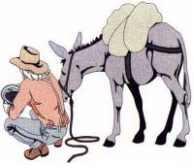


THE GOLD NUGGET

March 2014



2014 Dues are now PAST Due



The Prez Sez by Jim Long



I was watching some u-tube stuff on prospecting the other day and it got me to thinking again. Now, I know that can be dangerous, but it just kinda got me to thinking about all the different ways that some folks are 'mining the miners' these days.

I mean, holy cow, there are literally new products coming out practically daily and at an alarming rate. And each one of them is 'guaranteed to get gold', or 'guaranteed to separate your gold from the black sands at a 99% rate', and on and on and on. My prospecting partner and I have discussed this concept a number of times and one of our little expressions is 'how many different ways are there to reinvent the wheel'? The

basic design is round and it gets the ole truck down the road, so what else do you really need? So I guess it is coming to that time of the year when we are thinking about gearing up and heading out in search of that wonderful 'yaller gold'.

Some of you are new to this game and relatively inexperienced so I am going to make this simple. You don't need to spend more than about \$150.00 dollars to have all you need to get as much gold as you want. So save your hard earned dollars and don't buy all that stuff in the magazines and on E-bay or on U-tube. Until you have mastered the basics, you only need some basic equipment. All that other stuff is just going to soak your wallet and you aren't going to find any more gold than you will with what I tell you that you will need. So first of all, you need to have a little patience. If you don't have patience, prospecting probably isn't for you. If you think you are going to go out and find a million dollars' worth of gold and retire next week, we need to seriously sit down and talk. That ain't going to happen. So what do you need?

Well, you need some rubber boots and rubber gloves. You need a shovel, any old shovel pretty much will do and you need a couple of 5 gallon buckets. You need a 14" green pan with riffles in it (\$22.00). You need a 1/2 inch screen (\$20.00), a number 8 screen (\$22.00), and a black 8" pan (\$8.00). You need a plastic/metal scoop (\$6.00), a snuffer bottle (\$3.00) and a glass/plastic vial (\$.50) to put your gold in. These prices are close but not exact, depending on where you get your equipment. If you have to buy a shovel (\$20.00) or a bucket (\$5.00), it adds a little more. Knee high boots are about \$18.00, and a pair of booted Hodgeman's hip wades is about \$35.00. And you are all set. That comes to about \$150.00 or so and that is all you need to go prospecting pretty much anywhere.

Now you need to have someone experienced to teach you how to use all that stuff and show you why it is so important to have these items in your arsenal. So you sign up for one of the two Beginner Classes that I conduct each spring and fall. And there, I will teach you hands on, how to use all that stuff you just bought. I will tell you how it is used and then I will show you how it is used. Then I make you do it. And we practice until you have the idea. But you will have to set up some equipment at home to make yourself become more proficient, and especially in the Art of panning. This is where that patience I told you that you are going to desperately need comes in. Most folks don't master the technique in a mere couple of minutes. Some catch on rather quickly and others take a little longer. But once you get it, it is like magic and the whole thing gets so much easier. You will need one additional item to practice panning at home and that is a black masonry tub from Lowe's or Home Depot that runs about \$5.00. And that is about it. You will be ready to go prospecting and find gold.

After you get good at this part of it, we will maybe have you invest about 120.00 more for a good sluice box and you will then be able to go anywhere in the country and find as much gold as anybody else is getting. Don't let anybody sucker you into spending hundreds of dollars on all kinds of equipment with the promise of finding more gold and getting more gold and blah, blah, blah. Take it from me, you will more than likely struggle trying to figure out how to use that stuff and eventually just wind up selling it later on at e-bay or a garage sale because you got too frustrated trying to learn how to use it or it doesn't measure up to your expectations. Start out slow and learn how to use the basic stuff properly and then take it a step at a time. The old timers started out with nothing but pans, pick and shovel, and then went to rocker boxes or sluice boxes. It worked for them and pretty darned well I might add. It will work for you as well!

So until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that treasured '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 “Klondike” Mike



Colorado History # 21

It's been a few months but I'll start where I left off, moving ahead a little. Most of the tinhorn folks were a reckless, swindling, migratory lot and the results of their arrangements with teats were bound to break the greenhorns. The gamblers preferred to fleece the unwary tenderfoot, then vanish. When the victim discovered the loaded dice or marked cards and complained to the management, the house of course, disclaimed any responsibility. The arrangement became not so convenient when an outraged victim chose to take his spite out on the furnishings and personnel. The Elephant Corral was, however, no single blemish on the smooth face of an angelic town.

