

# THE GOLD NUGGET

August 2014

## The Prez Sez by Jim Long



One Dad gummit...!!! It has been raining again. Just when all the creeks and rivers should be down and manageable to work in, here comes that blasted so called 'monsoon season' that makes everything really wet and causes the creeks and rivers to rise. Now don't get me wrong, Colorado continues to be in a severe drought and the southeast part of the State desperately needs every drop of that good water they can get. And I am good with that.

I used to fish at Bonny Reservoir out north of Burlington. But the drought combined with the whining of Kansas over wanting more of our water, managed to kill that lake. It is dead now. And there are several lakes in the southeast that face the same fate. They were lakes that were great for fishing and helped the local area economies to survive, economies that are now dying a slow death due to the lack of water. So as bad as we need water down there, I just hate to see it land where it isn't necessarily needed, such as Clear Creek.

Most of us know by now that Clear Creek is one of the best gold producing streams in Colorado. And the winter snow melt always brings new gold downstream to replenish whatever we took out the summer, fall and winter before. But last September, that monsoonal dump resulted in some horrendous flooding which hadn't been seen up and down the Front Range in ages. Good for prospecting when the dust settled, but bad for a lot of folks who lost their homes and some who lost their lives. There are a few other good gold producing watersheds up and down the Front Range as well. But Clear Creek is just magical and it is right here in our back yard. You don't have to drive far to get to it and you don't have to work too hard to get the gold either. And because you're Club and its leadership has worked diligently in the past, you are able to high bank and even dredge in the upper portions of Clear Creek Canyon, and your Club continues to be vigilant to protect these opportunities to prospect for you.

Unfortunately, we must remember that there are a lot of prospectors out there who are true grumpy butts who don't want to join a Club nor do they want anybody telling them what to do. These 'wild catters' don't do any of us any good. These are the guys that usually cause all the problems and then duck out and leave the more responsible Clubs holding the bag and taking the rap for something they did that we often wind up being blamed for. But a lot of folks don't see that. They simply see prospectors doing something bad and lump us all together. I know, I know, of course it isn't right but that is the way that it is. Small scale mining requires all of us to be of a single mind and be united when these things happen. We gotta stand together and ride herd on some of the idiots if we want to be able to continue this tradition and hand it down to future generations.

We have seen the problems cropping up in other states across the country and fighting these things takes a lot of money and a lot of energy and input. We can't just sit back and let somebody else handle it. For these very reasons, it makes sense to support the GPAA, Public Lands for the People (PLP), the American Mining Rights Association (AMRA), and the Western Mining Association (WMA). These are the folks who hire lawyers to fight these battles in court when necessary. They stand up for your rights and defend the Mining Laws of 1872. They defend our rights to access of our own public lands and the right to prospect on them responsibly. I strongly encourage you all to join one or more of these groups or simply just donate a few dollars to the cause. You never know when one of these situations is going to happen right here in our own back yard. That is why unity is so important and it is so important to belong to an organized group or Club. And you need to ensure that you elect the most qualified and capable leaders to run these organizations. The future of small scale mining and our ability to share it with future generations depends upon it!

That is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your search! And 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](mailto:jnslong945@msn.com).

Happy and safe prospecting to all!!!



## The V.P. Corner by "Klondike" Mike



### Hello Fellow Prospectors!

The water is finally low and the gold is flowing. July 22nd found us with 40 Japanese exchange students at a panning demo in Idaho Springs. We had a great time as always. I would like to take the time to thank the volunteers who helped with this outing. Many thanks to Tim and Tina Fleming, Jim Blankenship, Jack Meineke, Brandon Luchtenburg.

Any questions feel free to call me, Klondike Mike. 720-443-9545



## From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Linda Luchtenburg



The August Meeting will feature **6.0 grams of gold nuggets** for the give away with the largest nugget being 1.8 grams. There are also prizes to include gold, silver, and various mineral to give away. We raffled off the 'Special Nugget' in July and will try to acquire another one for you soon. Special thanks go to **Pres. Long and to the GPR Board** for contributing items for the 'Members Only' drawings held at the July Meeting.

## This Month GPR Meeting Program:

**Aug 20:** The August meeting will feature a **video program** titled "**The Secret History of Gold**". This video will talk about gold's appeal and how its value spans time and cultures. But there is a little known secret to the story of gold, a dark secret. From the amazon jungle to the markets of Dubai, the video will examine the underbelly of the gold trade to expose its volatile history. This video is from the National Geographic Channel.

