

THE GOLD NUGGET

The Prez Sez by, Gary Hawley



We have been fortunate to have had an extended amount of good weather and that means more opportunities to generate concentrates to work on when the weather gets bad. Take advantage of it and prospect while you can.

Thanks to **Sue Lemieux** for the 2nd annual pumpkin carving contest. It was great to see how creative our members can be.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the language for the new Board of Directors position called "Immediate Past President". I think it is self-explanatory, but you can call me if you need more details about it.

The Find of the Month program will finalize with the usual awards being presented at the December meeting. Beginning in January 2009, this program will change to a Show & Tell program. This will be a "for fun" program and no drawing tickets will be issued. More details later.

It's election time! **Joe Shubert** has received several nominations for board positions and will have an election ballot available at the November 19th meeting. I am impressed by the number of people who have stepped forward to run for board positions. This will be an exciting time for our club and I appreciate everyone's interest in moving forward.

Also at the November 19th meeting, ballots will be available to nominate someone for the Ken Barker Award. **Joe Shubert** will explain the procedure for this award at the November meeting.

It is important for you to attend the November 19 meeting and vote for the candidate of your choice.

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

The following proposal for a new Board of Directors position was presented at a regular Board Meeting on October 15, 2008.

After discussion, the proposal was voted on and accepted.

Immediate Past President

Purpose The main purpose of this position is to assist the President and Board of Directors in the maintenance of continuity from one administration to the next. He/she may assist the President or Board Members with matters pertaining to the Club and shall be available for council when requested. He/she will provide guidance and serves as a resource to Club officers and members.

Definition The term "Immediate Past President" refers to the person, who just completed his/her term of office as President.

Term Term begins immediately after the year(s) served as President and runs concurrent with the term of the succeeding President. This title is retained for one year or until the next President completes his/her term of office.

Relationship The Immediate Past President is a member of the Board

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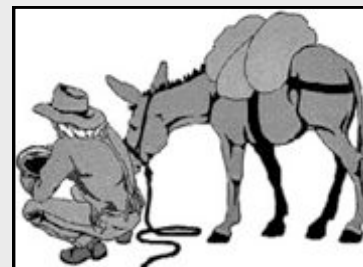
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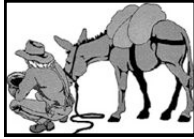
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Dick will be happy to review any comments or suggestions that you may have.



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**JOIN US
ON THE THIRD
WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

Lloyd G. Clements
Community
Center

1580 Yarrow Street
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Wadsworth; then
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6 PM Board Mtg.

7 PM Club Mtg.

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**Pumpkin
Carving
Winners**

2008

Left to right:

Gary, Sue, Rob,
Lloyd

Congratulations!

GPR Board Members

Gold Prospectors
of the Rockies

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Gary Hawley

Vice President

Allen Mershon

Treasurer

Kathy Hawley

2 Year Board Members

Robert Deshambault

(Elected 2007)

Joe Johnston

(Elected 2007)

Joe Shubert

(Elected 2008)

1 Year Board Members

Paul Nagy

Sue Lemeux

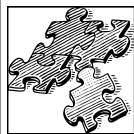
Mike Barker

Arron Ingalls

Jeff Mosteller

Andy Doll

Henry Chambless



**Program
Schedule**

for the

November Meeting

Elections

No Speaker

Board Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2008

Roll call.

Those in attendance:

Gary Hawley

Allen Mershon

Kathy Hawley

Rob Deschambault

Joe Johnston

Joe Shubert

Paul Naggy

Sue Lemieux

Aaron Ingalls

Mike Barker

Jeff Mosteller

Andy Doll

Quorum present?

Yes.

Call to order:

Meeting was called to
order at 6:23 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.

Committee Reports:

Web master, Dick Oakes,
reports more than 86,250
hits since January 1996.

Unfinished Business:

Membership cards -
Gary Hawley. Cards have
been printed and are
available for issue in
January 2009.

