

THE GOLD NUGGET

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November 2009

The Prez Pro-Tem Sez by Gary

If the theory is correct, that placer gold is brought down from the mountains by wind, rain and snow, the end-of-October snow storm should have the streams brimming with gold! If anyone has found a stream clogged with gold please let me know and we will plan a club outing to assist with the environmental cleanup.

This is a good time of year to work hard and develop a couple buckets of concentrates so you have some cleanup and fine panning to do when the weather is too cold to be digging on the stream (is that possible?).

Our October speaker, Ed Raines, was informative and entertaining. He has accepted our invitation to become a club member so please welcome him when you see him at a meeting.

Joe Shubert has assembled a list of qualified nominees for board positions. We will be voting at the November 18 meeting and I encourage all members to attend and cast your vote.

Phil Huff told me at the last meeting that he will not be able to continue as our snack table coordinator. Thanks Phil for handling it for so long. On the flip side of this coin, Roger Biri has taken over the snack table coordinator position. Thanks to Roger for stepping up to this task.

Mike Hurtado has received a shipment of club badges so if you or a family member needs a club badge check with Mike at the next meeting. The price for a badge remains at \$10. You must wear your badge at the meetings to qualify for the members only drawings.

Thanks to Sue Lemieux for running the Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest. It is always fun to see what the members invent for this event.

President Aaron Ingalls has assured me he will be at our Christmas dinner in December.

See you at the meeting.

Gary

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Gary Hawley ghawley1@msn.com

Dick Oakes is giving up the GPR website as of December 31 so we need a new webmaster! Please let Aaron Ingalls or Gary Hawley know if you're interested in taking over this important task.

Cheers,
Dick

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please email me at SMES3901@hotmail.com.

Andy Doll

GPR 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 Oct 2009 Meeting

Roll Call Attending

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

YOU'RE GPR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

President

Aaron Ingalls

Vice President

Allen Mershon

Secretary/Treasure

Robert Larson

2 Year Board Members

Robert Deshambault (2009)

Joe Johnston (2009)

Joe Shubert (2008)

1 Year Board Members

Sue Lemieux

James Long

Jon Weir

Leanne Larson

Terry Weatherly

Joe Fortunato

President Pro Tem

Gary Hawley

Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:25 by Gary Hawley.

Reading and approval of minutes. Read by: Copies available for each member.

Corrections: None.

Approved as read/corrected? Yes.

Treasurer's Report. Not available.

Questions:

Accepted? _____

Correspondence. Several new member applications and several renewal checks.

Committee Reports: Web site hits: 95,200 since January, 1996.

Unfinished Business: Gary – Membership ID badges have arrived. Payment needed.

Gary – Purchased nuggets for drawings. Should last 4-5 months.

New Business: Gary – Purchased "A Guide for Colorado Nonprofit Organizations" from Colorado Bar Association. This will assist us in getting our bylaws and other paperwork in compliance.

Terry Weatherly - will attempt to find a Para-legal to assist with club paperwork.

Joe Shubert - has a copy of Robert's Rules of Order.

Leanne Larson - states Recorder should be appointed separate from Board Membership.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In 1861 who forced Green Russell and his brother Levi to leave Colorado?

Gary – Notification of renewal for our website. Invoice to Robert Larson.

Planned Outings: No planned outings.

Announcements: Next board meeting: November 18, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. Next general meeting: November 18, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program: Guest speaker presented by Don Bray. Geologist Ed Raines, co-manager of (specimen) collections for the School Of Mines, speaking on "Fakes and Hoaxes" in the mining business.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER CLUB ELECTIONS

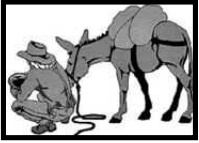
Greetings fellow prospectors, it is that time of the year again for elections. I am asking you to start thinking about who you would like to nominate or if you would like to run for a position as officer or a board member. If you would like to run, put your name in. Some new blood as an officer or a 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



**Planning
Calendar 2009**

NOVEMBER
18th Club Meeting and
board member
elections

DECEMBER
16th Club Meeting and
pot luck dinner

2010

JANUARY
20th Club Meeting

FEBRUARY
17th Club Meeting

MARCH
17 Club meeting

APRIL
21 Club meeting

General Meeting Minutes for Oct 2009 Meeting

As we do not have the minute's form the Oct meeting, I resurrected this article from the past for your reading please.

Mining Claims and Maps

How to Obtain What You Need

As appearing in *The Gold Nugget*, March 2004

by Jim Jarnutowski

For those of you who were thinking about filing a claim and may not know the rules and regulations for filing a claim, the office of the BLM at 2850 Youngfield, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093 has packets available to give you all the information on mining claim rules and regulations. If you are not sure where the BLM office is, it is off of I-70 at Exit 264.

