



The Gold Nugget

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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President



I over estimated the weather just a little bit. I put my rubber boots and gloves in my truck which corrected an error of last month. However, I let a few warm days convince me to remove some winter wear and replace it with some light weight summer garb. Big mistake. Welcome to Colorado 101: "If it ain't the Fourth of July, don't put away the coats and snow shovel". OK. Correction made. My all-weather mobile closet truck is back on the road and loaded.

I received a call from a new club member to discuss some pointers on prospecting and equipment needed/recommended so he could get started. During our conversation he shared his impression of our last meeting and how well he was treated by the membership. He commented on how attentive the members were and on the content and operation of the meeting in general and how helpful everyone was. I wanted to share this with you because it was an unsolicited compliment to all of us. As president, it was one of those "feel good" moments and I don't want to keep all that "feel good" to myself... you, the membership, deserve the "feel good". Just remember to pass it on.

Donna Mosteller and Sue Lemieux are receiving recipes and cookbook cover design suggestions. The club cookbook project will take some time to complete so keep sending in the suggestions and recipes. I am sure we can use them.

Allen Mershon is the Chairperson of our newly formed Guest Speakers Committee. This committee will be charged with maintaining a list of club members who have expertise in areas of gold prospecting and would be available to share that expertise with others. We have been receiving requests for speakers from other clubs and organizations who have an interest in gold prospecting. These engagements may be for a half hour to an hour. They may cover areas such as: panning, metal detecting, mineral deposits, placer formations, mine information, gold history. The field is wide open and may include day/evening/weekend involvement. If you have a gold prospecting subject you are confident with this is your chance to share it with others. Check with Allen at our next meeting.

VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings,

Well I hope all finds you well and the digging has been worth the efforts. We are with in a few weeks from our first Panning Demo this will be a good shakedown of the equipment for the season ahead. For those interested the Demo is on the 3rd of June Sunday. To get their take Hy 93 into Boulder and get yourself to Baseline St turn west as if you were going to 22nd street, make a right turn at 12th st and go to Euclid Ave. It's at or near Beach Park, 1201 Euclid Ave.

The event runs from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM the trailer should be on scene around 10:30 in the morning, we will be set up in a parking lot accessible from Euclid Ave. I can't remember if we get fed, I think we do but don't hold me to it.

June 9, 10 will be our next Demo at Arvada Gold Strike Festival, this promises to be a lot of fun as we have gone to great lengths to bring in some Period historian Re enactment groups I have been exposed to over the past few years. We have confirmed the Buffalo Soldiers, Tallow Rive Fur Trappers, The Mountain Men, President Roosevelt and various Civil War guys, were working on a surprise if we can pull it off even if you come to town and don't get involved with the Demo, you don't want to miss this festival.

So whats up with those Gold prices lately ? Well along with the market volatility were experiencing there is some other news perhaps you haven't heard about. March 25, 2007 the country of Iran stopped taking Dollars for Oil, they have decided to trade only in Euro Dollars and as a consequence the American Dollar is loosing about 1% in it's net worth, it has been steady sense March. According to many that know the Gold market say the price of Gold will start taking \$10 or higher swings up and down and the price could start a huge increase in the very near future. As I write this the price of Gold at the close of Fridays Market is \$686.90, we should as predicted last year hit \$700.00 and go above it in July. I might want to hang onto some of the finds I get this year.



Join Us on the Third Wednesday!
Lloyd G. Clements Community Center
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(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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GPOR Website

If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website, you can contact the club webmaster at:

prospector@phantomranch.net

Dick will be happy to review any suggestions or comments you may have.



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This letter was written before the first President's Day Out Swap-Meet at Tymkovich so I'll have to give you a report on the activities at the next meeting.

Jeff Mosteller has a very interesting group of panning demos planned for the summer and has worked very hard to pull some exciting venues together to enhance some of the demos. This activity puts the club in the public eye, gets us newspaper and TV coverage and gives us the opportunity to give back to the community. It is very satisfying to teach the children and their parents what prospecting is about and how gold has affected the development of Colorado as well.

