

The Prez Sez by Gary Hawley

Thanks to Jim Long, our Vice President, for getting us some very interesting guest speakers. Our last speaker, Jim Sample, from BLM, generated some important dialog about prospecting on BLM land. Some questions that came up about claims should be answered at our May 19 meeting when Board Member Joe Fortunato tells us everything we need to know about mining claims. If you are thinking about filing a claim you will want to attend this meeting for sure!

We have a panning demo on May 17. If you are able to help out call me and I will get your name on the volunteer list. Sue Lemieux will have Cache Clue #9 at the May meeting. She has stumped me on this one so if you are looking for the cache you can take the lead while I try to unscramble the last clue.

Thanks to Leslie Schomer for helping with ticket sales while Chuck Cown is out with a shoulder injury.

With spring runoff starting soon, please be careful while you are prospecting. The water level can rise quickly and the water will be very cold.

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 High water of Spring is here.....in fact, I was going to go down to Clear Creek right after last months meeting but the weather struck and the Creek tripled its flow over night. So if you are going out, just beware of potential high water levels and the dangers that go along with that. Don't go alone. Take a friend and a cell phone with you. Be smart and be careful.

I recently had the opportunity to preview a demo tape from the GoldCo Mining Company, a local business who is offering a relatively cheap assay device for recovering gold, silver and even palladium from your raw ore. They are marketing a Micro Furnace that runs 200 to 250 dollars and allows you to extract your precious metals using a new amalgamate process fairly quickly. It seems to me that if you are lode prospecting, this could be useful for conducting a quick assay on your own using a small torch, a specially designed mini-furnace, a crucible and a cupel. They provide all the parts and written instructions on how to use it as well as some instructional CDs. The product can give you your test sample results in as little as 30 minutes to just a couple of hours on your own without having to take your samples to and pay a chemist or use dangerous chemicals like mercury. It is non-toxic and you do not use any acids. If this strikes your fancy, you can contact them at www.goldco-mining.com. I will have a printout of their process at the front table at the May meeting for those of you who may be interested to look at.

In May, we will have our very own Joe Fortunato give a presentation on the process of researching, locating, identifying, filing for and maintaining your very own prospecting claim. Joe has a fairly productive claim of his own in Lake County and has the gold to prove it. He is an accomplished and knowledgeable prospector and pretty dang good metal detectorist as well. I am looking forward to his presentation and suggest everyone bring a notebook and pencil to take notes. This ought to be a really good one.

Our BLM speaker, Jim Sample, has informed me that he would like to come back perhaps in the fall and bring the slide show that he was not able to show us in April, so maybe we will get to see that again.

We have another panning demonstration planned at the Bemis Library in Littleton on Saturday, June 12. I will have another sign-up sheet at the front table for volunteers at the May meeting for anyone who wants to help out on this one as well.

My good wishes to my good friends and members Chuck Cown and Rick LaCombe who have both suffered severe shoulder injuries recently and are in the recovery process.

Until we meet again, keep your sunny side up and may the bottom of your pan turn bright with that 'Yaller Gold'!!

From the Ledger Of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer/Secretary

Thanks to J.J. Long, Gordon Morgan, Phillip Huff and Mike Hurtado for the donations for the members only drawing. We will give away a total of 5.4 grams of gold at the May meeting. (1 nugget will be 1.6 grams). We will continue to sell 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.

Thanks to Don Tiglas and Leslie Schomer for their help in selling tickets.

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



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Board Meeting Minutes for Apr 2010 Meeting

Roll Call: Attending

Table with 7 columns and 3 rows listing attendees: Gary Hawley, James Long, Don Bray, Rob Deschambault, Sue Lemieux, Joe Shubert, Terry Weatherly, Joe Fortunato, Andy Doll, Susan Duncanson, and Joe Johnston.

- 2010 GPR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS
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President Pro Tem: Aaron Ingalls

Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:07 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. Several new member applications.

Notification of Annual Report Due from State of CO.

Committee Reports: None.

Unfinished Business: Joe Johnston – metal detecting dates?? Still working.

Susan Duncanson – New member package?? Still working.

Samples available tonight. Discussion with Gary Hawley and Jim Long.

New Business: Jim Long – Panning demos update. May 17 8:00-1:30 Aurora Youth Festival.

Gary Hawley – Board Meeting location/room rental.

Board Meetings will return to Clement Community Center.

Planned Outings: May 8 & 9 – "Let's Go Gold Panning." Woody #1 & Point Bar.

Announcements: Next Board meeting May 19, 2010, at 6:00 P.M.

Next General meeting May 19, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program: Speaker: Jim Sample, from BLM.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Fun Facts about Gold by Jim Long

A few general questions/answers about mining claim etiquette.

