

THE GOLD NUGGET

June 2015

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



The 2015 GPAA Denver Gold and Treasure Show was held on May 16, 17 at the National Western Complex. The GPR Club co-hosted the Show along with the Foothills Chapter of the GPAA and the Colorado Springs Chapter of the GPAA. We had quite a few of our members present for the Show, both as volunteers and those who just dropped by to take in the Show and see what is new.

Sadly, the Show was somewhat smaller this year than in years past. I am not sure what to attribute this to other than the idea that some of the bigger vendors in the industry may have thought that the Denver Market was not big enough to support sufficient sales to justify their being here. I did not see Keene Engineering, Whites, Tesoro, or any of those big names there although Royal Mfg. was present. I was not aware of any other large shows going on in the mid-west on these dates. So who is to say...? The Show did draw some 1700 attendees and I know that that number is pretty small. So perhaps the bigger manufactures are right and Denver just can't support the bigger shows.

The time we were given to prepare for the Show wasn't sufficient for us to try to get some of those folks here and we didn't see the Rock Doc or the GPAA Chapters from Grand Junction, Olathe, or Durango up here either and that is a shame. There were very few rock and mineral vendors as well. The GPAA Show Staff did indicate to us that they would like us to co-host another Show again next year and that would be interesting but I think we need to change the venue location and get away from the coming soon construction and access problems that will occur very soon in the Coliseum area. To that end, we will be checking things out and if it turns out to be a go, we will have plenty of time to get on these other folks and get some early advertising done in order to draw more attendance. I feel certain that the Denver area can draw 3 to 4000 people but we gotta get on it and make it happen. Nothing will come to those who wait for something to happen. We will have to go out and make it happen. So we will see what develops.

I recently heard that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is conducting meetings on the western slope concerning the future use plans for much of the public lands in Colorado. Now that is quite disconcerting. To the best of my knowledge, no one I knew was aware that they were doing these meetings. Since this Agency is responsible for overseeing our public lands, you would certainly think that they would want the input of the various major stakeholders that use these lands, such as hikers, bikers, miners, hunters, fishermen, etc., etc. But then, based on what is happening around the country, especially with mining, under the Obama Administration, it really comes as no surprise. So, since we weren't invited to participate in these meetings, I have to figure we weren't wanted because then we would know what they were secretly up to and might actually raise a little hell about it. Sometimes the best attack is a sneak attack. That is why it is so critical for those of us who really want to preserve our mining rights and our access to public property, stand up and do something about it. Part of your membership dues to the GPAA go to the Public Lands for the People (PLP) and nearly all your dues to the PLP go to fighting for our mining rights and to preserve our access to the public lands we all own. Your club has a Club membership with PLP.

There is a move well under way now that involves all legal Claim owners in North America to form an Organization called Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC). These folks are using the law to form this group and are in the process of electing officers and then returning the Mining Districts of old in order to develop policy for the traditional mining districts as the mining laws intended. From what I understand on how this will all work out, the BLM and the US Forest Service are in for a rude awakening. Frankly, I applaud the minds that researched the Federal Law and discovered the means to take back control of our public lands, reestablish the sovereignty of the traditional mining districts, and stop the abuse of power of the BLM and the USFS. You can research this stuff yourselves and see what I mean. So I say, go MMAC. God Bless you guys and gals and if I can help in any way, please let me know asap.

And 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. Happy and safe prospecting to all!!!

The V.P. Corner by "Klondike" Mike

Here is the next few areas in Colorado where you can
Boulder County - Boulder County ranks 9th among



check out.

Colorado's gold producing counties. Boulder

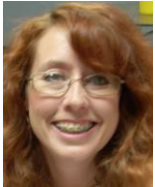


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County has produced more than 1,000,000 ounces of gold. Most of that production came from Lode mines. Northwest of Boulder 3-8 miles is the Gold Hill Sugarloaf district. This District is about 12 square miles and had a total production of 412,000 Ounces 1859-1959. In the area creek beds, terraces, benches, etc, you can find placer gold over 3,000 ounces have been produced. Gold Hill Mine, largest producer, including several adjoining mines produced lode gold and silver. The old camps of Sugarloaf, Rowena, Salina, and Sunshine are great places to explore. There are many area mines that produced lode gold and silver. Southwest 4 miles to Magnolia, reached by steep grades, numerous high-grade mines that produced lode gold in telluride. The total production of 130,000 ounces was recorded. West of Boulder 17 Miles and 4 miles Northwest of Nederland, is the Caribou district had a total production between 1932-59, of 10,000 ounces. There are numerous area lead-silver mines that a by-product of gold. The Cardinal and Eldora mines are in the area and produced lode gold. **Current Boulder county ordinances does not allow prospecting anywhere in the county, except the town of Nederland overroad the county and allows prospecting within the city limits. If caught, your equipment can be confiscated and a fine imposed.**