As had every border country, so now did Denver City begin to attract the powerful sporting element. As a class, the gamblers were usually as gentlemanly in manner and appearance as they were unscrupulous. Based on an easy-come-easy-go philosophy, they were openly charitable, giving to worthy causes while they cheated the suckers.

Unfortunately, this is the last history portion as my manual is now going into the history of Denver and its inner workings. Because this has little to do with direct Colorado gold history I am changing my focus to more current events. As before if you have any questions feel free to contact me, 720-443-9545.

Mike Hurtado (Klondike)

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Linda Luchtenburg



The March Meeting will feature 7.1 grams of gold nuggets for the give away with the largest nugget being 2.9 grams. We continue to sell raffle tickets for the ‘Special Nugget Drawing’ and members are encouraged to purchase plenty of tickets as your chances of winning this beautiful 13.0 gram nugget are far better than winning the Lotto. Special thanks go to **Pres. Long, and to the GPR Board** for contributing items for the ‘Members Only’ drawings held at the February Meeting.

Membership Committee

Please bring or mailing in your membership dues for 2014. They are all due in January no matter when you joined. Renewals are \$30.00. Many of you have paid already. It is greatly appreciated because then JJ can make a more accurate budget for the year.

Thanks

This Month GPR Meeting Program:

March 19: At the March meeting, the Program will feature another History Channel video titled ‘**Modern Marvels: Gold Mines**’. This program will run for 50 minutes. The program will feature mining techniques in some of the largest gold mines in the world.

April 16: At the April meeting, the Program will feature speaker **Robert Walters**, of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division, who will speak on “**Invasive Species**” and how important it is for us prospectors to be aware of this potential harm to our watersheds and the eco-system. This will be a unique and fascinating program and we may have a few ‘show and tells’ as well.

May 21: The May meeting Program will feature local speaker and author, **Christie Wright**. Christie has spoken to the Club before and puts on a great program. This month, she will speak of **Colorado’s Mining History** and some of our colorful characters of the past. She may be bringing some of her books to sell as well. She is the author of ‘South Park Perils: Short Ropes & True Tales’. She is a historian on South Park and is a member of the South Park Historical Society as well as the South Park Mining Association. Her program should be both entertaining and exciting. Don’t miss it!

June 18: The June meeting will consist of a **Forum of Club experts** who will host a ‘**Question and Answer**’ session from the general membership. Members will have an opportunity to ask questions they have **concerning general mining and prospecting issues**. This will be your chance to pretty much ask anything that is on your mind and the experts will have an opportunity to answer them and share a little of their experience.



Board Meeting Minutes from Feb 2014

X	James Long	X	Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	Roger Biri
X	Mike Hurtado	X	Joe Johnston	X	Terry Weatherly	X	Brandon Luchtenburg
X	Linda Luchtenburg		Janine Ballentine	X	Andy Doll		Gary Hawley

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: By JJ at 6:01 pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Yes Corrections: None Approved as read/corrected: Yes

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

Correspondence: 5 phone calls, 9 e-mails, 13 mailings

Webmaster: Total Hits 133619 Hits for last month 350.

Committee Reports: None at this time.

Unfinished business:

- Discussed Income/expense report. Half of income disparity comes from cash donations to refreshment table and half comes from consignment sales. All future Income/expenses will be listed in line item fashion.
- Pres. Long still working on BOD Manual updates for 2014.

New Business: None at this time.

Planned Outings for 2014: Refer to Outings Calendar/Schedule in Newsletter for details of existing schedule.

- Jan 25 sat Tour of West. Mining Museum in Colo Spgs 1pm sign-up sheet at meeting.
- Feb 22 sat Tour of Natl. Hall of Fame Mining Museum Leadville, 1pm
- Mar 22 sat Tour of School of Mines Geology Museum 1pm
- Mar 29 sat Beginners Panning/sluicing Class, 6811 N. Washington St., 9-12n

From the Board:

- Pres Long advised that the Clear Creek Mining Supply Store was moving from 70th and Broadway to 1006 W. 104th Ave, Northglenn.
- VP Mike H. thanked everyone for their support during his recovery from Bypass surgery. He also thanked Roger Biri, Chuck Cowan, Pres. Long and Jack Meineke for repairing his fence that blew down.
- Roger B. asked about the highway adoption proposal which has been tabled and about the Storm King Dredge photos which are still in our possession.
- Joe J. still needs items returned from the Library.
- Joe F. suggested an Expert Panel Q/A of Club experts as a Mtg. Program. Is good idea and will be implemented.
- Andy D. advised he has no issue sending out e-mail announcements of impromptu outings and get together for those interested.
- There was no further discussion.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting January 15, 2013 at 6:00pm. Next General Meeting January 15, 2013 at 7:00pm

Tonight's general meeting program: A 50 minute video from the History Channel on 'How the Earth was Made: America's Gold'.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:52 pm.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What element is combined with gold to form the intermetallic compound known as "Blue Gold"?