Q: Can I cross another person's claim to reach mine?

A: Yes. You can't work on another claim, but you have the right to cross because it is public land. You cannot, however, cross any private or patented land.

Q: On a lode claim, if someone is walking along and sees a huge crystal sitting on the ground surface of the claim, can that person legally pick it up and take it home? Is this legal, as long as the person doesn't dig up the crystal? Does this differ from a placer claim?

A: Lode and placer claims are treated identically. Surface material is treated as waste in mining law, so anyone can surface pick any claim. This also includes tailings. No one can dig a teaspoonful of virgin dirt without the claimant's permission.

Q: Can a claim holder allow a club to dig on his claim?

A: That is up to the claimant. Clubs that dig with permission have to follow some USFS specific rules about overhangs, safety barriers and bench heights. Liability insurance for the club doing the digging is essential these days, and can be had for under \$500 per year.

For more information on claim rules, call the Colorado State BLM Office at (303) 239-3600.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH
Bob Ford, the killer of the outlaw Jesse James, owned what business in Creede?



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Just how much gold has been found and how much is left to be found?

The best estimates available suggest that the total volume of gold ever mined up to the end of 2006 was approximately 158,000 tonnes, of which around 65% has been mined since 1950. Adding to this the number of tonnes that have been mined since 2006:

2007 2,478 **2008** 2,414 **2009** 2,554

gives a total of 165,446 tonnes or 5,319,212,416 ounces. To visualize this imagine a single solid gold cube with edges of about 19 meters (about three meters short of the length of a tennis court). That's all that has ever been produced. The population of the world is 6,692,030,277 so there are 24.72 grams of gold per person on the planet.

At today's price of \$1167.3 an ounce, the value of all the gold in the world is \$6,209,116,653,197 or \$928 for each person on the planet.

It is estimated that the total amount of gold yet to be retrieved from the Earth is about 100,000 tons.

Eureka! 9-POUND NUGGET TIP OF THE ICEBERG?



Landowner's discovery could bring millions \$\$

BY [DAVE MOLLER](#)

SENIOR STAFF WRITER,

Gold fever can hit anyone, but when you find a 9-pound nugget like Jim Sanders did on his Nevada County land, the thermometer climbs quickly.

“What's exciting is the potential,” Sanders said recently while standing on the mountain property his family has owned for years. “If I get a mining operation going, we'd have an industry here.”

For security reasons, Sanders and The Union agreed to not divulge the exact location of his land. In addition, he asked that photos for this story

did not show his face.

Sanders always thought there might be gold on his property because of the site and its geology. He knew the rocks were from the hydraulic era, and it seemed logical that placer gold might be beneath them.

But Sanders wanted to know for sure, so he had the land assayed for gold by experts using ground radar and metal detectors.

“We did some test pits, and they estimated there was about 3,800 ounces in the first few feet,” Sanders said. “That should increase as we go deeper.”

The San Francisco Bay Area businessman said he was reluctant at first to inform The Union about his find, though the land is remote. But when he thought about the tough economy here and the possible economic impact of a new gold mine, he decided to share the news.

He will offer more information when he starts the permit process for gold mining, he said. The land is filled with stones washed downstream from the hydraulic mining days of the 19th century, and he figures he has a fortune just in decorative rock.

Family 'patiently excited'

On the day they discovered the 9-pound chunk, “the metal detector went off the charts,” Sanders said. He dug down about 10 feet with a backhoe to find the glowing monster.

“It's one solid mass with a little bit of quartz in it,” Sanders said. “We found another (nugget) at 10 ounces and another at 8 ounces.”

A nice gold nugget can bring \$1,200 per troy ounce, according to Terry Mohr of California Gold - Custom Gold Jewelry in Nevada City. A troy pound is 12 ounces instead of the normal 16 ounces, he added.

“A 9-pound nugget is huge,” Mohr said, estimating it could bring up \$115,000.



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After the discovery, things changed for Sanders, who sees the find — and possibilities of more — as the last great quest in his life.

“My kids are really excited about it,” he said.

One of those children is Patrick Sanders, a corporal in the U.S. Army at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

“He's found small amounts of gold in the past, but nothing like this,” the younger Sanders said. “We're patiently excited for the future of the family, because we know it will take time.”

With a host of local environmentalists currently fighting the reopening of the Idaho-Maryland and Blue Lead gold mines, Sanders is under no illusions.

“The permit process will start in a few months, and I'm sure we'll run into a lot of red lights,” Sanders said. “I think we can mitigate things, and there are tradeoffs.”

That would be the removal of mercury and other chemicals that remain in the area, he said.

