

GOLD PROSPECTORS OF THE ROCKIES

The Gold Nugget

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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

The weather is rapidly changing to temperatures that make gold prospecting an enjoyable activity. March and April are normally wet months and that allows for snow at any time. We need to be aware of weather forecasts and be prepared for changes.

Jeff Mosteller has several major panning demonstration dates set up for this



year. These events are ones we have done in the past and they bring the club the most contacts. This activity remains the most productive in introducing prospective new members to the GPR. Check with Jeff and volunteer for the days that fit your schedule.

Sue Lemieux has been confirmed to be a Board Member and will also be our Outings Coordinator. Sue and I have discussed several activities for

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings,

For those of you that are new to the club, I'd like to take a moment to discuss the Panning Demos. I would venture some of you here met with us at a demo somewhere, this is one of the various ways we grow our membership to the club and expand the hobby of small scale mining and prospecting.

The club, as a non profit organization feels strongly about



giving back to the community and this is one of the many ways we can establish that.

Mr. Ken Barker, one of the original members of the club, had a strong commitment to teach anybody willing to get their hands wet how to pan for gold. Along with a strong desire to help save a small community in the

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Join Us on the Third Wednesday! Lloyd G. Clements Community Center 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado (One block west of Wadsworth, then one block north of Colfax) 7:00 p.m. (Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.) Information: (303) 933-1147 <> ghawley1@juno.com Website: http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/

GPOR Website

If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website, you can contact the club webmaster at:

prospector@phantomranch.net

Dick will be happy to review any suggestions or comments you may have.



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members that would explore Colorado mining activities and allow everyone the chance to prospect and pan for gold.

The Board approved a mileage reimbursement for the Panning Demonstrations Committee Chairperson. This is to defray the cost of transporting the club trailer to club approved events.

Rick Miska is asking for member involvement in writing articles for the newsletter. He has several column headings in mind that would be an interesting addition to the newsletter. This is your opportunity to explore your writing skills and make a contribution to your club. Check page 4 of the February edition and get an article started.

Kathy Hawley said she is ready to give away those three special gold nuggets at the March meeting so you have one last chance to get some tickets to that drawing. Check out her article to see what other gold she has available.

The new acrylic ticket drum was a great help for the nugget drawings We were able to see the tickets as they turned and no tickets got stuck in a corner. I was happy with the way the door magnet held the door tight. No more picking the tickets up from the floor.

For those of you who are following the GPR Cache clues the March 15 meeting is a "Must Attend"! The clue that will be given then will narrow down your search area considerably.

Cindy Douthard is doing an excellent job as Membership Chairperson. Let's all help her by paying our dues on time. All dues are due in January.

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

Mining in the West. From Paul Nagy

February's program featured an interesting and informative film entitled "Mining in the West."

The miner was the pre-eminent character of manifest destiny and the European settlement of the Old West, not the fur trapper, rancher, or sod-buster. Beginning with the Spanish conquistadors, the lure of mining wealth spearheaded the exploration of the western wilderness. James Marshall's gold discovery at Sutter's Mill in 1848 triggered the California rush that sent 300,000 souls surging westward. Afterward most slowly drifted back east, so that the country was actually explored and trailblazed from west to east. These men were nearly all financially poorer, but richer in life experience, including mining and wilderness survival, and they had acquired a self-reliance and independent spirit. Their discoveries led to the great mining camps of the second half of the nineteenth century, such as the Comstock of Nevada, Virginia City of Montana, and, of course, our own Central City which spawned the Denver metropolitan area.

Gold was the initial mineral sought, but the search soon broadened to include silver, base metals, and coal. The last gold rush was at Goldfield, Nevada in 1905, a few years later than Colorado's Cripple Creek. Most mining camps were short-lived, but others lasted long enough for miners to bring or begin families. Many miners were imports from England and Ireland, and later from southern Europe. The early mining towns were comparable to eastern U.S. mill towns, with similar unhealthy and polluted conditions. Miners' pay was typically three or four times greater, but living costs were higher too. The mining towns tended to be law-abiding because justice was swift, although not nec-

GPR Events Calendar

Boy Scouts of America

Leadership Camp

Mar 11 2006

7:30a 4:30p

ClearCreek History Park

May 6 2006

9:00a 4:30p

Opening Day

Arvada Gold Strike Fest

June 10, 11

UNCONFERMED!!!