**Sept 17:** The September meeting will feature a video program titled: "**Civil War Gold**". This video is from the National Geographic Channel as well and will look at the events leading up to the discovery and the salvage of a huge treasure of gold and silver coins from the 'S.S. Republic', a ship that sank in 1865 in the Atlantic as a result of a hurricane. A fascinating glimpse of American history.

## Board Meeting Minutes From Jul 2014

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

**Quorum present?** Yes

**Call to Order:** By JJ at 6:06 pm

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Yes **Corrections:** none...**Approved as read/corrected:** Yes

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

**Correspondence:** 4 phone calls, 9 e-mails, 4 mailings

**Webmaster:** Total Hits 136149 Hits for last month 463.

**Committee Reports:** None at this time.

**Unfinished business:** None at this time.

**New Business:**

- Need to replace Janine on Board. Discussed issue with Pam Schmitt who has agreed to be nominated. Will seek other nominations in meeting and vote tonight.
- John Sawchuck's family will be donating a bunch of his equipment to be sold and the money donated to the club.
- The Cache was found.
- We will draw for the 'special nugget' tonight.

### QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What percent of the GDP of Papua New Guinea comes from gold?



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

- July 22 tue Panning Demo, Idaho Spgs, Japanese students.
- July 25,26,27 Prospecting Outing, Lake Creek, Leadville.
- Aug 3 sun Beginners Panning/sluicing Class, 6811 N. Washington, Tymkovich Meats.

### From the Board:

- **Pres Long** to check on Colleen Gadd as her e-mail was showing returns as undeliverable. He also reported great feedback on the 'Ask the Experts' Panel we did last month. Folks really enjoyed that.
- **Joe J.** reminding folks to return their checked out items.
- **Joe F.** provided the DVD for the September meeting.
- **VP Mike H.** advised that the Pony Express Prospectors out of St. Joseph, Missouri, were here and may be in attendance tonight.

**Announcements:** Next Board Meeting Aug. 20, 2014 at 6:00pm. Next General Meeting Aug. 20, 2014 at 7:00pm

**Tonight's general meeting program:** A 50 minute video entitled 'Mining the Moon' from the Discovery Channel.

**Adjournment:** Meeting stands adjourned at 6:40 pm.

### 2014 GPR Board of Directors Members

#### President

James Long

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Mike Hurtado

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Linda Luchtenburg

#### 2 Year Board Members

Joe Johnston (2013)

Joe Shubert (2011)

#### 1 Year Board Members

Joe Fortunato

Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Brandon Luchtenburg

Roger Biri

Pam Schmitt

## General Meeting Minutes From Jul 2014

1. Meeting was opened at 7:06 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then presented the evening program which was a 50 minute video titled 'Mining the Moon' which was presented by the Discovery Channel. This video featured the need to explore mining opportunities off world in anticipation of the eventual depletion of resources on Earth. It was a fascinating look at modern technology and future planning and the involvement of the School of Mines, Lockheed Martin, and other Colorado Companies investing in the future of mining.
3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1299.90 an ounce, silver at \$20.88, platinum at \$1487.00 and palladium at \$877.00.
4. Web hits for last month reflected 463 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 still selling tickets for the 'Special Nugget' drawing and it is a very large nugget displayed at her desk for all to see. The ticket sales have reached the goal for replacement and the nugget will be given away after the break.
6. **John Johnson** reported from the Membership Table that we had approx. 88 members in attendance. There were also 5 guests from the St. Joseph, Missouri Pony Express Prospectors. The meeting attendance was 93.
7. **Sue Clover** read the '**Question of the Month**', which was 'What has historically been the most productive gold district in the world'?
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. Remember, only one entry per person per category.
9. **Pres. Long** announced that the Cache had been found. **Barbara Barrow** presented a discussion and interpretation of the clues and introduced the finder who was **John Johnson**. **Pres. Long** then presented John with a 4.1 gram gold nugget as his prize. John will now develop a new set of clues and hide the Cache to be found again by a lucky treasure hunter.
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. We have introduced some Colo. Gold and gem maps for sale.