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General Meeting Minutes from Feb 2014

1. Meeting was opened at 7:01 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.



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2. **Pres. Long** presented the evening program which was a short 20 minute power point program called ‘America’s Gold – Working for you’.
3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1242.00 an ounce, silver at \$20.20, platinum at \$1425.00 and palladium at \$741.00.
4. Web hits for last month reflected 406 hits for the last 30 days.
5. **Treasurer Linda Luchtenburg** reported that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, we are now selling tickets for the ‘Members Only’ drawing and it is a very large nugget displayed at her desk for all to see. Remember, your chance of winning this nugget is far better than trying to win the Lottery.
6. **John Johnson** reported from the Membership Table that we had approx. 93 members in attendance. There were also 8 guests and 5 new members who were also in attendance. The meeting attendance was 106.
7. **Sue Clover** read the ‘**Question of the Month**’, which was ‘What % of surface gold is lost through industrial uses?’
8. **Pres. Long** advised that there was time to enter items at the break for the ‘**Finds of the Month**’ table and everyone was encouraged to check them out and vote accordingly during the break.
9. **Pres. Long** announced that the Cache had been hidden anew. **Barbara Barrow** gave Clue #2.
10. **Pam and George Schmitt** informed the group to be sure to check the new items in the Club Store and to support your Club by buying Club products with the Club Logo on them.
11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership that a Tour of the National Mining Hall of Fame in Leadville had been scheduled for Feb 22 at 1pm and that there was a sign up sheet at the front for those who were interested in attending. An additional Tour is Schedule for March. See the 2014 Schedule of Outings/Events for additional planned events for the coming year.
12. **VP Mike Hurtado**, who suffered a heart attack on Christmas Day and underwent Bypass surgery spoke. Mike thanked everyone who sent cards and he appreciates everyone’s support, thoughts and prayers and thanked the guys who rebuilt his fence that the wind blew down.
13. **Pres. Long** noted that Clear Creek Mining Supply had moved from 70th and Broadway to 1006 W 104th Avenue in Northglenn. 2014 due3s are now overdue and anyone not paid up is encouraged to catch up as soon as they possibly can.
14. **Pres. Long** also indicated that he had bought gold for the Club for 2014-2015 and starting in September, we will be giving away an extra nugget each month and the overall weight of the nuggets will increase also. The Peaks to Plains Trail Project that the Club supported for Jefferson County was discussed and a copy of their winter Update was made available to the membership. There was nothing discussed from the Floor.
15. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:13pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:35pm.
16. **Pres. Long** announced that there were only 8 winners of the ‘Question of the Month’ and quite a few folks missed it. The answer was ‘3%’. The winning tickets were passed out to the lucky winners.
17. **Pres. Long** announced that there were a number of submitted entries for the ‘Finds of the Month’. The winner of the ‘Best Artifact’ category was **Fred Wilkins** with 4 old crucibles. ‘Most Raw Gold’ winner was **Todd Fiddler** with 2.83g of gold that he found in a secret spot in the mountains. Congratulations to each of our February Monthly winners. Be sure to show off your finds each month at the meeting. Each monthly winner will need to save his/her finds for next November to be entered into the Finds of the Year competition.
18. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, Pres. Long and Joe Johnston**, and followed by drawings for the gold nuggets. A reminder that holders of drawing tickets for the regular gold drawings 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 choose to donate the tickets back to the Club. Those assisting Pres. Long in the drawings were **Chuck Cown and Linda Luchtenburg**.
19. **Pres. Long** thanked **Kris and Joe Kafka** and all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Any member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread each month. 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 to make the refreshment table enjoyable.



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20. The scheduled **Program for March will be** a video presentation from the History Channel titled “**Gold Mines**”. This video will explore some of the largest gold mines in America and around the world.
21. Until next time, prospect safely, live long and be grateful for that golden bounty from the stars, that gleaming magical miracle called ‘gold’!
22. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Schedule of 2014 Planned Outings:

We are starting a new year and are in process of scheduling speakers and programs, outings, tours and other events for the year. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact a Board Member with your ideas and information. We want to try to provide the things you are interested in. We tentatively have 20 events planned for 2014.

Jan 25 Sat Tour of the Western Museum of Mining and History, Colo. Sprgs, 1pm. Bring your members badge.

