

The Gold Nugget

The Prez Sez by, Gary Hawley



Gold Prospectors of the Rockies Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

At 6:00 P.M.



The club will supply coffee, sodas, paper plates, napkins and plastic ware.

Members are to bring a covered dish and serving utensils.

Doors will open at 5:30 and we will eat at 6:00!

No vendors or ticket sales, just food and visiting!

VP's Corner by, Jeff Mosteller



Dear Club Members,
Club members, thank

you for your help with the Gold Panning Demonstrations through this year. At the Christmas Potluck on the 19th, I will have some special recognitions to give for the demonstrations through 2007.

I have enjoyed being the Vice President for 2007, and I look forward to being a proud board member in 2008.

See you at the potluck. Please come early and come hungry.

Jeff.

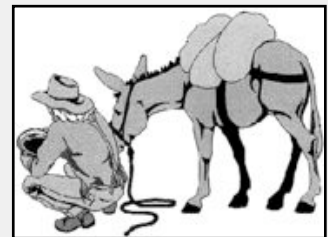
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Dick will be happy to



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GPR General Meeting by, Paul Nagy, Recorder for November 21, 2007

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21 November 2007

**Paul Nagy, General
Meeting Recorder**

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Third Wednesday**

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7 p.m. Meeting

6 p.m. Board
Meeting

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7:10 President Gary Hawley calls the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance. Update on progress of newsletter rework. Patience, please, as work continues.

7:13 Treasurer's report from Kathy Hawley. We are in the black.

7:14 Prez Hawley discusses metal prices.

7:15 Membership report by Jackie Barker. 117 regular memberships. One guest present: welcome, Shannon!

7:16 VP's report by Jeff Mosteller. Reports on status of Donna who is in intensive care with intestinal problems. She is progressing and should be out of IC in a few more days. Cards or calls to Lutheran Hospital to wish Donna a speedy recovery. She has never stopped doing her best for the club.

Poem: "A Prospectors Thanksgiving."

7:22 Prez Hawley announces proposed cessation of panning demonstrations. We did not get the required participation to continue this. The "regulars" who show up were near burn-out with no relief in

sight. For the present, we are putting the demos on hold, but maintaining the equipment for possible use in other club functions. The club will shift to new directions, more outings, new activities, etc.

7:25 Sue Lemieux, events coordinator, reports on an interesting tour at the Hidee Mine in Russell Gulch near Central City. Participants got an authoritative tour by one of the mine owners. Also a chance to cut a large sample of pyritic gold ore from one of the stopes to take home. Sue will re-sked this tour for next spring. It's a good one.

7:30 Question of the month by Joe Johnston. Later the answer and prizes to winners.

7:31 Gary Hawley reports that construction renovations are planned at Cache Creek. We hope to have outings there next year. Also, revisions of rules and regs by the Jeffco Open Space Committee for placering in Clear Creek are ongoing.

7:33 Clue #4 for the hidden cache by Kathy Hawley.

7:34 Gary Hawley announces that today is the twentieth wedding anniversary for Kathy and him. Cake in the back of the hall at recess. A reminder that for next month's annual Holiday Potluck Dinner the doors

will open at 5:30 pm and dinner begins at 6:00.

7:35 Joe Shubert explains the rules for the election of officers and for Ken Barker Award nominees. Ballots available for voting tonight.

7:38 Gary Hawley reviews balloting procedure.

7:43 Recess.

8:04 Video: "Separating Fine Gold from Black Sands" produced by the Gold Prospectors Association of America.

**(GPR) Board Meeting of
November 21, 2007**

**Gold Prospectors of the
Rockies**

**Board meeting of
November 21, 2007**

Roll call

Those in attendance

Gary Hawley

Jeff Mosteller

Kathy Hawley

Rob Deschambault

Joe Johnston

Allen Mershon

Paul Nagy

Sue Lemieux

Mike Barker

Terry Weatherly

Aaron Ingalls

Absent & Excused



“Separating Fine Gold from Black Sands”

A video by the G.P.A.A.

Transcribed by, Paul Nagy

We have seen another video and a demonstration by Jeff Mosteller and Allen Mershon on this method of gold clean-up. What makes this presentation so graphic is the richness of the material being processed. It's hardly typical but the quantity of gold fines is so great that it positively shows how the system works. The presenters got the sample from beach sands at Nome, Alaska an area notorious for very fine gold. In the top few inches of the sluice the captured gold looks as if it had been painted on!

The mini sluice consists of

a three or four foot section of plastic roof gutter. The bottom liner is the plastic mesh which is sold to cover the top of the gutter so that it doesn't get clogged with leaves. Instead of resting on top of the gutter, it is pushed down into the bottom to form the floor of the sluice for gold winning. It's an easy set-up with no cutting or fitting of riffle material required. The water flow is supplied by a battery operated pump or at home by a garden hose. In either case, the flow quantity is easily regulated for optimum performance. Likewise, the best angle of the sluice is also determined by trial and error.

