

Reminder: November Election**The Prez Sez by Jim Long**

wily elk and his smaller cousin Bambi about the woods in the hope of bagging a big one. For me, it isn't about the meat anymore. It is more about the tradition and the experience of being in the woods with good friends and just enjoying the peace and quiet of the outdoors. As we get older, these rituals and old friendships and bonds seem to take on new meaning and become more and more cherished. I have done this since I was 12 years old and that was more than 50 years ago.

I missed the October meeting as I had my annual ritual in the high country of Colorado in which I pursue the

I liken my hunting to my prospecting. Although it seems that prospecting is much harder work than hunting, I do get to spend even more time outdoors and often with good friends again as not. And again, it is not so much about the 'having' as it is in the experience of 'finding'. I think that all of us who prospect started out with visions of grandeur that slowly faded when reality slowly took over and we realized that the small amounts of gold that we first found were never going to make the majority of us rich. And in these modern times of economic stress, it would be nice to strike it rich, but again, reality clearly demonstrates day in and day out that we often spend a 100.00 or more in gas and food to get where we want to go, just to wind up finding 20.00 worth of gold. Do the math. If you can make a living on that, I will eat mine and your hats. But nothing replaces that feeling you get when you look down in your pan and see a glimpse of that yaller gold that has lain invisible for all time until you unearthed it through your own hard labor. That is the greatest thrill of prospecting at any level. And when that thrill is gone, it is time to hang it up. I hope that day never comes for me.

Those of you have seen my personal business cards or my truck notice that I have images on my card and several stickers on the back window. I have a Prospector decal, a Hunting decal, a Fishing decal and a Golfer decal. These are my passions and each gets a little time from me each year and I try to stay in shape and physically fit so that I can enjoy each of them even as I grow older.

As I sit here writing, it is really snowing heavily outside for the first time this season. I predicted that the first snow would hit on the 24th here in Denver. I missed it by 2 days. Not too bad for not having a meteorological degree. But though the snow is enjoyable to watch, it means that the prospecting season is rapidly coming to a close. For those of us who try to get out all year long, it means that we now have to watch the weather more closely and pick our days to go out very carefully. The water will be very cold and failure to pay attention to the weather changes can kill you. Make sure that you are properly prepared by having all the proper equipment, plenty of food and water, and always let somebody know where you will be and when you will return. In nearly every rescue or search that you hear about, the missing party failed to adhere to those basic rules and in many cases, it cost them their life. Prospectors are notorious for not telling others where they are going. It is like, hey, that is going to be my gold and I am not sharing it with anyone, no matter what! Unless you have found the Mother lode, you aren't finding that much anyway, so be smarter than even a fifth grader.

At the November 16th meeting, we will be having elections, so I hope that everyone can make the meeting and vote for the folks who will do their best to represent your interests. We will also be seeking nominations for the Ken Barker Award so give that some thought as well. This award is for someone who has worked hard to help the Club prosper and grow. The President and Vice President are not eligible. We will also be hosting another Equipment auction, swap, sale, and or demonstration event so bring your stuff and let's have some fun. It will be hard to beat Don Bray's blue bowl demonstration last year but let's give it a shot!

Well. That's how I see it from here. So until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that 'Yaller Gold'

You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at jnslong945@msn.com

Happy and safe prospecting!!!

The V.P. Corner by Don Bray

The Colorado Commercial Mining Industry is about to double in size. Since the closures of the Climax Mine (Molybdenum) in 1982 and the Black Cloud Mine (Silver-Lead-Zinc) in 1999 Colorado has had only two operating commercially operating metals mines, the Henderson Mine (Molybdenum) and the Cripple Creek and Victor Mine (Gold). It looks very likely that two more commercial mines may soon begin operations.

First, Freeport-McMoRan, owners of the Henderson and Climax Mines, has spent \$450 million in preparing the Climax Mine for re-opening. If you drove into Leadville this summer, you saw large billboards advertising that Freeport-McMoRan is hiring for the Climax Mine operations. It is projected that when the mine goes is into operation it will



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employ about 385 people. The new construction is nearly completed and the only hold up to production is the depressed price of molybdenum. The price of molybdenum oxide was at \$35.00 per pound in Dec 2007, sunk to \$8.00 in April 2009 and today is at \$13.50. When the price reaches the right level the mine will begin production. With the \$450 million investment it appears that Freeport serious about starting production.

