

THE GOLD NUGGET

August 2009

The Prez Sez by, Aaron Ingalls

I am unable to pen an article this month but here is an article that our past president wrote that is appropriate today as many of you are getting into the streams to find that elusive gold.

See you all soon, Aaron

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A Word to the Wise Creek Bacteria Can Cause Rash

As appearing in *The Gold Nugget*, April 2000

by Gary Hawley

I recently spoke with a fellow prospector who had been panning at 70th and Washington while wearing the usual knee-high rubber boots. While walking in the creek, water splashed into both boots. Within a day or so, he noticed a rash appear on his legs. His doctor thought bacteria in the creek water might have caused the rash.

In the summer of 1999, I heard a doctor talk about the hazards of hiking in the mountains. He strongly suggested that you should wash your hands before handling any food products, even if all you did was walk through brush or touch any grasses, and especially if you had touched any stream water. He stated that bacteria grow well in the moist mountain areas and can easily transfer from brush or stream water to your hands and then to the food you touch. There are several good antibacterial waterless soaps available at the drug store. They come in gel form and in towelette packets.

We all know not to drink from the stream without proper treatment of the water, but maybe we should consider other protection as well:

1. Wear tall enough boots to avoid water getting into them.
2. Wear longer gloves to avoid water getting to your hands.
3. Use the waterless antibacterial soap before eating (this applies to smokers, also).
4. Bathe when you have finished panning or prospecting.
5. Wash the clothes you wore while prospecting.

It is a shame that our beautiful streams may be harmful to our health but the fact is, they are and we must take precautions to protect ourselves.

GPOR Website

If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website contact the webmaster at:
prospector@phantomranch.net



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





Board Meeting Minutes for July 2009 Meeting

Roll Call Attending

Aaron Ingalls	
Allen Mershon	X
Robert Larson	
Gary Hawley	X
Rob Deschambault	X
Joe Johnson	
Joe Shubert	X
Sue Lemieux	X
James Long	
Jon Weir	
Leanne Larson	
Terry Weatherly	X
Joe Fortunato	X

Quorum Present? Yes

Called to Order: 6:25

Reading of minutes

Approval: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Unavailable

Correspondence?: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business: Sue L. – clothing items may be ready for August meeting.

New Business :

- Board approved renewing membership in Mining Museum. Treasurer to send check.
- Board approved ordering 100 membership badges.
- Board approved ordering adhesive stickers to place on membership badges to indicate dues paid for specific year/s. Gary will place the order with Absolute Graphics.
- Jackie Barker has asked for someone to take over her position as membership committee.

Planned Outings:

- August 15 – Edgar Mine tour at 11:00.
- August 22/23 – Cache Creek – President's Outing.

Tonight's General Meeting Program: Auction of club trailer and misc. equipment.

Adjournment 6:40

How to Break In a Gold Pan

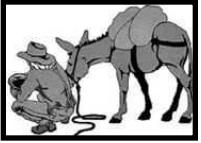
As appearing in *The Gold Nugget*, June 1997
by Rick LaCombe

After you buy that nifty riffled gold pan, it needs to be "broke in." You can do this with some 60-grit sandpaper.

Begin by moving the sandpaper in a circular motion, starting in the middle of the bottom and working to the outer edge. If you're in the field and don't have sand paper, put some small gravel in the bottom of the pan with a little water and, using the palm of your hand, move it in a circular motion.



When you use the pan, rocks are going to scratch up the bottom, but this way you can give it a head start. Now, the flour gold will be more easily recovered as it catches in the scratches.



General Meeting Minutes for July 2009 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:12 by Gary Hawley.

Pledge of Allegiance: by LeRoy Lamgo.

Treasurer's Report: Not available tonight.

Membership Report: After making adjustments to the membership list we have 112 memberships in good standing. Jackie Barker is asking for someone to assume her tasks as Membership Committee Chairperson as soon as possible. (Many thanks to **Mike Hurtado** for volunteering to take over the Membership Committee).

GPR Cache: It has been found by Sue Lemieux and Rob Deschambault! Congratulations! Good job of hiding it Aaron Ingalls. Now Sue & Rob get to hide the next one and prepare the clues. We're all waiting, Sue.

Planned Outings: **August 15 – Edgar Mine Tour** – meet at 10:30. Limited space is available. Contact Sue Lemieux – 413-668-6008.

August 22 & 23 – President's Day Outing at Cache Creek. Dry camping is available at Cache Creek. Other campgrounds are available at Buena Vista and areas nearby for a fee. Contact Gary Hawley for area campground information.

Question of the Month: (will be continued from July meeting)

Members Only Drawing: Not available tonight.

Nuggets Drawing: Not available tonight.

