

The Prez Sez by Gary Hawley

Our March 17th speaker, Colleen Gadd, Supervisor of the Jefferson County Open Space Rangers, confirmed that Clear Creek Canyon is still open for recreational prospecting. This area is located along Clear Creek (Highway 6) west from tunnel #1 to the wye with Colorado 119. Several rules were confirmed: Stay within the high water marks, fill prospect holes, remove trash, 4" or smaller intake on dredge or highbanker, fuel engines a minimum of 10 feet away from the stream, do not undermine trees or boulders, park vehicles properly.

I expect all GPR members to adhere to the rules and maintain a polite and professional attitude toward any Open Space Rangers or other enforcement officials you may come in contact with while prospecting. We do not want to lose our opportunity to show that gold prospecting can co-exist with other outdoor recreational activities.

Jim Long has invited a member of BLM to speak at our April 21 meeting. Information about prospecting on the Arkansas River and at Cache Creek will be discussed. This is information you need so come early and listen intently.

Thanks to all members who have been supportive of the nugget drawings. It is your continued support that provides the larger nuggets we have had recently. It also pays for room rental for our meetings. Watch for Kathy's article in this newsletter to see what gold will be available at the April 21 meeting. She still has tickets for the 14.8 gram nugget. Remember: tickets for this beauty are only available to club members.

Sue Lemieux will have another clue to the hidden cache at the next meeting. Someone better hurry and find it, I know for sure that I am within a mile or two (or more) of finding it myself.

We have some outings planned, some panning demos planned, a metal detecting hunt planned and some plans being planned. Come to the club meeting to see what's going on.

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

Wow!!!! Here we are in April and the weather is starting to look like gold hunting weather again.

Our speaker last month, Colleen Gadd of the JeffCo Open Spaces, represented the enforcement authority for the majority of Clear Creek to the west of Denver. Her message was pretty clear. The GPR enjoys a great relationship with those folks. So it is inherent that each of us does our part when we plan to prospect on Clear Creek. Make sure that you always respect private property and posted property. Please park your vehicles where you are supposed to, not where you simply want to for convenience sake. Pick up your trash before you leave and a little extra while you are at it. If you are using mechanized equipment, put a catch pan under your motor and never refuel in or at the water's edge. Make sure you are back at least 10 feet from the water and do not prospect above the high water line. These are simple rules. Report any violators to the JeffCo Open Spaces Rangers. You can do this by phoning the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at 303-277-0211 to report violators the SO dispatches for the Open Space folks. We have to police ourselves and not tolerate poor behavior from others which can directly have an adverse effect on not only us but all small scale miners everywhere.

The Colorado Springs GPOC is hosting an outing at Woody's Claim near the Point Bar location on the Arkansas River on May 8 and 9. They have extended an invitation for anyone in the GPR Club to join them if you wish to do so. I would suspect that the water may start rising a little earlier than normal in that area if these warmer temperatures continue to prevail, so if you choose to go, be prepared for any weather at that time of year and be cautious with all that you do. I still have some maps of that section of the Arkansas and will make them available at the next meeting again.

In April, I am expecting Charlie Beachum of the Bureau of Land Management to be our featured guest speaker. He will be discussing any changes/limitations to all small scale mining along the Arkansas River and Cache Creek, as well as an overview of small scale mining rules and regulation statewide. It should be quite informative.

We have a panning demonstration planned at the Aurora Youth Water Festival on May 17 and I will have a sign up sheet at the April meeting for anyone who wants to help out.

The weather is at that iffy stage of the year, so if you go, pay heed to changing weather conditions, dress 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 Gordon Morgan, Phillip Huff, Greg Davis, Lloyd Lauck, Mike Hurtado, Ian

Duncanson and J.J. Long for the donations for the members only drawing.

We will give away a total of 5.9 grams of gold at the April meeting. One nugget, weighs 2.1 grams. All of the nuggets are from the Dungen Mining District of Nevada.

