

The Gold Nugget

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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President
O.K., the temperature is in the high 90's, snow melt is causing spring (?) runoff and anything left in the sun is too hot to handle. Now I am beginning to understand "global warming".



The runoff is causing streams to be very high and cold. Be aware that any stream can rise quickly and get you into a lot of trouble!

Thanks to Sue Lemieux for arranging the School of Mines tour on June 23. The school has an excellent collection of mineral specimens and mining artifacts. Matt Schreiner gave us a "behind-the-scenes" tour of some areas not usually visited by the public. If you need a big hole drilled into a very large rock, Matt is the guy to see. After the tour we all had lunch at a great Mexican restaurant in Golden.

The two-day panning demo in Central City was a huge success. Jeff will have the visitor numbers at our July meeting. Several out-of-the-country visitors were fascinated by the panning experience and Jeff and I will again have our pictures in several new countries.

The 18.7 gram nugget from Brazil was given away at the June meeting. The lucky club member who won it appeared to be very happy with it. (I couldn't get him to take \$100 for it.) Kathy has already started her search for another special nugget so stay tuned!

We have renewed the club membership in the Western Museum of Mining and Industry in Colorado Springs. This membership allows any GPR member to tour the museum without charge...just show your GPR name badge when you enter...it's just that easy! You also get 10% discount on purchases at their gift shop and 20% discount on museum publications. You may also use the museum library. The GPR will be listed as a supporter of the museum on their quarterly

VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings,

A few weeks ago I was diagnosed with COPD, coronary obstructive pulmonary disease. I am very great full for all the help you guys have given me and Donna with these panning demos, gone I'm afraid are the days of showing up to the demos and finding Donna and I having the booth set up and ready to run. Because of my medical issues this will be the last year I will be coordinating the Demos for the GPR, I wish to see one of you with the passion for Prospecting and the wish to keep the craft of gold panning alive to consider stepping up to the plate and take over the demo coordinating slot for the club. the job is not hard it takes a dedicated person to be responsible to show up, put on a good demo and pack it up for the next demo, over the past 5 years we have got the demo in a position of having to turn down shows instead of having to beet the street looking for venues that would have us. I as did Ken Barker, my mentor think this an important part of the club and a great way to show the public what Small Scale mining and Prospecting is all about, it also helps to pay the bills for the club.

For the lucky person or persons that take over the demos I will throw in a free year of coordinating and logistical support and training so you do not have to go into this blind. If any of you new people that have joined recently have any time to donate to the demos please step forward, its not hard and it's a great way to meet other members of the club. Remember if you show up to a demo make sure you have your name on our tracking sheet if you have not already signed up, if you sign up and didn't make it thats ok.

On June 30 and July 1 we were in Central City for the American Pride Fest weather was hot and we had a great time with all the tourists in town, thank you to everybody that gave up their time to help us at the festival. We had 511 people stop at the booth over the weekend.

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.)

Information: (303) 933-1147 <> ghawley1@juno.com

Website: <http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>

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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newsletter. Check out their web site at: www.wmni.org.

At our June meeting I told everyone that Jackie Barker will be stepping down from the Refreshments Committee. I appreciate the excellent job she has done with the refreshment table and it has been a pleasure to know that snacks would be available at the meetings. Jackie has offered to assist with other club tasks when needed. I am sure I can find a challenge for her.

Also at our June meeting I asked for someone to take over the Refreshments Committee. So far I have not heard from anyone. Should I assume from this non-response that the general membership is requesting we NOT have a refreshment table? Here's the deal: Kathy and I prepared the refreshments for the June meeting; we will do it again for July and August. If no one volunteers after that we will discontinue the refreshments at the meetings.

I have another article in this newsletter concerning your GPR membership. It is important information that affects this club, please be sure to read it.

