

The Gold Nugget

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Hobby Placering in the Upper Arkansas River

By Paul Nagy



This video features club members **Shirley & Larry Weilnau**, who are experienced gold placerers as well as prize-winning competition gold panners. Coincidentally, the filmmaker was a Ph.D. geologist, but who had no experience or training in gold-related pursuits. But if he didn't have the answers, he knew the right questions and the video took the form of a Q-and-A session which was remarkably informative.

In a suitable division of labor, Shirley did most of the talking and Larry the hands-on demonstrating. That this was a professional production was obvious by the stunning cinematography. (Let's all head for Buena Vista in the morning!)

Filmmaker: Where does the gold come from?

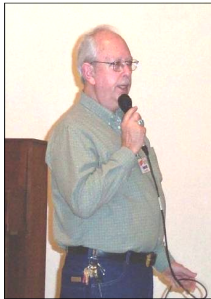
Shirley: Originally it was in veins in the bedrock in the mountains above us. During the most recent ice age, mountain glaciers scoured the veins along with the country rock

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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

We are into July and the prospecting potentials abound. Spring runoff is slowing down and you should soon be able to get out to the middle of the stream. Look for areas in the stream where the water slows down, such as the down-stream side of a large rock. That brief slow down allows gold that was being carried during spring runoff to drop and accumulate and is a good "sampling" location.



Recently there was a rock slide in Clear Creek Canyon. This is always a potential after heavy rains or extended periods of rain. I understand that Highway 6 will be closed for a month while the debris is cleared. If anyone finds out where that material is being hauled to please let me know.

Kathy and I were able to attend the Lou Bunch

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings to all!

As I sit here and mull over the video of the rock slide in Clear Creek Canyon, I'm glad nobody was killed. We all run up and down that road time after time and don't give those things much thought. Please, everybody, remember that during these days of sudden afternoon rain storms that those walls get soft and can fall at any time; be mindful.



I want to thank everybody who has come out and participated in the panning demos. We've had some good weather days and we've had some bad

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GPR Events Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Coordinator
Jul	2-4	10:00a to 4:00p	Panning Demo	Freedom Fest, Visitors Center, Central City, Colorado	Jeff Mosteller
	8	12:00p to 4:00p	Class	Free Map, Compass, and GPS Classes given for the public by the USGS, Bldg. 810, Denver Federal Center. Reservations: 303-202-4640.	
	16-17	10:00a to 4:00p	Panning Demo	Rhubarb Fest, Visitors Center, Central City, Colorado	Jeff Mosteller
	20	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
	30-31	10:00a to 4:30p	Panning Demo	Buffalo Bill Days, History Park, Golden Colorado (for Astor House)	Jeff Mosteller
Aug	6		Panning Demo	Laser Society Renaissance, Mariott	Jeff Mosteller
	12	12:00p to 4:00p	Class	GPS (Global Positioning System) Class, Building 810, Federal Center. Info: 303-202-4640	
	17	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
	20-21		Panning Demo	8100s Days, History Park, Golden, Colorado. (For Astor House)	Jeff Mosteller
	27		Event	Cemetery Crawl, I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Central City, Colorado	

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.

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and carried the material down the valley. At the melting edge of the glacier, the gold and rock debris were dumped and formed hills and ridges called moraines. The glaciers have receded but the moraines are still there eroding from precipitation, especially spring run-off, dumping waste and gold into the river. The action of the river water concentrates the gold into workable deposits by washing away the less dense waste rock while the much denser gold tends to remain behind.

Larry appears in a boulder field exposed by low water. He emphasizes the need for panning (sampling) "so that you don't work all day where there is no gold." He demonstrates panning which the filmmaker shows in very good detail, including the colors in the pan.

Filmmaker: Why is there gold in the boulder field?

Shirley: Gold will accumulate wherever a stream loses energy. The boulder field obstructs stream flow, causing an energy drop and resulting in gold deposition among the boulders.

Larry and Shirley are operating a suction dredge/high-banker combo in the boulder field.

Filmmaker: How does the dredge work?

Shirley: It is a vacuum cleaner. It sucks up the gravel containing the gold, and then spews it at the inclined grizzly where the larger fragments are screened out. The remaining gravel, containing the gold, goes through into a sluice where the water washes away most of the waste while the gold is captured behind the riffles and on the floor mat. It does the same thing that the river does but on a smaller scale and more precisely.

With a smile, Larry shows the results of a sluice clean-up: a commendable payoff in gold!

Good Advice from an Old Farmer

- Keep skunks and bankers and lawyers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call

In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Hank Innerfeld, Joe Johnston, Matt Schreiner, Joe Shubert, Paul Nagy, Cindy Douthard.

Unable to Attend: Jim Jarnutowski, Allen Mershon, 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 read.

Treasurer's Report

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

Correspondence

Membership renewals and newsletters from other clubs.

Committee Reports

Reports: Presented and discussed.

Unfinished Business

Club Trommel. Gary Hawley. Gary has sent pictures to the Mining Museum curator in Colorado Springs. Awaiting a reply from him. Ongoing.