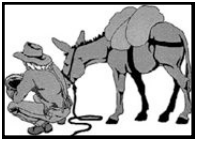
November Elections -
Joe Shubert. Nomination
ballots were available at
the September meeting.
Upon review of our By-
laws, Gary and Joe deter-
mined we were early in
issuing nomination bal-
lots. Those nominations
turned in at the Septem-
ber meeting will be con-
sidered valid. Additional
nominations will be ac-
cepted by ballot at to-
night's meeting

Ken Barker Award - Joe
Shubert. Ballots will be
available at the Novem-
ber meeting. Joe will ex-
plain the procedure for
this award at the Novem-
ber meeting.

New Business:

Board position - Gary
Hawley. Development of
a new Board position:
Immediate Past Presi-
dent. Purpose: To assist
the President and Board
of Directors in the main-
tenance of continuity
from one administration
to the next.(Copy of the
complete proposal was

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General Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2008

Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

7:05 President Gary Hawley calls the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

7:06 Metal prices. Prez announces that this evening's meeting will run 30 minutes longer than usual.

7:07 Evening's speaker Dr. Bruce Geller, Director of the Geology Museum at the Colorado School of Mines and "History of Gold Production in Colorado."

8:15 Membership report by Jackie Barker. 127 regular memberships. Five guests tonight: Robert Gerstenberger, Adam Hutzell, Joe Kiley, Linda Thompson, and Troy Williams. Welcome!

8:17 Nominations tonight for the upcoming club elections. In addition, we need a newsletter editor. Update of find of the month rules. Next year there will be a show-and-tell format with no prizes (other than the amazement and admiration of club members). Also, there is a new club position, "Immediate Past-President" to help the transition to the new administration.

8:27 Aaron Ingalls with the clue for the hidden cache.

8:28 Sue Lemieux with the rules for voting in

the pumpkin carving contest.

8:31 Recess.

8:52 Joe Johnston with the finds of the month.

8:55 Donna Mosteller with the answer to the question of the month.

8:57 Sue Lemieux with pumpkin carving winners. First prize: Rob Deschambault.

9:02 Prize drawings then adjourn.

"A History of Gold Production in Colorado" by Dr. Bruce Geller

Dr. Geller is the Director of the Geology Museum at the Colorado School of Mines. His Phd. dissertation was an acclaimed geological study of Front Range gold districts. His talk was originally presented at the Spring 2008 Gold Show at the Denver Museum of

Nature and Science.

An understanding of gold geochemistry begins with the relationship of elements to each other. Gold comes in solution, not in a molten state. In Colorado, pyrite or "fools' gold" is not for fools because most gold is contained within pyrite or related minerals. Gold tellurides are also economically important. Tellurides are usually tiny and do not look like gold. They often oxidize to a dark dull matte. Elsewhere, gold is more commonly found in the native element or "free" state.

In its history Colorado has produced about 45 million ounces of gold. More than half of this has come from the Victor

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From the Ledger of, Kathy Hawley Treasurer / Secretary

I want to thank Leroy Lamgo, and Jim Long for their donations for the Members Only drawing. Don Bray donated 2 rocks with Tourmaline crystals. I will be giving these away for the Members Only door prize at the November meeting. I will have them at the table if you would like to see them before the drawing.

We will give away 10 nuggets totaling 9.8 grams at the November meeting, with 3 nuggets over 1 gram and the largest being a 2.7 gram.

The November meeting will be your last chance to buy tickets for the "Special Nugget". We will be giving that nugget away at the December potluck meeting. The Australian nugget weighs 18.5 grams. Tickets will be sold to members only. If you haven't seen the nugget, stop by the table to see this beauty.

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

"The Question of the Month"

By, Ian & Susan Duncanson

Who is Lawrence Greenleaf referring to in the following verse?

"The festive youths of Central City

Declared he was 'cuss' -

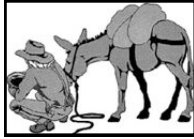
Cards, billiards, liquor - what a pity

The way in which the chap evades

His losses, beats the dickens!

While 'shovels' shield unlucky 'spades'

The 'picks' protect the 'pickings'



Planning Calendar 2008	
NOVEMBER	
19 th Club Meeting	19 th Elections
DECEMBER	
17 th Annual Potluck Dinner	
2009	
JANUARY	
21 st Club Meeting	
FEBRUARY	
18 th Club Meeting	
MARCH	
18 th Club Meeting	
APRIL	
15 th Club Meeting	
MAY	
20 th Club Meeting	
JUNE	
17 th Club Meeting	
JULY	
15 th Club Meeting	
AUGUST	
19 th Club Meeting	
SEPTEMBER	
16 th Club Meeting	
OCTOBER	
21 st Club Meeting	

BOARD

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distributed). Discussion, then vote. Approved.