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

From Vice Prez on page 1

Coming up: Tommyknocker days on July 21, 22 We will be hosted by the

Elks Club for this event. We added this event to our line up last year and it's unique in the fact that the crowd is different, we are in an Mining community and every body that visits our booth is in Mining or has somebody in the family in the industry. I will have a better understanding about where they will place is this year at meeting time.

Buffalo Bill day in Clear Creek History Park on July 28th. I received a e mail from Angie a few days ago and she said they were going to re direct the main Parade up past the park this year and we will have a front seat to the entire parade. Parking for this event will get strange on this event I will have specific information about that at the next meeting as well as my normal e mail broadcast to the volunteer group the week before the event.

Colleen Gadd at Jeffco Open Space is in the process of drafting the new rules on Prospecting and Small scale Mining in Clear Creek Canyon we will have more on that as it comes in, I have offered the clubs input to this process, if any of you have any concerns about this please write them down and get them to me ASAP or e mail them to me at: jefndona@comcast.net, so I can get them up to Open Space. Thats all for the month of July. Watch out for the runoff in the canyons the water is still high.
As usual, Thank you all,
Jeff

From the Ledger
of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

I want to thank Leroy Lamgo for his donation to the Member's Only drawings. The sale of tickets for the Brazilian nugget was a huge success. Congratulations to Rob Deschambault, he was the lucky winner of the nugget. We will have one more special nugget before the end of the year, so I will let you know when we will begin selling tickets.

We will give away a total of 11.1 grams of gold at the July meeting. 3 nuggets will be 1 gram or over, with the largest being 2.1 grams.

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

Question of the Month

Why did Idaho Springs rename itself after World War 2? What or who did it represent and what was given in appreciation to the creator?

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GPR GOLD PANNING DEMONSTRATIONS

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

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 goldhunter@ricksthings.com

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		Mike Barker
x	Jeff Mosteller		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 6:26 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. Newsletters from other clubs, advertisements.Committee Reports: Web master reports 71,600 hits on our website.Unfinished Business: Donna Mosteller – Club cookbook. *On going.*

Gary Hawley – has progress report on program for cookbook. This project may take until next year to get into full swing.

Sue Lemieux – Club cookbook cover design contest. *On going.*Jeff Mosteller – Power Point program for Speakers Committee. *Power Point is nearly complete.*New Business: Gary Hawley reports the passing of club member Arthur Achtemier.

New name badge blanks have been received. There has been a small improvement made to our logo.

We have also received 5,000 cards for use at the panning demos.

The club has renewed membership in the Western Museum of Mining and Industry in Colorado Springs.

Planned Outings: June 23 – School of Mines museum tour.
 June 30 & July 1 – Central City panning demo.
 July 21 & 21 – Tommy Knocker Days in Idaho Springs.
 July 28 – Buffalo Bill Days in Golden.
 August 3 – Air Force Academy panning demo.
 September 1 & 2 – Central City panning demo.

Announcements: Next board meeting: July 18, 2007, at 6:00 P.M.
 Next general meeting: July 18, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program: "Watch Your Step" by Allen Mershon.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION!

By Gary Hawley

I have been reviewing our membership records and the methodology of recording important information pertaining to membership. I have found a couple glitches that should be an easy fix if I can get your help.

Membership in the GPR is on a yearly basis...January through December. We decided a few years ago to have all memberships come due in January so we would only have one major push to get all members current. If someone joined the club midyear we would prorate the dues to the following January and then that member would be caught up with everyone else and would have to pay the full annual dues in January.

In reviewing the membership roster I found several memberships were due in January '07 and have not been paid as of the first of July 1. So, in order for you to check when your dues are payable, turn to the back page of this newsletter. You will find the mailing label with your name and your membership expiration date next to your name. Just for fun check that right now.

All current and paid members will have an expiration date in '08. If you were a member last year, and your mailing label shows a date earlier than (07/07) you need to renew your membership and pay the \$30 dues. That will bring you current to January 2008. If you feel there is any discrepancy with your membership expiration date, please call me directly so we can work together to correct it.