Buena Vista – Southeast 5 miles of Buena Vista, at Free gold on Trout Creek' the area mines produced lode gold. East, to Riverside, 6 miles off U.S. 24, last 2 miles are difficult, 12,000-13,000 feet, area copper-lead-silver mines produced a by-product of gold. Northeast 13 miles, just South of Trout Creek Pass, area mines produced lode gold. West 14 miles, near headwaters of Cottonwood Creek, small mines produced lode gold. The Chalk Creek district is in the west part of the county near headwaters of Chalk Creek, 16 miles northwest of Nathrop. It had a total production, 250,000 ounces of by-product gold. Some 20 area mines in T1`5S R80 and 81E, but chiefly the Mary Murphy Mine was the largest producer, with 220,400 ounces of by product gold. The area creek gravel's have miner placer Deposits. Again I hope you will look into these areas and I will have more next month. As always if you have any questions please contact me at 720-443-9545. (KLONDIKE). Mike H.

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Linda Luchtenburg



The June Meeting will feature a nine nugget give away totaling 10.3 grams of gold with the largest nugget being a beauty of 2.8 grams. We will also be selling tickets, as always, for the 'special nugget'. Don't miss your opportunity to purchase tickets for these nuggets in which your chances of winning are far better than the Colorado Lottery.

Notice: Tymkovich Meats Parking Now Closed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mr. Tymkovich has informed the Clubs that he can no longer permit parking behind his business for prospecting. He stated quite clearly that it was through no action or conduct of any Club member and that he and his family have had no problems from any of our members ever and that our members have always treated him and his family and their property with great respect. However, his insurance carrier became aware that we were using his back lot for parking and advised him to cease and desist or face a major increase in his insurance liability costs. Therefore, we will need to find alternative places to park and access the Creek. There is ample parking farther East at Lafayette Park and some limited parking available at the Broadway Business complex, just south of 70th and Broadway. We will be looking into other locations and advising accordingly.

Planned GPR Meeting Programs:

Jun. 17 The first of a 2 part video from the Natl. Geographic Channel entitled "Lost Gold of the Dark Ages". This video uncovers the secrets of the largest hoard of Saxon Gold ever found.

July 15 This will be part 2 of the NG Channel video "Lost Gold of the Dark Ages". This will conclude the story of the discovery of the largest hoard of Saxon Gold ever found.

Aug 19 This month we will be showing History Channel DVD of the "Klondike Gold Rush". This 50 minute program will highlight what the 'Old Timers' went through in the search for gold in Alaska.

Sept 16 This month will be a presentation from the A&E Channel titled "Inca Gold". This 50 minute DVD highlights an expedition into the Ecuadorian wilderness in search of a legendary gold horde of 750,000 pounds.



Where is 'Prospector Pete', the GPR Gold Miner?

'Pete' was most recently able to attend the 2015 GPAA Gold and Treasure Show in Denver. He visited the GPR Booth with Bobby, and then got his picture taken with Kevin Hoagland, the GPAA Show Director and the Host and Star of the GPAA produced Outdoor Channel series "Gold Trails", hopefully coming soon to the Denver market. The word is that 'Pete' is going to hitch a ride with President Long in June to Alaska. He said he has always wanted to go up there and check things out.



Board Meeting Minutes From May 2015

X	James Long	X	Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	John Johnson
X	Mike Hurtado	X	Joe Johnston		Terry Weatherly	X	Brandon Luchtenburg
X	Linda Luchtenburg	X	Bobby Manning	X	Andy Doll		

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: By Pres. Long 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: 11 phone calls, 19 e-mails, 12 mailings.

Webmaster: Total Hits_140300 Hits for last month 418.

Committee Reports:

- Sent \$100.00 each to the 2 charities indicated by Andy Doll in memory of his wife Debbie Doll.
- The gold for 2015/2016 has been ordered.
- The 2015 GPAA Denver Gold and Treasure Show is over and went very well. GPAA is talking about coming back next year.
- Tim and Tina Vleming have taken over the Club Store.

Unfinished business:

- LLC Process still pending.
- BoD annual book updates pending.

New Business: None at this time.