Central City

July 1, 2

10:00 a to 4:30p

Central City

July 15, 16

10:00 a to 4:30p

ClearCreek History Park

July 29, 30 (30th not confermed as of yet)

BB Days

9:00a 4:30p

ClearCreek History Park

Aug 19 & 20

Arts Fair

9:00a 4:30p

Central City

Sept. 2, 3

10:00 a to 4:30p

Mother Load Rodeo

Gilpin County

Aug 26, 27

(times to be set later)

essarily fair. Sadly, the same prejudices existed too. Racism, sexism, and xenophobic suspicion prevailed and there was a disregard of native Indian land rights.

The film's scene then shifts to today's mining. Modern mining is as high tech as any other industry. Cybernetics and information technology increasingly abound. Most mining now is surface rather than underground. Gigantic robotic equipment, operated from remote locations by highly educated technicians dominate the field. Current ore grades are so low that the host rocks were once considered useless. Using modern reclamation techniques, mined lands are routinely left in a better condition than originally found.

If you live in a brick or stucco house, then three-quarters of the weight of that house is material that has been dug from the earth. But if you live in a wood frame house, then still two-thirds of the weight of that house is mined material. The building where you work is probably nearly all mined material; ditto the streets, sidewalks, bridges, and parking lots. Mining as much as anything has given us our high standard of living and status as a world super-power!



Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

GPR General Meeting Notes 15 February 2006 Paul Nagy

- 7:09 President Gary Hawley calls meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dakotah Intriglia.
- 7:10 Treasurer's report by Gary Hawley for Kathy Hawley. We have bought additional gold for prizes. We have a new acrylic raffle drum which will be fair to all and lucky for some.
- 7:12 Membership report by Cindy Douthard: 118 individual and family memberships, one guest present, Peter Stanich, who became a member. Peter heard of the club at a panning demo. 'Way to go! Welcome, Peter!
- 7:14 Report by VP Jeff Mosteller. The panning demo at the Douglas County branch library grand opening was pretty well swamped with 500 attendees. They squeezed into our corner as best they could. Thanks to all who helped. In regards to parking in Clear Creek Canyon, Colorado DOT owns the right-of-way and calls the shots. The current stringent parking rules were in response to long term squatters who were a nuisance. Always park in the direction of traffic. We have been asked for input on possible parking areas. Your suggestions are welcome. We have a new deal for panning demos in Central City. Our fee has been raised to a suitable level and we are getting some billboard acknowledgement, too. So far we have three or four events scheduled for 2006. Next is March 11, at the Boy Scouts of America Leadership Council. We expect 500 attendees. These are not boy scouts but leaders who need to be checked out on panning. It will be busy! Help us if you can.
- 7:26 Gary Hawley reports that we have club activities planned for the first Saturday of each month. They are all family type activities, mine and museum tours and outings. Later there may be Wyoming tours.
- 7:35 Rick Miska asks the question of the month and later awards prizes for the winners.
- 7:37 Gary Hawley gives the clue for the hidden cache.
- 7:38 The results of the survey by events coordinators Sue Lemieux and Jim Intriglia are available.
- 7:40 Recess.
- 8:00 The evening's program, a film entitled "Mining in the West," from the Museum of Mining and History.
- 8:30 Prize drawings including a 2.7 gram nugget. Also, members only tickets, antique bottles from the Central City dump contributed by Jim Intriglia and gold contributed by Allen Mershon.
- 8:53 Finds of the month announcements.
- 8:57 Adjourn meeting.

Gold Prospectors of the Rockies Board meeting of January 18, 2006

Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and approval of minutes. Read by Gary Hawley.

Corrections: None.