I need about four more names to add to what Jeff calls the Second Unit Retiree / Volunteer Roster for Demos. This SURVRD unit (OK I read too many newspapers) would be available for school or library type demos that are small groups and would require one to four hours involvement. Contact me at the meeting and add your name to the roster.

Kathy Hawley says she is about ready to close the sales of tickets for the 18.7 gram nugget from Brazil. Look for her article in this newsletter for more details.

Bill Duncanson will give the next cache clue at the May meeting. His last clue proved to me that I was absolutely correct about the location of the target. I am positive I have no idea where it is. I do know where it is not! Hey, that's like prospecting isn't it?

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

I want to thank Leroy Lamgo and Allen Mershon for their donations to the Member's Only drawings. May will be the last meeting for you to purchase tickets for the special 18.7 gram nugget from Brazil! We will be drawing the winner at the June meeting. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00.

We will give away a total of **12.7 grams of gold** at the April meeting. **4 nuggets will be 1 gram or over**, with the largest being **4.3 grams**.

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



From Vice Prez on page 1

it's a funny market when it takes a \$20.00 + dip that's the time to buy in.

I have an address to a website you might be interested in it's called "Terra Server" it's a very cool mapping site that will take you to any spot in the country you can pinpoint your area by 7.5 Topo Map and show you the corresponding satellite picture image.

It's at: <http://terraserver-usa.com/place.aspx>. I've been trying to figure out "Google Earth" software as well. These kind of mapping softwares are very important in finding areas of interest as they can back up and capture the "Big Picture" and that helps to look at the whole terrain in a large area and can show things like major ancient drainages and larger pictures of where deposits might have occurred millions years ago.

The newsletter is running a few new business in its ad's please give these folks your support if you can, on of them is "Homefront Heroes" these folks go all out to support our troops that are out of country, you may have seen them in the news they are the ones that are trying to enough funds to finish sending a warehouse worths of Girl Scout Cookies to Afghanistan and Iraq. Linda Oleson of Homefront Heroes and Arvada Army Navy Surplus are the sponsors of the first ever Rendezvous in Arvada at the Gold Strike Festival. See everyone at the Meeting, Jeff



Gold Prospectors of the Rockies

Board meeting of April 18, 2007

Roll call. Those in attendance:

x	Gary Hawley	x	Rob Deschambault	x	Allen Mershon	x	Mike Barker
x	Jeff Mosteller	x	Joe Johnston	x	Paul Nagy	x	Donna Mosteller
x	Kathy Hawley	x	Joe Shubert	x	Sue Lemieux	x	Terry Weatherly
						x	Aaron Ingalls

Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and approval of minutes. Read by Gary Hawley.
 Corrections: None.
 Approved as read/corrected? Yes.

Treasurer's Report. Read by Gary Hawley.
 Questions: None.
 Accepted? Yes.

Correspondence. Membership renewals and newsletters from other clubs.

Committee Reports: Dick Oakes reports more than 69,700 hits on our website.

Unfinished Business: Donna Mosteller – Club cookbook. *On going.* Recipes have been received and forwarded to Gary Hawley. re-

Gary Hawley presented a proposal for cover and content for the cookbook.

Sue Lemieux – Club cookbook cover design contest. *On going.*

Paul Nagy suggests development of a Speakers Committee to provide speakers to outside resources such as schools, clubs and civic organizations. A projector, slides, pointer and other items will be needed. **Need Chairperson** and speakers. Allen Mershon has taken the position of Chairperson of the Speakers Committee and will co-ordinate speaking engagements.

New Business: Gary Hawley – Name badges. Gary presented proposals from three companies. The best pricing and time frame was offered by Absolute Graphics in Ft. Collins. Gary will co-ordinate design and ordering.

