

The Prez Sez by Jim Long

I was very happy with the Cresson Mine Tour that was organized in late July by Sue Lemieux. We took up 2 buses and I think everybody really enjoyed the largest open pit gold mine in the entire State of Colorado. And we had tremendous weather for the Club Picnic in Golden in early August and a very large turnout for that event as well. Mike Hurtado did a great job organizing our second outing of the year again in Russell Gulch. Everybody that attended that event was able to find gold and even more so than the first outing. We were able to get in another good tour at the Cross Mine above Nederland.

Now all in all, we have been very busy this year and if you haven't had the opportunity to attend a couple of these events, then I don't know what to say to you, except it is your own fault. Fall is directly around the corner and with the colder temperatures and unpredictable weather; it will definitely reduce the opportunities that we will have for organizing events for the rest of the year. However, we do have a couple of things we are going to try to put together before the cold and snow forces us back inside.

I still hear people having trouble with getting the gold out of their black sands. I have dedicated several months of column space to addressing this issue. And I will repeat...the key is to 'classify, classify, classify, and then pan, pan, and pan some more!!!' But also, one of the most important things you had better have is to learn or develop patience. If you have no patience, you will make a lousy prospector and you will be working mostly alone because nobody wants to be around an angry person. Not a good way to make and keep friends. As I have stated before, there is no easy way to find gold. It requires hard work and a lot of effort. There are many people out there and especially in the Club who are more than willing to help you and to teach you how to do it. And there is more than one way to get it done. But you have to be willing to listen to what they say and find a way to make it work for you. You don't have to do it the way I do it or somebody else does it. Either way will probably work just fine. It is like life itself. From birth to death, we all take various paths along the way and we take life's many experiences and we learn from them. The learning experience doesn't happen without a few mistakes along the way. But successful people learn from those mistakes and find their own way to success. Failures learn nothing along the way and wind up being just unhappy.

I plan on announcing at the next meeting that I will be doing another 'How to' Class probably in late September as I have had a number of people ask me about that and to tell the truth, we have been so busy planning events, that I have been remiss in seeing to some of our newer members who could benefit greatly from these Classes. So I plan on remedying that pronto.

I thought I would include a photo here of some of my success this year. This photo is a decent day's labor and comes from Clear Creek which is pretty much our 'home territory' and was taken with my cell phone as you can see by the reflection in the pan. This particular day involved only 6 buckets and was screened down to 8 before being run through my sluice.

Well, that is about all I have from here for now. 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 to all!!!

**The V.P. Corner by Mike Hurtado**

PART 7 Again back in the wilderness. By mid-summer they had embarked from St. Joseph, Missouri, on a wagon train. For a week the wagons labored deeper into the vast, sun-baked prairie, leaving ever farther behind the familiar green hills, the fertile valleys, the comforts of civilization. Then one night the youthful clergyman disappeared. A hasty investigation disclosed that a young lady of doubtful reputation was also missing. The wagons halted for a full day while search parties fanned out from the trail, but no trace of the man or the girl could be found. The only possible assumption was that the pair had fled together. The wagon train pushed on to the west. During the long, lonely days which followed, Ada maintained a stony silence. She found voice only when the train at last reached Indian Row. On that day she stood before her fellow travelers and announced, "As a God-fearing woman, you see me for the last time. As of tomorrow, I start the first brothel in this settlement. In the future my name will be Addie LaMont. Any of you men in need of a little fun will always find the flaps of my tent open." Ada's sensational debut into her new profession was delayed briefly by other exciting events. So striking was the girl's beauty and so quickly did news of her spread through the area, that a friendly



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band of Arapahoe's visited the train. A young chief was so impressed by the dark-eyed charmer in red calico dress that he offered to swap five ponies for her. None of the new arrivals were acquainted with the ways of Indian courtship and Ada, thinking the whole affair a joke, nodded her agreement. Naturally, the chief returned soon with his warriors and the five ponies. Ada took hasty refuge in a covered wagon. Only after a bitter argument and after being told that the girl had gone away, did the chief give up. Again I hope are enjoying this little bit of History.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Mike Hurtado (720-443-9545)

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Peg Brozek

Thanks to JJ and Mike Hurtado for their contributions to the members only drawing. This month there will be a total of 7.2 grms of gold with the largest nugget being 2.0grm.

Don't forget to buy blue tickets for that special nugget from Alaska at 14 grams (members only). Please remember to put your name and phone# on the back of the ticket.

So o o o !! Bring extra money and good luck to all!!

