

# THE GOLD NUGGET

July 2017



## The Prez Sez by Jim Long



I don't really expect Clear Creek to go down until mid to late July, as the snow pack was nearly record setting in Summit County and along the Divide. That means that our options are limited as to how and when we can do a little prospecting. And when the weather or the elements are against us, we can always metal detector buy bags of gold from the Club Store or the internet. It is what it is. The other option is to save a few dollars and buy up those raffle tickets at the Club meetings for one of those fabulous gold nuggets we give away each month.

The questions that the "Panel" received at the last meeting showed a heightened interest in the Rye Patch out in Nevada. So I thought I would talk a little bit more about that magical place. There is truly gold in them thar hills, but it isn't necessarily easy to find. There were strikes of gold in the old days and most of those strikes were pretty well worked out. There were quite a few gold mines, but of course, the state became known as the 'Silver State' because there was more silver than gold. But when the bottom dropped out of the silver market, gold stepped to the forefront again. By then, most of the easy gold had been gleaned leaving mostly lode mines and that has held pretty well true up to today. Nevada is one of the top gold producers in the nation currently. But that doesn't mean you can run out there and strike it rich either.

The Rye Patch is a unique and very interesting geological area. Though there is certainly placer gold, it tends to be quite small, somewhat pocketed and spotty, and you gotta do a ton of work for what you find. There are nuggets to be found, and though as a rule, no large nuggets are routinely found today but you can find the occasional nugget up to an ounce. As a rule, the size generally found more commonly are the smaller ones from .3 grams and smaller. All good gold, you understand, but not laying all over the place. You have to pound the ground. It is not uncommon for good detectorists to search hard spending long hard hours each day for as long as 7 to 10 days and only find a dozen or less small nuggets, or even less.

You have to do research to make your odds improve. Nuggets don't grow on trees and there are few trees out in that desert anyway, lots of sagebrush but few trees. Study maps, search on line for any articles ever written about the 'Patch', talk to people, research and research some more. If you go out there, try to talk to some locals. Word of warning, not everyone will open up to you about where the gold is, and if they do, they could be telling you a pack of lies. The old timers who really know what is going on are quite often not very talkative, often stay to themselves, and rarely give strangers the time of day. You have to spend time with them and buy them coffee and talk about a lot of things and listen without asking them a ton of questions right off the bat before you have a chance of one of them deciding that maybe you are ok after all and giving you a few bits of their wisdom. The 'Patch' has been picked over for years now and by some of the best in the country, yet there is still some gold to find. It just depends on how good you are with your machine and how persistent you are and how hard you want to work and how long you want to work at it.



I personally have not hunted the 'Patch' but I have read a lot about it and personally know a number of people who have hunted it. The area has more than gold nuggets. It seems to be full of all kinds of minerals and rocks, some of which are very valuable and some which are just plain 'cool'. And there are artifacts such as arrowheads and pieces of pottery here and there. Sometimes when you are focused on gold and swinging a machine, you develop tunnel vision and can't see the forest for the trees. You can be walking past all kinds of neat stuff and not see it because you are concentrating on your swing path and the sounds of your machine. People have been known to forget to eat and drink water. I have wanted to



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get out there myself for a long time but things don't seem to be in line for me to probably ever make it any time soon, if ever. But I keep reading the stories and keep looking at the pictures my friends and others keep sending me of their 'finds'. And I listen to everything they tell me and if I ever do get out there, I think I will be in a good position to use all that knowledge I have been storing up to find a few little gold nuggets of my own. There is nothing wrong with dreaming!!

Anyway, that is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your endeavors, no matter what they may be! And until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that treasured 'Yaller Gold'!

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## The V.P. Corner by "Joe Fortunato"



The last time that I had a look at Clear Creek (the last week of June) it was flowing fast, wide, and deep. With the high snowfall accumulation we racked up in the high country last winter, the creeks and rivers will be difficult if not just plain impossible to work for weeks. If you are the type of prospector that plans ahead, you have a good supply of concentrates stockpiled somewhere close at hand.

Processing your concentrates should keep that "Gold Fever" at bay, for a while anyway. If you don't have any cons' to process, this is a great time to do maintenance on your equipment and get organized

for your next prospecting outing. I spend a lot of my down time reading, watching videos and YouTube, and following several forums on my laptop. Gold prospecting and metal detecting are endeavors that (in my opinion), no one ever masters completely. There is always more to experience and to learn. We all develop our own style over time, and though there are basic rules that apply to what we are doing, we all do it in a way that is unique to each of us. Our individual stiles are basically a combination of what we learn on our own and what we learn from others. One of the best ways to learn about prospecting and detecting (this is my favorite), is by talking to people that are enthusiastic and experienced. If you are lucky enough to spend some time talking to, and more importantly, listening to these people, then you have struck pay dirt!!! Believe me, you can learn more in an hour from one of these people than you could learn on your own in weeks. This summer makes it fourteen years that I have been prospecting and detecting. I have had the great good luck to learn from some very skilled and successful prospectors and detectorists. I am grateful for the knowledge they share and for the time I spend with each of them. I hope that the opportunity that I've described presents itself to all of our members at some point in time and that you will take advantage of it when it does. **MAY ALL YOUR ADVENTURES BE GOLDEN!** Joe Fortunato (Questions or comments call or text me 303-263-7204.)

## From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Wayne Schomaker



The July Meeting will feature a 9-nugget drawing that will include a nugget of at least 2.6 grams or more. We have another fine specimen from Alaska to auction off. We will also be giving away numerous door prizes as well. Remember that your chances of winning are better than the Colorado Lottery as there are so many less people participating. Be sure to support your Club and buy lots of tickets. See you all at the upcoming Meeting.

## Planned 2017 GPR Meeting Programs:

July 19 To be determined

August 16 To be determined

## Board Meeting Minutes From June 2017

X	James Long		Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	John Johnson
X	Mike Hurtado		Joe Johnston	X	Chris Kafka		Brandon Luchtenburg
X	Wayne Schomaker	X	Bobby Manning	X	Andy Doll		Gary Hawley

**Quorum present?** Yes



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**Call to Order:** By Pres. Long at 6:02 pm

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Corrections: n/a Approved as read/corrected: Yes

**Treasurer's Report:** Questions: none Approved: Yes.

**Correspondence:** 3 phone calls, 10 e-mails, 8 mailings

**Webmaster:** Total Hits 148259. Hits for last 2 month 311.

**Committee Reports:** Discussed Foothills GPAA Chapter's Gold Show at JeffCo. Fairgrounds on June 9, 10, 11, Though the parent GPAA severely let the local Chapter down, the show was a success in several ways. Major kudos to Tom Hill

Who did a great job under the worst of conditions. The Show drew to a loss but was still a win win for the local Chapter.

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

**New Business:** The Adams County Clear Creek Recreational Development Plan will have its final public presentation on June 26 at 5:30p. Pres. Long will attend.

**Planned Outings for 2017:** Notice of Outings planned for 2017 was sent out with Feb Newsletter. Next event is the Georgetown Loop RR Panning Demo on July 1, 2, followed by another Blackhawk Outing on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, then the last Beginners Panning/sluicing Class on August 5.

### **From the Board:**

- Pres. Long discussed the Aurora Water Festival Panning Demo conducted on May 18 and the Blackhawk Outing of June 3. Both events went very well.
- Also, discussed the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show of June 10/11 in greater detail for the Board Members.
- Noted that the Yvonne Deaver Estate Sale went very well and sold out completely. Thanks to all who made purchases.
- BM A/ Doll discussed the web site counter and the old Club Newsletters. We will search to see if anyone has any old issues. There were no other items to be discussed.

**Announcements:** None at this time.

**Next Board Meeting:** July 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

**Next General Meeting:** July 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**Tonight's general meeting program:** We will feature a "Stump the Panel" featuring a panel who will field questions and answers from the Club membership concerning Geology, Prospecting, and Metal Detecting.

**Adjournment:** Meeting stands adjourned at 6:44 pm.

### **QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

**Another GPR website question?**

**Who was the PRESENTER of the 2004, 2005, and 2006 Ken Barker Award?**

#### **2017 GPR Board of Directors Members**

##### **President**

James Long

##### **Vice President**

Joe Fortunato

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Wayne Schomaker

##### **2 Year Board Members**

Joe Johnston (2014)

Joe Shubert (2015)

##### **1 Year Board Members**

Chris Kafka

Andy Doll

Brandon Luchtenburg

John Johnson

Bobby Manning

Mike Hurtado

##### **Past President**

Gary Hawley

## **General Meeting Minutes From June 2017**

1. Meeting was opened at 7:04 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then announced that the evening Program would feature a Panel to field geology, prospecting and metal detecting questions and issues from the general membership. Once again, this program was very well received. There was a lot of interest in metal detecting issues surrounding the Rye Patch in Nevada. Panel Member **Joe Fortunato** was able to field all of these issues as he has had numerous experiences with that area. We may be doing this again in the near future.
3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report: Gold 1246.30 , Silver 16.43, Platinum 927.00, Palladium 883.00.
4. **Web hits** for last month were approx. 311. Web counter is working again.
5. **Treasurer Wayne Schomaker** reports that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, be sure to buy tickets for the 'Special Nugget' drawing. We have a brand new Alaskan chunk of raw gold weighing in at 13.9 grams. Also, be sure to buy tickets for tonight's 9 nuggets drawing, the largest being 2.8 grams.



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6. **Dan and Becki McConnell** who oversee the Membership Table reported that we had 63 members in attendance. There were two guests present. The total meeting attendance was 65. Summer is in full swing and many members are out and about traveling the country.
7. **Pres. Long** read the 'Question of the Month', which was **“What is the date of the oldest Newsletter on the GPoR website??”**
8. **Pres. Long** advised that there was time to enter items at the break for the '**Finds of the Month**' table and that the monthly winners from tonight will need to be saved for the Finds of the Year competition in November 2017. A reminder to all that gold submissions need to be weighed dry, and only one submission per person per category. Be sure to fill out entry cards completely.
9. **John Johnson** announced the 'Cache Clue # '5'.
10. **Pres. Long:**
  - Advised that there were lots of stuff in the **Club Store** for sale. We have bags of sand containing gold for members to buy as well as lots of other stuff, and we have discounted several items. We continue to look for a volunteer to take over the Store. We thank **Mike Hurtado** for helping out at the Store in the meanwhile.
  - We also have Club member **Sue Clover** selling some stuff in the back as she is moving to North Carolina and needs to unload some prospecting gear (which she did in no time at all!).
  - The 'Avonne Deaver' estate table in the back also completely sold out last month, so thanks to all who purchased her items.
11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership of:
  - The next 2017 Outing which will be another impromptu Prospecting Outing in Blackhawk on **June 24**.
  - Following that, we will be at the Georgetown Loop RR to assist the tourists with gold panning on **July 1 and 2**.
  - Then we will be back in Blackhawk for another prospecting Outing on **July 22**.
  - Lastly, we will be on Clear Creek at Youngfield on **Aug. 5** for the last panning/sluicing Class of the season.
  - The Panning Demo at the Aurora Water Festival went very well in May.
  - The Blackhawk Outing in early June that was led by Jack Meineke also went very well.
  - The Foothills Chapter GPAA Gold and Treasure Show in early June also went well considering what the parent GPAA Org. out of Temecula, Calif., did to them.
  - Members are reminded to check out the Finds of the Month and vote accordingly.
  - As well as answer the Question of the Month during the break.
  - Members were reminded to return items checked out of the Library in a timely manner.
  - Check the Monthly Newsletter Calendar for future Gem and Mineral Shows coming up in the future.
  - There was nothing further from the floor.
12. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:21 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:37 pm.
13. **Pres. Long** announced the winners of the '**Question of the Month**'. There were two answers accepted, **“December 1995 and July 2001”!!** There were 32 winners who received their extra drawing ticket for the gold drawing.
14. **Pres. Long** announced the winners for the '**Finds of the Month**'. Those were:
  - **Best Coin** – **Dennis Perderin** with a 1935 buffalo nickel he found near Georgetown Lake.
  - **Best Jewelry** – **Chuck Cown** with a silver ring he found in Commerce City while metal detecting.
  - **Best Mineral** – **Herman Garcia** with a sample of silver ore and petrified wood he found near Cuba, New Mexico.
  - **Best Artifact** – There were no items submitted in this category.
  - **Best Bottle** – There were no items submitted for this category.
  - **Most Raw Gold** – **Bobby Manning** with 1.0 grams of gold he found in Gilpin County.
  - **Largest Raw Gold** – There were no submissions in this category this month.





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15. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, Dick Oakes, Sue Clover 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 shall be considered to have been donated back to the Club. Those assisting in the drawings were **Chuck Cown** and **Wayne Schomaker**.
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 outside the meetings 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. Don't forget the 'tip jar' also, which helps to defray costs. 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 **July Meeting Program** has not been determined at time of press but we will have something lined up for sure. It will be a surprise!! 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'!
19. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

## Finds of the Month

The finds of the Month for June are as follows:

**Best Coin** – The winner was **Dennis Perderin** with a 1935 Buffalo Nickel he received in change.

**Best Jewelry** – The winner was **Chuck Cown** with a silver ring he found while metal detecting in Commerce City.

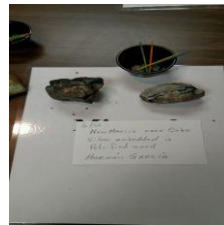
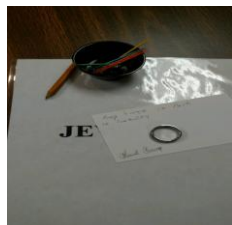
**Best Mineral** – The winner was **Herman Garcia** with a silver ore sample and petrified wood that he found near Cuba, New Mexico.

**Best Artifact** – There was no submission for this category.

**Best Bottle** – There was no submission for this category.

**Most Raw Gold** – The winner was **Bobby Manning** with 1.0 grams of gold he found in Gilpin County.

**Largest Raw Gold** – There was no entry for this category.



Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the Club. We would all like to know what everyone else is finding out there so don't be bashful. Winners each month will have their name published in the Newsletter. There are six (6) categories to choose from when entering. Monthly winners will need to save their finds to bring back to the November 2017 meeting to compete for the Find of the Year 2017. Thanks to all those who also submitted, additional finds that were not judged winners.

## A Miner's Laugh

A man comes home from work one day to find his dog with the neighbor's pet rabbit in his mouth. Alas, The rabbit is dead.

The guy panics. Thinking that his neighbor, a crusty old miner, is going to hate him forever, he takes the dirty, chewed up rabbit into the house and gives it a bath, blow dries its fur, and then he puts the





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rabbit back into the cage on the old miner's patio in hopes that he will think it just died of natural causes.

A few days later, the old miner happens to be outside. He asks the guy, "Did you hear that my poor Fluffy died?"

The guy stiffens and hesitantly says, "Um.. er.. no.. what happened?"

The old miner sadly shakes his head and replies, "Well, we just found him dead in his cage one day. But the weird thing is that the day after we buried him, we went outside and someone had dug him up, given him a bath and put him back into the cage. There are some real sick people out there!!!"

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

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

**5-10-17 United States Supreme Court refuses to Hear Gold King Lawsuit filed by New Mexico against Colorado:**  
In late June, the United States Supreme Court turned down a request from New Mexico to hear a law suit that they filed against the State of Colorado over the Gold King Mine Spill of 2015. The Supreme Court stated that New Mexico needed to file against the EPA and not Colorado and dismissed the matter. Utah, Arizona and the Navajo Indian Tribe were all waiting in the wings to see how the Court would lean on this issue. Obviously, the EPA has sat mutely to the side hoping against hope that they could duck as much blame as possible. So the saga will continue.

## Mining Concerns from Around the Country

*(In my attempt to keep our members aware of what is happening involving mining from around the country, I will run this little section each month and see how it goes. I am apt to put a little passion and some direct finger pointing in my reporting, for which I will offer no apology to anyone who may feel offended. I support responsible mining and responsible miners, period. It is what it is, and it is my opinion, and that is that, like it or not .jj)*

### **THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE (PLP):**

The future of the PLP is uncertain right now. The recent power struggle between two different factions have left the organization on shaky ground to say the least. They put on a good front and on the surface, one would not know that there is a ton of dissention in the ranks. The GPR Club suspended its membership last year during the squabble and probably will not be renewing and here are the reasons why. I have always championed the causes that PLP championed, the protection of miner's rights and the desire to hold government back from taking over the public lands which belong to the people. The mismanagement of these lands by the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, specifically, has gone way overboard and PLP was seen as the hope and the future, especially for miners who were being shut out of their claims and being denied access. But PLP underwent a power struggle which left the organization weakened and in court. Money which should have been going to protect miners interests may well have been diverted to other interests, some known and some perhaps unknown. This has left a dark cloud over the group. There is a pending court battle now to sort it all out. I will not invest any more money until I can be assured of where it will be going and why. And in comes AMRA, the American Mining Rights Association. Several weeks ago, I had the opportunity to meet three different members of the AMRA Board of Directors. Though they were hesitant to speak 'out of school' concerning PLP, when bluntly asked if they would spend their money on PLP, the answer was 'no'...!!! As I looked more deeply into what AMRA has been doing, I saw that they are literally filling the gap left by PLP and are engaged in many, many legal battles all over the west in support of local miners. There seems to be no internal battling for power, their people are all volunteers who are dedicated and committed to protecting miners' rights. And this is exactly what it is all about. I strongly encouraged them to present at the next board meeting, a request to establish a 'Club Membership', much as PLP had done and insured them that if they would pass it, the GPR would be the first Colorado local Club to join. They thought that was a good idea, so we will see. AMRA is working closely with the Western Mining Alliance (WMA) and the Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) in support of miners and mining issues. A great deal of their work right now is in the Pacific Northwest as well as California. This region is seeing a heavy impact of extremely liberal anti mining practices resulting in miners being barred access to public lands, deliberate anti mining rules and regulations, and even anti mining legislation directed at miners. Much of this stuff is aimed at the small scale mines such as those of us here in our Club. Now granted, it seems that much of this anti mining stuff started under the Obama Administration. Since the election of Trump, the mining community is waiting to see what direction Trump will be taking in the area of mining. Signals have been that he intends to reverse some policies that the Obama administration had implemented. I am sure that some of it will remain but a great deal of it may in fact, be reversed. Only time will tell. Bureaucracy generally moves at a snail's



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pace. But the military like attitude of the USFS and the BLM is going to change and some of their teeth is going to get pulled. Their job descriptions never included the use of SWAT teams or automatic weapons. They are supposed to be mere stewards of the land, no more than that, not to create policy but to merely make recommendations. They were never intended to have enforcement powers. Those powers are reserved and delegated to the local Sheriff. But somewhere down the line, a group of bureaucrats got the taste of power and crossed over the line and their supposedly overseers either closed their eyes or deliberately chose to let them get away with it. And of course, chaos has developed as a result. I sincerely hope that the mining community begins to see positive change in the near future.

**From the May edition of The New 49'ers Newsletter** by Dave McCracken.

"Legal and Political Perspective

We certainly do live in interesting times!

Now, with two of President Trump's major initiatives blocked by federal judges (setting immigration policy, and threatening to withhold law enforcement funding to sanctuary cities that refuse to enforce federal law), it would appear that a big part of his agenda "to make America great again" can be prevented from happening by his (our) opposition just filing lawsuits in front of left-leaning judges. This is where our industry has been sitting for about nine years.

Anyone who has been watching the news knows that to designate a federal judge for life, he needs to be appointed by the president and confirmed by a majority in the U.S. Senate. According to Wikipedia, There are currently 874 authorized Article III judgeships: nine on the Supreme Court, 179 on the courts of appeals, nine on the Court of International Trade and 677 for the district courts.

So we have this interesting situation where there are, more or less, 677 federal district court judges in America who have the power to block President Trump's team from moving forward with the agenda to "make America great again." This was the job America voted him in office to perform!

So it would appear that the President of the United States is not truly our Chief Executive after all. I wonder if the Trump team is figuring this out at the same time we are?

According to my limited research, federal judges are appointed for life, and can only be impeached (removed) by an act of congress, for cause, in a trial setting. Only a handful of judges have been removed over time. It seems odd that it is so much easier to appoint a judge than to remove one.

So, while the Trump Team can probably do a lot with how the federal bureaucracy performs, my best guess is that when it comes to the larger issues that are holding America back, particularly at the State level, the Trump Team is going to have to fight it out in the courts – likely the most left-leaning courts in America. Yet again, there is always a solution if you are looking for it.

It is all going to be very interesting as we watch America try to unshackle itself from the chains that are holding us down. One thing is sure in my mind: If Trump cannot figure out a way, it's never going to happen."

## GPAA Foothills Chapter Gold and Treasure Show

On June 10 and 11, the Foothills Chapter of the GPAA hosted a Gold and Treasure Show at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Lakewood. Assisted by members of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies, the show consisted of some 13 vendors and featured a gold panning area as well as videos, power point picture shows and speakers on various types of prospecting related seminars and there were plenty of door prizes at the end of each day. On Saturday, there was a bar-b-que for the vendors and the volunteers which added to the camaraderie. Though the show was fairly small in size, it was very well run and we got the chance to meet quite a few folks and even sign up a few more members. It is always good to meet with and talk to like-minded people. Many kudos to Tom Hill of the Foothills Chapter for all that he did even in the face of horrendous odds. It was definitely a learning experience for sure.







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### **The World's Five Largest Gold Nuggets** by Ray Lundin

There have been many claims for the 'World's Largest Gold Nugget'. At the time that some of these large nuggets were found (mostly in the 1800's) they were indeed the world's largest. However, as time went on and gold strikes occurred all over the world, larger nuggets were found and the title was shifted from one nugget to another. What was needed was a clear definition of 'gold nugget'. The type of nugget that most people are familiar with is the true gold nugget, i.e. a blob of gold formed by nature. The other type is called 'reef gold', i.e. gold that appears imbedded in rock, usually in quartz. When the rock is removed from around the gold, the gold can be recovered in one piece. Reef gold is synonymous with the terms ledge, lode, and vein gold. There are many claims to the world's largest gold nugget. Some say the world's largest nugget in existence, others say the world's largest recorded nugget and some say the world's largest nugget on display. These five nuggets that follow are graded by weight. Now, the largest five are as follows: (this list has changed since I first wrote this article in February 2009.)

**Fifth Largest Nugget – The 'Hand of Faith' Nugget:** This 54.69 pound nugget was found in 1980 in Western Australia and is the largest nugget on public display in the world. Using a metal detector, it was found lying in a vertical position just below the surface by Kevin Hillier behind his trailer home. It was sold to the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino for \$1 million dollars and is now on display at that casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.



**Fourth Largest Nugget – Newmont's Normandy Nugget:** This 56.18 pound nugget was found near Kalgoorlie, Western Australia in 1995. It is currently on display in the Perth Mint in Australia.

**Third Largest Nugget – The Golden Eagle Nugget:** This nugget weighs in at 71 pounds and was found by 16 year old Jack Larcombe on January 8, 1931 in Larkenville, Western Australia. The nugget required two men to lift it and was given its name due to its resemblance to a bird.



**Second Largest Nugget – The Pepita Canaa Nugget:** This nugget weighed in at a whopping 134.06 pounds and was found on September 13, 1983 by miners in the Serra Pelada Mine in the State of Para, Brazil. It currently resides in the Banco Central Museum in Brazil.

**First Largest Nugget – The Welcome Stranger Nugget:** This nugget weighed in at a staggering 158 pounds and was found three inches deep in Victoria, Australia, in 1869 by John Deason and Richard Oates. Since there were no scales capable of weighing a nugget of this size at the time, it was broken into three pieces and weighed at the bank. In 1897, an obelisk was erected near the spot where the nugget was discovered. A replica of the nugget is in the City Museum in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.



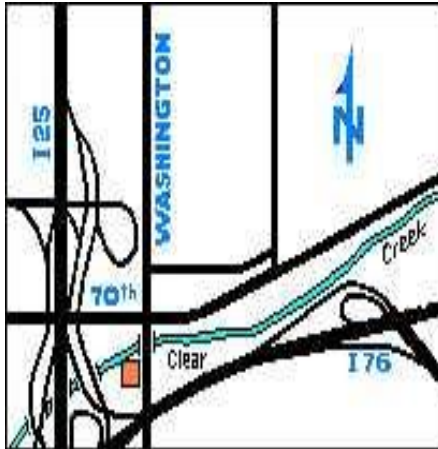
**Honorable Mention – The Holtermann Nugget:** This was the largest single mass of gold ever found, however, it was not a true nugget. It was actually reef gold, meaning it was composed of other minerals imbedded in the gold. It was found in South Wales, Australia, in 1872. It weighed in at about 630 pounds (about 400 pounds of gold when melted down). Holtermann was the manager and part owner of the Star of Hope Mine where it was found. The 'nugget' was broken up and smelted except for a piece that Holtermann chipped off as a souvenir.

(The author, Ray Lundin, is a gemologist and frequent contributor to the 'Colorado Gambler' publication and writes a column on 'minerals and gemstones')





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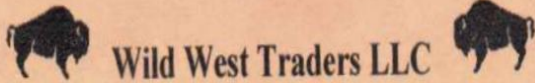
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