announcements

Next Board Meetings: April 20, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: April 20, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: "The Little Kingdom of Gilpin," a video from Dick Oakes.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

General Meeting

By Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

Meeting convened by club president Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance led by "Dallas."

Membership report by Cindy Douthard: 123 individual and family members, 6 guests. Prez Hawley introduces one of the guests, Paul Lange, President of the Fort Collins Prospecting Club, who brought information on that club's activities.

Treasurer's report given by Gary Hawley on behalf of Kathy Hawley. Hawley cautions that this will be reduced significantly because of upcoming gold purchases for prize drawings.

Jeff Mosteller, club VP, announced an upcoming panning demo at the Douglas County Library on Thursday, 21 April, from 6 to 9 pm. They contacted us after hearing of the demo last year at the Bemis Library. The large green information board formerly used at panning demos has now been retired. It had become a logistical problem and didn't seem effective in any case. Replacing it will be a ten-minute DVD presentation on modern small-mining suction dredging. The DVD was put together by the Mostellers and will be repeatedly shown, with appropriate background music, on a portable TV monitor.

Prez Hawley announced an outing on April 24, in Clear Creek Canyon, led by Jerry Jensen. There will be opportunity for dredging, high banking, and panning. Such activities now require a special-use permit from Jefferson County.

Beginning in June, for club meetings there will be a flat \$ 3.00 fee for vendors. Products or services must be gold prospecting related and business must cease when the evening's speaker begins.

Gary Hawley suggested that each meeting's Door Prize should be replaced with the Membership Drawing to be awarded only to a club member in good standing. This was opposed by Dick Oakes who believed that everyone in attendance should be eligible to win a Door Prize. Gary asked for a three-month trial period.

Rick Miska asked the question of the month. Later, he gave the answer and announced the winners.

Joe Johnston gave the clue of the month for the hidden treasure. He also announced progress on the find-of-the-month/year contest which he is working on.

Evening's program: Video entitled "The Little Kingdom of Gilpin."

After the prize drawings (including a 2.7 gram nugget!), the meeting is adjourned.

A Thought for Today

- If you can start the day without caffeine,
- If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
- If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
- If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,
- If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
- If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
- If you can relax without liquor,
- If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
- Then you are probably the family dog!

Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings

2.7 gram nugget.....	Barbara Conte
1.4 gram nugget.....	Marlin Wiedeman
1.3 gram nugget.....	Dick Oakes
1.1 gram nugget.....	Bill Carr
1.0 gram nugget.....	Joe Fortunato
0.9 gram nugget.....	Terry Weatherly
0.8 gram nugget.....	Don Dixon
0.7 gram nugget.....	Will Cox
0.6 gram nugget.....	Mary Kathrens
0.5 gram nugget.....	LeRoy Lamgo
0.5 gram nugget.....	Joe Shubert
0.4 gram nugget.....	Bill Duncanson

Membership Drawings

0.3 gram nugget.....	Andy Doll
(Donated by The Club)	
Collapsible Chair.....	Marge Collum
(Donated by Wayne & Dianne McCarroll)	
Collapsible Chair.....	Mary Fortunato
(Donated by Wayne & Dianne McCarroll)	
Bracelet.....	Bill Duncanson
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	

Food for Thought

By Jackie Barker, Refreshments Coordinator

It was so good to see everyone again! And my goodness what an amazing array of goodies we had waiting for us to snack on!

Thank you to **Barb Conte** for the delicious ham salad sandwiches and to **LeRoy Lamgo** for the Pizzelle cookies - yummy. A very special thank you goes to **Paul Lang** of the Rocky Mountain Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Club in Ft. Collins for the multitude of mouth-watering pastries he provided. I've personally sent him a thank you note for his more than generous offering.

We'll see you in April. Till then, remember, "A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand."

Jackie and Michael

Birthdays

By Dick Oakes

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

Will Cox, Bob Ryan, Barry Hoffmeyer, Ronald Kathrens, Dakota Keyser, Don Lafor, Don Pfalzgraf, Peggy Pfalzgraf, Kenise Schroth.

