

# THE GOLD NUGGET

February 2010

## The Prez Sez by Gary Hawley

We are off to a great start! The Board members held their meeting just prior to the general meeting and discussed several items that will get things moving this year. Rob Deschambault and Jim Long are working on updating some of our advertisement folders. Rob and Sue Lemieux dispense these folders to rock shops and prospecting equipment outlets on their travels. Joe Johnston is finalizing dates for metal detecting workshops and Jim Long has speakers/programs planned through March of this year. Way to go!

Sue Lemieux has some outings planned and she is just waiting for good weather. Don Bray has mentioned several contact persons and locations for mineral exploration.

Susan Duncanson is assisting Mike Hurtado in getting the membership list up to date and dispensing the new "dots". The club tries to have all memberships come due in January. It is much easier to make that once-a-year pitch to pay dues than to spread it out throughout the year. To make it easier on the membership committee, the Board approved issuing red "dots" to be placed on membership badges to indicate that dues have been paid. (The color will change yearly) The "dot" is to be placed on the upper left corner of your membership badge (when you are looking at the face of the badge). It is very important to pay your dues and get "dotted". Only paid members are eligible to participate in our "Members Only" drawings. Also, make sure your mailing address, email address and phone numbers are correct.

Our web site provider had some equipment problems around mid-January and our site was down for several days. It appears to be working again so please visit [www.goldprospectorsoftherockies.com](http://www.goldprospectorsoftherockies.com) when you can. I have noticed that our newsletters take a few minutes to download so please be patient.

Mr. John Stinle, Director of Hiwan Heritage Museum in Evergreen, was unable to make our January meeting but will be with us in February. He has an interesting program on the gold rush and Jefferson County. This is a "must see" presentation.

Kathy Hawley is back in the gold mode and is feverishly working to get some impressive nuggets for our drawings. Remember the nuggets that were presented a couple years back? Yeah, she is at it again! Look for her article in this newsletter to see what nuggets she has planned for the February meeting.

Support your club! Attend the meetings!

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

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## The V.P. Corner by Jim Long

of their significant other appropriately.

I hope that everyone has had a good month since we were together last. February is the Valentine month so I hope everyone took care

Joe Johnston has informed me of some changes at the Point Bar location on the Arkansas River. It seems that a Texan has done some research and filed several claims in the immediate area between Woody's claim and the GPAA Point Bar claim out of Salida on the Arkansas River. We will try to get more details on this and present them in some form at a future meeting in the few months or so. We have asked Joe Fortunato to put together a presentation in the future months on how to properly research and file on claims for those who may be interested in the process. It is fairly complicated and takes a little time to accomplish and there is a specific way to go about it. Interestingly, the Point Bar issue shows that it certainly can be done.

We all know how difficult it is to get a permit and use a dredge on some Colorado waters. Dredging is prohibited in many watersheds and highly regulated in all others. California just recently passed SB670 which was a temporary moratorium on the issuance of any new suction dredging permits. This has caused a major stir in the prospecting arena and many California prospectors have moved up to Oregon. Oregon is already getting nervous with the influx of miners and is considering action of their own now. Nobody seems to know where this issue is headed but we certainly hope that there is no fallout here in Colorado, although as we are all too keenly aware, there certainly will be eventually. You can search the internet to get more information on this issue. You should also check out Public Lands for the People (PLP) at [plp2.org](http://plp2.org) for further information on how our mining interests are being attacked almost daily.

At the February meeting, I am happy to announce that Mr. John Staile, the Director of the Hiwan Heritage Museum in Evergreen, Colorado, will definitely be speaking on the Colorado Gold Rush and the mining/ghost towns of Jefferson County. We had a minor miscommunication in January but are on track now.

There is open water on lower Clear Creek and for you cold footers who dare to brave a little winter weather, those working that water are finding fair color. If you go, pay heed to changing weather conditions, dress warmly and appropriately, keep your chin up and may the bottom of your pan turn bright with that 'Yaller Gold'!

## From the Ledger Of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer/Secretary

Thanks to Leroy Lamgo, J.J. Long and Greg Davis for the donations for the members only drawing.

We will give away a total of 4.2 grams of gold at the February meeting. 1 nugget, from Australia, will be 2.1 grams. The remaining nuggets we will be giving away are from Canon Creek Alaska.

