

# THE GOLD NUGGET

September 2009

The Prez Sez by, Aaron Ingalls

## ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

**When: Saturday, September 26, 2009**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. to as late as you want**

**Where: Lions Park in Golden, Colorado**

**Address: 1300 10th Street**

**To get there from Gold-N-Detectors:**

- 1) **Go South on Washington St. to the next stop light, which will be 10th Street.**
- 2) **Turn West onto 10th Street and continue for about 7 blocks.**
- 3) **The park will be on your right.**

This year our club picnic will be at Lions Park in the City of Golden. The park is located at 1300 10th Street in Golden. Parking is available on the south side of the park and also near the baseball fields south of 10th Street. This will be a pot luck picnic so bring your favorite dish to share with other club members. You will need to provide your own beverage (sorry, no alcohol...park rules) and lawn chair. Please mark your dishes and serving spoons so you get them back. The club will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, paper plates, napkins and plastic ware.

Plan to gather around 10:00. We will eat at 11:30.

Panning and sluicing are allowed in Clear Creek, downstream from the kayak area. No motorized equipment allowed.

See you all soon, Aaron

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Attention GPR Members!

As part of your GPR membership benefits, you and your family can explore the Western Mining Museum without paying an entrance fee. Just wear your GPR membership badge and show it to the front desk at the museum. (Special museum events may have a charge). You also get a 20% discount on museum publications. Be sure to take advantage of this wonderful benefit.

### GPOR Website

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



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



### Board Meeting Minutes for Aug 2009 Meeting

Roll Call Attending

	Aaron Ingalls	x	Rob Deschambault	x	James Long	x	Terry Weatherly
	Allen Mershon	x	Sue Lemieux		John Weir	x	Joe Fortunato
x	Robert Larson	x	Joe Shubert	x	Leanne Larson		Joe Johnston
x	Gary Hawley						

Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and approval of minutes: Read by: minutes not available.

Corrections:

Approved as read/corrected? \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer's Report: Read by: not available.

Questions:

Accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Correspondence: Two returned newsletters. One membership application.

Unfinished Business: Reimbursement to Sue Lemieux for clothing items. To be reimbursed tonight.

Deposit of monies from July auction: Turned over to treasurer.

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Check needed for membership in Western Museum of Mining: Check made. Will be mailed.

Membership committee replacement chairperson: Mike Hertado.

New Business: Club picnic????? Discussion. Several parks mentioned. We will try for Tymkovitch. Parking lot.

Elections – start thinking. Joe Shubert will have information at the September meeting.

Planned Outings: August 22/23 – Cache Creek – President's Outing. September 26 - Club picnic.

Announcements: Next board meeting September 16, 2009, at 6:00 P.M.

Next general meeting September 16, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program: Video

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

### NOVEMBER CLUB ELECTIONS

Greetings fellow prospectors, it is that time of the year again for elections. I am asking you to start thinking about who you would like to nominate or if you would like to run for a position as officer or a board member. I do not know at this point just what positions will be open, but that doesn't matter. If you would like to run, put you name in. Some new blood as an officer or a board member would be great. New people and new ideas are what help make a good club.

The rules for being an officer or a board member are as follows:

- 1) A person nominated for an office must be a Club Member in good standing.
- 2) The candidates for President and Vice-President shall be persons who have been active committee person, or Officer, or Director during the previous year.
- 3) The candidates for being a board member must be a Club Member in good standing.

Thanks

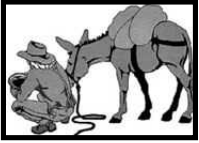
Joe Shubert

### Thank You, Gold Prospectors of the Rockies

The Relay for Life is a nation-wide event to raise awareness and money to help fight cancer. Thanks to the generous \$133.00 donation from the club when the gold pan was passed around, Joe and Linda Shubert's team raised \$1248.00 for the Westminster Relay for Life. There are 58 different Relays in Colorado. The total raised for the Westminster Relay this year was \$58,000 at last count. There are still some donations coming in.

Thank You for your support.

Linda Shubert



## General Meeting Minutes for Aug 2009 Meeting

**Conducting as Substitute:** Gary Hawley

**Call to Order:** 7:10

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Leroy

**Treasures report:** Robert Larson. We're in the black. Brought in \$1300 from auction. Gold panning demos did pay for itself, plus the exposure.

Mike Hertado has taken over membership. Thank you very much.

**In Attendance:** 73, **Guests** Paul Reeds, Norman Skip, Trudy Garnet, Debby Trout

Thank you to Phil Huff for your work with the snack table.

**Special nugget drawing.** Rock from Chili, chuck full of gold estimated at \$400.00 worth of gold in rock

**Sue Leumeiux found last cache at Heritage Park.** At the big water tower. 5.8 gram nugget prize. Next Cache is her responsibility New clue presented, must be at the meeting to catch the clue. Sue thanks everyone who helped with the auction

**Just for information:** Elections are coming soon. Sign ups next month. Vote in November. Induction of new leadership at Christmas party.

