

## The Prez Sez by Gary Hawley

Our speaker at the February meeting, Mr. John Steinle, Director of the Hiwan Heritage Museum in Evergreen, presented a very informative talk on the Colorado gold rush and the mining towns of Jefferson County. Thanks John for a delightful presentation.

**Colleen Gadd**, Supervisor of the Jefferson County Open Space Rangers, **will be our speaker at the March 17 meeting**. We have had a great working relationship with Jeffco Open Space and Ms Gadd for several years. She will be discussing rules and regulations that we need to know about prospecting in Clear Creek Canyon. She will be first in the program so be sure to arrive early.

I asked Kathy to select a nice nugget for the Members Only Special Nugget Drawing and she did a great job. The 14.8 gram beauty would look great in anybody's collection. Look for her article for details about the nugget. I do need to clarify the ticket process for this nugget; I just got too excited about it and left out some details that new members asked about. First, you need to be a member to buy tickets for this nugget. That's why it is important to wear your badge to the meetings. Technically: no badge – no ticket. Secondly: the drawing committee determines the price of tickets. Third; the tickets are two-part. Print your name and phone number on one part and place it in the special drawing container. Keep the other part; it is your "proof-of-purchase". Lastly: when enough tickets are sold to cover the purchase price of the nugget, plus a little, we will draw the name of a lucky winner.

Thanks to all who came to the meeting in February. It is wonderful to see such a big turnout and positive support for the GPR.

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

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## The V.P. Corner by Jim Long

I hope that everyone has had a good month since we were together last.

As I reported last month, there are some changes down at the Point Bar location (downstream from Salida) on the Arkansas River. The Texan has filed three claims in the immediate area between Woody's claim and the GPAA Point Bar claim. I will have copies of the new BLM map at the March meeting for everyone to review. It appears that there is one small area where you might access water, but any digging on his claim could result in prosecution so please be wary and informed.

The BLM has changed the procedures at Cache Creek, which is an unpatented claim open to the general public. This year, there will be a check-in and a check-out procedure at the gate. When you sign in, one copy goes in the registration box and the other goes in your pocket. Do not misplace it or you could get a citation (that is a summons resulting in possible monetary loss to you). This is all due to continual abuse and misuse of the site by selfish and irresponsible prospectors. You cannot use anything larger than 5hp and a permit (separate from an Arkansas River permit) is required for any dredging or highbanking. Panning or sluicing is still free, thank goodness, so far. The permits for both Cache Creek and Point Bar can be obtained at the BLM Office in Canon City or Salida and run about 25 or 50 dollars. You are limited to no more than 14 days (total year use) at Cache Creek. The phone # for the Salida Office is 719-539-7289 and the Canon City Office is 719-269-8500.

The latest news on the California issue and their SB670 is as follows: There are currently five lawsuits filed in an attempt to overturn the bill. Public Lands for the People filed one of them. These lawsuits are prohibitively costly but PLP is in it for the big fight. The process may take quite a while so if you are a dredger, you should be concerned. If you have extra dollars, think about PLP because they are fighting your fight. This fight basically affects all of us prospectors, professional and recreational alike. The USFS is currently not taking any action against prospectors for now who may choose to ignore/violate the law. Nobody seems to know where this issue is headed but we certainly hope that there is no fallout here in Colorado, although as we are all too keenly aware, there certainly will be eventually. You can search the internet to get more information on this issue. You should also check out Public Lands for the People (PLP) at [plp2.org](http://plp2.org) for further information on how our mining interests are being attacked almost daily.

**At the March meeting, I am happy to announce that Colleen Gadd, the Trails Supervisor of the Jefferson County Parks Open Spaces Rangers, will be speaking on the rules and regulations of the Open Spaces and Clear Creek** as it applies to the small scale prospector.

It has been a lot colder lately and the ground has a lot of white on it. That makes it harder to metal detect or to pan. So if you go, pay heed to changing weather conditions, dress warmly and appropriately, keep your chin up, and may the bottom of your pan turn bright with that 'Yaller Gold'!

## From the Ledger Of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer/Secretary

Thanks to Leroy Lamgo, and J.J. Long for the donations for the members only drawing.

We will give away a total of 5.3 grams of gold at the March meeting. 1 nugget, from Nevada, will be 1.9 grams. The remaining nuggets we will be giving away are from Canon Creek Alaska.