“I voluntarily made a covenant to not log this property, but this is a time bomb,” Sanders said. “This is an artificial containment of bad stuff. If we truck it out of here, we can get rid of it, but I'll have to show the benefit.”

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From the Webmaster

If you haven't had a chance to take a look of the videos available 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.

In April we had Jim Sample from the BLM as our guest speaker. That presentation is now on the web page for viewing.

Thanks

Andy Doll

General Meeting Minutes for Apr 2010 Meeting

1. President Gary Hawley called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.
2. Don Tiglas led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, to open the meeting.
3. Gary noted today's metal prices as follows: Gold \$1146.47 per oz, silver \$18.10 per oz, Platinum \$1734.50 per oz. and Palladium \$569.00 per oz.
4. Gary turned the meeting over to Vice President Jim Long for the introduction of tonight's guest speaker. Jim introduced Jim Sample from the BLM, Colorado State Office, on Youngfield St. here in Lakewood.
 - The purpose of Jim Sample's program, for tonight, is to inform us of the prospecting opportunities on BLM controlled public lands and update us on the latest BLM regulations that apply to our a prospecting activities.
 - Jim told us that the BLM looks at all mining activities as falling into one of three categories: “Casual Use”, “Notice Level Work” or “Plan Level Work.”
 - The BLM Royal Gorge Field Office at 3028 E. Main St. in Canon City, CO 81212, phone 719-269-8500, or www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo.html has responsibility for the management of the gold prospecting sites along the upper Arkansas River including Cache Creek.
 - “Casual Use” activities include: panning, dry washers, battery-operated equipment, and shoreline.
 - Sluicing. It also includes the use of gasoline powered pumps if recycling buckets are utilized. Notification to the BLM is not required for casual use activities on public lands. The standard guidance for all activities applies though to help prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of the public lands.
 - “Notice Level Work” activities include in stream (suction dredging) equipment and on shore (high



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banking) equipment. BLM Over the Counter Authorization is required however, in many situations, authorization can be obtained at the time of application for public land areas on the Arkansas River. Nominal application and reclamation fees may be required at the time of application.

- “Plan Level Work” activities include heavy mining using mobile earth moving and drilling equipment. These activities require the filing of a Plan of Operations with the BLM, substantially higher application fees and sometimes reclamation bonds.
 - Check the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office website at www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo.html for all the operational limitations, fee schedules, official application forms, maps and other BLM requirements and details.
 - Jim finished his presentation by answering several specific questions from the membership, in attendance.
5. Gary asked Mike Hurtado for a membership report. Mike reported that we have 149 paid memberships with 3 new members tonight, 5 guests and 58 in attendance.
 6. Gary called on Ian Duncanson announced his “question of the month” which is, “Name the canyon the town of Creede was originally built in”. Ian said he would accept two answers.
 7. Gary explained the eligibility to participate in the 14.8-gram “Members-Only Large Nugget Drawing” later this year.
 8. Gary asked Sue Lemieux to read her cache clue and make any other announcements, her comments were as follows:
 - Sue read Cache Clue #8.
 - Sue announced the Golden Cupcake awards for the month of April birthdays. No one, present, admitted to an April birthday so the Golden Cupcakes were placed on the refreshments table.
 9. Jim Long announced his first panning demonstration day as Monday, May 17th. This demonstration is for the Aurora Youth Water Festival, at the Community College of Aurora, 6th Ave. and Chambers, from 8:00 A.M. till 1:30 P.M. The required eight people are already signed up but he would like three more to sign up as alternates in case some of the eight must cancel. Maps and the sign up sheet will be on the front table during the break.
 10. Gary announced the break at 8:05. Gary reconvened the meeting at 8:27.
 11. Ian announced the two answers, acceptable, for the “question of the month”. “East Willow Creek Canyon” or “Willow Creek” were the two answers he was looking for. Fifteen members won a ticket for tonight’s “club nugget” drawing, for their correct answers.
 12. In answer to questions, asked of him at the break, Gary presented some ideas regarding the pros and cons of the purchasing gold bars vs. gold coins. He pointed out that when purchasing or selling gold or silver bars there is a question of the metal purity within the bar. The most practical answer to this question is with an assay, which is an added expense to be recovered by either the seller or the buyer (upon resale) depending on which one pays for the assay. Gary suggested that you could eliminate this problem by purchasing, well-known, gold and silver coins of known purity. He suggested coins like American Gold Eagle or Silver Eagle coins as their purity is recognized around the world.
 13. Gary, Kathy, Jim and Leslie conducted this evenings “member’s only” and the “club nugget” drawings. For the “member’s only” drawing, 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. All nuggets tonight are from the Sunrise Mine near Winnemucca, NV.
 14. Gary announced that the membership is invited, by the GPOC (Colorado Springs club), to attend their “Lets Go Gold Panning” outing May 8th & 9th on the Woody’s #1 claim near Point-Bar on the Arkansas River. Camping is available.
 15. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Submitted by, Don Bray, Recorder



Sue's Sluice Box

These items are available for purchase at the monthly meetings.

