

The Gold Nugget

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The Prez Sez by, Gary Hawley



We still have a few sunny days left where we can tolerate the temperature and get in a few good hours of prospecting. If you **areplaning** a trip to the high country check the weather forecast and plan accordingly.

Keep an eye on the price of gold! During the last week of October, gold hit a 27-year high of \$800.80. That reflected an increase of \$100 an ounce in a two month period. As I write this article, gold has closed at \$807.50. It makes all that hard work of prospecting worth while.

Thanks to **Sue Lemieux** for the First Annual GPR Pumpkin Carving Contest! I think we had 10 entrants and all were great works of art.

The estate sale of Arch Achtemeier went very well. Thanks to all members who attended the sale and found some great values.

Club elections will be held at the November meeting. **Joe Shubert** will have ballot forms available and will guide us through this process. Joe will also have ballot forms for the Ken Barker Award. More information on this award will be available at the meeting.

Kathy Hawley wants everyone to take a look at the 12.3 gram Siberian nugget she has for the Members Only drawing. She would like to give it away in the next couple months but she has to sell a few more tickets.

Thanks to **Robert and Leanne Larson** for the great job they are doing with the refreshment table.

Plans are in the works for outings for 2008. Some suggestions are: Point Bar, Cache Creek, the Arkansas River north of Buena Vista and of course Clear Creek. I need a few people who are familiar with these areas to put together some outings. We all need to work together so everyone will have a chance to find gold!

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

VP's Corner, Jeff Mosteller (Continued on page 3)

MINERS SLANG

HOOCH - A small house or cabin, bunk area, also known as whiskey.

CALCINED - Reduced to powder, whipped.

CANVAS BACK - Wild duck.

CHANCEL RAT - Large

cousin to the church mouse.

CHEECHAKO - Tenderfoot, greenhorn.

SCISSOR BILL - Same as tenderfoot, but unable to change.

BILL - Short for Scissor Bill.

CHUMMED UP -

Formed a close friendship.

DEAD LINE - Line that a prisoner may not cross under penalty of being shot by a guard.

DEFILE - Long narrow pass.

CUT AND RUNNER -

One who leaves before

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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GPR General Meeting by, Paul Nagy, Recorder for October 17, 2007

**Planning Calendar
2007**

November

21st Club meeting and elections.

December

19th Annual pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 for set up and social time.

2008

January

16th Club meeting

February

20th Club meeting

March

19th Club meeting

April

16th Club meeting

May

21th Club meeting

June

18th Club meeting

July

16th Club meeting

August

20th Club meeting

September

17th Club meeting

October

15th Club meeting

7:03 Club President Gary Hawley calls the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

7:04 Membership report by Jackie Barker: 122 individual and family memberships. Two guests present who became members! Welcome to Tony Ciriaco and Mark Grayson! Also, welcome to guest Dennis Stansbury.

7:06 Vice President's report by Jeff Mosteller. Zany (now) state laws still on the books. In the old days "sunset" was bedtime for people, not laws. From dumblaws.com.

7:11 Prez Hawley informs that due to technical difficulties the newsletter did not get out on time. Copies have been brought to the meeting for distribution to members present. The rest will be mailed tomorrow. To prevent this from happening again the board of directors has voted to outsource the newsletter printing and mailing to a private contractor. This should also relieve the newsletter editor, who has been trying to get help for some time, from an often difficult burden.

7:13 Kathy Hawley gives the clue for the hidden cache.

7:14 Gary Hawley gives an update on prospecting at Cache Creek. He and Kathy had good results there recently. The season closes there on November 30, so get going if you want to try this year.

7:15 Don Bray says watch for mercury, origin uncertain, at Cache Creek. It can sometimes be found in your pan. It's toxic! Beware!

7:20 Sue Lemieux, events coordinator, thanks participants in the pumpkin carving contest

tonight. Also, an upcoming, Oct 27, tour at the Hidee Gold Mine near Central City. Sue needs the ten dollar per person fee up front to secure the tour.