Secondly, Hecla Mining Co. has announced, on their website, their intention to resume mining for silver and gold in the Creede Mining District. Hecla, headquartered in Coeur d'Alene, ID, in Feb. 2008 formed a joint venture with partners Emerald Mining and Leasing, LLC and Golden 8 Mining, LLC holders of approximately 25 square mile of the patented and unpatented claims in the Creede Mining District. The joint venture is named San Juan Silver and is in the process of exploration via an extensive core-drilling program. From their website "San Juan Silver has received approval of its Environmental Assessment and 5-Year Plan of Operation in mid-2010, enabling aggressive expansion of exploration on three vein systems: Bulldog, Amethyst and Equity."

Also from the Hecla website "The San Juan Silver JV is the first entity to control the bulk of the famous Creede District in Colorado which has historic production of 84 million ounces of silver. Drilling and underground sampling along the past-producing Bulldog has defined at least 40 million ounces of silver and continues to intersect ore grade mineralization to the north along a one-mile trend. Where the Amethyst vein intersects the Equity structure, drilling has intersected a broad zone with multistage veins and breccias with zones of sulfides containing gold, silver, and base metals. High-grade gold and silver intersected in the veins are very significant as this is the deepest precious metal intercept of a major vein structure to date in the northern part of the district. These intersections are well below the historically perceived bottom of the precious metal horizon in the Creede District indicating a large vertical dimension of 2,000 feet, for gold-bearing mineralization. The mineralization is also open along strike and may extend for a significant distance along the Amethyst and the Equity structures. In addition, newly defined areas to the west of the Equity vein system encompass a broad gold-enriched surface anomaly cut by strong veining which will be followed up with more detailed exploration during 2011."

When these two projects progress to fruition and Colorado has four active metals mining operations perhaps the general public's jaundiced perception of mining activities will be replaced with excitement over the new jobs leading to easier permitting of more projects with jobs.

You can contact me at: don_bray@copper.net

From the Ledger of Peg Brozek, Treasurer/Secretary

Thanks to Joe Johnson and JJ Long for their contributions to the members only drawing. It's November and election month--time to vote on new board members. So once again to encourage a large turnout, we will have a total of 8.4 grams of gold with the largest nugget being 3.8 gms. We're also getting close on the special nugget (if the price of gold would quit bouncing around!!) So buy extra and often. Good Luck to all.

Peg

Ken Barker Award by Joe Shubert

Hello GPR Club Members.

It is time to be thinking about nominating a club member for the Ken Barker Award.

Ken Barker was a past Vice-President of the club, who spent a lot of time promoting Recreational Gold Prospecting, helping anyone that needed help and promoting the club. Ken passed away while in office therefore the club started this award in his memory.

- 1) A person nominated for this award must be a Club Member in good standing.
- 2) Promotes gold prospecting.
- 3) Promotes the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies.
- 4) Participates in Club Activities.
- 5) Anticipates the needs of the Club and does his/her best to fulfill those needs.
- 6) Contributes to the success of the Club with his/her extra efforts.
- 7) Award is for current year activities only.
- 8) The President and Vice President are not eligible.



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The nomination form will be given to you, if you want to nominate someone, when you sign in at the November meeting. The results will be compiled and the winner announced at the Clubs December meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes From Oct 2011

	James Long	X	Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	Don Luchtenburg
X	Don Bray	X	Joe Johnston	X	Terry Weatherly	X	Mike Hurtado
X	Peg Brozek	X	Sue Lemieux	X	Andy Doll		
	Gary Hawley						

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to Order at 6:07 by Don Bray.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Aug. Minutes were read.

- Corrections: Price for large panning magnets should read 4.50, not 3.50.
- Approved as read/corrected: Yes

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- Corrections: None
- Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Read by Don Bray.

- Questions: Regarding vendor table price disparity, 3.00 vs. 8.00. Not resolved.
- Approved: Yes

Correspondence: Received 5 e-mails and 14 phone calls from within as well as outside the Club. 2 mailings.