Approved as read/corrected? Yes

Treasurer's Report. Read by Gary Hawley.

Questions: None. Accepted? Yes.

Correspondence. Membership renewals and returned newsletters.

Committee Reports: Read by Gary Halwey.

Unfinished Business: Club Trammel – Gary Hawley. Allen Mershon will contact several museums in an attempt to give the trammel away.

Volunteer Recognition – Jeff Mosteller. Jeff presented a draft of rules to identify qualifications.

Finalize mileage reimbursement – Jeff Mosteller. After Board discussion, Gary Hawley made the following motion: Whereas the Panning Demonstrations Committee Chairperson is directed to store, maintain and deliver the club trailer, it is in the best interest of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies club to reimburse the Chairperson for mileage for the use of their personal vehicle for these events. The reimbursement amount, which may be reviewed yearly, will be \$.45 per mile for mileage used in 2005 payable in 2006.

Calendars - Donna Mosteller. Continue

New Business: Jim Intriglia will not be able to continue as a Board Member however, he will be available to assist with outings. Sue Lemieux will assume the duties as Outings Coordinator. Need Board approval for this change. – Gary Hawley. Board approved.

Planned outings for the first Saturday of each month – Gary Hawley. Gary suggested outings be planned for the first Saturday of each month. Gary will contact Sue Lemieux with some suggestions. Sue will need to coordinate dates with Jeff

Mosteller so there will be no conflict with panning demos.

Jefferson County Open Space and CDOT – Jeff Mosteller. Jeff read a letter from Colleen Gadd that explained some proposed parking changes in Clear Creek Canyon.

Cindy Douthard will e-mail membership rosters to Board members who have internet capability.

Planned Outings: March 11 – Panning training for Boy Scout leaders.

Newsletter Article Submission Deadline: March 3rd.

Announcements: Next board meeting: March 15, 2006, at 6:00 P M

Next general meeting: March 15, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program: A video from the club library. Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 7:07 P.M.



2006 Newsletter Article Submission Deadlines

Please submit your newsletter articles to Rick Miska at:

Goldhunter@Ricksthings.com

January 4th February 6th March 3rd April 7th May 5th June 9th July 7th August 4th

September 8th October 6th

November 3rd

December 8th

Exceptions to these dates can only be made by Gary Hawley and/or Rick Miska.

OUTSIDE COLORADO (continued from page 1, selling gold)

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By Shirley Weilnau Q&A Coordinator

March 2006

Some of you may think that this month's question is too easy. Don't be fooled! You may be surprised by the answer. I will bring my source for your inspection.

Who made the first recorded discovery of gold in Colorado?

For fun: Where was the discovery made, and where was it recorded?

Find of the Month

By Joe Johnston, Find of the Month/Year Coordinator

Best Bottle DaKotah Intriglia - Flask (fifth) with stopper

Best Jewelry no entries

Largest Raw Gold no entries

Most Raw Gold no entries

Most Unique (Excavated) DaKotah Intriglia - bottle; Hires Household Extract - Mfg By The Charles E. Hires Co. - For Home Use - Philadelphia, PA USA

Most Unique (Non-Excavated) Joe Johnston - 3 Wheat Cents (1957-D, 1947-D, 1958-D)

Most Valuable U.S Coin Joe Johnston - 1942-S silver nickel (AKA War Nickel) and Diane McCarroll - 1939 Wheat Penny

Oldest U.S. Coin Larry Weilnau - 1936-S Buffalo nickel (found in change)

Congratulations to this months winners, be sure to save your FOM winning items for entry in the Find Of the Year (FOY) competition in December. Finds made from the end of the February meeting to the time of the March meeting are eligible for entry in the March FOM program. Bring your best finds, and we'll see you at the next meeting.

From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to Leroy Lamgo, Hank Innerfeld, Allen Mershon and Jim Intriglia for the members only drawing prizes.