Planned Outings for 2015:

- June 6 – Prospecting Outing at Clay County near Blackhawk, 9a
- June 20,21 – panning Demo at Georgetown Loop RR, 9a
- July 31, Aug. 1,2 – Prospecting Outing, 3 days, Leadville.

From the Board:

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What animal product has been used for gold recovery for thousands of years near the Black Sea region of Colchis, Georgia?

2015 GPR Board of Directors Members

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Joe Shubert (2011)

1 Year Board Members

Joe Fortunato

Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Brandon Luchtenburg

John Johnson

Bobby Manning



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- Pres. Long advised that the Annual Aurora Youth Water Festival went very well and we hosted about 1100 fifth graders from 18 different schools at the panning booth.
- Also, the 2015 GPAA Denver Gold and Treasure Show was also a success and there was about 1700 attendees.
- A correction was noted to the May Newsletter in which Joe Johnston was listed as the Jewelry Find of the Month when it was actually John Johnson.
- BM Joe J. noted that we still have items that need to be returned to the Club Library

Announcements: Next Board Meeting June 17, 2015 at 6:00pm. Next General Meeting June 17, 2015 at 7:00pm

Tonight's general meeting program: We have Richard Sweeney, a certified assayer, who will talk about the fire assay process and he has lots of show and tell items

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:48 pm.

General Meeting Minutes From May 2015

1. Meeting was opened at 7:01 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then announced the evening program which will be a talk by Richard Sweeney, certified assayer, who will talk about the modern fire assay process for determining the presence of gold. He also has lots of show and tell items to show off.
3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1209.20 an ounce, silver at \$17.08, platinum at \$1155.00 and palladium at \$775.00.
4. Web hits for last month were 418.
5. **Treasurer Linda Luchtenburg** reported that the Club remains very comfortable in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, be sure to buy tickets for the 15.1 gram 'Special Nugget' drawing that is now on sale. This is an Arizona nugget that was a metal detector find. We are approaching the target sales which will allow us to draw a lucky winner, so be sure and get your tickets before the drawing.
6. **Dan and Becki McConnel** who have now taken over the Membership Table reported that we had approx. 83 members in attendance. There were also 5 guests present, as well as 8 new members. The meeting attendance was 96.
7. **Pres. Long** read the 'Question of the Month', which was "What non-toxic simple sugar may replace the very toxic process of cyanide leaching for gold recovery?"
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. Winners of the Finds of the Month for tonight will need to be saved for competition in November. We had a correction for last month when Joe Johnston was listed as the Jewelry category winner when it should have been **John Johnson**. Our apologies for the error.
9. **John Johnson** announced that the **Cache** had been found. He discussed the meanings of the clues and then announced that the cache had been found by **Dennis White**. Dennis received a very nice 8.2 gram gold nugget in quartz matrix as his reward. Dennis will now hide the new Cache and prepare clues for the next hunt.
10. **Tim and Tina Fleming** advised that they had lots of stuff in the **Club Store** for sale. Members were encouraged to support the Club by buying Store products. This was their first night of operating the Store.
11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership that those who had checked out books and materials from the Club Library need to return them as soon as. Also, to be sure to check the front table for handouts and other pertinent information that may be available. Pres. Long discussed the Annual Aurora Youth water Festival Panning Demonstration that the Club conducted on May 14. We had about 1100 fifth grade students from 18 different schools that attended the booth and we all had a good time. On May 16, 17, the @015 GPAA Denver Gold and Treasure Show was held and the Club had a booth at the Show. There were about 1700 attendees over the weekend. Club member **Joe Johnston** won a major door prize on Saturday consisting of a Gold Cube. On Sunday, Club member **Tim Fleming** won the 2 week free trip to Nome, Alaska. We appreciate all the folks who volunteered to help out and make the show a success. GPAA has indicated that they want us to co-sponsor the Show again in 2016. Planned outings upcoming are at Clay County near Blackhawk and a panning demo at the



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Georgetown Railroad Loop, all in June, followed by the 3 day prospecting outing in Leadville at the end of August. See your Newsletter e-mail for a listing of all upcoming outings. There was nothing further discussed.

12. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:20pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:38pm.
13. **Pres. Long** announced that there were 40 winners of the 'Question of the Month'. The answer was "**alpha-cyclodextrin**" a polysaccharide found most commonly in corn starch. The extra drawing tickets were passed out to the ten lucky winners.
14. **Pres. Long** announced that there were many winners for the 'Finds of the Month'. Those were:
 - **Best Jewelry** – **George Sullivan** with a medallion/ring necklace found in Johnstown while metal detecting.
 - **Best Coin** – **Joe Johnston** with .19 cents found in a ballpark at Pierce, Colo while metal detecting.
 - **Best Artifact** – **George Sullivan** with a lock he found in the S. Platte River while metal detecting.
 - **Best Bottle** – **Adam Wilson** with an old jar he found near Central City.
 - **Most Raw Gold** – **Ed and Ashton Starcher** with gold from 5 test pans from Park County
 - **Largest Raw Gold** – **Dale Herbertson** with some gold nuggets from Rae Patch, Nevada.
15. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, GPAA and Pres. Long**, followed by drawings for the 9 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 in the drawings were **Chuck Cown** and **Linda Luchtenburg**.
16. **Pres. Long** reminds the members that sometimes during the meetings, The President's time is 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 e-mail or phone at any time. His e-mail and phone number are on the web site.
17. **Pres. Long** thanked **Chris 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 1st part video presentation entitled "The Lost Gold of the Dark Ages", a presentation from the National Geographic Channel.
19. Until next time, remember to 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 9:01 pm.

HIGHBANKER FOR SALE BY A GPR MEMBER

8Ft Long Highbanker, 150ft of 1.5 inch discharge hose, 10ft of 1.5 inch suction hose, 1.5 hp pump, Assorted Fittings, Price \$350.00 Call Don at 303-936-6996.

Schedule of 2015 Planned Outings:

We are no longer printing the schedule in the newsletter. A copy is emailed each month to all so new members get an initial copy. From then on check the email copy, any changes from the last copy will be highlighted in yellow. No yellow no changes. So print it out and hang it up.



Finds of the Month

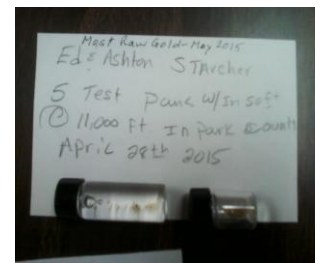
May winners were as follows:

- **Best Artifact** – **George Sullivan** with a lock he found in the S. Platte River.
- **Best Jewelry** – **George Sullivan** with a medallion/ring necklace found in Johnstown.
- **Best Bottle** – **Adam Wilson** with a bottle he found near Central City.



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- **Best Coin** – Joe Johnston with .19 cents he found in Pierce, Colo.
- **Most Raw Gold** – Ed and Ashton Starcher with gold they found in Park County.
- **Largest Raw Gold** – Dale Herbertson with a nugget he found in Rae Patch, Nevada.



(The photo of the Artifact Jar was lost, sorry Adam)

Great job guys and gals!!!!

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. Thanks to Joe Johnston who also submitted additional finds that were not judged to be winners.

A Miner's Laugh

The local Mining District was convened to hold a trial for a local fellow who had run afoul of the local mining laws. The assigned prosecuting miner called his first witness, a grandmotherly woman who had been in the District since it first formed, to the stand.

He approached her and said, "Mrs. Whitaker, do you know me?" She responded quite clearly, "Why, yes I do know you Mr. Coolidge. I have known you since you were a little boy and frankly, you have been a big disappointment to me. You lie, cheat, you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you are a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you will never amount to anything more than just a two bit wanna be lawyer. Yes indeed, I do know you!"

The prosecutor was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs Whitaker, do you know the defending Attorney?" She again replied, "Why of course I do. I have known Mr. Johnson since he was a youngster as well. He is lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Yes, indeed, I know him as well!" The defense attorney turned red with embarrassment.

The Judge, upon hearing the questions and answers thus far, promptly asked both counselors to approach the bench. Leaning over and in a very quiet voice, he said "If either one of you asks her if she knows me, I will throw both of your butts in jail for contempt and throw away the key!" *(Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners') 06/15*



What is?

Mining is the extraction of valuable minerals or other geological materials from the earth from an orebody, lode, vein, seam, or reef, which forms the mineralized package of economic interest to the miner. Ores recovered by mining include metals, coal, oil shale, gemstones, limestone, dimension stone, rock salt, potash, gravel, and clay. Mining is required to obtain any material that cannot be grown through agricultural processes, or created artificially in a laboratory or factory. Mining in a wider sense includes extraction of any non-renewable resource such as petroleum, natural gas, or even water.