7:23 Prez Hawley mentions that the estate of the late Art Achtemaier, former club member, has his placering equipment for sale. A list is available. Some for auction, the rest is cash and carry.

7:33 Joe Shubert reminds that club elections are in November. Nominations are open for all seats. Also, Ken Barker Award nominations.

7:34 Prez Hawley announces that Jeff Mosteller will be stepping down as V.P.

7:36 Hank Innerfeld announces an upcoming dousing class. Info in the flyers.

7:37 Recess.

8:00 Allen Mershon, program chairman, introduces the evening's speaker, Fritz Meyer, and "New Technology for Placer Evaluation."

8:30 Winners announced of pumpkin carving contest. What a show!

8:32 Joe Johnston announces winners of finds of the month.

8:35 Prize drawings, then adjourn.

New Technology for Placer Evaluation by Fritz Meyer

Transcribed by Paul Nagy

Fritz Meyer is a club member and long time Front Range placer miner. A few years ago he recognized the need for a placer testing apparatus that would integrate several functions and

allow a quick turn-around in the testing process. Nearly completed in its development, Fritz agreed to bring it to a club meeting for an exclusive showing.

As any placerer knows, there are several distinct and separate functions in operating or testing a placer. First comes loading and size-classifying the feedstock. Second is sluicing or otherwise separating the "heavies" from the rejects. Third is clean-up of the heavies to recover the gold or other heavy minerals. The marvel of this apparatus is that it combines all functions so that one shovels the test material into the hopper at one end and very quickly recovers any placer gold at the other end. This equipment is ideal for placer testing "on the fly" where time is of the essence, which of course it always is. It can be used to explore for new placers or to extend existing ones quickly and cheaply.

The feed hopper has a worm-screw feed to provide continuous and even supply to the small attached trommel. This prevents the surges of material which often unbalance a placer circuit and cause erratic recovery. The small trommel is stoutly built and the barrel has about one-half inch openings. The material which passes the trommel goes into a transparent plastic tube and is moved by water pressure into a device similar to an "Ainly Bowl" where centrifugal force ejects the light-weight waste around, over the top and out while the gold resists the force and remains down and in the center. It is possible at any time, and without stopping



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the process, to see exactly how much gold has been recovered. Also, you can see the amount of heavies it is capturing. You can't get much better than that!

The device is mounted on rubber tires and can be easily moved about by one person, fits easily in a pick-up truck (or minivan), or can be towed by any all-terrain-vehicle. It is battery powered and according to its builder is very economical with water since the water it uses is recycled.

Developed for commercial use, the cost may be a bit much for weekend diggers, but wouldn't we all like to get our hands on it for those times and places where we just KNOW there are some red hot spots just waiting to be found! Congratulations and thanks to Fritz Meyer for sharing his invention with us and best of luck in his marketing efforts.

VP's from page 1

his time, unable to stand rain or hardship - leaves for home.

BLACK BOTTOM - High spade in hold, splits half the pot in Seven Card Stud.

CHICAGO - Same as Black Bottom.

MARIAH - Same as Chicago.

MUCK - Worthless overburden, mud.

TUNDRA SHARK - Soft area in tundra that opens up to swallow vehicle.

BABY CRAP - Soft, brown mud often found in Tundra Sharks.

PESSIMITE - Gold bearing material discarded by Scissor Bills as worthless.

OPTIMITE - Worthless material, when looked at long enough one can see all types of minerals in it.

LEVIRITE - Leave it right where you found it.

POOP TUBE - Four foot length of 4" drain line, ribbed plastic used to separate fine gold from beach sand.

HENERY HENERY - Same as Poop Tube.

DROUTHY - Dry, craving a drink.

FLUME HEAD - Start of a trough used

to divert water in mining.

GRAYLING - Salmon like fish with a large back fin.