Committee Reports: None due.

Webmaster: Andy Doll reports website is down, no access, no report. Andy is working on the problem.

Unfinished business: Mike Hurtado reported that the new club business cards are here tonight. Discussion on how to distribute to the membership, decided to have Rob at the store distribute in packs of ten.

New business: Elections will be held at the Nov. meeting and Joe Shubert is working on them. Opening for VP, all other Board members have indicated a willingness to rerun for 2012. Also need nominations for Ken Barker award at Nov. meeting.

JJ and Peg will prepare for Christmas Party. Anybody who wants to help can let JJ know. Committee will meet after the Nov. meeting.

Planned Outings for 2011: As of this date, the following outings are established.

- Oct 22 School of Mines Museum Tour in Golden organized and led by Sue Lemieux.

From the Floor: Mike Hurtado reported that the Jeffco Park demos went well, a good time was had by all and Jeffco supplied an excellent lunch. Joe Fortunato advised that he does not have the Alaska field trip video for tonight's program and plans to show one from Garrett Metal Detectors instead. Advises that a request has been made to establish a base list of prospectors who regularly go out and who would be willing to take other folks along be made. Will send out mass e-mail to gauge membership and see who opts in and who opts out. Jim announced that he will not be in attendance for Oct. Meeting and Don Bray will lead the Mtg. In the event that Don is out of town with his new job, Gary Hawley has agreed to step in.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting Nov. 16, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Next General Meeting Nov.16, 2011 at 7:00pm

Tonight's general meeting program: The video "Weekend Prospector" by Charles Garrett of Garrett Metal Detectors, a basic primer/refresher for all prospectors new or experienced.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6.53 pm.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Of the 263 million ounces of gold held by the US Treasury, how much is held at the Denver Mint?

2011 GPR Board of Directors Members

President

James Long

Vice President

Don Bray

Secretary/Treasurer

Peg Brozek

2 Year Board Members

Joe Johnston (2010)

Joe Shubert (2009)

1 Year Board Members

Sue Lemieux

Joe Fortunato

Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Don Luchtenburg

Mike Hurtado



General Meeting Minutes From Oct 2011

- 1) Vice President Don Bray called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
- 2) Don Tiglas led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, to open the meeting.
- 3) Don Bray introduced GPR member Joe Fortunato the presenter of tonight's program. Joe apologized for not having the previously announced program on his summer Alaska field trip available. Instead Joe introduced a video presentation titled "Weekend Prospector" by Charles Garrett of Garrett Metal Detectors. Also in the video with Garrett were Roy Lagal, Virgil Hutton and Tommy Lund. The theme of the video is to show the prospective prospector the basics of weekend prospecting.

Highlights from the video were as follows:

- They recommend that you confine your prospecting to known gold locations.
- They outlined a list of recommended tools including a lightweight backpack dredge.
- They suggest streams with good gold replenishment can be worked year after year.
- They showed where to prospect in streams (such as downstream of large boulders etc.).
- They demonstrated wet panning.
- They demonstrated suction dredge operations and cleanup while recommending a 2" to 4" lightweight backpack dredge for the weekend prospector.
- The last segment we watched demonstrated nugget hunting with a metal detector.

Thanks Joe for bringing us this informative program.