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



### Board Meeting Minutes for Jan 2010 Meeting

Roll Call      Attending

X	Gary Hawley	X	Rob Deschambault	X	Terry Weatherly	X	Susan Duncanson
X	James Long	X	Sue Lemieux	X	Joe Fortunato	X	Joe Johnston
X	Don Bray	X	Joe Shubert	X	Andy Doll		Aaron Ingalls

**YOU'RE 2010 GPR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS**

**President**

Gary Hawley

**Vice President**

Jim Long

**Secretary/Treasure**

Kathy Hawley

**2 Year Board Members**

Robert Deshambault (2008)

Joe Johnston (2008)

Joe Shubert (2009)

**1 Year Board Members**

Sue Lemieux

Don Bray

Susan Duncanson

Terry Weatherly

Joe Fortunato

Andy Doll

**President Pro Tem**

Aaron Ingalls

Quorum present? \_Yes\_

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at \_\_6:15\_\_ 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: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business: Andy Doll – Update on paper copy of newsletters.

Jim Long – Update on tri-fold and other advertisements.

Joe Johnston – Dates for metal detecting outings.

New Business:

Planned Outings:

Announcements:      Next board meeting: March 17, 2010, 5:00 P.M.  
Next general meeting: March 17, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program:

Adjournment:      Board Meeting stands adjourned at \_\_6:50\_\_P.M.

**QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

The founder of Creede, Colorado, Nicholas Creede, developed what mine?



## General Meeting Minutes for Jan 2010 Meeting

President Gary Hawley called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Leroy Lamgo led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary asked, "Who has been out prospecting lately?" Two members indicated that they had been out on a stream recently. Gary also talked briefly about a recent trip he and Kathy had made to Waterton Canyon, though not for gold. Today's metal prices were noted as follows: Gold \$1119.00 per oz, silver \$17.91 per oz, Platinum \$1630.00 per oz. and Palladium \$472.00 per oz.

Gary introduced Kathy Hawley as the new Club Treasurer for year 2010. Kathy gave a summary treasurer's report and indicated that a complete report would be submitted next month. She also said that she had gold reserves adequate for club drawings through the March meeting and is considering making some new purchases.

Gary introduced Mike Hurtado, as the membership coordinator. Mike will report to Board Member Susan Duncanson. Gary asked and Mike reported that tonight; club memberships stand at 136, visitors are 9 and meeting attendees are 59. Gary then asked Susan to explain a new membership renewal procedure approved by the Board. Susan stated that memberships are up for renewal this month and that your dues are due. She then explained that with your membership renewal, this year, your name badge will have a "red dot" affixed to its upper right hand corner to indicate that you're a current member, for 2010. Next year the dot will be some other color.

Gary gave an introduction of the new Officers and Board Members with their specific responsibilities.

### Planning Calendar 2010

#### FEBRUARY

17 Club Meeting

#### MARCH

17 Club meeting

#### APRIL

21 Club meeting

#### MAY

19 Club meeting

#### JUNE

16 Club meeting

#### JULY

21 Club Meeting

Officers are:

Gary Hawley

Club President

Jim Long

Vice President

Kathy Hawley

Treasurer, corresponding secretary, drawings

Aaron Ingalls

immediate Past President

Board Members are:

Joe Johnson

metal detecting, library, history and video

Robert Deschambault

vendors, club store

Joe Shubert

nominating committee, Ken Barker award

Sue Lemieux

outings, publicity

Don Bray

general meeting recorder, assist with outings

Andy Doll

website, newsletter advertising

Terry Weatherly

refreshment oversight

Joe Fortunato

prospecting, claims

Susan Duncanson

membership oversight, monthly Q&A

Gary announced that the website is currently down, due to provider's server problems, and may be down for a few days to a couple of weeks. He further stated that the Board has approved letting the webmaster send all members a "Notice of Newsletter Available" e-mail with the newsletter attached. This way the

members can choose to open the attachment or download the newsletter from the website.

Mike Hurtado introduced the visitors and new members.

Gary gave an explanation of the privileges of club membership for the benefit of the visitors and new members. Some of the privileges mentioned were personal education in geology and mining history, knowledge of Colorado gold and mineral locations and guidance in the operation of the tools and equipment used for our small-scale mining activities.

Gary asked Jim Long, VP to make his announcements at this time. Jim announced the following:

- The scheduled speaker for tonight is a "no show."
- There may be just a few (2 or 3) panning demos scheduled this summer.
- We are planning several outings for this summer.
- We are also planning at least one new members class for this spring and summer.
- Details to follow.

Gary asked Ian Duncanson to announce his "Question of the Month", which was: "What was the last silver boomtown in Colorado?"

