The Prez Sez by, Gary Hawley

December is a challenging month for gold prospecting. Cold temperatures and snow can make it uncomfortable but if you dress appropriately, and be aware of weather changes, you can still have several good days of prospecting.

The November meeting was well attended and everyone got to meet the nominees for club board positions. And the winners are:

President – Aaron Ingalls
Vice President – Allen Mershon
Secretary/Treasurer – Robert Larson

Two year board members:
- Rob Deschambault
- Joe Johnson
- Joe Shubert (one year remaining)

One year board members:
- Sue Lemieux
- James Long
- Jon Weir
- Leanne Larson
- Terry Weatherly
- Joe Fortunato

Immediate Past President (New position)
- Gary Hawley

Congratulations to the winners and thanks for stepping forward and accepting these important positions. Your dedication to the Gold Prospectors of Rockies is appreciated.

Thanks to Kathy Hawley, Paul Nagy, Mike Barker, Jeff Mosteller, Andy Doll and Henry Chambless for their services as past board members. Your efforts, ideas, and professionalism have helped make this club the positive force that it is today.

Thanks to Joe Shubert, our elections chairman, for the time and effort he puts into making sure our elections run smoothly. This year we had more nominees for offices than any other year that I can remember. Joe did an excellent job of keeping track of everything and preparing all the necessary paperwork. His efforts are appreciated.

President-elect Aaron Ingalls officially takes office January 1, 2009. I will be spending some time with him to help make the transition go smoothly. I am sure Aaron would appreciate any help and support that you can give him.

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Board Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2008

**GPR Board Members**
Gold Prospectors of the Rockies

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**President**
Gary Hawley

**Vice President**
Allen Mershon

**Treasurer**
Kathy Hawley

**2 Year Board Members**
Robert Deschambault (Elected 2007)
Joe Johnston (Elected 2007)
Joe Shubert (Elected 2008)

**1 Year Board Members**
Paul Nagy
Sue Lemieux
Mike Barker
Arron英格尔斯
Jeff Mosteller
Andy Doll
Henry Chambless

**Correspondence.**
One membership application.

**Committee Reports:**
No reports.

**Unfinished Business:**
Cache Creek – Gary Hawley. Revisit club directive generated at the August 20 Board Meeting and presented at the General Membership Meeting August 20: If a member observes a problem in that area, report it to the proper authority. Do not confront anyone. This will be revisited again at the November Board meeting. This needs to be visited again at a later Board meeting.

**New Business:**
Some discussion on transitioning to new President and Board Members after tonight’s election.

**Planned Outings:**
No outings planned for the remainder of 2008.

Prospecting outings to consider for 2009 included: Point Bar, Cache Creek, Roscoe Placer and areas along Clear Creek.

Discussion of tours to consider for 2009 included: Hidee Mine tour

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General Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2008

GPR
General Meeting Notes
Clements Center
Lakewood, CO
19 Nov 2008
Paul Nagy,
General Meeting Recorder

7:05 Meeting called to order by President Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance.

7:06 Membership report by Jackie Barker. 130 regular memberships, one visitor: Patti Steven Welcome!

7:09 Introduction of candidates for club office.

7:16 Voting begins (by ballot).

7:21 Joe Shubert explains the rules for the Ken Barker Award.

7:22 Gary Hawley and memories of Ken Barker and the gold panning demonstrations.

7:29 Ken Barker Award voting (by ballot).

7:48 Ian Duncanson and the Question of the Month.

7:50 Don Bray and his “mystery mineral.”

7:51 Hank Innerfeld with info on a dowsing workshop. Fliers available.

7:52 Joe Shubert with last call for ballots.

7:53 Aaron Ingalls and the clue for the Hidden Cache.

7:54 Prez Hawley reminds that Cache Creek area closes in a few days. Last chance ’til next year.

7:55 Gold prices discussion.

8:00 Recess.

8:20 Answer to Question of the Month.

8:22 Mystery mineral answer.

8:23 Joe Johnston and Finds of the Month.

8:25 Leslie Schomer offers panning lessons for new members.

8:30 Prize drawings, then adjourn.

Board
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Announcements:
Next board meeting January 21, 2009, at 6:00 P.M.

Christmas Pot Luck: December 17, 2008, at 6:00 P.M.