Gary Hawley – Trammel. Gary reports there is an urgency to remove the trammel from it's location in Evergreen at the property owners request. Gary will co-ordinate removal.

Planned Outings: May 5 – 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. - President's Day Out – Swap meet at Tykmovitch.

May 18, 19 & 20 – Let's Go Gold Panning Days on the Arkansas–
 Invitation by GPOC.

June 3 – Panning demo at Boulder History Museum 12:00-6:00.

Announcements: Next board meeting May 16, 2007, at 6:00 P.M.
 Next general meeting May 16, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program: Allen Mershon on First Aid.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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Question of the Month

The question of the month deals with minerals. There are many answers to it that are all correct, so let's see how many you can find.

Name three minerals named after Coloradoans.

Happy Hunting,

Shirley

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Send in your comments, letters, articles, concerns, and suggestions for publication in this newsletter. Please try to keep the subject in line with things related to what our club is about. Articles should be submitted to Rick Miska at the meeting or gold-hunter@ricksthings.com

Food For Thought

Jackie Barker

Big thanks to Leroy for the donuts - as always they were eaten up quickly. Sorry the "pickins" were sparse, I'll make sure we've got plenty for the next meeting. Everyone take care. See you soon.

Jackie

April 2007 Find Of the Month (FOM) results. Winners in bold.

Best Bottle

no entries

Best Jewelry

no entries

Largest Raw Gold

Steven Barritt - .7 gram gold nugget

Most Raw Gold

Steven Barritt - .6 gram gold flakes

Most Unique (Excavated)

Joe Fortunato - die cast toy cars c. 1940's

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

no entries

Most Valuable U.S Coin

William Gale Herbertson - BLD quarters (double die)

Joe Johnston - 1989-D quarter

Oldest Coin

Joe Johnston - 1990-D BU cent (Isn't it embarrassing to have a parking lot find win? Lets all get out in this fine weather and do some real hunting.)

Way to go everyone, keep up the good hunting!

Congratulations to this months winners, be sure to save your FOM winning items for entry in the Find Of the Year (FOY) competition in December. Finds made from the end of the March meeting to the time of the April meeting are eligible for entry in the April FOM program. Bring your best finds, and we'll see you at the next meeting.

Don't forget to bring your bottles, jewelry, coins, gold or other finds. Remember those entries get you drawing tickets and those tickets WIN! Just ask Sue, Marlin and others that have held tickets for FOM entries and WON! **Note: Now that prospecting season is upon us be sure to bring a second container with your gold sample entries for weigh in comparison. We will weigh the container with the gold and subtract the weight of the container without the gold to determine the weight of the sample, so have a container filled with the same liquid for comparison weigh in.** Each member is allowed **one entry per category** each month. Additional finds may be displayed as 'show & tell' items.

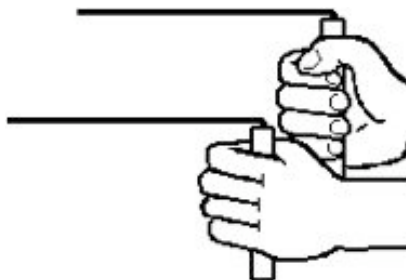
Joe Johnston, Finds Program Coordinator.

Again, I would also like to Thank **Marlin Wiedeman** for his continued and most valuable assistance with the Club Library and Finds Program at the meetings. **A Big Examino to you Marlin!** Without your assistance at the finds and library table I wouldn't have time to answer questions, let alone think streight.



GPR GOLD PANNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Know an organization that might want us to set up a gold panning demonstration booth? Contact **Jeff Mosteller** (303) 202-9302 <> jefndona@comcast.net For additional information and photos, see <http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>



Colorado School of Mines Students Bring Home the Gold Mining Engineering Students Ranked First in the Coed Division for the 29th Annual International Collegiate Mining Competition

On March 23-24, 2007, the University of Arizona, Tucson hosted the 29th Annual International Collegiate Mining Competition. The competition is dedicated to miners' who have lost their lives in the mining industry, specifically the Sunshine Mine in Idaho.

