Soil Sampling

From a slide presentation by Assoc. Professor L. Graham Closs, PhD., Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, Colorado School of Mines, Boulder, Colorado
Transcribed by Paul Nagy, GPR General Meeting Recorder

Mining exploration is difficult because most of the earth's land surface is covered by soil. The purpose of soil sampling is to define what is in the underlying bedrock. Soil sampling is usually in the middle of the exploration cycle. In modern gold mining, the gold is in such tiny particles that they cannot even be seen, much less panned out. But soil samples, with proper analysis, can reveal clues to the location of large gold deposits.

Gold exploration in a region follows a progression of stream-sediment sampling to soil sampling to bedrock sampling. It starts with sampling stream beds because stream sediments represent a large area. You sample upstream, always looking for a higher gold concentration. If that shows promise, you start soil sampling around "hot" stream sample locations. All sample locations must be carefully marked and then plotted on your map. If the soil samples are encouraging, then you start digging to bedrock and sample that.

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All GPR meeting presentations and trip activities are subject to change. Non-club prospecting-related events may be included for your information. Members attending any trip activities are asked to be sure to sign up or contact the event coordinator prior to the activity to allow planning for an estimated number of people and so attendees may be contacted in the event of any change, cancellation, or rescheduling. For events added after the meeting, check the GPR website.

Please plan to arrive at panning demos one hour in advance of the start time.

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The depth of the soil sample is important! Soil is in layers called "horizons." Often there are three horizons, usually designated "A," "B," and "C," from the surface down. The A horizon has a lot of humus (topsoil). Below the humus is often a zone of leaching where rainwater, which has turned acid from the humus, leaches out the metals and other solubles. Then comes the B horizon where the metals accumulate. Often this is where you want to take your sample. Below this is the C horizon, which often has partly decomposed chunks of bedrock in it. But first dig a hole or trench large enough so that you can see what the soil profile looks like. It is obviously critical that all your samples come from the same horizon.

Soil sampling and geochemistry is of course a full-blown science, but it is not so technical that you cannot use it for hobby or weekend prospecting. In fact, it is doubtful if you will find a mine without it. For ten to twenty dollars you can have pretty good assays done for as many as thirty-five to forty separate metals (including gold and silver) from a single sample.

In summary, soil sampling is a method which can allow you to find the invisible.

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of the Month/Year Committee. This program will allow prospectors and detectorists to display items of interest they find while enjoying their hobby. Joe will present information and rules as they are developed. He will also need a volunteer to assist him with set up and maintaining a display table.

The Board has asked Matt Schreiner to develop and implement a vendor's policy and fee schedule. He will publish the policy when it is completed.

Thanks to Allen Mershon for finding such excellent speakers for our club meetings. Good job, Allen!

It was great to see Jackie Barker at the February meeting. Thanks for taking over the Refreshments Committee, Jackie; we will be looking for your newsletter articles.

Donna Mosteller has indicated we need to order more Club shirts and has suggested we look into other clothing items, also. If you have a suggestion for Club clothing items please give Donna or Matt Schreiner a note and they will check on availability and pricing then present the information to the Board.

Kathy Hawley, in her role as Drawings Committee Chairperson, has made some changes in our drawings program beginning with the March meeting. Look for details in her "From the Ledger" article in this newsletter. Speaking of Kathy, she has been thinking about some "special drawing" plans. I'm not sure what she has in mind but I'm thinking it will be worth the wait to find out.

Thanks for supporting me, the Board members, and the GPR! We couldn't do it without you!

Until next time: May the gold in your pan be worth the effort you put into finding it.

Board Member Brief
By Matt Schreiner

Hello GPR members! As a new board member I look forward to serving you in the upcoming year. My specific duty will be to oversee Vendors and the Club Store.

After much consideration, the Board had decided to implement a new vendor fee policy of $3.00 per meeting. Over the past few years there have been several vendor policies and fees, however the Board feels this new policy will alleviate any possible problems or discrepancies and help cover the increase in building use fees that are new this year. The new fee will go into effect at the June 15, 2005, meeting and is to be paid to the Treasurer before the vendor sets up a table.

If you are interested in being a vendor, or know someone who is, please contact me or another board member. We are happy to open our meetings to new vendors, however all vendors must be of a gold, prospecting or historical nature to keep inline with the purpose of the club. An additional note about the vendors; we request that sales and conversation be kept to a minimum before the meeting or at the break. We wish to limit any interruptions to our speakers or to the general meeting. The room and tables will be available at 6 p.m. to accommodate this.