At the February meeting we began selling tickets for a special nugget. The nugget weighs 14.8 grams; it is from the Dungen Mining District of Nevada. This drawing is for club members only, tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 tickets for \$5.00. It will be a few months until we give the nugget away.

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



## Board Meeting Minutes for Feb 2010 Meeting

Roll Call: Attending

X	Gary Hawley	X	Rob Deschambault	X	Terry Weatherly	X	Susan Duncanson
	James Long	X	Sue Lemieux	X	Joe Fortunato	X	Joe Johnston
X	Don Bray	X	Joe Shubert	X	Andy Doll		Aaron Ingalls

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Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 5:05 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 Kathy Hawley.

Questions: None. Accepted? Yes.

Correspondence. Membership renewals.

Committee Reports: Membership - Susan Duncanson

1. How were the "dots" perceived? Well received. Question: Where did the dots come from?

Ans: Mike Hurtado purchased them from someone he knows. They are vinyl and not available at office supply stores.

2. Suggestions on "new member package". Working on it.

3. Follow up on getting dues paid. Waiting until after tonight's meeting.

Newsletter – Andy Doll

1. Update on (Lornet) website. Lornet has located a problem at their end. They are looking for a patch to fix it.

2. Newsletter information: 3 members have paid for hard-copy newsletters. 10 members have not updated their email addresses.

3. May we use your home for the Board meeting in March? Yes.

4. 97,232 hits on our website.

Unfinished Business: Jim Long – Update on tri-fold and other advertisements. Tri-folds are completed. Rob will get copies tonight.

Joe Johnston – Dates for metal detecting outings. Working on it.

New Business:

Planned Outings: Golden History Museum tour – Sat. Feb 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Announcements: Next board meeting: March 17, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Next general meeting: March 17, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: Mr. John Stinle, Director of Hiwan Heritage Museum in Evergreen speaks on the gold rush as it related to Jefferson County.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

### QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is Creede's motto?

### Fun Facts about Gold by Jim Long

The top 10 mistakes that people make when buying gold:

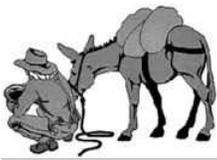
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| 1. Looking for a cheap price!            | 5. Lack of education.                         | 9. Owning gold stock or EFT's instead of the Physical metal. |
| 2. Dealing with multiple dealers.        | 6. Not understanding premiums over Gold Spot. | 10. Buying bullion instead of Rare Certified Gold.           |
| 3. Having short term expectations.       | 7. Knowing how much to invest.                |  |
| 4. Basing gold markets on stock markets. | 8. Not understanding gold's value.            |  |

The top 10 things that gold dealers DON'T want you to know:

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| 1. How dealers make money buying gold from you. | 7. How to make money selling your coins.                                   |
| 2. The value of History.                        | 8. Which coins go up in value the fastest?                                 |
| 3. The value of Supply.                         | 9. The difference between common date, semi-rare date and rare date coins. |
| 4. The value of Condition.                      | 10. Why the age of a coin does not determine its rarity.                   |
| 5. The value of a reputable Grading Company.    |  |
| 6. Dealer mark ups.                             |  |

Making just 1 of any one of these mistakes can potentially cost you thousands of dollars. Educating yourself before you buy or sell gold will allow you to move with confidence and avoid the nightmare stories we have all heard about buying and selling gold.

If you have a jeweler that you truly know and trust, you may wish to discuss your gold options, for purchase or sale, with him/her to find the best going rate and/or deal for yourself. If you don't have one now, maybe you better go find one!!



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### General Meeting Minutes for Feb 2010 Meeting

President Gary Hawley called the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M. Gary led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary turned the meeting over to vice President Jim Long for the introduction of tonight's guest speaker.

Jim introduced John Steinle from the Hiwan Homestead Museum in Evergreen, CO. The title of John's program, for tonight, is "Ghost Towns of Jefferson County, Colorado."

John introduced his program with a brief synopsis of the beginnings of the 1859 John ended his presentation with a request that we each consider participation with local museums or historic preservation projects in our own communities. Jim presented John with a gold nugget and complimentary one-year club membership in appreciation for his program presentation.

Gary asked Mike Hurtado for this evening's membership report. Mike reported that tonight; club membership's stand at 144, visitors are 10 and meeting attendees are 64 with 6 new members signed up tonight. New members' tags are now ready for pickup.