Feb 22 Sat Tour of the National Mining Museum, Leadville, 1pm, sign-up sheet at meeting. **(CANCELLED)**

Mar 22 Sat Tour of the School of Mines Geology Museum, 1pm, signup sheet at meeting.

Mar 29 Sat Beginners Panning/sluicing Class at 6811 N Washington, 9am-12noon, bring pan, boots, snuffer bottle & vial

Apr 19 Sat Prospecting Outing, Clear Creek, 6811 N. Washington St., Adams County, 9am-5pm, bbq at noon.

May 15 Thur Panning Demo, Aurora Water Festival, 9a-2p. Will need 8 volunteers.

May 17 Sat Prospecting Outing, in Nederland, Glass Cleanup Contest, 9am-5pm, in City Limits. *****date change*****

Jun 7 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lake Gulch, Blackhawk, 9am (Clay County Mine). This is a dry claim.

July 22 Tue Panning Demo for Japanese Exchange Students, Idaho Spgs, 1p-4p *****date change*****

July 25, 26, 27 F,S,Su Prospecting Outing, on Lake Creek, Leadville, 5.00 @ day @ person, bbq sat. Nite @ 5.00 @ person. Some camping on property, \$3.00 @ day. This is Fri, Sat, Sun.

Aug 3 Sun Beginners Panning/sluicing Class at 6811 N Washington, 9am-12noon, will be a signup sheet.

Aug 23 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lake Gulch, Blackhawk, 9am. (Clay County Mine). Is a dry claim.

Aug 30 Sat Club Picnic at new location to be announced, Pot Luck, 12 noon-3pm.

Sept 4,5,6 T,F,S Panning Demo, Highlands Ranch Festival, 9a-2p each day, there will be a sign up sheet.

Sept 20 Sat Panning Demo, Idaho Springs Festival, 10a-3pm, there will be a sign up sheet.

Sept 27 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lower Clear Creek, 9a until dark at 6811 N. Washington. Bbq at noon.

Oct 15 Wed Pumpkin Carving Contest, regular meeting night, compete for prizes

Oct 18 Sat Panning Demo for Arapahoe County Fall Festival, 8181 S. Parker Rd, 10a-3p

Nov 9 Sat Metal Detecting Outing, Majestic View Park, Arvada, 10a-1p. Prizes to be won.

12-18 Wed Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, members only, no regular meeting, arrive at 6pm, eat at 6:30.

Finds of the Month

Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the Club. Winners each month will have their name published each month in the Newsletter. There are six (6) categories to choose from when entering. The winners in February were:

Best Artifact: Winner is **Fred Wilkins** who submitted 4 old cucibles. We wish to acknowledge multiple entries in this category as Joe Johnston submitted an old telephone and Kevin Singel submitted bullets he found in a creek while digging.

Most Raw Gold: Winner is **Todd Fiddler** who submitted 2.83 grams of gold he found in Clear Creek. Thanks also go to Kevin Single who submitted 1.46 grms and Lloyd Lauck who submitted 1.1 grms of gold.

Monthly winners will need to save your find and present it next November for the Find of the Year competition and for the chance to be recognized as Best Find of the Year.



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Birthstone The World of Birthstones

In the ancient world, precious gems were prized just as highly as they are today. Gemstones continue to shatter record prices at auction houses around the world. For 2014, rather than just the monthly birthstones, we will offer a little more of the ageless secrets of birthstones by tying them to the lunar calendar. We will give you a little extra courtesy of the National Jewelers Society. This means that the birthstones you would normally associate with your birth month are actually tied a little closer to your Zodiac Calendar. So, let's check it out a little bit.

There are a total of 12 Lunar Months in all. This period of time right now runs from December 21 to January 19. There are also 12 Zodiac Signs in all. The Zodiac sign now is Capricorn and your planet would be Saturn. Since there are not 12 planets but actually only 9 and the Earth is not considered as one, the Sun and the Moon as well as Pluto are listed. Each Zodiac Sign is associated with a specific House. This time period for now occurs in the 10th House of the Zodiac. Birthstones were established centuries before a lunar calendar and now we relate those stones to the star signs they truly occupy by using the lunar houses that the ancient cultures used that astrologers use, that still half of the modern population of today's world uses. Keeping that in mind, let us take a look at the lunar calendar and the gemstones that relate to each of us in a whole new way. A chart established by the National Jewelers Association list, the Modern Alchemist, The Old Testament of the Bible (Torah), and the New Testament of the Bible, will give you a little latitude in picking your own personal birthstones. These stones represent the 12 months, the 12 tribes, the 12 hours, the 12 apostles of Jesus and the 12 astrological signs. This is based on historical fact and is not meant to proselytize any religious belief.