After being armed with this information from the BLM, you may need some maps about the area you are interested in filing a claim or just going to try your luck at prospecting. A good place to go would be the Federal Center on Kipling just south of Highway 6. As you come to the gate the officer will ask for your ID. Tell them where you are going, which is the USGS Map Store. They will direct you from there.

Once at the Map Store, you can get a map of the area you are interested in. The maps that you want are the 7.5 maps. They are very helpful at the store so don't be afraid to ask questions.

I hope that this information will help you out in finding maps and information that you need to locate and file a claim or just go prospecting in an out-of-the-way place.

Good Luck in your Nugget Hunting.

Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum!

By Gary Hawley

The Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum has undergone many changes in the last year.

Several of the changes are: a self-guided tour brochure; a redesigned website and new labels for displayed specimens. They also have a portable x-ray fluorescence unit for chemical analysis.

The Museum has several new exhibits: the Climax mining district, highlights from John Marshall's pyromorphite collection, a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Colorado Gold Rush, an explanation of the Colorado mineral belt, and cave formations from the Clear Creek Cave which was discovered in 1988.

The museum plans to soon have a 2010 mineral calendar that will feature specimens from their Allison-Boettcher gold collection.

If you'd like more information on the museum, contact Bruce Geller, Museum Director at 303-273-3823



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The Lost Mine of Lost Man Gulch

Submitted by Jim Long

Often, as the snow slides which have covered the landscape throughout the freezing winters in the high mountains melt with spring, tragic discoveries are made. Frank Brown (one of the men who later attempted to navigate the Colorado Canyon and lost his life in Desolation Canyon) learned one day in the spring of 1880. At the time, Brown was the manager of the Farwell properties in Farwell (an early name for Independence, Colorado). He was making his way on what is now the main highway from Leadville to Aspen, not far from the then wealthy camp of Independence.

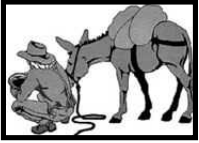
As he looked about for a place to spend the night in the shelter of a ledge, he noticed a dark object. Thinking it was a dead animal, he investigated and found to his horror that it was the frozen body of a man. From the attire and the pack nearby with mining tools, it appeared that the man had been a prospector. The unfortunate miner, probably on his way back to his mine, had been caught in a snow slide which had been hidden him from view until the spring thaw.

Miners from Independence examined the body and remembered having seen the man the summer before, prospecting at the head of Lost Man Gulch, a branch of the Roaring Fork River.

It was also remembered that in the fall of 1879, this man had appeared in Leadville with a pack of extremely rich ore. The ore was bought at a princely sum by Bierdell and Witherell. The miner, despite the curiosity his gold aroused, refused to say where he had obtained it or where he was from. He was seen only a few times after that. Then he disappeared until Brown discovered his frozen body on the mountainside.

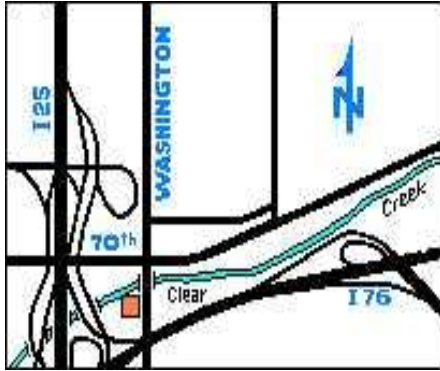
There is no proof that the rich ore came from this locality, but the chances are good that it did. Gold ore was later mined up Lincoln Gulch in the direction of the town of Ruby, south of where the man's body was found. But exactly where his mine was is still a secret, for gold that rich has yet to be re-discovered in the mountains at the head of Lost Man Gulch.

Taken from Colorado's Lost Gold Mines and Buried Treasure by Anne Bancroft, also told by George J. Bancroft as published in the Rocky Mountain News, 1914.



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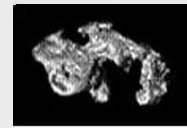
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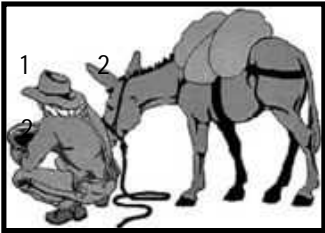
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Contact the GPR President

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Coming Announcements and Special Events December 2009

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		1	2	3	4	5
					Advert/Article Copy Deadline	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Pearl Harbor Day					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			GPR Club Meeting and Dinner			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		