**Membership in free admission at Western mining museum.** Club has a silver membership. Club is listed as sponsoring member. Wear your badge and you get in free as well as your immediate family. Admission to their library. Gold Propecting equipment available from Paul Reeves, check with him at break, he's accepting any reasonable offer.

**Happy Birthday** to Gary, Leroy, Leanne and Phil. Kathy brought a cake to celebrate.

Break

**Guess, what it is:** Carbon from a Battery. Found at mine in Sedelia. Phil Huff guessed it right.

**Video:** From the History Channel: Gold to the Rockies

**Panning lesson** Aug 29th 9 am Timkovitch. Bring a Pan 5 gal bucket and a shovel and a screen. 1-hour lesson Presented by Jim Long. Timkovitch allows panning anytime as long as we respect his property, don't climb over fences, let them know you're there, and remember to thank them properly.

Member Drawings

Thanks for coming, be safe and keep your pans ready.

### QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is considered to be the 'largest gold rush in American history'?

## Fill in your prospect HOLES!

By Gary Hawley

September 2, 2009

I have just received information from Colleen Gadd, Visitor & Resource Protection Supervisor for Jefferson County Open Space. She has received a complaint from a prospector about the open prospect holes that are being left in the area of mile marker 261.5 in Clear Creek Canyon. She and one of the Rangers inspected the area and found several large open holes with piles of rock around the edges. She also made contact with two prospectors (not club members) who were dredging and had gas cans sitting at the stream edge.

In brief, here are the GPR prospecting rules:

Do not undermine trees or boulders.

Fill in all prospect holes.

Take out your trash.

Do not dig above the high water line.

Gasoline must be kept 20' away from the stream.

Refuel engines 20' away from the stream.

All high banker motors must have a catch pan under them.

In the event you see someone violating the rules please call the Jefferson County Open Space Rangers at 303-271-5925. Do not confront anyone. Let the Rangers know what is going on and where the activity is occurring.



**Sue's Sluice Box**

These items are for sale at the monthly meetings.

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**Clear Creek Panning Class**

By Jim Long

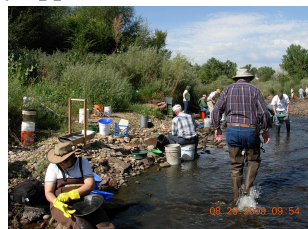
On August 29, a group of Club members met at about 0900 on Clear Creek to put on a gold panning class for members who have never panned before or had panned a little with little to no success and wanted to learn more about the basic technique.

Seven (7) newer members were present. They were taken through the basic pointers of how to first identify a place to go panning, the basic equipment need to get started, and how to read a stream once they got there. Then we started with digging material on site and demonstrating how to classify it down to workable material, then painstakingly showed each person how to liquefy the material in the pan, then slowly move the lights off the top and pan it down to the gold bearing heavies. When we were done, each of the new folks had found gold in their pans. It was great to see the look on their faces when they spotted the very first pieces of gold that had never been touched by human hand until they found it through their very own efforts. Jim Long, Gary Hawley, Chuck Cowan, and Andy Doll were the teachers who shared their expertise in order that these folks learn how to properly pan. Of course, practice makes perfect and they were encouraged to take material home in their buckets and practice panning until they become very comfortable with it.

Then we demonstrated the next step for the average prospector, the operation of a sluice box. Gary Hawley, Joe Fortunato, and Chuck Cowan were able to provide all of the attendees the opportunity to learn how to find a good spot to put your sluice box, how to properly set it up, and then demonstrated how to run the material at the proper pace. When all that was done and some material run through the sluices, the cleanups were then demonstrated. Both sluice boxes actually had goodly amounts of gold in them and everyone was impressed with how much color was found.

Andy Doll brought his river rocker box and had set it up in the creek and demonstrated how it worked to all those who were interested in that approach to prospecting as well. I did not get the chance to see Andy's cleanup but if he didn't have gold in that rocker box, I will eat my gold pan..!

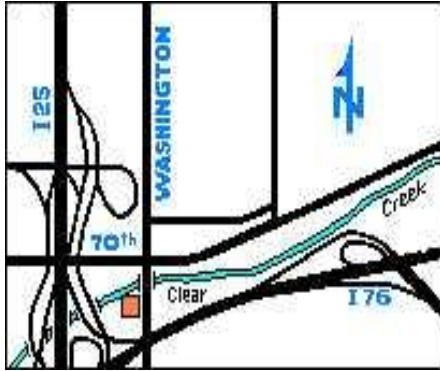
All in all, it was a very pleasant outing and all who attended had a good time, and found gold while we were at it. I finally got out of there about 3:30pm and was plumb worn out. My personal thanks to all the teaching members above who gladly pitched in to help demonstrate the arts of recreational prospecting. You guys were all great..!! All the newer folks were exceptionally appreciative of the time and opportunity provided.





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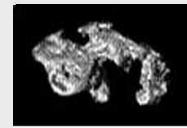
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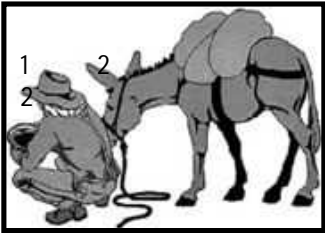
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