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Mining of stone and metal has been done since pre-historic times. Modern mining processes involve prospecting for ore bodies, analysis of the profit potential of a proposed mine, extraction of the desired materials, and final reclamation of the land after the mine is closed. The nature of mining processes creates a potential negative impact on the environment both during the mining operations and for years after the mine is closed. This impact has led most of the world's nations to adopt regulations designed to moderate the negative effects of mining operations. Safety has long been a concern as well, and modern practices have improved safety in mines significantly.

Prehistoric mining: Since the beginning of civilization, people have used stone, ceramics and, later, metals found close to the Earth's surface. These were used to make early tools and weapons; for example, high quality flint found in northern France and southern England was used to create flint tools. Flint mines have been found in chalk areas where seams of the stone were followed underground by shafts and galleries. The mines at Grimes Graves are especially famous, and like most other flint mines, are Neolithic in origin (ca 4000 BC-ca 3000 BC). Other hard rocks mined or collected for axes included the greenstone of the Langdale axe industry based in the English Lake District. The oldest known mine on archaeological record is the "Lion Cave" in Swaziland, which radiocarbon dating shows to be about 43,000 years old. At this site Paleolithic humans mined hematite to make the red pigment ochra. Mines of a similar age in Hungary are believed to be sites where Neanderthals may have mined flint for weapons and tools.

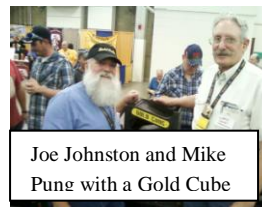
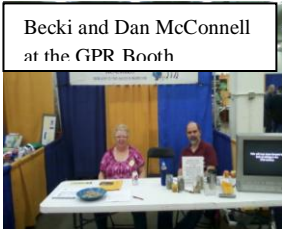
Ancient Egypt: Ancient Egyptians mined malachite at Maadi. At first, Egyptians used the bright green malachite stones for ornamentations and pottery. Later, between 2613 and 2494 BC, large building projects required expeditions abroad to the area of Wadi Maghara in order "to secure minerals and other resources not available in Egypt itself." Quarries for turquoise and copper were also found at "Wadi Hamamat, Tura, Aswan and various other Nubian sites" on the Sinai Peninsula and at Timna. Mining in Egypt occurred in the earliest dynasties. The gold mines of Nubia were among the largest and most extensive of any in Ancient Egypt, and are described by the Greek author Diodorus Siculus. He mentions that fire-setting was one method used to break down the hard rock holding the gold. One of the complexes is shown in one of the earliest known maps. The miners crushed the ore and ground it to a fine powder before washing the powder for the gold dust.

Ancient Greek and Roman Mining: Mining in Europe has a very long history. Examples include the silver mines of Laurium, which helped support the Greek city state of Athens. However, it is the Romans who developed large scale mining methods, especially the use of large volumes of water brought to the minehead by numerous aqueducts. The water was used for a variety of purposes, including removing overburden and rock debris, called hydraulic, as well as washing comminuted, or crushed, ores and driving simple machinery. The Romans used hydraulic mining methods on a large scale to prospect for the veins of ore, especially a now obsolete form of mining known as hushing. It involved building numerous aqueducts to supply water to the minehead where it was stored in large reservoirs and tanks. When a full tank was opened, the wave of water sluiced away the overburden to expose the bedrock underneath and any gold veins. The rock was then attacked by fire-setting to heat the rock, which would be quenched with a stream of water. The thermal shock cracked the rock, enabling it to be removed, aided by further streams of water from the overhead tanks. The Roman miners used similar methods to work cassiterite deposits in Cornwall and lead ore in the Pennines. The methods had been developed by the Romans in Spain in 25 AD to exploit large alluvial gold deposits, the largest site being at Las Medulas, where seven long aqueducts were built to tap local rivers and to sluice the deposits. Spain was one of the most important mining regions, but all regions of the Roman Empire were exploited. In Great Britain the natives had mined minerals for millenia but when the Romans came, the scale of the operations changed dramatically. The Romans needed what Britain possessed, especially gold, silver, tin and lead. Roman techniques were not limited to surface mining. They followed the ore veins underground once opencast mining was no longer feasible. At Dolaucothi, they stoped out the veins, and drove adits through barren rock to drain the stopes. The same adits were also used to ventilate the workings, especially important when fire-setting was used. At other parts of the site, they penetrated the water table and dewatered the mines using several kinds of machine, especially reverse overshot water wheels. These were used extensively in the copper mines at Rio Tinto in Spain, where one sequence comprised 16 such wheels arranged in pairs, and lifting water about 80 feet (24m). They were worked as treadmills with miners standing on the top slats. Many examples of such devices have been found in old Roman mines and some examples are now preserved in the British Museum and the National Museum of Wales. [*\(More to follow next month\)*](#)6/15



2015 GPAA Denver Gold and Treasure Show

Wow, what a weekend. The Foothills Chapter of the GPAA and the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies along with the Colorado Springs Chapter of the GPAA worked together to co-host the 2015 GPAA Denver Gold and Treasure Show on the weekend of May 16 and 17 at the National Western Complex at 4655 Humbolt St. in Denver. Members of the Host Clubs met on Friday morning at 8am to meet the GPAA Officials and unload the truck to set up all the vendor booths and prepare for the Show. The Show was smaller this year than past years and only had 25 vendors and a large gold panning area. We estimated that some 1500 visitors attended the Show and all of the host Clubs Booths were pretty busy talking with folks and promoting gold prospecting and small scale mining. Both local Denver area prospecting stores, Golden Detectors and the Clear Creek Mining Supply Store were present as well. The GPAA gives out a number of major prizes at the conclusion of each day, including a free 2 week trip to Alaska for one good for 2016. On Saturday, our own Joe Johnston won a Gold Cube. On Sunday, our own Tim Fleming won the free trip to Alaska. This is the second time that one of our members has won the free trip. That is pretty cool. In my opinion, the Best of Show this year was a hand operated trommel set up that was selling for just under \$400.00. The last time the GPAA were in Denver, the Best of Show was the Catch It II Table and the Black Magic Sluice. The panning area featured real gold in the tubs that the participants were able to pan for and keep what they found. The area was the busiest section of the Show along with the raffle for the major door prizes that was operated by the Public Lands for the People (PLP) folks. All in all, the Show was pretty decent and GPAA has indicated that they are favorable to returning next year if we co-host again and can locate a better venue. We have given them positive feedback on that offer. Of course, these kinds of events are only as good as the people who volunteer their time and energy to make it happen. The President of the Foothills Chapter of the GPAA, Mike Hurtado, as well as the President of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies, Jim Long, want to recognize their members who were responsible for making this Show a success. Many thanks to Steve Overton, Steve Barrett, Jack Meineke, John Johnson, Joe Johnston, Jim Peterson, Dan and Becki McConnell, Wayne Schumacker, Todd Fidler, Bobby Manning, Tom Hill, Tim and Tina Fleming, Adam Wilson, Cara Dauderman, Brian Hardy, Steve Miller. It is noted with interest that most of the members of the Foothills Chapter re also members of the GPR, with few exceptions. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies as we certainly don't want to miss anyone. 'Prospector Pete' was observed at the Show as well. Pres. Long did get some photos during the Show.



2015 Aurora Youth Water Festival Panning Demo

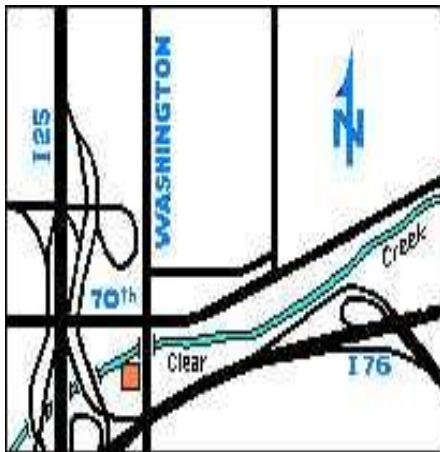
The Club participated in the 2015 Aurora Youth Water Festival by doing a panning demo for some 1050 5th grade kids from 18 different aurora Public Schools. The Water Festival is held each year at the Aurora Community College Campus and is designed to illustrate the many uses of water in our culture today, in the many forms that it is used. Various vendors had demonstrations and information on Water safety, waste water equipment demos, water animals, how a water meter and tap work, keeping water safe for use, water conservation, and many, many others facets of water use, including the role that water plays in the mining industry. The kids got the chance to pan for gold under the tutelage of Club members Jim Long, Mike Hurtado, Andy Doll, Jack Meineke and Dennis White. Their participation and skills were greatly appreciated. It is our volunteers who donate their time and energy that make all our ventures successful and help us to reach the public. There is no better way to do this than to expose our youth to the thrill of seeing real gold in the gold pan and sparking that interest in how gold impacts our lives.



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			1 Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline	2	3	4 JULY 4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 WMMI Celebration! Museum Anniversary & Membership Appreciation! Saturday, July 11, starting at 10am
12	13	14	15 GPR Club Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Panning Demo	23	24	25
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