Cache Creek - Gary Hawley. Revisit club directive generated at the August 20 Board Meeting and presented at the General Membership meeting August 20: If a member observes a problem in that area, report it to the proper authority. Do not confront anyone. This will be revisited again at the November Board meeting.

Find of Month/Year - Gary Hawley. Revisit problems. Complaints continue to arrive about the FOM program. The Board has made the following decision: Continue the program through 2008, finalizing it at the December meeting. Beginning January 2009, the club will provide a "Show & Tell" table at the back of the meeting room. Members will be allowed to display one gold prospecting related item at each meeting. No nugget drawing tickets will be issued. This is to be a "for fun" project and will not be allowed to promote competition.

Number of Board members - Gary Hawley. Gary Hawley and Joe Shubert, after reviewing our By-laws, recommend reducing the number of num-

ber of Board positions. Vote taken. Approved.

Planned Outings: No outings planned.

Announcements:

Next board meeting: November 19, 2008, at 6:00 P.M.

Next general meeting: November 19, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

General Elections at the November meeting.

Tonight's general meeting program: Bruce Geller - Colorado School of Mines.

Deadline for newsletter articles:

Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

Adjournment:

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Ken Barker Award

By, Joe Shubert

At the November meeting we will have the opportunity to nominate a member of the GPR for the Ken Barker Award. Forms will be made available and a separate container for the nominations will be on the front table. The container will be well marked as will the one for the Election Ballots.

Qualifications for a

nominee 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.*

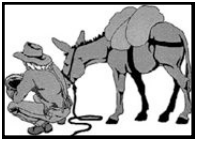
** Participates in Club Activities.*

** 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.*



GENERAL

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- Cripple Creek area. Most of the remainder is from the Colorado Mineral Belt which extends from the San Juan Mountains northeastward through the Central City and Boulder districts. Significant gold producers include Telluride-Mt. Sneffels with 6.8 million ounces and Central City-Idaho Springs with 6.2 million ounces.

The first known discovery of gold in Colorado was by officers from Fort Massachusetts in 1852. Later, William G. Russell made a discovery south of present day Franktown. The first documented discovery was panned by the Russell group in Clear Creek near its confluence with Ralston Creek. Dr. Geller points out that even in today's high-tech world, panning is still an important exploration technique.

The first commercial discovery was made by George Jackson in 1858-59 near Idaho Springs. This was closely followed by John Gregory's lode discovery below Central City, which helped trigger the "Pike's Peak" gold rush. By 1876 "Colorado" had attained statehood as "The Silver State" because by then the silver discoveries at Leadville had surpassed the value of earlier gold.

But in 1890 gold's star rose once more with silver's crash and the discovery of Cripple Creek by prospector "Crazy Bob" Womack. Winfield Scott Stratton is the best known and richest of the mining promoters of this era. The Gold Coin mine was discovered in a hotel excavation in Victor. In the Cresson Mine a single vug (cavity) yielded 40,000 ounces of gold.

Exploration interest also led to other discoveries such as Tom Walsh's Camp Bird Mine in the San Juans. In 1887 the largest gold nugget "Tom's Baby" was found near Breckenridge. In 1972 it was "re-discovered" in a Denver bank vault. Some of it was missing.

Gold, like all commodities, is cyclical in value with interest in it rising and falling with the waves of economic time. There was a resurgence in 1934 when, in the depths of depression, the government raised the price from \$20 to \$34 dollars per ounce. In 1972 gold was released to free market forces and soared for the rest of the decade. Today the only significant primary gold mine in Colorado is in the old Cripple Creek-Victor District, where modern mining and heap-leach technology currently produce about 325,000 ounces per year.

Other minor gold is re-covered from sand and gravel operations. Will gold exploration and mining again boom in Colorado? Who can say. But if history is a view of the future, then it may come to pass!

Visit the Geology Museum at the Colorado School of Mines and see a breath-taking collection of gold and many other mineral specimens.