GRUBSTAKE - Money or provisions advanced to a minor in return for a share in future claims.

HOG BACK - Ridge with a sharp summit and steep sides.

HOODOO - Bad luck, jinx

ICE WORMS - Twigs or branches protruding through the snow and enveloped in ice as to resemble slimy, segmented creatures.

JADE - Brassy, hard woman.

KLUCH - Bad women in Nome.

KNUCKLE DOWN - Tough up, getting ready to shoot as in a game of marbles.

MOIL - Dig under wet, dirty conditions; grub.

PAN OUT - To work things out for the good.

PAY STREAK - Vein of rich ore, layer of rich gravel.

PIKED - Made one's way.

SIWASW - Crooked, to cheat one's friend.

SLUICE BOX - One of the 12 foot units of gold mining sluices.

SOURDOUGH - Opposite of Scissor Bill, Cheechako or Tenderfoot.

STINT - Extent of stay.

TAILINGS - Ground after gold is removed.

TINHORNS - Bragging, pretentious show-offs.

TOPPERS - Drunkards.

WINDLASS - Drum used to wind rope.

From the Ledger of

**Kathy Hawley,
Treasurer/Secretary**

I want to thank Lisa Berta, Hank Innerfeld and Leroy Lamgo for donations to the Member's Only drawings. We will give away a total of **11.5 grams of gold** at the November meeting. **3 nuggets** will be **1 gram or over**, with the largest being **2.1 grams**. We began selling tickets for a "Special Nugget" at the September meeting. The Siberian nugget weighs 12.3 grams. Tickets will be sold to members only. So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and Good Luck!!

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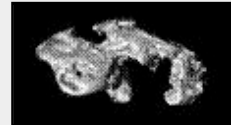
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Funeral Notice

Lou Severini, a long time member of Gold Prospectors of Colorado, died in a car accident near Raton, New Mexico on October 30. Our condolences go out to his family. Funeral services were held on November 10, 2007.

Quiet Please

I have received several comments from members about the noise and conversations that occur in the back of the meeting room during our meetings. One of our guest speakers mentioned this also. Please, if you must talk during the meeting, take it outside.

Find of the Month

October 2007

Find of the Month Results (FOM)

Winners in **BOLD**.

Best Bottle

No entries.

Best Jewelry

Frank Conte: Heart Bracelet c stones, Elizabeth, CO playground.

Largest Raw Gold

Joe Johnston: Gold picker from Cache Creek.

Most Raw Gold

Randy Atcher: S. Boulder Creek.

J.J. Long: Cripple River, Alaska.

Joe Fortunato: Lake County, CO.

Aaron Ingalls: Downtown Golden, CO 3.8g.

Joe Johnston: Fine gold sluiced from Cache Creek, CO.

Most Unique (Excavated)

Randy Archer: Bear (1889?) from Ward, CO back yard

Frank Conte - Scout (BSA) scarf holder, Elizabeth, CO high school.

Warren C. Phelps: Crystal Peak Crystal Creek Teller County RAS 201 + 755.

Joe Johnston: Porcelin pan & cans from Caribou, CO.

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Randy Archer: Magnetite from Caribou, CO (*magnetic with square nails held to it*).

Joe Johnston: Magnetite Caribou, CO.

Most Valuable U.S Coin

Randy Archer: 1991 quarter, Iris Ave Boulder, CO.

Frank Conte: 1958D silver quarter, Elizabeth Rodeo grounds.

Oldest Coin

Randy Archer: 1941D nickel, Iris Ave. Boulder, CO.

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: While prospecting season is upon us be sure to **bring a second IDENTICAL 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 an IDENTICAL 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.

Join Us on the Third Wednesday

Lloyd G. Clements
Community Center
1580 Yarrow Street
Lakewood, Colorado
(One block west of
Wadsworth, then one
block north of Colfax)

7 p.m. Meeting

6 p.m. Board Meeting

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Gold's chemical symbol,
Au, comes from the
Latin word for gold,
aurum.