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11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership that the Lake Gulch (Clay County) Outing went very well with over 45 members participating. Pres. Long set up his high banker down on Clear creek later in the day and ran it until out of gas. He processed more than 50 buckets of dirt for various members who brought it down. He then roughly panned it down for them and everybody was able to see the gold that they had found. There were 2 pretty good sized pickers found. Steve Overton set his high banker up just below the Clay County site but those folks who dug down below did not do as well as the ones who dug in the upper reaches. Still, all in all, it was a great day. Pres. Long also discussed the Georgetown Railroad Panning Demo. The Demo went very well from the standpoint of our Club participation and the members who participated donated their pay back to the Club. It totaled 500.00. They received a standing ovation. Many thanks to VP Mike Hurtado who oversaw the program over the 2 weekends involved. Pres. Long highlighted the upcoming Panning demonstration for 40 Japanese Exchange students in Idaho Springs on July 22. The Outing at Lake Creek near Leadville on July 24, 25, and 26. Also, the Beginners Class on Aug 3, the next Prospecting Outing at 6811 N. Washington on Aug 23, and the Club Picnic at Morse Park on Aug. 30 at 10<sup>th</sup> and Carr in Lakewood. Discussed the death of member John Sawchuck and that the family will be donating some of his prospecting equipment to the Club for sale/auction and the monies to be donated to the Club. Board Member **Janine Ballentine** has had to resign and **Pam Schmitt** has volunteered to replace her on the Board. Additional nominations were sought from the floor, but there were none. Therefore, a vote of affirmation was held and Pam Schmitt was elected to the Board of Directors for the remaining portion of the year.
12. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:17pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:35pm.
13. **Pres. Long** announced that there were only 45 winners of the 'Question of the Month'. The answer was 'The Rand gold district in South Africa'. The extra drawing tickets were passed out to the lucky winners.
14. **Pres. Long** announced that there were a number of submitted entries for the 'Finds of the Month'. The winner of the '**Most Raw Gold**' category was **Kevin Singel**, with 075g of gold that he found mostly in Park County. "**Best Artifact**" category was **Joe Johnston** with an old cannonball rock crusher from the old Comstock Mine. "**Best Coin**" category was **Joe Johnston** with an old 1944-d Wheat Penny found in a sand bar in Cherry Creek while metal detecting. Congratulations to each of our July Monthly winners. Be sure to show off your finds each month at the next meeting. Each monthly winner will need to save his/her finds for next November to be entered into the Finds of the Year competition.
15. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawing for the 'Special Nugget' which was won by **Wayne Schomaker** with a ticket he bought just tonight. This drawing was followed by drawing for numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, Pres. Long, Walt Nowakowski, and the Aurora Water Festival Folks**, followed by drawings for the 8 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**.
16. **Pres. Long** informed the members that sometimes during the meetings, his time is over overwhelmingly taken up by the many who wish to speak to him and he apologizes if anyone ever feels like he is unavailable. It is not his intent to be inaccessible and he encourages anyone with questions to contact him by phone at any time. His phone number is on the web site.
17. **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.
18. The scheduled **Program for June will be** a video titled "**The Secret of Gold**". The program will run about 50 minutes.
19. Until next time, prospect safely, live long and be grateful for that golden bounty from the stars, that gleaming magical miracle, called 'gold'!
20. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.





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### 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, sign up sheet at meeting.

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

Apr 26 Sat Prospecting Outing, Clear Creek, 6811 N. Washington St., Adams County, 9am-5pm, bbq at noon. \*\*date change\*\*(CANCELLED DUE TO HIGH WATER)

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.

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

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 sign up sheet.

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

**Aug 30 Sat Club Picnic at Cross Park, 20<sup>th</sup> and Carr, Lakewood, 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.

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

Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm: Western Museum of Mining and Industry

### Finds of the Month for June

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 May were:

**Most Raw Gold:** Winner is **Kevin Single** who submitted 0.75 grams of gold.

**Best Artifact:** Winner is **Joe Johnston** with a brass token from Kiowa, Colorado.

**Best Coin:** Winner is **Joe Johnston** with a 1944-d penny he found in a Cherry Creek sand bar..

There were several other submissions from other members and we encourage everyone to bring in and share their finds each month.



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 see what the Zodiac says you are for this month:

**Lunar Month:** July 22 to August 21

**Planet:** Sun

**Zodiac Sign:** Leo

**House:** 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Birthstones:

NJA1911

Affinitus

Exodus 39

Revelation 21

Peridot

Heliodor

Sapphire

Onyx



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

### **Prospecting/Mining Notes**

(mostly from the Denver Post, Internet and other wire services)

**7-15-14 Judge Ochoa delays ruling on California Dredging:** Judge Ochoa has ordered his settlement to be continued until September 4. After two days of negotiations, the Judge shortlisted the points of contention between the 2 factions. The California dredgers were represented by the Public Lands for the People (PLP), the California 49er's, and the Western Mining Alliance. The Anti-dredgers were represented by the Karuk Tribe, the Center for Biological Diversity, the California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, and the State of California. PLP folks were impressed with the Judge and feel that he 'listened' to everyone very closely. They feel very positive going forward and feel their chances of getting back into the water are very good now.