Tonight’s general meeting program:
Club elections.
Deadline for newsletter article: Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Adjournment:
Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

From the Ledger of, Kathy Hawley
Treasurer / Secretary

I want to thank Don Bray and Jim Long for their donations for the Members Only drawing. Because our December meeting is our Christmas party, we will not be having a nugget drawing. However, I will be giving away the 18.5 gram Australian nugget that you have been buying tickets for.

I haven’t gotten it completely cleared with Santa Gary yet but there may be a few Christmas presents available for those prospectors who have been nice (not naughty) this year.

So this time I can say, come prepared to enjoy some great food and great friends!
Prez

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Now would be a good time to volunteer to help your club.

December 17 will be our annual Christmas potluck dinner. There will be no board meeting. Bring a covered dish, salad, dessert or whatever you wish. The club will provide paper plates, napkins, plastic ware and soft drinks. Please mark your dishes and serving spoons for easy identification. We will begin eating at 6:00 PM so please arrive a few minutes early to help with setting up the meeting room. Kathy will be giving away the big gold nugget she has been teasing you with for the past several months and there may be a few special gifts given away, also. Some lucky club member will also receive the Ken Barker award. It should be a fun evening for everyone.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Membership dues are due!

It is time to renew your club membership.

We have been working to have all memberships come due in January. It just makes things easier for the membership chairperson, the treasurer and the members. So, check the address label on your newsletter and you will find your membership renewal date under your name. If the date is 01/01/09 then your dues are due on or before that date.

Membership renewal fees are $30. Please send a check in that amount to: Gold Prospectors of the Rockies, PO box 621988, Littleton, CO 80162-1988.

Something new for 2009: membership ID cards with the club logo! When your membership dues are paid you will receive a new wallet card that identifies you as a member of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies.

To the audience of,
Gold Prospector's of the Rockies

'Tis the Season and the final issue of, The Gold Nugget for 2008. It has been a pleasure to serve you the past 14 issues of the newsletter. After working out many "bugs", such as platform differences between the club president and myself with our laptops and computers; working back and forth on different versions of software and general items that have come and gone. We finally made it work!

I want to thank each of you for your kind patience during the development of the new layout and for your submissions to the Your Write column – a new addition to the newsletter designed for all members to contribute and share stories and experiences prospecting.

Some of you figured out that Gary Hawley and I are related. I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to you – Pop. I have greatly enjoyed working together on the newsletter. We have always worked well together.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully,
And thank you,
Keith R. Hawley
Graphic Designer
Find of the YEAR (FOM /FOY ) 2008