Tonight's Program: Auction of club trailer and misc. equipment.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00

"The Question of the Month"

Kit Carson had a cousin who many believed was responsible for 'Pike Peak or Bust' Who was he?

A Brief Synopsis of the History of Cripple Creek, Colorado

By Jim Long

Aahhhh, but the irresistible lure of the yellow gold..!!!! Colorado has a very healthy gold history. The last truly significant gold rush in Colorado occurred in a small area to the west of the famed Pikes Peak in the southeast corner of South Park that came to be known as **Cripple Creek** located at 9494 feet just below timberline.

Back in the latter half of the 1880's, the area was no more than cattle graze for some of the local ranches that had sprung up. An enterprising man sought to sell some property at an inflated price, "salted" the ground with gold. He was found out and the mini gold rush known as the 'Mount Pisgah Hoax' came to an end. However, in 1890, **Robert Miller Womack** discovered the real thing. Cripple Creek grew from 500 residents to over 10,000 in just 4 short years. The gold bearing area was found to be the core of an ancient volcano encompassing 6 square miles. The placer gold (surface) was recovered quickly but the true riches were found in lode or hard rock mines below the surface in unoxidized telluride's and sulfides. **W.S. Stratton** located the famed Independence Mine which became the richest lode mine in Colorado history. Cripple Creek incorporated in 1892 and within 10 years became a substantial community with nearby Victor.

The miners formed labor unions in 1894 and by 1903, labor problems erupted into strikes and to keep the gold flowing, **Governor James Peabody** activated the state militia to quell the matter. The result was to reopen the mines at considerable cost of life.

Even though more than \$500,000,000.00 in gold was removed (the price of gold in those days was only \$20 an ounce) from the area, yet W.S. Stratton was to die in 1909 utterly penniless.



Eventually, as these things usually do, the mines played out and by 1970, and Cripple Creek became known as a 'ghost town' even though it had a population of about 500 again. It became a somewhat tourist attraction

**Planning
Calendar 2009**

AUGUST

- 15th Edgar Mine Tour
- 19th Club Meeting
- 22-23 Presidents Day outing

SEPTEMBER

- 16th Club Meeting

OCTOBER

- 3rd Highlands Ranch Demo
- 21st Club Meeting

until Colorado approved legalized gambling there in 1990, ultimately providing a new life to an old town. Today there are some 1500 inhabitants that call Cripple Creek home.

There are regular tours given at several mines such as the old Molly Kathleen Gold Mine and others. The area is full of sights and local characters that preserve its rich heritage.

As of 2005, Cripple Creek has produced no less than 23.5 million troy ounces of gold amounting to 731 tons of gold. Figure that out at today's prices of \$941.00 per ounce..!! Most of the old underground mines are exhausted now, but in 1994, open pit mining was established east of Cripple Creek near Victor. Several of our members were fortunate to have the opportunity to tour the open pit mine a short time ago. They have fascinating tales to tell of their experience.

Today, Cripple Creek hosts a narrow gauge railroad that tours the surrounding area mines and the community has just built a new Pikes Peak Heritage Center. The Butte Opera House also adds to the areas cultural scene along with a 1200 seat outdoor concert venue.

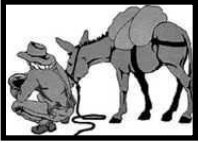
So saddle up the old mule (or your gas guzzler) and take a trip down there just to look around and soak up some Colorado gold history. There is plenty to go around (history that is)..!!!

Sue's Sluice Box

These items are for sale at the monthly meetings.

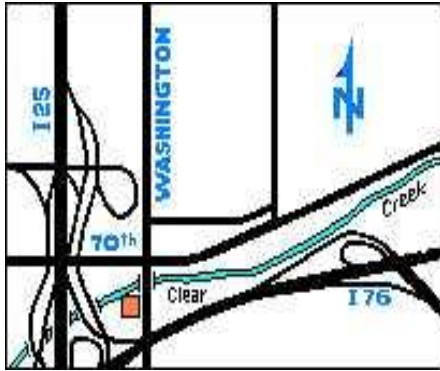
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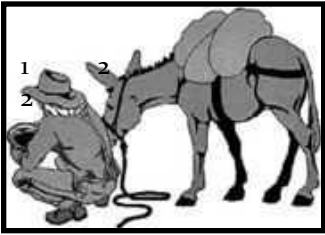
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Contact the GPR President

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Coming Announcements and Special Events September 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2 Advertising Deadline to the Editor	3	4 The Gold Nugget Article Deadline	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12
13 Grandparents Day	14	15	16 Club Meeting	17	18	19 Rosh Hashanah
20	21	22 Autumn Begins	23	24	25	26
27	28 Yom Kippur	29	30			