We will continue to sell tickets for the "Special Drawing Nuggets" at the March meeting. We have a 12.7 gram California nugget, an 11.5 gram nugget from Australia and a 12.3 gram nugget from Siberia. They are all beauties. 3 lucky people will go home with them after the March meeting.

At the March meeting we will give away 13.9 grams of gold with 5 nuggets being 1.0 grams or larger. The largest nugget will be 2.7 grams.

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

Food for Thought

Thanks to Hank Innerfield for the Rasberry Crumble he brought, although we really missed his Banana Bread!! Thank you to LeRoy Lamgo for the Valentine cookies and to Allen Mershon for the Girl Scout cookies. Everything was delicicious. Michael and I will see you all in March. I'll leave you with these words of wisdom: "Never eat more then you can lift" - Miss Piggy. Jackie and Michael

2006 GPR Officers and Board Members

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|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Vice-President | | Jeff Mosteller |
| Treasurer | | Kathy Hawley |
| 2-Year Board Member | Hank Innerfled | (elected 2005) |
| 2-Year Board Member | Joe Johnston | (elected 2005) |
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| 1-Year Board Member | | Cindy Douthard |
| 1-Year Board Member | | Jim Intriglia |
| 1-Year Board Member | | Allen Mershon |
| 1-Year Board Member | D | onna Mosteller |
| 1-Year Board Member | | Paul Nagy |
| 1-Year Board Member | T | erry Weatherly |



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foothills struggling with financial wows, Ken was also fond of the town of Central City and was glad they did not go the way of Black Hawk who, as some of us believe, have lost their historical roots to Colorado. (I remember driving up Gregory Street and down Main St. back in 1999, and I could count all the open businesses on less than one hand).

When Donna and I joined the club in 2000 we started going to the panning demos with Ken who was at that time coordinating the shows and every other weekend we were in front of the Visitors Center in Central City and the tourists loved it, they still do. We (Donna and I) kind of get into the costuming as well as others in the group, it's what most of our venue coordinators thinks helps draw the crowds that we do, the more we draw the more money they make. Over the years of doing the demos in Central City it's been great to see them coming back to life. I'd like to think that we had a small roll to play in that. For Donna and myself, the biggest fun we have is watching the children's eyes light up when they see the gold coming up in their pans for the first time. We even run into them on the rivers from time to time and they tell us it's all our faults they are standing in the creek with their own small vile of gold in hand.

I want to stress it is not necessary to dress up in costume to do this, we need modern prospectors to. Many of our venues have different things happening around them and it's a lot of fun checking those things out as well. The more participation we can get from the club members the easier it is for folks to get away from the booth to go wandering about.

For those of you that are brand new to Prospecting what better way to learn the most important craft involved with Gold Recovery. If you get near anyone that is involved with the demos I guarantee you, you will learn how to pan for gold with the proficiency to teach others. There are lots of good tips on Prospecting and a lot of Colorado's rich mining history you might pick up on as well.

Back in the time, the old guys would get together for a little recreation and they would compete against one another to see who could pan down a pile of concentrates fastest and who could keep the most amount of gold in their pans. As things progressed there have been panning contests in all the mining territories every year. A National Panning contest is held right here in Breckenridge Colorado.

You could get that good, we have three Colorado champions involved in the demos and they will teach you their secrets if you ask them to. Please be an active part of your club and donate some time to us in these demos. I don't care if it's 1 hour, half a day, of all the times and dates we have on our calendar. It's a great way to meet other members of the club and to share in the vast knowledge they have to offer

Our calendars are almost set for the year you can get a copy of these dates and times in the newsletter and on line at the website.

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Thank you for your time, Jeff Mosteller

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Send in your comments, letters, articles, concerns, and suggestions for publication in this newsletter. Please try to keep the subject in line with things related to what our club is about. Articles should be submitted to Rick Miska at the meeting or goldhunter@ricksthings.com

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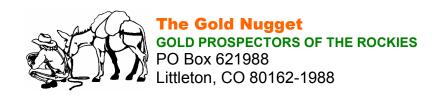
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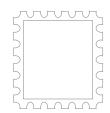
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