**December 2007,** January & February 2008

**FOM Winners**

**Best Jewelry**
Susan Duncanson – silver charm

**Largest Raw Gold**
Rick LaCombe – Arizona flake gold

**Most Raw Gold**
Joe Fortunato – Clear Creek gold .1 g

**Most Valuable U.S. Coin**
Joe Fortunato – 1978 Ike dollar from playground

**Oldest Coin**
Donovan Green – 1939 nickel

**Most Unique (Non-Excavated)**
Don Dixon – bronze token, Sloan’s Lake

**April FOM winners**

**Best Bottle**
Joe Johnston – 1950’s cosmetic bottle

**Best Jewelry**
John R. Adams – dime store diamond ring

**Most Raw Gold**
William Gale Herbertson – junk stuff

**Most Valuable U.S. Coin**
John R. Adams – 1946-D Washington quarter

**Oldest Coin**
John R. Adams – 1924 Mercury dime

**May FOM winners**

**Most Unique (Non-Excavated)**
Ian Duncanson – 2 oz. Brass weight

**Best Bottle**
John Adams – late 1800’s fraternal Button, Select Knights

**Best Jewelry**
Joe Johnston – Modern dian head penny

**Most Unique (Non-Excavated)**
Leslie Schomer – crystal specimens from Creede, CO

**Most Unique (Excavated)**
Joe DeHerrera - 5¢ Trade token, Scotchman – Denver

**June FOM winners**

**Best Bottle**
Joe DeHerrera – Bicentennial Pepsi bottle

**Best Jewelry**
Joe DeHerrera – Sterling Silver Pegasus

**Largest Raw Gold**
Randy Archer – point bar & Downtown Boulder flakes

**Most Raw Gold**
Randy Archer – Point Bar & downtown Boulder gold .3g

**Most Valuable U.S. Coin**
Joe DeHerrera – 1920-D mercury dime & 1944-S war nickel

**Oldest Coin**
Joe DeHerrera – 1914-S cent

**Most Unique (Excavated)**
Joe Johnston – kid’s toy

**March FOM winners**

**Best Jewelry**
Susan Duncanson – silver ring

**Largest Raw Gold**
Susan Duncanson – gold picker found in garnet vial

**Most Raw Gold**
Joe Fortunato – Clear Creek gold flakes < 0.1 g

**Most Valuable U.S. Coin**
Brandon Luchtenburg – 1776-1976 Bicentennial Dollar

**Oldest Coin**
Joe DeHerrera – 1897 Irish coin

**Coca Cola bottle, non-refundable imported from Mexico**

**Best Jewelry**
Don Luchtenburg – Diamond whites Gold Stick pin c: 1840

**Most Valuable U.S. Coin**
Joe DeHerrera – 1920-D mercury dime & 1944-S war nickel

**Oldest Coin**
Joe DeHerrera – 1914-S cent

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“What have you been doing?”
Where did you prospect last summer?
What did you find?
What kind of equipment did/do you use?
How did/do you research your location?
Did you file any claims?
What would you have done/do differently?
Did you take any pictures?
Answer any or all of these questions in an article about your prospecting experiences from recent times and sent it to:

PLEASE Respond
Keith Hawley
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GPR Newsletter
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FOM/FOY
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Most Unique (Excavated)
July FOM winners
Best Bottle
Joe Johnston – old bottle neck
Best Jewelry
Joe DeHerrera – Gold & diamond ring
Largest Raw Gold
Joe Fortunato – Lake county gold (0.1g) Allen Mershon – Alma County (2.1g)
Most Raw Gold
Henry Chambless – Cache Creek gold (6.3g)
Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Joe Johnston – 1937 dime, E. Denver
Oldest Coin
Joe DeHerrera – 1889 Liberty dime, Washington Park
Most Unique (Non-Excavated)
Brandon – 2 solder top cans
Most Unique (Excavated)
Don Dixon – Champion spark plug (very old)
August FOM winners
Best Bottle
Les Smith – shoe polish bottle
Largest Raw Gold
Randy Archer – Faith Creek, Alaska
Most Raw Gold
Randy Archer – Faith Creek, Alaska & Left-hand Canyon, Colorado
Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Gary Hawley – 1942 D walking liberty half dollar
Oldest Coin
Joe Fortunato – 1909 Barger dime
Most Unique (Non-Excavated)
John Radams – Colo. Sales tax token
Most Unique (Excavated)
John Radams – race car
September FOM winners
Best Jewelry
Susan Duncanson – green broach
Most Raw Gold
Chuck Cown – Cache Creek gold
Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Joe Johnston – 2001 dime
Oldest Coin
Joe Johnston – 1982 copper penny
Most Unique (Non-Excavated)
Joe Johnston – pyrite & copper ore sample
Most Unique (Excavated)
Brad Edwards – part of military stove circa 1862
October FOM winners
Largest Raw Gold
Joe Fortunato – 1.6 grams flake gold
Most Raw Gold
Joe Fortunato – raw gold 6.8 grams
Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Donovan Green – 1942-S war nickel (35% silver)
Oldest Coin
Brad Edwards – 1913 Barber dime
Most Unique (Non-Excavated)
Joe Johnston – shot up Black Powder can, North Park, Colo.
Most Unique (Excavated)
Joe Johnston – 2013 unfired cartridges, North Park, Colo.
November FOM winners
Best Bottle
Bev Sharpley – purple Witch Hazel
Best Jewelry
Joe DeHerrera – 10K gold ring in City Park
Most Raw Gold
Joe Fortunato – Lower Creek gold
Oldest Coin
Joe DeHerrera – fake 1878 dollar coin in old East Denver house
Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Bev Sharpley – 1978 CC Morgan Dollar
Most Unique (Non-Excavated)
Gale Herbertson – silver, gold, & copper ore samples
Most Unique (Excavated)
Joe DeHerrera – $2.50 token for Gold-N-Detectors found in City Park
Congratulations, be sure to bring your FOM winning items for entry in the Find of the Year (FOY) competition in December.
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