A good idea demonstrated in the video is the use of a snifter bottle during operation of the sluice. As the nearly pure gold is deposited in the sluice, it is quickly sucked up into the snifter. That prevents the gold from working its way down the sluice and ultimately out into the reject. In this way, the operation is continuous without the need to stop for a cleanup. This is a real time saver.

The video proves again that even though you have seen something before, that there is always something new to be learned!

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

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Board *(Continued from 2)*

Donna Mosteller

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 by Gary Hawley.

Questions: None. Ac-

cepted? Yes.

Committee Reports

Web Master reports 75,150 hits since January 1996.

Unfinished Business

Jeff Mosteller - Power Point program. Under development.

Gary Hawley suggests we table this program for review at a later date.

Jeff Mosteller - Future of panning demonstrations. Discuss liquidation of panning demo equipment. Discussion on keeping the trailer for club events.

Sue Lemieux - Report on Hydee Mine tour. Excellent outing. 4 members attended. Plans for another

tour in June.

Joe Shubert - Club elections and Ken Barker Award.

New Business

Gary Hawley - Did everyone get their newsletter?

Gary Hawley - Christmas pot luck. Change meeting times for this meeting. Doors will open at 5:30. Food at 6:00. No speakers or vendors.

Planned Outings

Nothing until after the first of the year.

Announcements

Next board meeting December 19, 2007, at 5:30 P.M.

**Planning Calendar
2007**

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

Point Bar Outing
21st Club meeting

June

18th Club meeting
22nd Hydee Mine Tour

July

16th Club meeting

August

20th Club meeting

September

17th Club Meeting
20th Club Picnic

October

15th Club meeting

November

TBA

December

15th Annual Pot Luck Dinner

Ken Barker Award by, Donna Mosteller

Ken Barker was a very special friend to me. He taught me how to pan for gold and that brought about many opportunities for me to meet wonderful people and experience things that I would never have been exposed to otherwise. Ken loved gold prospecting and shared the activity with everyone who was interested.

I was very touched to have been the recipient of the first Ken Barker Award in 2004 and I have felt the same excitement for those that have received the award in the following years. I am sure whoever wins the

Election Results by, Joe Shubert

Thanks to all who participated in the election of new officers for 2008. Those elected to office are as follows:

President

Gary Hawley

Vice President

Allen Mershon

Treasurer

Kathy Hawley

2 Year Board Members

Robert Deshambault,
elected 2007

Joe Johnston,
elected 2007

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Membership Dues by, Jackie Barker

Hey everybody, just a reminder that renewal of your membership dues is January, 2008. You may either mail a check to the club address (see below) or you can pay at the meeting on January 16, 2008. ALSO, instead of filling out a new Membership Application/ Hold Harmless form, members can initial and date

their current form, which I will have available at the meetings. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Jackie Barker
- Membership

Club Address:

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Joe Shubert,
elected 2008

1 Year Board Members

Paul Nagy

Sue Lemeux

Mike Barker

Arron Ingalls

Jeff Mosteller

Andy Doll

Henry Chambless

**Winner of the
Ken Barker Award will
be announced at the
December 19th
pot luck!**



November Find-of-the-Month (FOM) 2007 by, Joe Johnston

Best Bottle

No entries

Best Jewelry

No entries

Largest Raw Gold

Randy Archer – gold flakes from Vic’s

Most Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato – Lake County gold .7 gram

Jay Nunn – Boulder Co.

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Joe Johnston – 2002 Tenn. Quarter (found under vending machine)

John R. Adam – 1942 merc dime

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Jay Nunn – red rock

Jay Nunn – masonic penny

John R. Adams – 1950 Chauffers Drivers License

Joe Johnston – 1959 “Red Book” of coins

Most Unique (Excavated)

Robert Deshanbault – Hidee gold mine

Jay Nunn – pyrite

Dale Varner – Petrified wood

Aaron Ingalls – shotgun and rifle casings

Oldest Coin

Ian Duncanson – 1974 nickel

Joe Fortunato – 1926 D wheat cent

Jay Nunn – 1942 nickel

John R. Adams 1941 Merc.

Way to go everyone, keep up the good hunting! Bring your FOM winners to the meeting in December for the FOY (Find of the Year) entries.

Congratulations to this month’s winners. Be sure to save your FOM winning items for entry in the Find of the Year (FOY) competition in December.