Find of the Month/Year Committee. Joe Johnston. Joe presented sample sign-up sheets and sample items that may be considered for entry. The Board has approved the Find of the Month/Year activity that begins with the July general membership meeting.

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

Door Prize Drawing. Gary Hawley. The door prize drawing has officially been changed to the "Members Only" drawing by a 100% approval vote of Board Members present at tonight's Board meeting.

New Business

New Canopy System. Jeff Mosteller. Three new easy set-up/take-down canopies will replace the multi-part canopy that has been used in the past. This will allow better use of the space in the trailer and requires less manpower to set up.

Aurora History Museum. Jim Jarnutowski. The Aurora History Museum is requesting loan of mining equipment for June display. Gary and Jim have mining items from their personal collections on display for the month of June.

Club Logo Clothing Items. Matt Schreiner. Matt has asked for approval to purchase items. Approved.

Planned Outings

Outings. Panning demo dates and locations are being finalized. Check the GPR Events Calendar in the newsletter.

Announcements

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

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

Tonight's general meeting program: A video on mining, panning, and dredging starring Larry & Shirley Weilnau.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

General Meeting

By Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

President Gary Hawley convenes meeting. Pledge of Allegiance by Ken Oyler.

Treasurer's report given by Gary on behalf of Kathy Hawley.

Membership report by Cindy Douthard: 122 individual and family memberships, 5 guests present.

VP Jeff Mosteller reports on recent and upcoming panning demonstrations. Some demos were curtailed or postponed by stormy weather. The club has acquired new easy-up, easy-down canopies, which eliminate the struggle and strain caused by the old equipment, which is being put up for sale. Also, bar stools have been acquired for the panning demonstrators, which should much alleviate the fatigue during prolonged busy times. At the Golden History Park demo, club participants got to sample the pioneer cooking by the park historians. The Belleview Ministries demo was postponed by storms and has been rescheduled.

Joe Johnston asks the question of the month and later gives the answer and awards prize-drawing tickets to winners. He later gave clue #12 for the hidden treasure. He also had fliers for the Georgetown Loop RR and Lebanon Mine tour and announced that there are sample entries of the Find of the Month/Year for next month at the back of the hall.

Prez Hawley announced that the club was requested to loan some mining artifacts to the Aurora History Museum for their History Month exhibit. Members have loaned such items as carbide lamps, candle holders, and a mining pick for display. Gary himself contributed much of it. He also mentioned that a trip to the newly-discovered diamond field in Wyoming is in the works.

Matt Schreiner showed the Venezuelan gold specimen for the special drawing. The interest shown in this beautiful item will allow it to be won in the near future. Matt is also re-ordering apparel for the club store. We are staying with good quality items as a reflection on the club and to provide the best value.

As an item of business, the board of directors has elected to maintain the current policy of a prize-drawing for members who display a membership badge. Also they have continued the policy whereby guests are permitted to attend only one meeting before becoming dues-paying members.

Larry Weilnau introduces a video of "Gold Placering in the Upper Arkansas River."

Prize drawings, then adjourn meeting.

Some Thoughts

- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?
- If bread is square, why is sandwich meat round?
- Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- What disease did cured ham actually have?
- If a 911 operator has a heart attack, whom does he/she call?

Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings

2.8 gram nugget.....	LeRoy Lamgo
2.2 gram nugget.....	Frank Conte
1.4 gram nugget.....	Cindy Douthard
0.8 gram nugget.....	Diane McCarroll
0.7 gram nugget.....	Ken Oyler
0.6 gram nugget.....	LeRoy Lamgo
0.5 gram nugget.....	Chuck Cown
0.5 gram nugget.....	Joe Johnston
0.4 gram nugget.....	LeRoy Lamgo
0.4 gram nugget.....	Fritz Meyer
0.3 gram nugget.....	Bill Carr
0.2 gram nugget.....	Milt Collum

Members Only Drawings

0.2 gram nugget.....	Don Tiglas
	(Donated by The Club)
Gold Plated State Quarters.....	Frank Conte
	(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)
Gold Plated State Quarters.....	Milt Collum
	(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)
Ball-point Pen.....	Rose Ann Knight
	(Donated by Hank Innerfeld)

About Dogs

- If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went. ~Will Rogers
- There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. ~Ben Williams
- A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself. ~Josh Billings
- Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate. ~Sigmund Freud
- I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult. ~Rita Rudner
- A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down. ~Robert Benchley
- Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog. ~Franklin P. Jones
- If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons. ~James Thurber
- If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise. ~Unknown
- My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money. ~Joe Weinstein
- Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. ~Robert A. Heinlein
- Speak softly and own a big, mean Doberman. ~Dave Miliman



By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

June 2005

- I was born March 9, 1814.
- In 1838, I graduated with an M.D. from Clermont Academy.
- I founded the Illinois Medical Society.
- Along with Colonel John Chivington, I created the Denver Seminary, which is now Denver University.
- I was the second person to ever hold my job in Colorado.
- A fourteener is named after me.

Question: Who am I?