Now is the time to get your supplies and equipment for the new season.
Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

Board Meeting
by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call
In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Matt Schreiner, Joe Johnston, Joe Shubert, Paul Nagy, Jim Jarnutowski, Cindy Douthard, Hank Innerfeld, Allen Mershon, Terry Weatherly.

Quorum Present?
Yes.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and Approval of Minutes
Read by Gary Hawley and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report
Accepted as read and available at tonight's general meeting.

Correspondence
Membership renewal.

Committee Reports
Reports: Presented and discussed.

Unfinished Business
Club Trommel. Allen Mershon. Ongoing. Discussion on donating the trommel to a mining museum. Contact will be made with museums and cost of moving it will be examined.

C.A.N.P.O. Hank Innerfeld. Ongoing
Vendor Fees. Matt Schreiner. New fee policy is being determined. Information will be published in the newsletter.

Find of the Month/Year Committee. Joe Johnston. Joe is preparing a proposal for Board consideration.

New Business
Club Trommel. Gary Hawley. Suggestion to give trommel to Colorado Museum of Mining in Colorado Springs. Need volunteer to contact museum. Jeff Mosteller will contact Gilpin County Museum.

Boy Scouts. Allen Mershon. Allen is checking into offering gold prospecting and panning instruction to the Boy Scouts in conjunction with their Environmental Sciences Merit Badge.

Planned Outings
Outings. Check the GPR Events Calendar in the newsletter.
Several outings are being planned. Panning demo dates and locations are being planned.

Announcements
Next Board Meetings: March 16, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.
Next General Meeting: March 16, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.
Tonight's general meeting program: "Soil Sampling" by L. Graham Closs, Ph.D.

Adjournment
Meeting stands adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

General Meeting
By Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

President Gary Hawley convenes meeting. Pledge of Allegiance led by Stephanie and Nathan Snapley.

Prez Hawley thanks new refreshment coordinators Jackie Barker and Michael Barker for a fine job on their first evening. Loud applause.

Treasurer's report given by Prez Hawley on behalf of Kathy Hawley.

Cindy Douthard gives the membership report: 121 single and family members, 7 guests.

Hank Innerfeld collects old cell phones to be contributed to a fund for a victim of Hodgkins Disease. He thanks all who contributed.

Gary Hawley announces that the Jefco commissioners want digging confined to the beds of streams. The banks of streams are to be left undisturbed. However, we have not yet been able to determine where the stream beds end and the banks begin. Until we can get stricter definitions of terms, we request, as we previously have, that digging avoid undercutting of roads and all other human structures, trees, bushes, boulders, steep slopes, and any other situations or conditions which would cause danger or damage. In return, we will, as always, abide by the club's Code of Ethics regarding the reclamation of all ground which we disturb, collection of trash (not merely our own), and the education of non-members regarding good stewardship of the public lands.

As always, we appreciate the indulgence of the Jefferson County Open-Space Committee in letting us pursue our program of family recreation and living history. Hawley reminds that Jefco open space extends up Clear Creek Canyon from Tunnel #1 to the Idaho Springs turnout. Be wary of long term roadside parking. You can be ticketed!

Two members of the Eureka Club announce a national metal detector hunt to be held near Central City in June. More than 10,000 silver coins will be buried for the first day of this three day affair. Information folders are available to all interested.

Club VP Jeff Mosteller showed the latest copy of Colorado Living magazine, where he is featured on the cover panning gold in Prospect Park. Jeff also gave a rundown of scheduled panning demos which so far include 12 events comprising 19 days. The first is on May 28.

Rick Miska gave the question of the month and later announced the correct answer and prize winners.

Gary Hawley announced new guidelines for vendors at club meetings which will be equitable for everyone. Starts in June.

Allen Mershon introduces the evening's speaker, Dr. L. Graham Closs, PhD, of the Colorado School of Mines, and his topic "Soil Sampling."