Lunar Month: February 19 to March 20

Planet: Neptune

Zodiac Sign: Pisces

House: 12th

Birthstones:

NJA1911

Affinitus

Aquamarine

Pearl



Exodus 39

Revelation 21

Jasper

Amethyst



(Taken from the National Jewelers Association and the AmericanGemSociety.Org web site)

A Miner's Laugh

Two elderly old miners were out driving home from their mine one afternoon in their beat up old pickup truck. As they were cruising on their way, they came to a major crossroad. Ole Cactus Pete was driving. The stop light was red but Pete just drove right on through. His partner and passenger, ole Diggin Dave, thought to himself "I must be getting old. I could have sworn we just drove tight through a red light."

After a few more minutes, they came to another major junction and the light was red again. But ole Pete didn't even slow down and drove right on through it. Now old Dave was almost certain that that light had been red but thought he must be really losing it. Dave was becoming real concerned. At the next junction, sure enough, the light was red again and old Pete just kept right on a going.





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After a few seconds, Dave turned to Pete and said, “Dang it all Pete, did you know that we just ran through three dang red lights in a row and you didn’t even slow down. Are you trying to kill us both?”

In shock, ole Pete looked at Dave and said, Well, dag nab it, I wasn’t aware that I was the one driving!”

(Taken from the internet and revised just for all us ‘old miners’) 03/14

Prospecting/Mining Notes (mostly from the Denver Post, Internet and other wire services)

2-12-14 Rhodium demand tops supply: Global demand for rhodium, used mostly in catalysts to clean automotive emissions, is poised to exceed output by the most in three decades as carmakers and chemical companies snap up supplies near the lowest prices in nine years. Buying of the metal will top output this year by 78,000 ounces, the most since at least 1984, according to Deutsch Bank AG and Jonson Matthey PLC. Prices will rise 4.8 % to an average \$1100.00 an ounce in the fourth quarter, a survey of 11 analysts shows.

2-21-14 Newmont in Talks on Copper Exports: Newmont Mining Corp., operator of the Batu Hijau mine in Indonesia, said it is in talks with the government about resuming copper exports after the country granted approval for nine other companies. Indonesia last month banned the exports of unprocessed ore and placed duties on shipments of copper concentrates. The move is a part of a wider policy to boost revenue by turning the country into a manufacturer of higher value products. Newmont Mining Corp. is a Greenwood Village, Colorado based company.

2-25-14 California Couple finds \$10 Million in Gold Coins Buried in Yard: A Northern California couple out walking their dog on their Gold Country property, stumbled on a modern day bonanza, \$10 million in rare, mint condition gold coins buried in the shadow of an old tree. Nearly all of the 1427 coins dating from 1847 to 1894 are in uncirculated mint condition. Although the face value of the gold coins only adds up to \$27,000, some of them are so rare that coin experts say they could fetch nearly \$1 million apiece. The middle aged couple have lived on the property for several years and have no idea who buried the coins. The couple is asking to remain anonymous to avoid a renewed gold rush to their property by modern day prospectors armed with metal detectors. The story did not say how they managed to locate the treasure or why they dug there.

2-26-14 California Drought creating a New Gold Rush: The recent drought in California has resulted in lakes losing upwards of 90% of their water in some cases, and reducing some streams and rivers to drastically reduced levels as well. This has resulted in a lot of cracks, crevices, and other structures becoming accessible to prospectors. It has been said by the GPAA that a lot of people are getting out and finding gold. This is gold that hadn’t been accessible before and was missed by dredgers in recent times. It was estimated that some were making \$20 to 50 dollars a day and some were making as much as \$200.00 a day. A GPAA spokesman said that it resembled a modern day gold rush to see everyone out on the creeks and rivers prospecting with pans and sluices.



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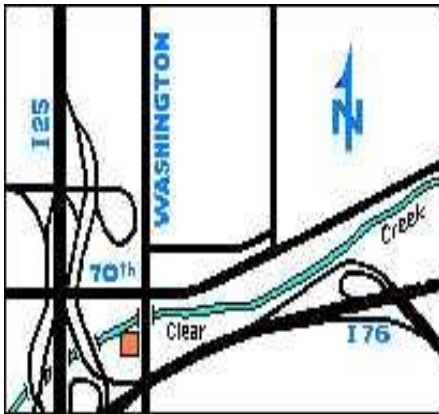
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Coming Announcements and Special Events for Apr 2014						
(WMMI - Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80921 (www.wmmi.org))						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4 Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline	5
6 Persian Gulf War Ends	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14 Passover	15 TAX DAY	16 GPR Club Meeting	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			