Peg

Board Meeting Minutes From Aug 2012

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

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: By JJ at 6:06pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Yes

Corrections: Purchased gold to last to 2013, not 2012.

Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Questions: None . Approved: yes

Correspondence: 4 phone calls, 7 e-mails, 1 mailings

Committee Reports:

- Mike H. reported that he and JJ approved the Pin Mart order for our pins. Will arrive in early Sept.
- Greg D. reports no progress on Comm. Coin.

Webmaster: Total Hits__123446 Hits for last month 574.

Unfinished business: None.

New business: Bob Butler has asked to sell equipment at Meetings and give percentage to Club. Moved and seconded. Mike H. will supervise it.

Planned Outings for 2012: As of this date, the following outings are established:

- Aug 25 Sa Club Tour of Cross Mine in Nederland. Sign up to be put out. 25 max. \$15.00.
- Sept 6,7,8 Panning Demo at Highlands Ranch Days
- Sept 15 Sa Panning Demo at Idaho Springs.
- Sept. 22-23 GPAA Gold Show at Denver Coliseum. We have obtained a booth for the show. We will be selling magnets and pins.
- No other specific planned outings are scheduled as of yet!!!

From the Floor:

- Sue L. stated she has 3 books for the auction again tonight.
- Mike H. advised that the Clay County Outing went well and we have been invited to return at any time.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is the largest gold nugget still in existence?

2012 GPR Board of Directors Members
President James Long
Vice President Mike Hurtado
Secretary/Treasurer Peg Brozek
2 Year Board Members
 Joe Johnston (2010)
 Joe Shubert (2011)
1 Year Board Members
 Sue Lemieux
 Joe Fortunato
 Terry Weatherly
 Andy Doll
 Don Luchtenburg
 Greg Davis



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- JJ gave kudos to Sue L., Greg D. and Mike H. for the recent tour and outings that they led. All were great successes.
- Joe J. back from his 2 months in Alaska.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting Sept. 19, 2012 at 6:00pm. Next General Meeting Sept. 19, 2012 at 7:00pm

Tonight's general meeting program: Joe Fortunato will put on a power point presentation about his Alaska trip and how his group recovered 30 ounces of gold this summer.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55pm.

General Meeting Minutes From Aug 2012

- 1) Meeting was opened at 7:06 by Pres. JJ Long with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Pres. Long gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1603.10 an ounce, silver at \$27.83, platinum at \$1392.00 and palladium at \$580.00.
- 3) Web hits for last month were down a little, reflecting only 574 hits for last 30 days.
- 4) Treasurer Peg Brozek reported that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, we will be starting a new 'Members Only' drawing for a large 14 gram nugget as of tonight.
- 5) Greg Davis reported from the Membership Table that approx.90 members were in attendance. There were 7 guests and current membership is at 133 families representing over 200 total members.
- 6) Tonight's program was introduced. Joe Fortunato spoke of his 2 week Alaska trip with member Bob Neumayer and how their group of 4 prospectors found over 30 ounces of gold in nugget form with their metal detectors. Joe had a power point presentation, however, we experienced a data feed problem and the computer equipment refused to cooperate. The talk went on without photos and pictures. Everybody was very pleased with his talk and we have decided to fix the problem and do it again perhaps in October or November.
- 7) Mike Huratado announced that he has approved the artwork and the pins have been ordered and will be here in early Sept.. Also that the Cross Mine Tour is on for Saturday the 25th, it is limited to 25 people and will cost 15.00 each. A sign up was put out for those interested.
- 8) Sue Clover delivered the Question of the Month to the attendees. 'Where was the world's first gold vending machine located.?'
- 9) Rob Deschambault presented the 2012 Cache Clue #6 to the membership.
- 10) Pres. Long announced that he had sign ups out tonight for the two panning demos coming up in September. These events are open to any level of panner, including beginners. Also discussed kudos for Sue Lemieux, Greg Davis, and Mike Hurtado for the last three tour and outings which were all great successes. 20 people attended the Cresson Mine Tour, 46 made it to the Twin Lakes 2 day Outing, and 26 people made it up to the Russell Gulch Outing. Also, over 50 members attended the picnic in Golden. All in all, it was a very busy time for the Club during the last month.
- 11) Sue Lemieux reported having 3 books for tonight's auction.
- 12) Rob Deshambault reports that the Club Store still has a lot of products for sale, so please support your Club and purchase several. They make great gift items as well. This will be Rob's last year overseeing the Store and we are seeking a volunteer to take over. Rob and Sue L. have had this responsibility for about 5 years at least.
 - Pres. Long reported that the following scheduled outings for 2012 to date:
 - Aug 25 Sa Club Tour of Cross Mine near Nederland. Time to be determined.
 - Sept. 6,7,8 ThFSa Panning Demo at Highlands Ranch Days. Will need 5 volunteers each day.
 - Sept 15 Sa Panning Demo at Idaho Springs Festival.
 - Sept. 22-23 SS GPAA Gold Show at Denver Coliseum. We will have a booth and will be selling magnets and pins.
 - No other specific planned outings are scheduled at this moment but there are sure to be plenty more to come!!!
- 13) Gary Hawley announced that he was donating 4 very large photographs of the Snowstorm Dredge that was originally located in Fairplay to the Club to do with as we see fit. These photographs are a part of Colorado Mining History. Pres. Long will entertain suggestions from members as well as the Board to determine the future of these photos.
- 14) Pres. Long announced that there was birthday cake in the back in celebration of Gary Hawley's birthday.