This year's competition had 25 teams from four countries, competing in four divisions. The Colorado School of Mines sent two teams, a men's team and a coed team. The other divisions are women's and alumni.

The teams drove from Golden to Tucson on Thursday and stayed in the competition hotel. Friday was spent practicing and getting acquainted with the competition equipment and other competitors. The CSM teams also toured the UA student mine San Xavier. The mine was an active copper mine until the late 50's.

Friday night's entertainment was a student mixer allowing students from different universities and countries to mingle and meet one another. An unscientific survey revealed that Thermodynamics class is the most hated and difficult required engineering class, around the globe.

Saturday morning started a day of competition. The competition is seven events: speed panning, surveying, Swede saw, jackleg drilling, track stand, hand steeling and hand mucking. Each event has its roots in different daily chores of a miner's life.

The speed panning is a five-person event; the time of each team member is added together to compile the team's total time. Flattened steel shot was used, as the "gold" and gravel subbase was the panning medium. With a lot of splashed water the coed team had a respectable time at 26 minutes.

Surveying is a two-person event, using a vintage engineers Transit to survey in and calculate the X, Y and Z coordinates of an unknown point, we to the gold in this event. Swede sawing is a team relay event. A 6in X 6in timber is supported at shoulder height, each team member must cut a four-inch "cookie" from the end of the timber. Time is started with the first pull of the bow saw and ended when the last cookie is cut. The CSM team took home the gold for the sawing as well.

Jacklegging is the use of a pneumatic drill designed for horizontal use. Two team members have three minutes each to drill as many and a depth of holes as they are able.

Track stand is one of the most demanding events at the contest. Four team members act a labor and one as supervisor. The team must move materials and equipment from a start line 30 ft. away and construct a 15 ft. section of track. Timber ties must be placed, track connected to existing stubs and spikes driven to secure the rails to the ties. The event is a two part as the total time is the installation time added to the removal time.

Unfortunately this was our worst event, we came in third. The hand steeling event is a speed chiseling contest. Five members have two minutes each to use a 4 lb. hammer for the men and a 3 lb for the women, to drive the chisel into a block of concrete as deep as possible. The final event was the hand mucking.

An empty one-ton ore cart is pushed 75 ft. down a track and back. Then two team member shovel a ton of gravel into the cart as fast as possible. When the cart is full, it is pushed down and back again, and the time is stopped.

At the end of competition a banquet was held back at the hotel, for all the competing teams. The times were tallied and scores calculated. When all was done the Coed team walked away with 2 gold, 4 silver, 1 bronze and the first place overall in the coed division. All team members had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next year's competition to be held at the University of Missouri, Rolla.

Photo 1 Matt Schreiner swinging a hammer during his turn at hand steeling.

Photo 2 Kelly Michals, Matt Schreiner, Matt Sullivan, doing the track stand

Photo 3 In this photo: Matt Sullivan, Chris Schaufefe, Kelly Michals, Eileen Sullivan, Jannelle Olivas, Matt Schreiner, show off their medals and trophies.



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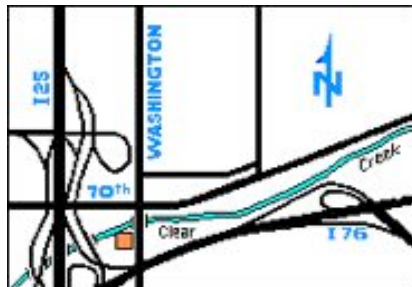
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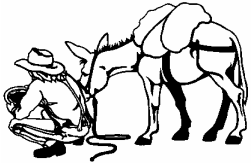
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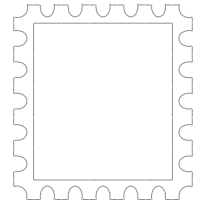
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