At the February meeting we began selling tickets for a special nugget. The nugget weighs 14.8 grams, it is from the Dungen Mining District of Nevada. This drawing is for club members only, tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 tickets for \$5.00. It will be a few months until we give the nugget away.

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



Board Meeting Minutes for Feb 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

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Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 5:05 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 Kathy Hawley.

Questions: None. Accepted? Yes.

Correspondence. Membership renewals.

Committee Reports: Membership - Susan Duncanson

1. How were the "dots" perceived? Well received. Question: Where did the dots come from? Ans: Mike Hurtado purchased them from someone he knows. They are vinyl and not available at office supply stores.

2. Suggestions on "new member package". Working on it.

3. Follow up on getting dues paid. Waiting until after tonight's meeting.

Newsletter – Andy Doll

1. Update on (Lornet) website. Lornet has located a problem at their end. They are looking for a patch to fix it.

2. Newsletter information: 3 members have paid for hard-copy newsletters. 10 members have not updated their email addresses.

3. May we use your home for the Board meeting in March? Yes.

4. 97,232 hits on our website.

Unfinished Business: Jim Long – Update on tri-fold and other advertisements. Tri-folds are completed. Rob will get copies tonight.

Joe Johnston – Dates for metal detecting outings. Working on it.

New Business:

Planned Outings: Golden History Museum tour – Sat. Feb 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Announcements: Next board meeting: March 17, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Next general meeting: March 17, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: Mr. John Stinle, Director of Hiwan Heritage Museum in Evergreen speaks on the gold rush as it related to Jefferson County.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Name the canyon Creede was originally built in.

Fun Facts about Gold by Jim Long

Largest Nuggets. The biggest gold nugget in Colorado weighed 135 ounces and was found near Breckenridge in 1887 by miner Tom Broves. The biggest silver nugget weighed 1,840 pounds and was found at an Aspen mine in 1894. Other Names for Gold: Oro, Tesoro

Periodic Table information:

Symbol=Au

Atomic Number=79

Atomic Weight=196.96



Melting Point=1337.33 degrees Kelvin

Melting point= 2,063 degrees Fahrenheit

Specific gravity is 19.32

Tensile strength=19,000psi



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Hardness=2.75 on Mohs scale

Is one of the "Transition Metals"

One Troy lb (pound)=12 troy ounces

One troy oz=20 pennyweight (dwt)

One troy oz=480 grains

One troy oz=31.1 grams

One pennyweight = 24 grains

Formula to convert grams to pennyweight

_____grams X .6006006 = dwt

Formula to convert grams to Troy Ounces

_____grams X .03003 = troy ounces

Other conversions that might help

- one mg (milligram) = 1/1000 g
- one g (gram) = 1000 mg, 14.4 gr (grains)
- one k (kilogram) = 1000 g, 35 oz, 2.2 lbs.
- one gr (grain) = .65 g (grams)
- one oz (ounce) = 28.35 g
- one lb (pound) = 16 oz, 454 g, .45

From the Webmaster

If you haven't had a chance to take a look of the videos available on the web site, here is a list of what is currently on the web site. When we have guest speakers or something special going on at the meetings I will record it and list it here. These are not streaming videos so download and save them to your computer. Then run it.

Thanks
Andy Doll

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- ▲ TODAY Hunts for Gold (May 31, 2008. On a recent trip to Colorado, NBC's Lester Holt and Amy Robach went panning for gold, an old hobby in the midst of a big resurgence.)
- ▲ Modern Prospectors Pursue Gold, Fun (May 31, 2008. An age-old Western tradition is getting a big boost from the high price of gold. NBC's Amy Robach reports.)
- ▲ Colleen Gadd discusses Jefferson County open space rules and regulations concerning Clear Creek, March 2010. (40MB) (by Andy Doll) **NEW**
- ▲ Gary Hawley - Explains how to determine the value of a nugget, March 2010. (11MB) (by Andy Doll) **NEW**
- ▲ Gary Hawley - The Channel 9 News 2008 (6MB) (by Andy Doll) **NEW**
- ▲ Allen Where To Find Colorado Gold (32.7MB) (by Andy Doll) **NEW**
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- ▲ Sue Found The Treasure Aug 2009 (27.3MB) (by Andy Doll) **NEW**
- ▲ Hank Innerfeld And Dousing Jan 2010 (47.9MB) (by Andy Doll) **NEW**
- ▲ John Stinle Ghost Towns Of Jefferson County Feb 2010 (74.5MB) (by Andy Doll) **NEW** -->