Prize drawings, including a 3.1 gram nugget!
Drawing Winners
By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings
3.1 gram nugget ................................................................. Will Cox
1.8 gram nugget ................................................................. LeRoy Lamgo
1.7 gram nugget ................................................................. Ed Finney
1.2 gram nugget ................................................................. Dick Oakes
1.1 gram nugget ................................................................. Marlin Wiedeman
0.9 gram nugget ................................................................. Don Dixon
0.8 gram nugget ................................................................. Larry Armstrong
0.7 gram nugget ................................................................. Gale Herbertson
0.6 gram nugget ................................................................. Mare Collum
0.5 gram nugget ................................................................. Ed Finney
0.4 gram nugget ................................................................. Larry Armstrong

Membership Drawing
0.3 gram nugget ................................................................. Peg Brozek

Door Prize Drawings
$20.00 .................................................................................. Naghan Snively
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)
Pen ...................................................................................... Ed Finney
(Donated by Hank Innerfeld)

Food for Thought
By Jackie Barker, Refreshments Coordinator

Michael and I would like to thank everyone for making us feel so welcomed. A very special thank you to Donna & Jeff Mosteller for their "above and beyond" help with getting us organized and set up.

We are looking forward to getting to know each of you. Thank you to LeRoy Lamgo for the cookies, Allen Mershon for the chocolate candy, Hank Innerfeld for the always popular banana bread, and Barbara Conte for her sausage kolaches.

I've been asked to remind everyone that you are welcome to bring snack type (those being the operative words) to share, but please give me a call before hand so I can plan accordingly.

Thanks again and we'll see you in March.
Jackie and Michael

February Birthdays
By Dick Oakes

The following GPR members were born in this month. Be sure to wish them Happy Birthday!

Sue Clover, Chuck Cummins, Wil Davis, Don Dixon, Rigger Hardendorf, Kathy Hawley, Jon Knight, Mary Lorenz, Roy Lynch, Mitchell McConnell, George Medich, Carol Oakes, Wallie Robinson, John Seymour, Linda Yeatrakis.

Q & A
By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

February, 2005
1. I was born in 1831 on an Ohio farm.
2. I helped lay out the structure of Omaha, Nebraska.
3. I wrote seventeen 1859 guidebooks to the goldfields.
4. I published Denver's first newspaper on April 23, 1859.
5. I died in 1903 and am buried in Fairmount Cemetery.

Question: Who am I?
Answer: William N. Byers.
Source: http://www.denvergov.org/AboutDenver/history_char_byers.asp

March, 2005
1. I was born in 1870 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
2. I graduated from medical school in 1897 from the University of Michigan.
3. I moved to Fraser, Colorado, in December of 1907.
4. I didn't let people in Fraser know at first that I was a doctor.
5. I was for some time the Coroner for Grand County.
6. I died in Denver in April, 16, 1960.
7. I was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame on October 9, 1997.

Question: Who am I?

From the Ledger
of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to LeRoy Lamgo for donating $20.00 and Hank Innerfeld for the pen for door prizes.

We are going to try something a little different with our drawings beginning with the March meeting. We are going to suspend the "door prize" drawing and focus more on the "Members Only" drawing. This will allow a better position to give back to the membership. So, be sure to have your membership up to date and wear your yellow badge to the meetings.

At the March meeting I will have Alaska gold for the drawings. We will give away a total of 11.9 grams of gold with the largest nugget being 2.7 grams. We will have 5 nuggets over 1 gram each. I will soon have the "unpleasant" task of selecting nuggets for future drawings. So, watch for an announcement in the next newsletter for the special drawing I have been promising.

So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and Good Luck!

It's 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
I intend to live forever -- so far, so good.

The Gold Nugget
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New Guide Lines For Central City

The first four people that are on site for an event in Central City that stay for the whole event and help with both set up and break down will get fed for that day. This is a goal I would like to reach; stuff happens.

Central City non-GPR events

- March 12, St. Patrick's day Parade
- May, Historic Church Tours (Steeple Chase)
- May 28, Gilpin County Museum opens up for season tours for Museum, Thomas House, and Opera House
- June 18, Hands on Gold Panning by Gilpin Museum
- Aug 27, Cemetery Crawl at I.O.O.F. Cemetery

Black Hawk News

I never thought I'd say this but we're going to get involved with Black Hawk this year. They have started to take notice of the small things that go on in Central City and want to have some of these things for themselves. Trouble is, they don't have any room in town. Seems someone might have noticed our little operation. Barbara Thielemann is working a space for us in the Black Hawk "Mother Load Rodeo" at the county fair grounds. More info on that later; should be fun.