NOTE: Finds made from the end of the November meeting to the time of the January meeting are eligible for entry in the January FOM program. Keep those finds handy and bring them then. 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 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

November Find-of-the-Month (FOM) 2007 by,

The following list indicates the 2007 monthly Find-of-the-Month winners and the item that won. All persons on this list should bring the listed item to the December meeting to be eligible for Find-of-the-Year. If any category had no entry during a specific month, that month was deleted from the list.

Be sure to check with Joe Johnston, Finds Program Coordinator, before placing your find on the table.

Best Bottle

March – Robert Deschambault, Brown bottle from Baer Creek

June – Randy Archer, Iodine bottle circa 1950’s

Best Jewelry

March - Wane McCarroll, Cohina ring

July - Leanne Larson, Ruby & gold ring & 14k manufactured safaire

August - Joe Johnston, Silver earring (large loop)

October - Frank Conte, Heart Bracelet c stones

Largest Raw Gold

April - Steven Barritt, 7 gram gold nugget

June - Joe Fortunato, .5 gram Lake County gold

July - Allen Mershon, Gold teeth insert

"The Question of the Month"
will return in the January issue of the



September - Don Fling,

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Finalist *(Continued from page 5)*

Buena Vista nugget

October - Joe Johnston, Cache Creek gold picker

November - Randy Archer, Gold flakes from Vic's

Most Raw Gold

March - Allen Mershon, Gold amalgamated w/ mercury from Cripple Creek

April - Steven Barritt, .6 gram gold flakes

June - J.J. Long, Arizona gold

July - Joe Fortunato, 1.1 gram placer gold

September - Joe Fortunatio, 2.7 gram Lake County gold

October - Aaron Ingalls, 3.8 gram from downtown Golden

November - Joe Fortunato, 7 gram Lake County gold

Most Unique (Excavated)

Dec, Jan, Feb - Joe Carter, Baggage Tag, F.D.J.&Co. #4

March - Joe Carter, Henry rifle cartridge circa 1870

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

May - Jay Nunn, calcite

June - Joe Johnston, Rail Plate, C&NW

July - Leroy Lamgo, 2 Mark gold coin from Germany c.1939

August - Joe Johnston, Rusted bucket

September - Warren C. Phelps, Barite

October - Warren C. Phelps, Crystal Peak Crystal Creek Teller County

November - Robert Deschambault, Hidee Gold Mine sample

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Dec, Jan, Feb - Joe Johnston, Gasket tool

May - Sue Lemieux - 'Gold Nudette' from "Arc" gold-mine

June - Randy Archer, Solder top Nortons 1887 side seam can

July - Larry Weilnau, Bottle stoppers c. 1920's

August - Joe Johnston, Broach with broken pin

September - Carl Sauerland, Petrified wood

October - Randy Archer, Magnetite from Caribou, CO

November - John R. Adams - 1950 Chauffers drivers license

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Dec, Jan, Feb - Joe Johnston - 1963 D silver quarter

March - Nancy Carter - 1952 D Roosevelt dime

April - William Gale Herbertson - BLD quarters (double die)

May - Randy Wood - mis-strike cent - 1982 (50% off

center)

June - Randy Archer - 10 cent dime 1986 D

July - Hank Innerfeld - 1978 quarter

August - Joe Johnston - 1941 nickel

September - Terry Weqatherly - 1835 3 cent nickel

October - Frank Conte - 1958 D silve quarter

November - John R. Adams - 1942 Merc dime

Oldest Coin

Dec, Jan, Feb - Don Dixon - 1914D Liberty (Barber) dime

March - Joe Fortunato - 1942-S Winged Liberty (Mercury) dime

April - Joe Johnston - 1990-D BU cent

May - Hank Innerfeld - 1970 nickel

Correction Notice

There were a few errors in last months issue of the Gold Nugget, Volume 12 Issue 11.

The most noticeable was the numbering on the calendar on page 8. This error has been corrected in this i s s u e , Volume 12 Issue 12

The Editor.



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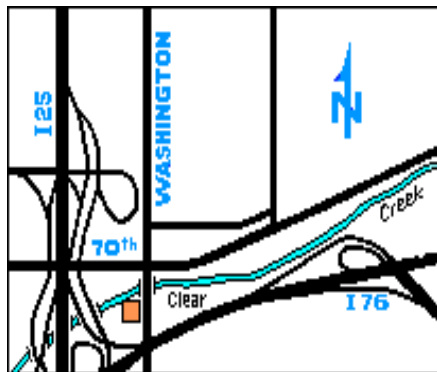
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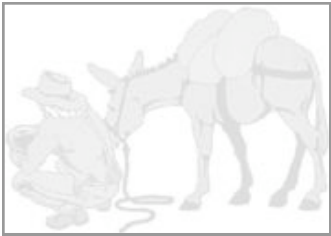
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16 Club Meeting	17	18	19
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