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General Meeting Minutes for Mar 2010 Meeting

- 1) President Gary Hawley called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.
- 2) Leroy Lamgo opened the meeting by leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Gary gave a brief update on the California dredging ban. He indicated that the state authorities have approved a new mining method called “Booming”. This is not the same as the historical definition of booming (as akin to hydraulic mining or ground sluicing) that we know. The CA definition of “Booming” (is akin to what we know as high banking) is approved as long as you do not remove or suction materials from the active streambed or discharge directly back into the active stream.
- 4) Gary and Vice President Jim Long led a discussion about their plans to do limited panning demos this season. They have booked 3 thus far and plan for only 1 or 2 more. These will be sponsored by political entities such as towns and water districts with the theme being water use, education and preservation. These will be generally one-day affairs with the GPR receiving \$300 per day. It was pointed out that four of these demos would pay our meeting room rent for the year. Participants will receive lunch, coffee and donuts for their participation. The booked events are as follows:
 - *** Aurora Youth Water Festival, at the Community College of Aurora, 6th Ave. and Chambers, Mon. May 17 from 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Six people will be needed.
 - *** Bemis Public Library, at 6014 Datura St. Littleton, Sat. June 12 from 11:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Eight people will be needed.
 - *** Clear Creek Water Shed District in Idaho Springs, at the Courtney-Riley-Cooper Park on Clear Creek, Sat. Sept. 18 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
 - Signup sheets and maps will be available at future meetings.
 - These are good opportunities for inexperienced club members to learn and practice their panning techniques.
- 5) Gary asked and Colleen Gadd, Resource Protection Supervisor for Jeffco Open Space, confirmed the need for the GPR to provide a gold prospecting demonstration for her Open Space personnel and park rangers.
- 6) Gary noted today’s metal prices as follows: Gold \$1122.00 per oz, silver \$17.49 per oz, Platinum \$1635.60 per oz. and Palladium was not reported. His price source was Goldline.com.
- 7) Gary presented a brief summary of the treasurer’s report presented at the board meeting held earlier this evening. He concluded with the statement “all is well; we are still in the black”.
- 8) Gary asked Mike Hurtado for a membership report. Mike reported that we have 146 memberships with two new members tonight, 6 guests and 55 in attendance.
- 9) Gary explained some of the various advantages gained through club membership including the eligibility to participate in the 14.8-gram “Members-Only Large Nugget Drawing” later this year.
- 10) Gary turned the meeting over to Jim Long for the introduction of tonight’s guest speaker. Jim introduced Colleen Gadd, Visitor and Resource Protection Supervisor for Jeffco Open Space. Colleen’s talk focused on several aspects of our potential use of their Clear Creek Canyon Open Space Park for gold prospecting. Her talk covered the following topics, among others:
 - The historical uses of the park lands include ranching and mining.
 - It took ten years of land acquisition activities that started in 1993.
 - The park’s Management Plan stress preserving the natural resource, accommodating all of the various recreational uses including gold panning and prospecting.
 - Upon completion, the trail through the park will complete a trail system from the Continental Divide to Aurora on the plains.
 - Rules for panning and prospecting in the park are:
 - Adhere to “The Miners and The Treasurer Hunters Codes of Ethics” including fill in your holes.
 - Remove ground materials only from within the high water marks.
 - Maximum 5 ½ H.P. engines, Maximum 4” Dia. suction hoses and oil catch pans under all engines.
 - Fuel up engines a minimum 10-Ft. from water.