A few members joined mid-2006 and their mailing label may indicate an expiration date other than 01/08. We will notify those members as their memberships expire and prorate the dues to the following January.

I also noticed a few members do not have a current "Hold Harmless Signature" on record. We must have a new "Hold Harmless Signature" sheet signed yearly when memberships are renewed. At the July meeting we will have a list of all members who do not have a current form on file. Please check the list when you sign in for the meeting. This will also give you an opportunity to confirm your mailing address and telephone numbers.

Rick Miska has included a Membership Application form with this newsletter. If you found that your membership is due, please take a moment to fill out the application form and mail it, along with your check, as soon as possible. You will find along the top of the application form a spot to check for renewal and another spot to check for "Hold Harmless Signature". Please check both boxes, fill in the required information about you, read and initial the "Hold Harmless Agreement", sign as primary member, and if you have a second family member/spouse have them sign on "Signature 2".

This form is the only way we have of keeping your membership records in order. From it we can have your correct mailing address for the newsletter. We will have current telephone numbers to use in the event we must cancel a meeting or other event. It is very important that we have this information.

I and the other Board Members appreciate your interest and participation in the GPR. However, unless memberships are renewed and "Hold Harmless Signature" forms are on file, we will have no choice but to cancel subscriptions to the Gold Nugget and deny access to club activities.

Sincerely, Gary Hawley, President

The Gold Nugget

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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I/we understand that members of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies must abide by all rules and regulations of the Club; USDA Forest Service; BLM; Federal, State, and local laws; and any other government agency's rules and regulations.

I/we understand that gold prospecting, like any other outdoor activity, can be dangerous severe injury or death can occur.

I/we further state that I/we have carefully read and understand the foregoing release and know the contents thereof and I/we sign the same as my/our free act.

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of the release are binding and contractual.

Primary member signature _____ Date _____

Signature 2 _____ Date _____

Amount paid: \$ _____

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GPR General Meeting Notes

Clements Center, Lakewood, CO

21 June 2007

Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

7:10 Club President Gary Hawley calls the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance led by Leroy Lamgo, U.S. Army (Ret.).

7:12 Treasurer's report read by President Hawley. Also, new membership badges are now available for new members and for old members who want them. Price: \$10.00, or \$12.00 with attached magnet.

7:14 Membership report by MaryAnn McCrae. One guest present: Mrs. Pat Mershon. New members: Jon and Terri Weir and their four junior prospectors. Welcome to the club!

7:17 VP's report by Jeff Mosteller. There are local buyers if you have gold to sell. Shop around before you make a deal. The Arvada Gold-strike Festival/Rendezvous was a big success. Attendance over 7,000 (versus 1000 last year). A truly unique event with many re-enactors. A chance to not just learn but to relive history. Local publicity including TV helped. Many hundreds of visitors to our gold panning demo. (Thanks to Jeff and Dona for all the effort to make this possible. They started working on this many months ago.)

Upcoming demos include Central City, Idaho Springs, and Golden. Come and help us. Jeff and Dona will be retiring as panning demo coordinators. We need volunteers to continue the tradition.

7:29 A tribute to Jeff and Dona led by Gary Hawley. Also a request for a new panning coordinator. A chance for real personal growth, help for the club, and a history lesson for the community and the country! Also need a new refreshments coordinator. Thanks to Jackie Barker for her fine service.

7:36 Moment of silence for recently deceased member Art Achtemeier, best remembered for his qualities of courtesy and respect for others. Gary Hawley says there are three remaining spaces for the Last Chance Mine tour to Creede, CO. Also, we have renewed our club membership to the Western Museum of Mining and Industry in Colo Spgs. Show your membership badge and get in free, plus reserved seating for events, and library privileges, too! What a deal! Take the I-25 turnoff at the Air Force Academy north entrance and go EAST.

Beware of historical preservation scams. The gold washing plant at the Snowstorm Placer near Fairplay was slated for restoration and public display. A large amount of money was collected and has now disappeared. Foul play is suspected.