- 4) Don announced that tonight, president Jim Long is out chasing Bambi somewhere, and that he as vice president will be conducting tonight's meeting.
- 5) Don announced that today's metal prices, at the New York close on Kitco, were as follows: Gold \$1642.70 per t oz, Silver \$30.82 per t oz, Platinum \$1513.00 per t oz. and Palladium \$602.00 per t oz.
- 6) Don announced that this month's website hits total is unavailable because the website is down and we can not get access to it. Andy is working on this problem.
- 7) Don called on Joe Schubert to announce that nominations are open for the November elections. Joe announced that it is time to be thinking about club elections again. Joe has nomination forms here tonight. All nominees must be "club members in good standing" and nominees for the offices of president and vice president must have been, previously, a committee chairman, officer or member of the board of directors. Nomination forms must be turned in, in person, to the nomination committee coordinator (Joe) by one week before the Nov. meeting, if by email. Voting will occur at the Nov. meeting. This year the office of vice president is open for nominations. Joe also asked members to consider nominations for the "Ken Barker" award to be voted on at the November meeting. Members are asked to nominate the one person they feel has given, in the last year, the most toward the improvement of the GPR as a club. The winner of the vote will receive the "Ken Barker Award" for this year, at the December Potluck Dinner. Past winners, the current president and vice president are not eligible.
- 8) Don announced that according to Peg Brozek's Board Meeting Treasurer's Report the club's finances remain in the black. The club had a good September receiving \$1000.00 in checks for the last two panning demos of the season. He also reminded the membership that the treasurer's report details are available, from the treasurer, at the club meetings to any member who would like to see them.
- 9) Don asks, membership chairman, Greg Davis for his membership report. Greg reported that tonight, we have 118 paid memberships including 3 new memberships tonight and 53 in attendance including 3 guests.
- 10) Don announced that thanks to Mike Hurtado the club has new business cards that show club contact and meeting information on the front side and gold troy ounce to gram conversion factors on the back. These cards are for club members to give to people they contact in their everyday conversations who might be interested in gold prospecting. Rob at the Club Store has packets of ten cards and each member is encouraged pick up a packet during the break. Give them away this next month and pick up another pack at next month's meeting.
- 11) Don reported that during the Board Meeting, this evening, a discussion was held about a program for next month's membership meeting, considering the annual elections will take up most of the time. Two ideas were presented, a



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member's used equipment "sale/swap" or member's "show and tell" demonstrations during November meeting break time. The Board wanted a vote of the membership to decide between the two proposals. A show-of-hands vote of the membership indicated a preference for the "sale/swap". Don announced that the November meeting program would be a member's used equipment "sale/swap."

- 12) Don reported that the club correspondence, through Jim Long consisted of 5 emails (2-internal/3- external) and 14 phone calls. (5-internal/8-external). In addition the postal box contained two mailings, the WMMI monthly newsletter and an announcement of a Reno, NV coin auction. Both will be on the front table during the break, for your information.
- 13) Don called on Sue Clover for her "Question of the Month" which is, "How much gold is in one ton of seawater?" Sue will collect your answers to this question during the break and distribute a "Club Nugget" drawing ticket to each person turning in a correct answer.
- 14) Don announced that Peg Brozek is selling tickets for a 17.1-gram "Members-Only" large nugget drawing during the break. The drawing will be held at a later date.
- 15) Don next called on Barbara Barrow to read the third of her cache clues.
- 16) Don asks Sue Lemieux for her announcements.
 - Sue announced that Saturday Oct. 22nd is the CSM Museum tour. Meet at 9:30 A.M. for a 10:00 A.M. tour, signup sheet and information will be on the front table during the break.
 - There are four entries for the Pumpkin Carving Contest; members are encouraged to vote for their favorite pumpkin during the break.
 - Sue announced birthday/Halloween treats for those with October birthdays. Four members claimed October birthdays and their treats; Sue Lemieux, Rob Deschambault, Chuck Cown and Roger Biri. Bill Duncanson announced that in honor of Sue's birthday and her work through the year with the monthly birthday cupcakes/treats, the refreshment table has a birthday cake for her tonight.
 - No book auction tonight due to the pumpkin contest voting.
 - The Club Store will be open during the break.
 - Sue reported that the trip on the Georgetown Loop Railroad and to the Lebanon Silver mine was a big success for those who attended with beautiful weather and a very interesting mine tour.
- 17) Don reminded the membership of some future planned outings and club events.
 - This Saturday, Oct. 22nd will be the CMS Geology Museum tour as Sue reported.
 - The next GPR General Meeting will be Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 P.M.
- 18) Hank Innerfeld announced that he has some medical prescription discount cards available to those who want them.
- 19) Greg Davis announced that a non-club sponsored outing to Clear Creek Tunnel #1 on Saturday, October 29, is open to anyone interested. Information and map will be on the front table during the break.
- 20) Don announced the meeting refreshment break, at 8:15. At 8:35 Don reconvened the meeting.
- 21) Don asked Sue Clover to announce the answer for her "Question of the Month" contest. Sue's correct answer is "0.1 mg. to 2 mg. per ton". Sue discarded her original answer in favor of this one due to the preponderance of people with this one and very good documentation presented by several contestants for this one. Twenty-eight people out of thirty-one turned in this answer. Each person with a correct answer received a red nugget drawing ticket.
- 22) Don asked for two volunteers to help bring refreshments for the November meeting. Dana Hodges and Ian Duncanson volunteered thanks Dana and Ian.
- 23) Sue Lemieux announced that the results of the Pumpkin Carving Contest.
 - 4th place - Gary Hawley, the "Spider Mine", no prize for this place.
 - 3rd place - Sandra Hall, the "Cowboy", won 0.1-gr. nugget.
 - 2nd place – Rob Deschambault, the "Hippo", won vile of gold.
 - 1st place – Sue Lemieux, the "??", won 0.4 gr. nugget.
- 24) Chuck Cown, Peggy Brozek, and Don conducted this evening's "Members-Only" and the "Club-Nugget" drawings. For the "Member's-Only" drawing, 7 prizes were awarded to members, our thanks go to all who