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- 15) Pres. Long announced at break at 8:20m. Meeting called back to order at 8:40pm.
- 16) Sue Clover announced that there were 43 winners of the 'Question of the Month' and that the answer was 'The Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi, in the United Emirates.' Winners received a free ticket for the gold drawings.
- 17) Sue Lemieux announced the winners of the 3 auction books.
- 18) The evening was concluded with drawings for door prizes followed by drawings numerous prizes and for the gold nuggets, A reminder that holders of drawing tickets who did not win and want to redeem those tickets may present them at the end of the Meeting and they will be reimbursed at .01 cents on the dollar, or they can donate the tickets back to the Club. Those assisting Pres. Long in the drawings were Chuck Cown and Peg Brozek.
- 19) Pres. Long thanked all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Any member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread. With the number of attendees skyrocketing recently, this really helps the folks who run the table and those who volunteer up front each month. The Club appreciates the efforts that each and every one of you make to make the refreshment table enjoyable. Next months program will be part 2 of the video 'How to separate gold from Black Sand without chemicals.'
- 20) The Meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

Cross Mine Tour by Jim Long

On August 25, some 20 Club Members had the opportunity to tour the Cross Mine owned by Tom Hendricks and located northwest of Nederland near the old Caribou town site. The Cross Mine is a sister mine to the famous Caribou Mine. The Caribou Mine was originally located and established back in 1868 along with the town of Caribou. Most of the ore was freighted down to a mill that was built where Nederland is now. The best mines in those 4early days were the Caribou, Conger, No Name, Boulder County, Spencer, Poor Man, and the Seven Thirty. And as the area grew, the Cross Mine was eventually established but was never a major producer at that time.

The Cross Mine eventually came into the possession of Tom Hendricks around 1971. Since then, he has turned it into an active operational gold mine and has the dubious honor of passing all of the Federal, State, and County inspections from every agency under the sun and slowly has become a mining legend in Boulder County. Having once owned the Nederland Mining Museum, he has since turned ownership of the Museum over to the City and is responsible for personally donating the majority of all the mining equipment and relics that are present in the Museum.

Tom is a very pleasant and humble man. After about an hour talk about the history and the geology of the Mine, he took us underground and explored some of the mine as far back in as nearly 1800 feet and about 600 feet below the old Caribou town site. The mine is literally criss - crossed with gold bearing veins that run all the way from .05 ounces of gold and 10 ounces of silver to the ton up to a vein at the 2500 foot level that has assayed at 25 ounces of gold and 100 ounces of silver to the ton. However, that vein is about 2000 feet below current diggings and was discovered by core drilling. Nearly all of these veins have been discovered by Mr. Hendricks and were unknown to the old timers.

The tour was an hour and a half long and one of the best tours I have ever had the privilege of taking. We will have the opportunity to take additional tours there later on so that other members can also enjoy this unique working gold mine. And trust me, there is nothing cooler than being afforded the opportunity to dig a bag of high grade gold ore for your own and with the owner's permission.

This is a 'must tour' for your bucket list. I have included a couple of photos.



Pres Long and VP Mike
at the Mine entrance



The Mine Office Building



A photo of most of the group
in attendance



Sue's Sluice Box

GPR STORE PRICES

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White Vinyl Stickers	\$6.00	XLarge	2XLarge	2XLarge
T-Shirts	\$2.00	2XLarge		
Lanyards	\$2.00	3XLarge		
		4XLarge		
		5XLarge		

September Meeting Program

The September meeting will feature Part 2 of the video 'Separating gold from black sands without using chemicals'. This video has drawn a lot of interest from members and is quite informative. Part 1 was shown in June and Part 3 will be shown in October. You don't want to miss the conclusion of this fascinating video!!