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Lanyards	\$2.00	3XLarge		
		4XLarge		
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Scraps of Central City History by Jim Long

The Central City fire of 1874 which burned down the Montana Theatre also destroyed most of the business district. Near the center of the city is a great yellow mound of mill tailings from the Glory Hole on Quartz Hill. Some of Colorado's first mining laws were written here, and were used as models for mining districts throughout the state. The first laws stated that no miner could hold claim on more than one creek or mountain. A claim had to be worked for ten days in order to keep it. Placer claims were limited to 100 foot square and lode claims were limited to 100 feet by 50 feet. Most of the placer mining gave out about 1864 and the area was threatened with extinction for a short while before good lode claims were found and Professor Hill built his amazing mill. The now famous "Face on the Bar Room Floor" was later painted in 1936 by Denver artist and newspaperman Herndon Davis who recited the poem and drew the picture for, and of, the lovely sculptress Challis Walker, while the two were attending a Central City summer performance. Other than the fire, Central City had other tragedies. The surrounding farm area was nearly destroyed by grasshoppers in 1874 and 1875. A diphtheria epidemic in 1879 killed hundreds of residents. Most of the victims were children. A modern tour of the local cemeteries bears proof of this today. The city was snowbound for 2 weeks in 1913.

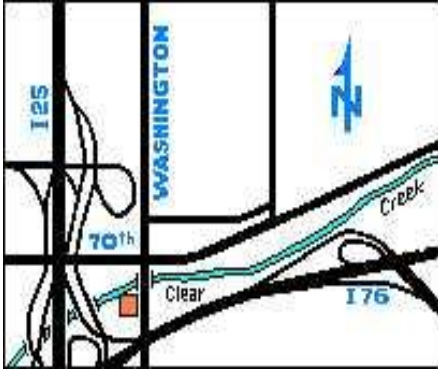
The Central City mineral belt extends four miles long and two and one half miles wide, with Central City at its center. Ten mines in the area produced 60 million dollars by 1903 and all the mines produced 100 million dollars. Central City was platted by William N. Byers, long time editor of the Rocky Mountain News. Mike Dougherty was a performer whose most famous role was that of Skaterer, the mountain thief. When he died of drink in 1865, the Masons buried him and virtually all of Central City attended the funeral. Jack Langrishe, more than any other man, was noted for bringing culture and arts to the community. Lillian Gish played the title role of Camille in 1932. Camille was the first show put on in Central City by Langrishe in 1861. Harry Richmond, another Langrishe performer, participated in the Sand Creek Massacre and brought back Chief White Antelope's headdress for a stage prop. The Teller House was opened in 1872, and was operated by members of the Teller family until 1935 when the Opera House Association took over. The Clear Creek Canyon road from Golden to Central City was dedicated in 1952. The road is 18 miles long and cost 5 million dollars. The Mammoth Vein was considered the richest vein in Gilpin County. It runs west through Quartz Hill and was called the "richest square mile on earth". Gold, silver, lead, copper, and even pitchblende and uranium have been taken out of the Diamond Lil tunnel which almost intersects the Mammoth Vein. The Glory Hole, near the summit of Quartz Hill, is a man made crater and produced more than four tons of gold. The first mining was done from the top of the hill using systematic 'cave in' methods to locate the gold ore. Broadway and Hollywood actress Julie Harris owned the Wolverine Mine high above Central City as of 1954. One of early Central City's most well known characters was 'Aunt' Clara Brown. Brown, born in slavery, came to Central City in 1859 and opened up a laundry. By the end of the Civil War, she had saved some 10,000 dollars. She then returned to the deep South and located 34 relatives that had been sold into bondage, bought their freedom and returned to Colorado with all of them. John H. Gregory, one of the first into the mountains after William Green Russell first found gold in Cherry Creek, found a total of 4 dollars in his first pan. He panned 60,000 dollars worth of gold from February to August of 1863. The various claims on the Gregory diggings produced more than 60 million dollars in all. On discovering his gold, Gregory was reported to have stated "now my wife will be a lady and my children will have an education!"

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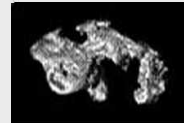
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6	7	8	9	10	11 USGS Free GPS, Map, and Compass Class	12 Panning Demo Bemis Library
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