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



By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

March, 2005

1. I was born in 1870 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
2. I graduated from medical school in 1897 from the University of Michigan.
3. I moved to Fraser, Colorado, in December of 1907.
4. I didn't let people in Fraser know at first that I was a doctor.
5. I was for some time the Coroner for Grand County.
6. I died in Denver in April, 16, 1960.
7. I was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame on October 9, 1997.

Question: Who am I?

Answer: Susan "Doc Susie" Anderson

Source: http://ellensplace.net/hcg_fac3.html

April, 2005

I was born on March 29, 1833, in Maine.
 I had six sisters and three brothers.
 I knew some said that I was not very pretty.
 I was married on January 31, 1857.
 I once lived at Seventeenth Avenue and Lincoln Street in Denver.
 I was a member of the Colorado State Press Association.
 I was the first white woman to reach Payne's Bar, now Idaho Springs.
 I died January 30, 1895.

Question: Who am I?

From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to **LeRoy Lamgo** for donating a bracelet and **Wayne & Diane McCarroll** for the folding chairs to be included in the Members Only prizes. I also want to thank Diane for her help in handing out the Members Only tickets.

March was the first meeting without the "door prize" drawing. We are going to give it a trial period of three months to see how it goes. Thank you for trying something a little different.

I will be having a special drawing beginning in April so be sure to ask about it when you purchase your tickets. Remember to wear your yellow badge so you can be included in the "Members Only" drawing.

At the April meeting I will have gold nuggets (don't I always) for the drawings. As of this writing I haven't had the "unpleasant" opportunity of selecting nuggets for the drawings but I promise you won't be disappointed.

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

The Gold Nugget

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promoting your club.

Paul Lang, president of the Rocky Mountain Prospectors and Treasure Hunters club in Ft. Collins, was my guest at the meeting. Paul and I have had several conversations about promoting the clubs and sharing ideas and club outings. You can check out their web site at <http://jymis.com/RMPH/>

Joe Johnston is working out the details on a Find of the Month/Year program. The Board has expressed an interest in this program and if Joe can get sufficient volunteers to help him we may give it a test run in a couple months.

The Board has approved a Vendor Fee program that sets some guidelines for vendors and designates a fee from the vendor of \$3.00 per meeting. Contact **Matt Schreiner** for more information.

Kathy Hawley, Coordinator of the Drawings Committee, has suggested a couple changes in our drawings program:

1. suspend the "Door Prize" drawing and,
2. increase the value of the "Members Only" drawing. Kathy believes the "Members Only" drawing, which requires a member to wear his ID badge at the meeting to qualify, is an excellent opportunity to give something back to the members and reward them for their participation in the meetings.

She has suggested a gold nugget for the "Members Only" prize. This change will allow her to plan the prize well in advance and not have to burden the members with producing a prize.

For those members who like to give items to the Club for drawings, Kathy will still accept your donations for our Christmas party presents.

After discussion about the proposed changes the Board approved Kathy's request and the change was put into effect with tonight's meeting.

President's comment: There was some discussion at the Membership Meeting about the change in drawing prizes and I have made note to revisit this in three months. I would like to share my personal thoughts with the membership.

1. It has been suggested that a "Door Prize" brings people in. That may be true if the door prize is well advertised and we had a product to sell in addition. However, the door prize does not guarantee they will stay and become members.
2. I have on occasion observed a "visitor" receive a large nugget "door prize" and not join or attend another meeting.
3. When visitors attend our meetings they are welcome to enjoy our snack table. It should then be up to the members to welcome the visitor and encourage them to become a member so they then can participate in the "Members Only" drawing.

Jerry Jensen is planning a "Spring Fling" outing in Clear Creek Canyon. He will have the date, time, and location available at the April meeting.

Joe Johnston told me the GPR Cache has not been found yet. He will have more clues at the April meeting.

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



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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Douglas County Library in Louviers which is south on Sante Fe between Littleton and Castle Rock. Starts at 6:00 p.m. and goes to 9:00 p.m. The only drawback is it's on a Thursday night but for the generous donation they are willing to give to the club, we'll make the sacrifice. The sign-up sheet will be on the table at the next meeting. I will have maps as well. They expect around a hundred or so people but that could go higher. It will be indoors and the setup will be around 5:00 p.m.

The next show will be on May 28th. It's a Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Central City Visitors Center. It will be a unpaid event for our entry to the Main Street Roster for Central City.