Sue Lemieux read the GPR Cache Clue, #5. She also announced a new club program, the "Golden Cupcake Award". Those with a birthday during the current month will receive a "Golden Cupcake", baked by Sue, at each meeting. Joe Fortunato, Ian Duncanson, Steven Muehlbauer, Bert Cutshall and Sara Lindsley all claimed a "Golden Cupcake" by admitting to a January birthday.

Gary announced a break for refreshments at 7:50. Gary reconvened the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Jim announced that over the break Hank Innerfeld had volunteered to give an impromptu talk on the subject of "Dowsing", as a substitute program tonight.

Hank's talk discussed the following dowsing topics among others:

- The history of dowsing goes back some 9000 years and the practice is known throughout the world.
- The four tools used for dowsing are L-rods, Y-rods, bobbars and pendulums.
- This is a skill everyone can be successful with, if you wish.
- Dowsing works best when the practitioner has no connection to the outcome, he's not biased.

Thanks Hank for stepping up in a pinch.

Gary, Kathy, Chuck and Jim conducted the members only and the club nugget drawings. Eight nuggets were won tonight. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Submitted by: Don Bray, Recorder



**Sue's Sluice Box**

**Golden Pioneer Museum**

Saturday, **February 20th**

Meeting Time: **9:45 am** (Museum opens at 10:00am)

Where: **923 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Golden, CO** (Maps available at Meeting)

Cost: \$3.00 for Adults, \$2.00 for Seniors and Children 6-18, \$10.00 for Families

The Golden Pioneer Museum is located in the heart of Golden's historic downtown. The permanent exhibits provide a wonderful walk through Golden history, and the special exhibits highlight fascinating lesser-known subjects, focusing primarily on the years 1859 through 1945. Enjoy touring the Golden Pioneer Museum, at you own pace.

Any Questions: Come and talk with me or call 413-668-6008.

I hope you can attend this great educational and fascinating museum!

See you at the museum!

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**Lost Mine of Big Baldy** By Jim Long

Back in the summer of 1860 when Lafayette Seaman, the first coroner of Summit County, was working his placer mine at Lincoln, two burly red bearded men stopped to watch him work. They did not ask any questions, they just watched. As Seaman shoveled dirt into his long tom, the one without any upper teeth opined this was harder work than farming back in Missouri.

"You're right, Hank," drawled the other, who had only three upper teeth. "But we'll be making ten thousand a day, instead of a few copper cents."

They ambled off, and Seaman smiled to himself. Ten thousand a day! These tenderfeet, rushing to the West, expecting to pick up a fortune in a week, had a big surprise coming.

The red bearded Missourians slept all day. Every night after dark they vanished over the ridge. Before dawn, they would return, packing on their backs sacks full of white gouge, or clay. Out of every hundred pounds of clay, they panned an ounce of gold.

Nobody knew where they worked every night. The miners at Lincoln ere curious but they were all busy with their own work. Besides, the Missourians were huge fellows and wore long hunting knives and ugly looking guns in their belts.

Jim Jorgenson, either braver or more curious than the rest, tried to trail them. He claimed that they skirted the top of Big Baldy, and was satisfied that any mine with unusual white clay could easily be located once the Missourians left.

The Missourians did not leave until the streams froze over and all the prospectors moved to Breckenridge for the winter. In 1861, when war broke out, Hank and his partner left for Missouri and nobody in Colorado ever saw them again.

Jorgenson later led a searching party to Big Baldy. They found no mine with white clay. Other parties took up the search, but to this day the secret of the white-clay mine with its rich gold deposit remains with the two burly red bearded Missourians who would be long in their graves by now.

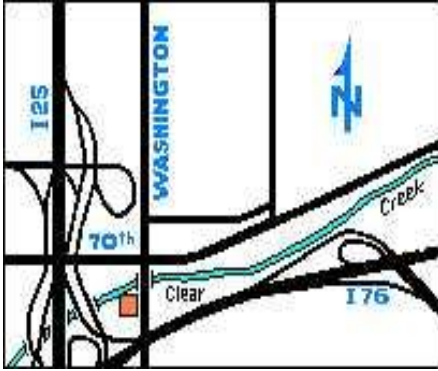
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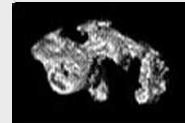
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### Coming Announcements and *Special Events* March 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Advert/Article Copy Deadline	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					USGS Free GPS, Map, and Compass Class	
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Daylight Saving Time			GPR Club Meeting			First Day of Spring
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			