We still have a clearance sale on club denim shirts. Several sizes available for \$15.00. Also ball caps for \$2.00. These won't last.

7:46 Events coordinator Sue Lemieux announces that the Colorado School of Mines Museum tour is rescheduled for 23 June.

7:47 Bill Duncanson gives clue #5 for the Hidden Cache.

7:49 Gary Hawley reminds that the panning demo at the Air Force Academy is skeded for August 3.

7:51 Shirley Weilnau asks the question of the month. Later the answer and prize tickets for winners.

7:54 Recess.

8:13 Evening's program: Allen Mershon demonstrates "Mini-slauce Cleanup of Gold."

8:39 Joe Johnston announces finds of the month.

8:40 Prize drawings, then adjourn.

Mini-slauce Method of Gold Cleanup by Allen Mershon, Transcribed by Paul Nagy

You've been working hard with suction dredge or sluice and now you've got one bodacious pile of black sands with a tidy sum of gold somewhere inside it. Now you're faced with panning and panning until you wished you'd never HEARD of gold panning. Is there an easier way of recovering the gold? You bet! Check out gold recovery pro Allen Mershon and his mini-slauce. Start with a three or four-foot piece of 3" diameter corrugated plastic drainpipe. Cut it lengthwise in half to form the chute of the sluice. The end of the sluice empties into a bucket. A small battery-powered electric motor (often a marine bilge pump) circulates the water. You can spoon-feed the black sands into the sluice, or as Larry Weilnau demonstrated, you can rig up a funnel which will also provide a continuous feed. (One good thing about this club is that you get good input from many knowledgeable people).

You should first dry and then classify (sieve) your black sands to -40 mesh. Locally, you won't get much gold in the +40 fraction, but you can sluice this later, anyway. It's just that if the size variation in the feed is too great, then the sluice won't work as well. You should always dry the material out of doors and without the application of high heat. This is because there may be volatile and very toxic material in the black sand, such as mercury and tellurium and assorted man-made chemical substances which if roasted in a pan will VAPORIZE AND KILL YOU. And your children, pets, etc. If you insist on drying black sands over a fire, at least do it alone so that you will be the only victim.

After you have sluiced some of your material, stop and pan the rejects from the bucket. This will tell you what you have missed. It will be a guide to adjusting the angle of the sluice, the water flow, or the size distribution of the feedstock. You should expect to sluice ALL of your material more than once. Which means drying all the rejects and sluicing them again, and maybe again. Mom Nature just doesn't give up her gold without a fight. But this is still easier, for most people, than panning through many pounds of black sands. This is still a strictly trial and error process, so don't get frustrated. Anyone else would have to do the same thing and the mini-slauce is doing the "heavy" work anyway.

The mechanics of gravity separation are so complex that a thousand Einsteins with a thousand mainframe computers could not produce an exact mathematical formula. Don't worry about it. You're not striving for theoretical precision, only practical application. See Allen Mershon or Larry Weilnau for questions of fine tuning. Good Luck!

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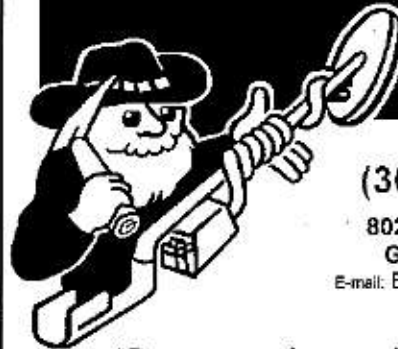
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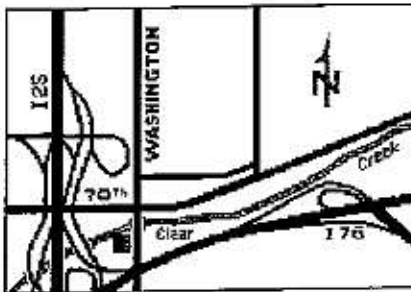
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