PAST PRESIDENT

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of Directors and has a full vote at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Eligibility Must be a member in good standing and have served as President for one full year.

Responsibilities The Immediate Past President has authority to carry out the following:

1. Support and provide continuity to the new President and Board.
2. Represents the President or serves as spokesperson for the Club as requested by the President.
3. Is available to provide advice to elected Board Members and appointed volunteers.
4. Passes on records compiled during his/her term as President to assure a smooth transition.
5. Performs additional duties as authorized by the President.

Vacancy and Succession

In the event of a vacancy, this office shall remain vacant until the current President succeeds into this position.

Your Write (Instructions)

GPR members, guests and visitors are welcome to submit articles of interest, topic ideas and even creative artwork for consideration to appear in the GPR monthly newsletter.

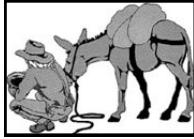
Submit your article and / or your artwork (*pictures, illustrations and text*) by the close of business 5 PM the FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month for appearance in the coming issue(s) of: The Gold Nugget.

(All submissions are subject to approval and editing by the GPR Board President and the Editor).

**PLEASE
Respond**

Keith Hawley
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Find of the Month (FOM) October, 2008

Joe Johnston, Board Member, Finds Program Coordinator, Librarian

Please note: the find of the month entries will close at the start of the meeting.

SPECIAL UPDATE

It was brought to my attention that the Find of the Month has been treated by many of the Members as a "competition". This is not what was intended for this program, the intent was for it to be your opportunity to share with the other Club Members the fruits of your efforts and share your knowledge and thus inspire each other to continue your chosen hobby with renewed effort. The recognition as a category entry/winner was intended as a reward for your participation only.

At the September Board Meeting, President Gary Hawley, with this information in mind, motioned to suspend the Find of the Month/Find of the Year program after the December 2008 meeting. Should any of the members wish to continue the program, we will need you to come forward and volunteer and let your wishes be known. If this doesn't happen there will be only a show & tell table starting in January 2009.

My thanks to all that have

assisted and/or participated either by entering or voting and viewing in this event. Joe Johnston

October 2008 FOM Winners

Best Bottle

No entries

Best Jewelry

No entries

Largest Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - 1.6 grams flake gold

Most Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - raw gold 6.8 grams

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Donovan Green - 1942-S war nickel (35% silver)

Oldest Coin

Brad Edwards - 1913 Barber dime

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Joe Johnston - shot up Black Powder can, North Park, Colo.

Most Unique (Excavated)

Joe Johnston - two 1870's unfired cartridges, North Park, Colo.

The entries were light this month, but they are good finds.

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

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

Note: With prospecting season closing on us don't forget 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.

What have you been doing?

Where did you prospect last summer?

What did you find?

What kind of equipment did/do you use?

How did/do you research your location?

Did you file any claims?

What would you have done/do differently?

Did you take any pictures?

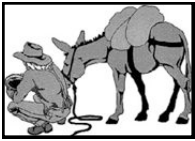
Answer any or all of these questions in an article about your prospecting experiences from recent times and sent it to:

PLEASE Respond

Keith Hawley Editor

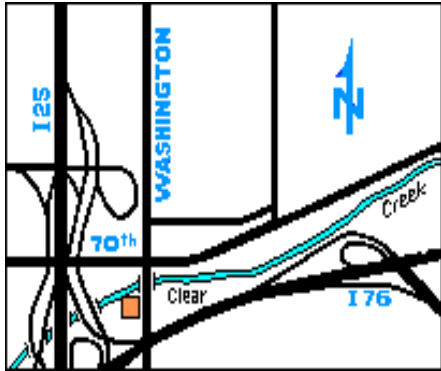
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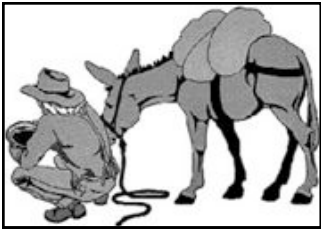
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Coming Announcements and Special Events December 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Submission Deadline for the Newsletter	4	5	6
7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Club Meeting & Annual Potluck Dinner	18	19	20
21 Winter Begins	22	23	24	25 Christmas & Copy Deadline for the Gold Nugget	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			