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- You can metal detect for gold and nuggets and keep them but, you can not remove any coins or artifacts, if found, from within the park.

11) Jim presented Colleen with a gold nugget in appreciation for her speaking with us tonight. Colleen again thanked the club for the cooperation that has existed between the GPR and her organization over the past six or seven years.

12) Jim made a couple of his announcements:

- Current maps of BLM gold panning sites at Point Bar and Cache Creek will be available on the front table, during the break.
- The GPOC club, Colorado Springs, has invited GPR members to attend their “Lets Go Gold Panning” outing May 8 & 9 on Woody’s claims near Point Bar.

13) Ian Duncanson announced his “question of the month”. “The town of Creede has a motto, what is it?”

14) Gary announced the break at 8:09.

15) Gary reconvened the meeting at 8:22.

16) Ian announced the answer to the “question of the month”. “The town motto is, “There is no night in Creede” from a poem by Cy Warman titled “Creede”. Eighteen members won a ticket for tonight’s nugget drawing, for their correct answers.

17) Gary asked Sue Lemieux to read her cache clue and make any other announcements, her comments were as follows:

- Sue read Cache Clue #7.
- Sue announced the Golden Cupcake awards for month of March birthdays. Kathy Hawley, David Eckold, Nick Lindsley, Don Bray, Don Dixon and Steve Barritt received Golden Cupcakes.
- Leroy won a “Mug of Taffy” for a guess of 25 taffies in the mug, the closest to the answer of 45 without going over the answer.
- Sue also indicated that she is looking into possible summer field trips, in June or July, to the Phoenix Gold Mine near Idaho Springs and the Cresson Gold Mine in the Cripple Creek/Victor area. More information to follow.

18) Gary presented a short talk on things you should consider when trying to establish the value of a nugget. Gary suggests you start with the current spot price of gold per troy oz, divide by 31.1 to get the price per gram and multiply by the nugget weight in grams to get the “100% gold” price. This value may now need to be increased or decreased based on the following considerations: purity of the gold if known, character/shape of the nugget, pedigree/provenance of the nugget if known, size/rarity of the nugget.

19) Gary, Kathy, Chuck and Jim conducted the members only and the club nugget drawings. 15 member’s prizes were donated by several members and won by other members. Eight nuggets for the Club Nugget Drawing were won tonight, the largest being 1.9 gram.

20) Meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Submitted by, Don Bray, Recorder

From The STG (The Snack Table Guy) Roger Bire

To GPR members,

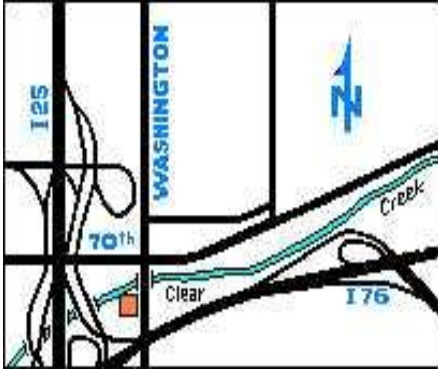
Thanks to everyone who has brought goodies for the snack table. All have been delicious and appreciated. I greatly appreciate the help and it shows that you are willing to pitch in and make the GPR a success. To the other members: thanks in advance for remembering the donation can when you visit the snack table. Without it there would be no coffee, sodas, cups, etc.

See you at the next meeting.



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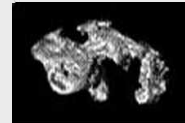
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Coming Announcements and Special Events for May 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 May Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Advert/Article Copy Deadline
9 Mothers Day	10	11	12	13	14 USGS Free GPS, Map, and Compass Class	15 Armed Forces Day
16	17 Panning Demo - Aurora	18	19 GPR Club Meeting	20	21	22
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