Answer: Dr. John Gary Evans

Source: <http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/govs/evans.html>

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

Food for Thought

By Jackie Barker, Refreshments Coordinator

Well, summer is finally here! Michael and I really love the warm weather. Big thanks to **LeRoy Lamgo** for the donuts, which are always a big hit, and to **Hank Innerfeld** for his wonderful banana bread.

Michael and I are headed to Arizona for a week but will see all of you next month. Everyone be safe and have a great 4th of July.

Lastly, remember "Red meat is not bad for you. Now blue-green meat, that's bad for you!" ~Tommy Smothers

Jackie and Michael

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Days panning demo in Central City. We had a great time and enjoyed talking with the volunteers that helped with the demo. The new canopies have made the set-up and take-down process much easier. My compliments to Jeff and Donna for all the effort they put into this activity. Also, thanks to the volunteers who take the time to explain gold panning to demo visitors.

Kathy told me we will be drawing for the 33.6 gram nugget from Venezuela at the July meeting. Although the winner need not be present, I would love to see the winner take it home after the meeting. I think I can safely say this will be a good meeting to attend.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support the GPR. We couldn't do it without you.

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

From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to **LeRoy Lamgo** and **Hank Innerfeld** for the donations to the "Members Only" drawing. LeRoy donated two sets of four gold plated state quarters and Hank a pen.

The "Special Drawing Nugget" will be given away at the July meeting after the break. Tickets for this drawing will only be available during the break and are \$1.00 each or seven for \$5.00. So if you haven't purchased any tickets for this beauty, you still have one more chance.

At the July meeting, I will have North Washington State gold nuggets and one Alaskan gold nugget for the drawings. We will give away a total of 11 grams of gold with the largest nugget being 3.6 grams. There will be three nuggets over 1 gram each.

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

Sidelights on Colorado

- Pronouncing La Junta and La Jara with a "hard" J, a Colorado visitor was corrected by the young lady at the Denver tourist center. "Out here," she explained, "the J is sounded like an H. It is La Hunta and La Hara. How long will you stay in Colorado?" The tourist smiled, "Possibly through Hune and Huly."
~Al Look

- The first church service, the first saloon, the first Masonic Temple, and the first newspaper in Colorado were at Mountain City in 1859. It isn't around any more to cut a ribbon each anniversary. It was swallowed when Central City was platted.
~Al Look

- Mount Silverheels, at Fairplay, was named as a monument to a young barmaid of unusual beauty who loved slippers with silver heels. Her beauty was marred when she contracted smallpox while nursing miners at Buckskin Joe. She sneaked out of town between suns rather than let her friends see her pock-marked face.
~Al Look



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

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weather days.

The 4th of July event is coming up in Central City. That will be a Saturday, Sunday, and Monday on Main street.

I think that if the water levels come down in the next few weeks I'd like to call an "UP THE CREEK WITH JEFF & DONNA DAY" on Sunday July 10. We'll meet at the gas station on Highway 119 between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. and head up to mile marker 3 to see what mother nature has left behind for us this year. If that date doesn't "pan out," we'll try for July 24th. With the run off going as long as it has this year, the creeks should be holding a lot of "Float Gold" in the places we dug into last year. Anybody who wishes to go on the 10th should contact us at (303) 202-9302 and get on the list. I'll use that list to contact all of you in the case of a rain-out or if I think the water level is still too high. We will try to have several adventures in the canyon this year.

That's all for now. Be careful out there!

JULY EVENTS

July 2,3,4

Freedom Fest, Visitors Center, Central City, Colorado
10:00 to 4:00

July 16,17

Rhubarb Fest, Visitors Center, Central City, Colorado
10:00 to 4:00

July 30,31

Buffalo Bill Days, History Park, Golden, Colorado
30th - 10:00 to 4:30, 31st - 1:00 to 4:00

Facts

- A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time meaning 1/100th of a second.
- A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened.
- A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue!
- A hippopotamus can run faster than a man.
- A snail can sleep for three years.
- A zebra is white with black stripes rather than black with white stripes.
- Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until they are two to six years old.
- Chocolate kills dogs!
- Didaskaleinophobia is the fear of going to school.
- Forty people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute.

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- I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife every finds out, she'll kill me!
- Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.
- We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
- She was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate.
- She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
- I was just in London. There is a six-hour time difference. I'm still confused. When I go to dinner, I feel sexy. When I go to bed, I feel hungry.
- The doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so he gave him another six months.

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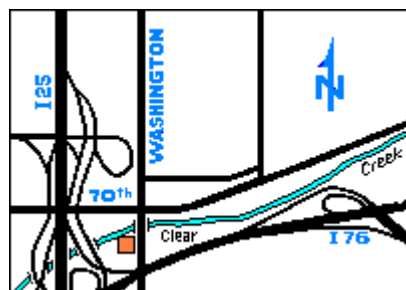
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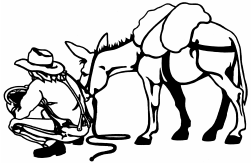
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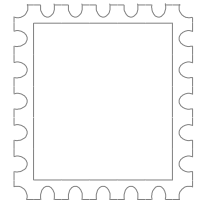
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