Other Doings Around Town

- March 4, 5, 6. International Gem & Mineral Show, Denver Merchandise Mart, Pavilion Building, 451 E. 58th Ave., Fri. 12a to 6p, Sat. 10a to 6p, Sun. 11a to 5p (for information only).
- Wallie Robinson at Grubstake is working on something in Idaho Springs at the Argo Mine this year. More on that later but we think it will be May 29th.
- I'm sorry I forgot to bring the Scully Catalogs with me last month. For anyone who wants costume, I will have them with me this month.
- If you have not had a chance to join us on these demos, please make a little time this year to give it a try. You can wear a modern prospectors costume. These shows are a lot of fun and darn right informative to.

Short List of Set Events

- MAY 28, Main Street Central (no donation or food), this event is for the club's entry into Main Street Central "2005" roster, 11:00a to 4:00p
- JUN 4, Bellview Ministry's Frontier Days, 80th & Federal; "The Castle," 10:00a to 3:00p
- JUN 11 & 12, Central City Visitors Center, 11:00a to 4:00p
- JUN 18, Central City Lou Bunch Days, 11:00a to 4:00p (depending on weather or whether we can get a spot on street)
- JUN 19, Central City Visitors Center, 11:00a to 4:00p
- JUL 2, 3, & 4, Central City Freedom Fest, Visitors Center, 11:00a to 4:00p
- JUL 16 & 17, Central City Rhubarb Fest, Visitors Center, 11:00a to 4:00p
- JUL 30 & 31, Buffalo Bill Days, History Park in Golden, for Astor House, Sat. 10:00 to 4:30, Sun. 1:00p to 4:00p
- AUG 6, Lacer Society Renaissance, Marriott (unknown times and more on this as it becomes available)
- AUG 20 & 21, 1800's Days, History Park in Golden, for Astor House, 10:00a to 4:30p
- SEP 17 & 18, Black Hawk Mother Load Rodeo, Gilpin County Fairgrounds (times not set)
- OCT 1, Rock Ledge Ranch, Colorado Springs (times not set)

Until our streams cross once again, be careful out there.
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GOT STUFF? WANT STUFF? PUT YOUR AD HERE!
Members of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies are welcome to submit their personal classified ads about items wanted or for sale. Please give this section a bit of your time and consideration. It is quite possible that you can see that you have a limitless space to give your entire constabulary and only then can you give yourself. Dig?

KEENE DREDGE FOR SALE
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2 FAIRPLAY GOLD MINING CLAIMS FOR SALE
Each is 10 acres on Beaver Creek below Beaver Creek Park. Good access road, mineral rights only (on USFS land), "Golden Bridge" claim #251958. Asking $1,500 for both. Alan Hamaker, (303) 582-3144

2 CENTRAL CITY GOLD MINING PROPERTIES FOR SALE
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Civilization is in the process of removing natural instincts and replacing them with the worst ones. It’s an ill wind that shows no pretty knee caps. When you come to the end of a perfect day, don’t believe it. Nothing is perfect. Behind every successful man there’s a woman. Sometimes several. People who live in glass houses shouldn’t do anything. When you think you’re going down for the third time—just remember, you may have counted wrong. Don’t examine happiness too closely. It seldom makes sense.
Murphy's Other Laws
Submitted by LeRoy Lamgo

1. Everyone has a photographic memory; some don't have film.
2. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
3. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
4. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
5. Back up my hard drive? How do I put it in reverse?
6. I just got lost in thought; it was unfamiliar territory.
7. When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.
8. Seen it all, done it all. Can't remember most of it.
9. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
10. I feel like I'm parallel parked in a diagonal universe.
11. He's not dead; he's electroencephalographically challenged.
12. She's always late; in fact, her ancestors arrived on the Juneflower.
13. You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted and used against you.
14. I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
15. Honk if you love peace and quiet.
16. Pardon my driving, I'm reloading.
17. Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?
18. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
19. It is hard to understand how a cemetery can raise its burial costs and blame it on the higher cost of living.
20. Just remember, if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.
21. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.
22. You can't have everything; where would you put it?
23. The latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world population.
24. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
25. The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
26. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
27. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
28. The shibboleth is a device for finding furniture.
29. A fine is a tax for doing wrong; a tax is a fine for doing right.
30. It was recently discovered that research causes cancer in rats.
31. Everybody lies, but it doesn't matter since nobody listens.
32. I wish the buck stopped here, as I could use a few.
33. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
34. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.
35. Light travels faster than sound; this is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.