There may be an event on the 29th of May for the Argo, but we don't know the particulars on that yet.

I still don't know if we have a space for Lou Bunch days. I haven't been in contact with Barbara Thielemann in a while. That's going to be on June 18 and 19.

We have done away with the Green Board this year and replaced it with a table. This way we can let the people have a little more "hands on" with the display as well as having a steady platform for the new DVD presentation. We can also provide racks to place our trifold brochures, membership applications, and special edition promotional newsletters on so folks can take what they want.

Breaking News: We have had contact with the folks at Arvada. We have been set for June 11 and 12 for Gold Rush days. This year they are going to do away with the carnival-type events and go back to more hands on and history-type stuff. The bands will be Western and Bluegrass. We will be moved onto Grandview Street. The children's functions will not be placed next to our booth as it was last year. Look for a few gunfights this year in the streets of Arvada. More on that as it comes in.

Lastly, Lee Wilson (Cutter Schofield) at the Territorial Trader has closed his doors completely and no longer has a store front. His website is still up for business though. This info came from our contact at Historic Olde Arvada. Lee is on the committee for the festival this year and has been a big help getting things going in the right direction.

If you are braving the waters already, be safe, and stay dry.

Thesaurus:

A very ancient reptile with an excellent vocabulary.

Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
 Half the people you know are below average.
 Ninety-nine percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
 I intend to live forever -- so far, so good.
 Seems that 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
 A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
 If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.
 All those who believe in psycho-kinesis, raise my hand.
 The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
 I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.
 How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink? ~Steven Wright

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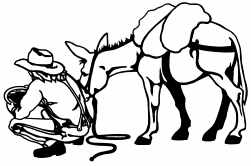
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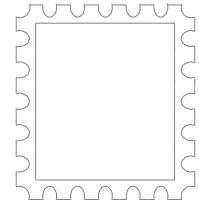
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Mining Claims and Maps
How to Obtain What You Need
 By Jim Jarnutowski

For those of you who were thinking about filing a claim and may not know the rules and regulations for filing a claim, the office of the BLM at 2850 Youngfield, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093 has packets available to give you all the information on mining claim rules and regulations. If you are not sure where the BLM office is, it is off of I-70 at Exit 264.

After being armed with this information from the BLM, you may need some maps about the area you are interested in filing a claim on or just going to try your luck at prospecting. A good place to go would be the Federal Center on Kipling just south of Highway 6. As you come to the gate the officer will ask you for your ID. Tell them where you are going, which is the USGS Map Store. They will direct you from there.

Once at the Map Store, you can get a map of the area you are interested in. The maps that you want are 7.5 maps. They are very helpful at the store so don't be afraid to ask questions.

I hope that this information will help you out in finding maps and information that you need to locate and file a claim or just go prospecting in a out-of-the-way place.

Good Luck in your Nugget Hunting.

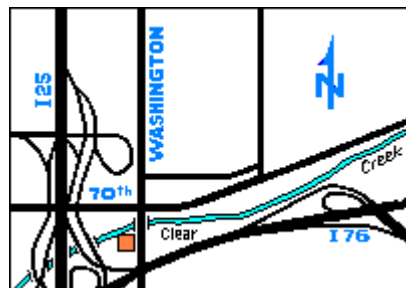
They say that when a man holds a woman's hand before marriage, it is love. After marriage, it is self-defense.
 Tried to play my shoehorn. All I got was footnotes!
 Which of my enemies told you I was paranoid?

(Continued from Little Kingdom of Gilpin, pg. 1)
 comprising much of present day Blackhawk and Central City in Gilpin County. Like nearly all prospectors, Gregory had neither the expertise nor the financing for hard rock mining. He sold his interest for cash, then he dropped from historical view. Some believe that he died years later in Montana, in poverty.

Central City and its satellite mining camps in Gilpin County boomed through most of the rest of the century and carried Colorado with them. Gold mining brought prosperity which provided high living standards and promoted culture and the fine arts. After 1900 the mining camps began a long, slow decline.

By the 1970s mining had virtually ended and Central City and environs had fallen into decay. But now gaming and tourism are the impetus for a resurgence and Gilpin is once again "The Little Kingdom!"

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