**7-17-14 CEO of Barrick Gold Stepping Down:** Jamie Sokalski will leave Barrick Gold in September, part of the first management change at the world's largest gold mining company since John Thornton became sole chairman in April. This unusual move will leave Thornton with a bigger role in a company that has lost 60% of its value in the last 2 years. Since merger talks between Barrick Gold and Greenwood Village, Colorado, based Newmont Mining Corp. fell apart last April, investors suspected that Sokalski wouldn't last long. Thornton stated that his role wouldn't change and that doused analysts' speculation that the changes were a prelude to continuing talks with Newmont Mining.

**7-26-14 Freeport Receives Indonesia Mining Permit:** Freeport-McMoRan will resume full operation of its curtailed Grasberg copper operations, the world's third largest, and plans to restart exports in August. Indonesia finally granted Freeport their export permit. Greenwich Village, Colorado based Newmont Mining hasn't been able to resolve their issues with the Indonesia government as yet.

**7-27-14 Fracking and Coal are Big News in Colorado:** Fracking is a big concern today in Colorado. Business sees it as a plus and the Greenies view it very negatively. Others are concerned about fracking causing earthquakes and others think it affects their ground and well water negatively. The issues are many and the division is strong on both sides. Dropping coal prices have resulted in closures and layoffs. Again, there are many who support coal mining but there are as many who view it negatively and associate it with climate change and the increase of ozone adding to the greenhouse effect. Either way on either subject, there is a lot to think about and consider. I won't offer my opinion either way other than to say that these are some of our most pressing issues here in Colorado today and just about everyone does have an opinion, one way or the other, on these subjects.(JJ)

**7-29-14 Oil and Gas Spills Surge in 2014:** Oil and gas spills are happening more often in Colorado, at a rate of two a day, and the public is not always being told about it. The data is being blamed partially on far more drilling this year, and



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the fact that there are new reporting guidelines in place requiring spills to be reported, and a lot tougher enforcement when they aren't reported. The public isn't always told because of the heated debates and reactions whenever a spill does occur. When a spill is less than 250 gallons, the companies are not required to publicly announce it. Many may only be a few gallons at a well site. They are reported to the State and Federal Governments but no public announcement is made.

**7-30-14 Newmont to develop Gold Mine:** Newmont Mining Corp. plans to invest up to \$1 billion to develop a gold mine in Suriname. The Merion Gold Mine is expected to produce 3000,000 to 400,000 ounces of gold and would begin production in 2016 under the banner of Surgold, subject to the necessary approvals of the Suriname government. Suriname is located in northern South America just east of Guyana.

**8-1-14 2014 Mineral commodity Summaries Commentary: (Posted on March 18, 2014 by Minerals Make Life)**

The 2014 Mineral Commodity Summaries, an annual report from the U.S. Geological Survey, shares information about domestic minerals and their importance to the US economy. Below are some key highlights from this year's report.

The estimated value of mineral raw materials produced at mines in the United States in 2013 was \$74.3 billion dollars.

The US mineral mining industry is not only a major job creator, but it is also a catalyst for economic recovery and expansion. This industry supports more than 1.2 million American jobs, and it is estimated that every metal mining job generates 2.5 additional jobs elsewhere in the economy, and every nonmetal mining job generates 1.8 additional jobs.

Industries including technology, manufacturing, construction and automotive transform these minerals into the infrastructure and products we use every day, and minerals contributed more than \$2 trillion to the real gross domestic product (GDP) in 2013. The estimated value of US metal mine production in 2013 was \$32 billion. Principal contributors to the total value of metal mine production in 2013 were gold (32%), copper (29%), iron ore (17%), molybdenum (10%), and zinc (5%). Minerals and metals are essential, irreplaceable components of modern technology.