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donated tonight's prizes. Eight nuggets for the "Club-Nugget" drawing were won tonight, the largest being 3.4 gram. The nuggets tonight are from various localities (as noted on the containers).

25) Next meeting is Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 P.M. Program will be elections and equipment sale/swap.

26) Don thanked all that donated to the snack table tonight.

27) Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M

Submitted by, Don Bray, Recorder

Prospecting Instructional Class for JeffCo Open Space Rangers by Jim Long

On October 6, the Club hosted an instructional field demonstration of prospecting for the Jefferson County Open Spaces Rangers on Clear Creek. There were 12 enforcement officers who met up with Club President JJ Long at the Mexican Flats location on Clear Creek in Clear Creek Canyon Park.

We had set up several 'prospecting stations' to demonstrate panning, classifying, using a 'rocker box', battery operated wheels, sluice boxes, motorized high bankers and motorized dredges. Some of the stations were set up properly and others were deliberately set up incorrectly. The purpose of the Class was to instruct the Rangers on basic prospecting history and demonstrate methods and techniques. Special attention was shown to how the equipment should be set up and how and where to look for problems and incorrect and even illegal set ups.

The Rangers learned to identify what they were seeing and how to determine if the equipments were being used properly or improperly. There were some great questions asked and answered and the Class which lasted about 3 hours, was a big hit. Supervisor Colleen Gad provided us with a great box lunch and drinks as well. During the demonstrations, we actually found some gold which excited the Rangers a great deal.

My personal thanks go to Brandon Luchtenburg, Gary Hawley, Andy Doll, Mike Hurtado, and Steve Overton for taking the time to participate and for providing equipment to use and display. Several photos were taken by Colleen Gadd and shared with the Club.



Pres Long leads the Class



Pres Long addresses the Rangers



Pres Long with a high banker





Sue's Sluice Box

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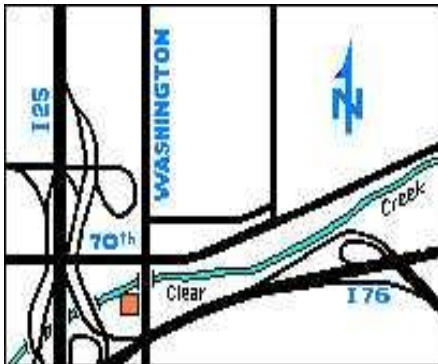
Sluicin' Sue

A NOTE FROM BOB BUTLER

A few days ago Rodger called me about a swap meet at the next meeting. I would like to be there as I have a few 10' X 48" Hibankers that I will be offering to members at a very good end of season discount. Also for the members that bought hibankers from me this last summer, I have a free attachment that will speed up production. Thanks, BOB BUTLER 719-395-2003

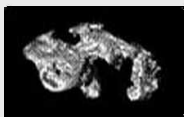
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Coming Announcements and Special Events for December 2011

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline	3
4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 GPR Club Meeting Potluck	22 Winter Begins	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27 National Fruitcake Day	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve