

2018 DUES ARE PAST DUE

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



We are about to start another season of adventure in that grand old game of hunt and seek for the 'precious yellow'. To that end, I have worked on and pretty well completed the dates and activities for 2018. The official Outing Schedule will be posted in April along with your Newsletter that you are reading now. Just look for an extra attachment to your announcement and then copy it off to keep as a reference to upcoming events.

By popular demand, I managed to get us back to Nederland in August. This was not an easy thing as the structure of the City had changed, as is often the case with governmental entities, and the current folks had never heard of us. Fortunately, I was able to provide sufficient information to calm their fears. The result is that there will be a few minor changes in how we will be able to conduct ourselves but these changes are small and will pose no issues for us at all. And the good part is that we will still be able to get a little gold when all is said and done.

We will also be able to travel down to South Park to do a little rock hounding on a mineral collection foray. We will be on private property looking for barite. Barite is a beautiful mineral that is normally white, or clear like quartz, but turns a beautiful blue when exposed to sunlight. And as always when we are allowed to play on private property, there will be additional rules and steps to follow to avoid conflict and we will have no problem in meeting the requested requirements.



In this day and age, the opportunities to play at our sport are more and more frequently coming with conditions attached. It is the price we pay for living in an age of dwindling access to both public as well as private properties. I see this happening more and more all the time. As a hunter and fisherman, the same issues exist, as they are also activities that involve the access to and the use of resources on public as well as private property. Public property is dwindling across the vast western part of this country at a phenomenal pace. And the overseers of most of that property, specifically the USFS and the BLM, have in the last decade yielded to the whims of their political masters who chose policies that were not favorable to mining in any way, shape or form. And now that we have a change in leadership in Washington, there is a shift underway to restore some of that access and to counter those restrictive policies as well. But it takes time and will never be the same as it was. My previous life's profession had a saying, which became common among all the working classes and I am sure you have heard it as well. "You must learn to accept change and change will be constant." I came to hate that adage with a passion, but I quickly learned that I couldn't fight it. I became successful in my profession because I learned that hard lesson fairly early on. Didn't like it one damn bit, but I adapted and made do, and quite well I might say. Prospecting is a lot like that. Some of us found that out just a couple of short years ago up in Alaska. Places that had been open and accessible just five short years before had closed up like the jaws of a clam. Claims had changed hands and new owners had their hands out and wanted to be deep into our pockets. It was disappointing to say the least. But we persevered and made do with what we had and where we could go. It wasn't what we had planned but we adapted and overcame. Here locally, there is so much concern over ecology and environment that anything you do that can leave a 'footprint' will result in somebody looking over your shoulder with a notebook, camera and a video tape. That is one of the things that I have to be very cautious about as your Club President. Before we can declare an Outing, there are a great many details that I have to cover and prepare for before the event can take place. Our access to both public and private properties is tenuous at best. It doesn't take much to lose that access, so when we get it, it is something to hold dear and appreciate to its fullest. It could get withdrawn in the blink of an eye. Then we would all be buying bags of sand and setting up panning tubs at our meetings instead of going out to the creek to play. Think about that. That would be a major bummer for sure! An awful lot has changed in just the last ten years alone. The guys and gals who searched for gold prior to that had it a whole lot better. Then gold shot up to almost \$2000 an ounce and everything changed. And it is still changing. We have to accept the change and embrace it, because change is going to be constant. Oh crap, where have I heard that before???



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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’!

You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at jnslong945@msn.com . Happy and safe prospecting to all!!!

The V.P. Corner by “Joe Fortunato



Here it is, Saturday Mar. 31st. I am at my shop, sitting at my desk, putting together this month’s V.P. Corner article. I had planned on doing this last night at home but got distracted and forgot about the article. I find that I am distracted a lot lately, and I know the reason, it’s the weather!!! A lot of warmer days along with good water flows in clear creek make it difficult for me to concentrate on work. I find myself spending more time than I do normally do, (which is a lot), watching prospecting and metal detecting videos on my laptop. Between those two things and google earth, I can easily get distracted for hours!!! Throw in an occasional breakfast at my favorite restaurant and a magazine about prospecting or metal detecting..... there goes another hour and a half!!! I guess you can see my point here. Many of you are likely just as distracted as I am these days. When it comes to this subject, as that saying goes, “I am preaching to the choir”. At least, I hope that I am in this particular instance. I have watched several prospecting videos lately that focused on recovering gold from bedrock cracks in creeks and rivers. If you happen upon a likely looking crack or crevice in bedrock, it might be worth a look. It could possibly yield more gold than a couple of buckets of material that have been run through your sluice box. If you read the February issue of the Mining Journal magazine, you probably read the article about nugget hunting in Nevada by Fred Mason. Fred is a member of the WSPA, a club that I joined in 2016. Their main focus is on metal detecting for gold nuggets. I met Fred last October when the WSPA had their Rye Patch outing in Nevada. At the time I wasn’t aware of the group effort that Fred wrote about in his article, I was a little surprised when I read his story. I have learned a lot about the Rye Patch area in the last three years. I have been there seven times since 2015. I am planning on another trip there in the next month or so, if the weather cooperates. Based on what Fred stated in his story, I am sure that I will know the place he wrote about if I see it. I am planning on attending the beginners panning class in April, I hope to see some of our members on the creek for that get together. ‘Till next time” MAY ALL YOUR ADVENTURES BE GOLDEN” Questions or comments.... Call or text me 303-263 7204 Joe Fortunato

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Roger Schlenger



The **April Meeting** will feature a drawing for nine (9) gold nuggets of which the largest will be a 2.6-gram nugget. We will soon have another ‘Special Nugget’ for give away, so stay tuned to see how big and from where. Be sure to support your Club by buying as many nugget drawing and raffle tickets as you can afford. Remember, your odds of winning a nugget here are far better than your chances of winning the lottery.

Planned 2018 GPR Meeting Programs:

- April 18** Gold Trails video, episodes 11 and 12
- May 16** Gold Trails video, episodes 13 and 14
- June 20** To be determined
- July 18** To be determined

Board Meeting Minutes From Mar 2018

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

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order by: Pres. Long at 6:03pm.

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



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

Correspondence: 0 phone calls, 10 e-mails, 11 mailings.

Webmaster: Total Hits 150787 Hits for last two-month 201.

Committee Reports:

- 2018 picnic reservation maid/paid.
- Researched CD int. rates, will renew on maturity for 1 yr.
- Board of Dir. Updates completed and passed out.
- Purchased 2019 gold from Alaska.
- Outing Schedule completed and distributed.
- Pres. Long appointed BM's B. Manning and J. Johnson as asst. Outing Leaders for 2018 season.

Unfinished Business: Will be ordering a new special nugget soon.

New Business: None at this time.

Planned Outings for 2018: Apr. 7 Beginners panning/sluicing Class 9am at Arapaho Bar.

From the Board:

- Pres. Long discussed the March 6 Panning Demo for Gold Unlimited at Arapahoe Bar. Went well with 50 4th graders from Castlerock. Was good time.
- Discussed the untimely passing of Gary Hawley's son.
- BM B. Manning advised of Gem/mineral Show coming up on April 13,14,and 15 at Crown Plaza DIA.
- BM J. Johnston advised of the 50th Annual State Button Society Show on April 7, 8 at Double Tree Inn in Aurora.

Additional Announcements: Next Board Meeting: April 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Next General Meeting: April 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Tonight's general meeting program: We will hear a presentation from member Kevin Singel on "Finding Gold in Southwestern Colorado"

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:53 pm.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In the 1925 movie "The Gold Rush", Charlie Chaplin eats a boot. In the scene, the Lone Prospector and Big Jim are having a boot for supper. What is the boot made of?

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General Meeting Minutes From Mar 2018

1. Meeting was opened at 7:07 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then announced that the evening Program would feature a video of episodes 9 and 10 of 'Gold Trails' hosted by Kevin Hoadland of the GPAA..
3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report: Gold 1332.00, Silver 16.55, Platinum 956.00, Palladium 986.00, Rhodium 1830.00.
4. **Web hits** for last month were approx. 210.
5. **Treasurer Roger Schlenger** 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 gave away the big nugget last month and will be ordering another real soon. Also, be sure to buy tickets for tonight's 9 nuggets drawing, the largest being 2.8 grams.
6. **Dan and Becki McConnell** who oversee the Membership Table reported that we had 69 members in attendance. There were 3 guests present. The total meeting attendance was 72.
7. **Pres. Long** read the 'Question of the Month', which was "**On what date did gold break through the \$1000 per ounce barrier for the first time ever, although it retreated to \$995 for the day??**"
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 2018. 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 the entry cards completely.
9. **John Johnson** announced the 'Cache Clue # 1' as we are starting a brand new hunt.



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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 over- seeing this important aspect of the Club.
11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership that:
 - The Outings Schedule for 2018 is prepared and will be announced with the issuance of the April Newsletter. The first event will be on April 7 at 9am at Arapaho Bar (Youngfield) and will be the Beginners Panning/sluicing Class. An announcement will be sent prior to the event.
 - We will be going back to Nederland this year as well as having a Rock hound Hunt for you mineral buffs.
 - Gold Unlimited is looking to hire guides for the summer to assist in taking tourists out prospecting. Don Finley is paying for your services, so contact him if interested.
 - A final reminder that the 2018 Club Dues are now Past due.
 - Members were encouraged to support the Store during the Break and to return any materials checked out from the Library as soon as possible, to vote on the Finds of the Month, purchase their gold drawing tickets and submit their answers to the Question of the Month.
 - There was nothing of note added from the Floor.
12. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:19 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:35 pm.
13. **Pres. Long** announced the winners of the '**Question of the Month**'. The answer was, "**March 13, 2008**"!! There were 26 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** – **Jim Long** with a 1952 Nickel that he found while metal detecting in an Adams County Park.
 - **Best Jewelry** – **Joe Kafka** with a gold necklace he found on the sidewalk at DIA.
 - **Best Mineral** – **Yvonne and Gordon Smith** with samples of Petrified Wood they found near Parker, Colo.
 - **Best Artifact** – **Ray Vigil** with pottery shards he found near Espanola, New Mexico.
 - **Best Bottle** – There was no entry for this category this month.
 - **Most Raw Gold** – **Kevin Singel** with 0.62 grams of gold he found in Clear Creek while prospecting.
 - **Largest Raw Gold** – There was no entry for this category this month.
15. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, Sue Lemieux, Kevin Singel, Dick Oakes, GPAA, and Pres. Long**, followed by drawings for the 9 gold nuggets. Pres. Long also wants to remind 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 **Roger Schlenger**.
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 April **Meeting Program** will be a video by GPAA's Kevin Hoaglund's Gold Trails and will feature episodes from his travels. 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 Mar 2018

The finds of the Month for March are as follows:

Best Coin – **Jim Long** with a 1942-d Nickle he found while metal detecting in an Adams County Park.

Best Jewelry – **Joe Kafka** with a gold necklace he found while near the entrance of DIA.

Best Mineral – **Yvonne and Gordon Smith** with samples of Petrified Wood they found in Parker, Colo.



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Best Artifact – Ray Vigil with pottery shard he found near Espanda, New Mexico.

Best Bottle – There was no entry for this category this month.

Most Raw Gold – Kevin Singel with 0.62 grams of gold he found in Clear Creek while prospecting.

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



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.

WMMI Upcoming Events Calendar

April 10 7pm	WMMI Speakers' Bureau Lecture, topic to be determined
April 12 7pm	Colorado Gold Mining Exhibit Lecture
May 8 7pm	WMMI Speakers' Bureau Lecture, topic to be determined
May 19/20	Pikes Peak Antique Machinery Days
May 23	Picnic-N-Planes (Academy Graduation and Thunderbirds flying)

Always check for detailed event info online at www.wmmi.org before going and don't forget your membership badge.

A Miner's Laugh

An old miner woke up in a hospital bed and called for his doctor. He asked "Give it to me straight, doc. How long have I got?" The physician replied that he doubted that his patient would survive the night. The old miner then said "Call for my lawyer, I need him here right away then."

When his lawyer arrived, the old miner asked for his physician to stand on one side of the bed, while the lawyer stood on the other. As they complied with his request, the old fellow sighed and then laid back and closed his eyes.

When the old miner had remained silent for several minutes, the lawyer asked him what he had in mind. The old miner replied "Well, Jesus died with a thief on either side, and I thought maybe I'd check out the same way."

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



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 strictly my opinion, and that is that, like it or not.....jj)

EPA Orders Sunnyside to Begin Groundwater Probe: The Environmental Protection Agency ordered Sunnyside Gold Corp. to begin a costly investigation of complicated underground water flows as part of the federal government's Superfund cleanup of toxic mining sites above Silverton, Colorado. Figuring out where contaminated water flows through a maze of mining tunnels and natural cracks has emerged as a challenge for moving forward in one most ambitious toxic mining clean ups attempted in the West. Sunnyside's properties are included in the 48-acre site Bonita



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Peak Mining District cleanup launched in 2016 after the Gold King Mine spill that was accidentally triggered by the EPA contractors on Aug. 5, 2015, who were investigating a collapsed portal. That high profile disaster worsened toxic mine contamination of the Animas River, sending a mustard yellow plume as far west as the mouth of the Grand Canyon. Local officials have raised concerns that EPA officials are studying the problem to death without getting the actual clean up done. The EPA issued “a unilateral order” to Sunnyside, owned by Canada based Kinross Corp., “to begin investigation of the Bonita Peak groundwater system”, said Rebecca Thomas, the Superfund project manager. “We need to understand how water moves through the mining system, not only man-made structures such as adits and stopes, but also how it moves through natural faults and fissures,” she said. “This is so we can understand how best to improve water quality in the tributaries of the Animas River.” “Sunnyside is not the cause of water quality issues in the Animas River and its activities in the area, including spending \$30 million on reclamation over the past 30 years, have resulted in less metals in the Animas basin than would have otherwise been the case” said Kevin Roach, reclamation operations manager of Sunnyside. “We are hoping that our remaining assets can be efficiently utilized in timely, proven and effective solutions to improve water quality rather than pointless studies or litigation.” EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has declared Superfund cleanups here and elsewhere to be a federal priority. Mining that began in the late 19th century, churning out minerals that propelled the United States as a rising world power, left tens of thousands of abandoned tunnels leaking acidic metals-laced water into Western watersheds. Every couple of weeks in Colorado, the equivalent of the Gold King spill happens again as thousands of gallons of the acid-metals mine water trickles into creeks where few fish or even aquatic bugs can survive. Sunnyside ran the last producing mine until 1991 in an area above Silverton riddled with underground tunnels. Until 2002, Sunnyside ran a water treatment plant below the Gold King Mine along Cement Creek that filtered contaminants from leaking old mines in the area. When Sunnyside fulfilled its legal obligations, Colorado Department of Natural Resources regulators let the company stop running the treatment plant. Sunnyside also had installed bulkhead plugs in their mine workings to back up millions of gallons of water inside the mountain. After the Gold King spill, Sunnyside officials agreed to cooperate with the EPA on investigation of contamination flowing into waterways from the Mayflower Mill tailings along the Animas River. But no cooperative deal was reached for investigation of the groundwater. “Conversation didn’t lead to a consent decree for investigation of the groundwater systems, so we are taking this step to issue the order,” Thomas said. “We anticipate hearing from Sunnyside within the next week or so.” EPA officials want Sunnyside to drill a well into the American Tunnel (Sunnyside owns part of it) and to test water from seeps on the other mountainsides. Drilling wells to study underground water flows typically ranks among the most expensive tasks in mine cleanups. This could cost Sunnyside millions of dollars. The order means that Sunnyside likely will have to present EPA officials with a work plan for investigating groundwater. The overall Superfund cleanup above tourism dependent Silverton remains in the study stages. “This groundwater system is very complicated,” Thomas said. “It is certainly true that the EPA and others have collected a lot of data to understand what happens on the surface,” she said. “But until we understand how water moves through the system, it won’t be possible for us to come up with a good, solid remediation plan.”

On 3-22-18, Sunnyside Corp. formally challenged the EPA order to pay for the investigation of underground water flows. Sunnyside has asked for a conference at which the company can ask the EPA to modify or revoke the order. No date has been set as yet for that conference. Again, Sunnyside does not own the Gold King Mine but has other property in the Superfund site. The EPA says previous work at a Sunnyside’s mine may have redirected wastewater that found its way into local rivers. Sunnyside says that that is not the case.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE:

Colorado State Lawmakers look to Prevent Future Mining Disasters: On 3-20-18, Colorado state lawmakers took a step toward preventing future mining disasters while acknowledging that contamination of waterways from old mining sites continues each day. They rolled out legislation, immediately opposed by industry that would require mining companies to make reclamation plans that include an end date for water treatment to remove pollution. Proponents say this would force a responsible assessment, before mining begins, of how best to minimize harm. The bill also would force companies to post better financial assurance to cover costs of cleanup. “Water is our most valuable resource. Protecting our water is always an effort we should undertake in the legislature,” said Rep. Dylan Roberts, D-Eagle, a bill sponsor. “This year, our water supply could be very scarce and making sure that water is clean is of huge importance. Colorado Mining Association President, Stan Dempsey said his organization will fight the bill. “We have been looking at it since September and it appears to be anti-mining,” Dempsey said. “It appears to be a bill designed to prohibit new mining in



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Colorado.” Neither state nor federal lawmakers have taken action to address the continuing incremental harm from hundreds of existing inactive mines around Colorado. Old mines discharge the equivalent of a Gold King Mine spill every couple of weeks. “This bill is an important, yet moderate, step forward in addressing Colorado’s mining woes. If it were to pass, there would certainly still be more work to do,” Conservation Colorado water advocate Kristen Green said. The CDPHE and the Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Reclamation and Safety currently oversee water treatment plants designed to run perpetually to reduce contamination. Annual costs to Colorado taxpayers for running one of those operations at the Summitville Mine along the Alamosa River headwaters, is expected to reach \$2.2 million starting in 2022. The bill also would require companies posting financial assurance bond money to include costs of protecting water.

PLP - March 2018 - We Have Some Big News!

PLP has a proposed small miner amendment to Federal Senate Bill (S 145) sponsored by Senator Dean Heller (R-NV). This small miner amendment, written by our legal researcher Clark Pearson, solves most of the small miner’s regulatory problems observed by PLP over the last 28 years. A tremendous amount of research and on the ground practical knowledge has gone into this amendment. This amendment was written by a working small miner to help all miners, big and small. It provides clear and concise regulatory certainty in dealing with all regulatory bodies the miner faces today. It places clear respect for the “Right of Self-Initiation” under the 1872 Mining Law grant and distinguishes certain permitting to be approved by operation of law, holding the agencies truly accountable to mitigation time limits. It sets straight, clarifies and solves sticking points that have caused years of litigation and grief to the mining community from the State and Federal levels and it does it all in only 5 pages! These 5 pages will remove massive amounts of red tape from the backs of small miners as well as big operators. This amendment addresses: NEPA, MSHA, casual use that does not require a NOI or PO, due process, Forest Service regulations, State regulations/opting out at the discretion of the miner, EAJA, mineral withdrawals, mitigation time limits/approval by operation of law, and undue regulatory interference by State agencies. PLP is presently seeking co-sponsors on the House and Senate side.

This small miner amendment is a must read and should go down as the most important piece of legislation to help the mining industry in a long, long time. It is available for viewing on PLP’s website at: www.publiclandsforthepeople.org. ICMJs Prospecting and Mining Journal also has it available for viewing and comment at: www.icmj.com and has been documenting our progress in Washington, D.C. The ICMJ has taken the lead to receive individual miner and mining association endorsements in support of the “Small Miner Amendment” on their Facebook page.

In March 2018, PLP hand delivered a request to a deputy director for administrator Scott Pruitt of the EPA signed by seven members of the Idaho State legislature in order to clear the controversy of what we perceive as unlawful NPDES permitting of suction dredgers in the United States. The progress is being extensively covered and documented by the Mining Journal and we hope to provide suction dredge miners tremendous relief soon

Wyoming Judge – Less Mining Must be Studied: A Cheyenne, Wyoming judge has ruled that the US government officials engaged in regional planning for an area that supplies 40 percent of the nation’s coal must consider reducing coal mining to fight climate change. The March 23rd ruling by US District Judge Brian Morris in Great Falls, Montana, applies to the Powder River Basin of Wyoming and Montana. Morris rejected US Bureau of Land Management officials’ argument that climate change could be addressed during evaluations of plans for individual mine expansions. The judge told the government and environmental groups to work together on additional planning for the top US coal-producing region. Environmentalists praised the ruling but Morris denied their request to halt mining.

Barrick Gold Founder Munk dies: On Mar. 24, in Toronto, Canada, Peter Munk, a Canadian immigrant who founded Barrick Gold and turned it into the world’s largest gold producer, passed away at the age of 90.

Mining News from around Colorado

2-20-18 ‘Gold Rush’ pulls up stakes in Park County: It’s been nearly two years since the reality show ‘Gold Rush’ roared into Park County, descending on an old dredge site near Fairplay with a small army of trucks, excavators and other mining equipment to mine for television gold, and a little bit of the real stuff, too. The show stirred up some trouble along the way, disturbing the peace and quiet of some neighbors and even leading to some gun play from a fed-up local. But it had its defenders, including the town mayor who said that the relationship with the show’s miners was ‘five star’. But now the crew is packing up and leaving Park County for good. Save South Park, the opposition movement which sprang up against them, isn’t going anywhere, galvanized by their struggle against the show to push for more oversight of



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mining. Save South Park members are still in a legal battle against the county over a re-zoning decision favorable to Gold Rush, which they fear will allow mining to continue after the show is long gone. *(via the Denver Post)*

2-22-18 **A Decimal to decide if Newmont gets the Gold Crown:** Gold geeks will have to wait for Newmont Mining Corp. to disclose just one more decimal place to see if it overtook Barrick Gold Corp. as the world's largest bullion producer. Greenwood Village based Newmont Mining said that it has produced 5.3 million ounces of gold last year, essentially tying the output of Toronto based Barrick Gold, which reported 5.32 million ounces of gold last year. Newmont is pursuing Greenfield Exploration around the world and has added production with nine mine expansions in five years, as well as the purchase of the Cripple Creek & Victor mine in Colorado. *(via the Denver Post who also reported on 2-23-18 that Newmont came in at 5.31 million ounces, just behind Barrick Gold)*

A Day of Fun on Clear Creek

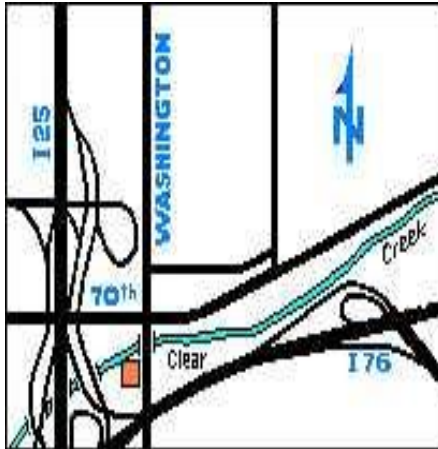
On Tuesday, March 6, Club members joined Gold Unlimited/Goldstrike Adventures folk to do a day on the creek with about 50 fourth graders from a school from Castlerock. The day started with a history lesson at Grant Frontier Park, located at Evans and Santa Fe, (the original Montana City site) conducted by Kevin Singel. The kids were then bussed down to Clear Creek on the site of Arapaho Bar, at 42ns and Youngfield, (the original site of Arapaho City) for another lesson on Colorado history. Then they were shown to the creek for a little gold panning and each kid was presented with their own gold pan and a vial, provided by Gold Unlimited, and they were introduced to the joys of panning for gold, which they got to keep. The material was dug on site, however, a little 'extra' of the yellow stuff was 'salted' into the tubs. Of course, when kids are having fun gold panning and knowing that they get to keep what they are finding, you can imagine how much more excited they got. They also enjoyed finding the garnets that Clear Creek is well known for. Big thanks to **Don Finley**, a partner in Gold unlimited and the owner of Goldstrike Adventures for hosting the event, and to **Kevin Singel** for sharing his historical mining knowledge with all the kids. Big appreciation also go to **Mary Roney, Mike Crumm, and Tony Gardner**, for all their help, and to GPR members **Bobby Manning, Roger Schlenger, and Frank Zahn** for donating their time to help with this event as well. **Pres. Long** managed to get a few photos during all the fun.



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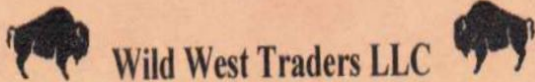


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