For example, gold is one of the worlds most sought after mineral and has a variety of uses from sophisticated medical equipment to GPS and satellite technology. Additionally, copper is an essential component to wind turbines and solar power technology. The technologies that define innovation today all depend on minerals, from lifesaving medical devices to hybrid cars and advanced military technologies. US metal mine production is a key factor to our national security establishment as well as our economic recovery. In 2013, 12 states each produced more than \$2 billion worth of nonfuel mineral commodities. These states were, in descending order of value, Nevada, Arizona, Minnesota, Florida, Texas, Alaska, Utah, California, Wyoming, Missouri, Michigan, and Colorado. In Nevada, mines produce around 89% of the gold extracted in the US, which is the fifth highest gold producing state behind China, South Africa, Russia, and Australia. Additionally, according to the Arizona Mining Association, Arizona currently produces 68% of our domestically mined copper. By creating jobs, supporting our domestic supply chain and providing essential materials for technological advancements, mining is emerging as an important partner in stimulation the US economic recovery.

*(Thanks to Board Member Roger Biri for sharing this extremely interesting information with us)*

## A Miner's Laugh

Two miners named Bill and Jack decided they needed to take a break from the mine and decided that they would go skiing. After driving for several hours up north, they ran into a terrible snow blizzard. Spotting a nearby farm house, they pulled in and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

"I realize it is terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I am recently widowed," she explained. "I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in the house."

"Don't worry," Jack said, "We'd be happy to just sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light." The lady agreed to that and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing.

But, about nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow they had met on their ski weekend last winter. So he waited until Bill showed up at the mine and confronted him. "Bill, do you remember that good looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday last winter up north about 9 months ago?"





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Bill responded, "Well, sure I do." Jack asked, "Did you, errr, just happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit by chance, and used my name when you did it?" Bill, looking a little sheepish and red faced, replied, "Well, uhhh, yeah, I'm real sorry buddy, but I guess that I sure did. Why do you ask?"

Jack looked him dead in the eye and said, "Well, she just died and left me everything!!"

*(Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners.') 07/14*

## Beginners Prospecting Class 2014-2

On Aug. 3, Pres. Long conducted a Beginners Panning/Sluicing Class on lower Clear Creek at 6811 N. Washington. The Class is designed to teach new members and less skilled prospectors how to know where to go to find gold and how to find the gold when they get there. They also learn the rudimentary skills for panning and the importance of classifying their material. They then get a chance to see how to set up a sluice box to make it perform the most efficiently.

Clear Creek was running at about 275 cfs and it was not easy finding a good spot to make the sluice box run well but we managed to get it done with success. Everybody had the opportunity to pan and find gold in their pan before we left and each participant received a bag of concentrates from Clear Creek for them to pan out at home and practice their new found skills. Many thanks to John Johnson and Joe Fortunato who assisted in making the Class a success. Photo by Pres. Long.



## Lake Creek Outing Huge Success

Some 47 members made it to the 3 day Outing south of Leadville on Lake Creek. The Outing, conducted on July 25,26 and 27, had folks panning, sluicing and high banking and finding some pretty good gold. The weather was pretty decent with the usual rain showers in the late afternoon but they were short and caused no issues.

The Creek was running pretty high, around 500 cfs, which made it hard to set up any sluice boxes but we did get a few going anyway.

We managed to get the bbq off without drowning in rain this time. Many thanks go to Bob Ahr and Tina Flemming for helping folks out with extra equipment when it was needed. They had brought extra hoses and extra motors that came in handy when some of us had some equipment malfunctions or failures. Bob and Tina saved the day. This is an example of what the folks in this Club do. They help each other out when it is needed.

Pres. Long and Linda Luchtenburg managed to get a few photos of the fun.







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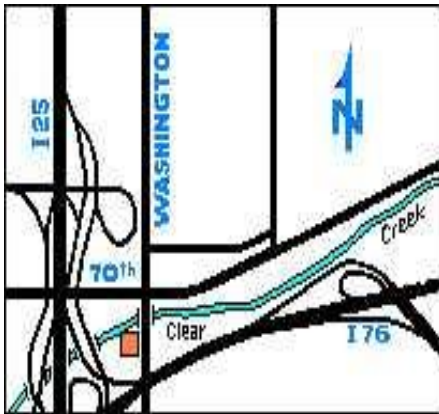
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**Coming Announcements and Special Events for Sept 2014**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day	2 V-J Day	3	4	5	6 Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline
7 Grandparents Day	8	9	10	11 Patriots Day	12	13
14	15	16	17 GPR Club Meeting	18	POW/MIA Recognition Day	19 Idaho Springs Panning Demo
WMMI Scarecrow Event						
21 Japan Surrenders End of WWII	22	23 Autumn Begins	24	25	26	27 Prospecting Outing Clear Creek
28 Gold Star Mother's Day	29	30				