(GPR) Board Meeting of October 17, 2007

Board meeting of October 17, 2007 by Gary Hawley.

Roll call. Those in attendance: Accepted. Yes
Questions: None.

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

Committee Reports:
 There have been more than 47,470 hits to our website since Jan. 1996

Unfinished Business: Jeff Mosteller – Power Point program – Under development.

Sue Lemieux.– Prospector window decals update. *The decals are here and available for \$6.00 each.*

Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:20 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

Jeff Mosteller: Future of panning demonstrations. A motion was presented and seconded to suspend future panning demonstrations. *This action was taken after discussion about the demands placed upon the membership to travel to and work the demonstrations. The initial consensus of the Board is to liquidate the trailer and equipment. Gary Hawley and Jeff Mosteller will prepare an inventory sheet of equipment and determine a reasonable value of same. Further discussion of this matter will be held at the November Board Meeting.*

Planned Outings
October 27: Hydee Mine tour

Announcements:
 Next board meeting November 21, 2007, at 6:00 P.M.

Next general meeting November 21, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

“What have you been doing?”

Where did you prospect last summer?
 What did you find?
 What kind of equipment do you use?
 How did you research your location?
 Did you file any claims?
 What would you have done differently?
 Did you take any pictures?
 Answer all of these questions with an article about your prospecting related experiences from recent times. Please send it to :
Goldhunter@ricksthings.com

Question of the Month

“Where does Independence Pass get it’s name, and how did the name originate at this site”?

Election Time by, Joe Shubert

Hello GPR Members,

The November meeting will be election of officers. I will have paper ballots to be marked and placed in a container. The votes will be counted later because of more than one running of an office. This will make a paper trail in case of a disagreement on the count. I will have a container for the election ballots to be placed in. The new officers will be announced at the December meeting.

Also at the November

meeting we will have the nomination of a member for the Ken Barker Award. I will have forms and a container for the nominations on the front table. The container will be well marked as will the one for the Election Ballots.

Qualifications for a nominee for the Ken Barker Award are as follows:

- * A person nominated for this award must be a Club Member in good standing.*
- Promotes gold prospecting. *
- Promotes the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies. *
- Participates in Club Activities. *
- Anticipates the needs of the Club and does his/her best to fulfill those needs. *
- Contributes to the success of the Club with his/her extra efforts.

EXCEPTIONS:

* Neither the

PRESIDENT nor the VICE-PRESIDENT shall be eligible for this award.

With the above qualifications in mind please be thinking about who you would like to nominate for this award. On the form is a place for your email address, please fill this in so that I can contact you for information you would like to be put in a article in the January newsletter about the person if he/she is the winner of the award.

The winner will be announced at the December meeting.

November 21, 2007 Meeting Program

We need all GPR members to "Come out and vote" for club officers.

Following the elections, we will have a very informative video titled:

"Black Sand: Recovering Gold from Concentrates"

Gold Facts

Symbol: Au
 Atomic number: 79
 Number of protons/ electrons: 79
 Crystal structure: cubic
 Melting point: 1,064.43°C
 Boiling point: 2,807.0°C

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Keith Hawley, Editor
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Keith Hawley, daotter@msn.com

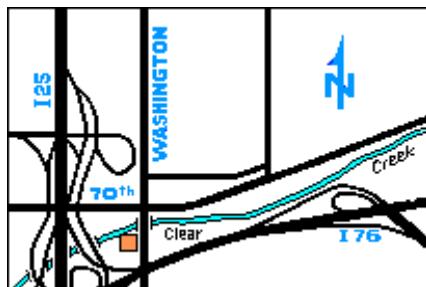


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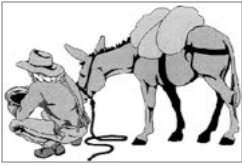
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