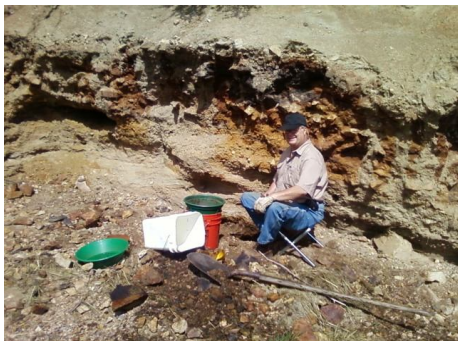
Russell Gulch Outing

by Jim Long

On August 11, the Club held its second Outing of the year in the famous Russell Gulch area above Blackhawk on what is known today as the Clay County Mine. This time the weather was a lot better in as much as we had a small rain squall at about 11:15am and the rest of the day was sunny and quite comfortable.

About 25 members attended this Outing, down a bit from the last one. This was attributed to the fact that most of the gold found here is flour (micro) gold although the chance does exist for some larger pieces of gold to be found. There is no water here so it is all dry digging. However, I did hear reports up and down the arroyo that some members did in fact, find some decent gold to include a few pickers. Now that is always a plus for sure.

For those who still have issues with how to process this type of dirt for the small gold, I refer them to the June Newsletter where I discussed in detail how to go about it. We all had a good time digging in the dirt and I know there were a lot of pretty tired folks when the sun went down. I did manage to get in a few photos. Hope to see you on the next Outing.



Jim Peterson was hard at work



Don Bray and several other members taking a break



GPR Members working in the dry creek bed

Newsorthy Notes Concerning Mining Interests

From the Denver Post: 8-16-12

Molycorp hoping to mine 517.5 million from 2 sales: Molycorp, based in Greenwood Village, Colorado, the U.S. owner of the largest rare earth deposit outside of China, may raise as much as 517.5 million selling shares and convertible bonds to help finance its mine in California.. Molycorp is restarting output at the Mountain Pass Mine located in



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California as China, which accounts for more than 90% of global rare-earth supply, cuts output and restricts exports. (The Mountain Pass Mine is an open pit gold mine and is much larger than the Ashanti Cresson Mine in Victor, Colorado).

From the Denver Post: 8-17-12

Metals draw mining back to the San Juans: High metal prices have stirred activity in the long dormant San Juan Mountains mining and milling industries. Permits are moving forward for the Pride of the West Mill near Silverton, and for the historic Revenue Mine, near Ouray. Colorado Gold Fields Inc., a Lakewood based company is reopening the Mill and is doing some rehab work and expects to put about 25 people to work, a significant boost to Silverton where unemployment is higher than average.

A Miner's Laugh

The Devil walks into a crowded bar up in the Yukon.

Within seconds, the bar empties of patrons. People are screaming and running all over the place....all except for one grizzled ol' prospector who was leaning over the bar.

The Devil wanders over to the ol' prospector and says, 'Do you have any idea who I am?'

The ol' prospector slowly takes another sip of his beer and answers, 'yep.'

The Devil stares at the ol' fellow for several minutes and then says, 'Well, aren't you afraid of me?'

The ol' boy slowly looks the Devil up and down for a minute and shrugs, 'Shoot, I married your sister 40 years ago. Why the heck should I be scared of you..?'

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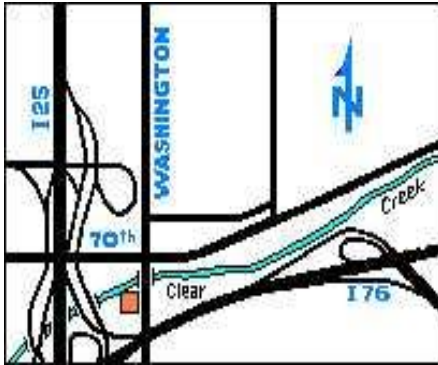
Do You Know who this Prospector is??

If you do, submit your guess at the break at the Sept meeting to win an extra Ticket for the gold nugget drawings!!



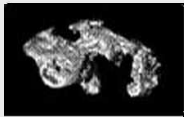


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Coming Announcements and Special Events for Oct 2012

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline
7	8 Columbus Day observed	9	10	11	12 Columbus Day	13
14 Children's Day	15	16 National Boss Day	17 GPR Club Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			