Gary and Kathy Hawley explained the acquisition of some new club drawing gold nuggets from Nevada. They also introduced a 14.8-gram Nevada nugget for the next "Members Only Drawing". This nugget comes from the Sunrise Mine near Winnemucca, NV. Tickets for this drawing are available, beginning tonight, 7 tickets for \$5.00.

Today's metal prices were noted as follows: Gold \$1104.70 per oz, silver \$15.84 per oz, Platinum \$1529.00 per oz. and Palladium \$434.00 per oz.

Gary and Robert Deschambault announced two new store items for sale tonight. There are several small and medium sized "Endangered Species" tee shirts for sale at \$2.00 each. Also some reprints of Ben Parker's book titled "Gold Panning and Placing in Colorado" for sale at \$12.00 each.

Gary asked Sue Lemieux make her announcements, her comments are as follows:

- Sue has a list of geological centered events coming up in metro area: lectures, museum programs trips, rock shows and luncheons. The list is on the front table for your perusal at the break.
- Sue has scheduled a trip to the Golden History Center (formerly known as the Pioneer History Museum) in Golden. The trip is this Saturday (2/27/2010) meet at the museum at 9:45 A.M. A sign up sheet will be on the front table at the break.
- Sue announced the availability of Golden Cupcake Awards for, birthdays in, the month of February. Those claiming Golden Cupcakes were: Suzy Riley, Peg Brozen, Don Fling, Andy Doll and Jim Anders.
- Clue Sue Lemieux read the GPR Cache Clue, #5.

Gary stated that Hank Innerfeld has a workshop, on dowsing, coming up Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. See Hank for details and signup, at the break.

Gary announced that the website is still having problems with newsletter access. He suggested that downloading the new version of Adobe Reader might help with your access problems.

Gary asked Ian Duncanson to announce his "Question of the Month". The question is: "The founder of Creede, CO, Nicholas Creede developed what mine? Or what was the main feature of that mine?" either answer is acceptable.

Gary announced a break for refreshments at 8:05.

Gary reconvened the meeting at 8:18 P.M. Gary talked briefly about the access to Clear Creek at Tymkovitch Meats and some panning advice.

Ian announced the acceptable answers to the "Question of the Month" as being either "Holy Moses" or "Amethyst Vein". Eighteen winning tickets were given out for correct answers.

Gary led a discussion, with Joe Johnson and Don Bray, on the new BLM procedures for this summers access to the Point Bar and Cache Creek. Highlights are as follows:

- Access to water at the BLM Point Bar claim is restricted due to three new unpatented private claims being filed since last summer.
- Cache Creek mining and camping access is limited to maximum 14 days this season. A system of daily check-in tickets will be used to monitor your visits. Highbanker application fees have been raised form \$25.00 to \$30.00 for this season.
- Refer to BLM Royal Gorge Field Office website for maps, more details and updates.

Gary thanked the refreshments committee for their fine work.

Gary, Kathy, Chuck and Jim conducted the members only and the club nugget drawings. Six member's prizes and eight nuggets were won tonight.

Gary announced the next general meeting on March 17, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Submitted by: Don Bray, Recorder

### From The STG (The Snack Table Guy) Roger Bire

To GPR members,

Thanks to everyone who has brought goodies for the snack table. All have been delicious and appreciated. Thanks to Brandon Luchtenburg and Phil Huff for their assistance is setting up and taking down the snack table for the last several months. I greatly appreciate the help and it shows that you are willing to pitch in and make the GPR a success. To the other members: thanks in advance for remembering the donation can when you visit the snack table. Without it there would be no coffee, sodas, cups, etc. See you at the next meeting.



**Sue's Sluice Box**

These items are available for purchase at the monthly meetings.

**GPR STORE PRICES**

"Old" Blue Hats	\$2.00	<b><u>Denim Long Sleeve Shirts</u></b>	<b><u>Polo Knit Shirts</u></b>	<b><u>Fleece Vests</u></b>
"New" Black Hats	\$15.00	Small	Medium	Medium
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		4XLarge		
		5XLarge		

**Horace Austin Warner Tabor** by Jim Long

Horace Tabor played a very diverse role in the gold and silver booms of early Colorado. There exist many autobiographies of the man and his many financial interests, his divorce and subsequent relationship with the famous 'Baby Doe', but I won't get into all of that in this short piece. We will just take a brief look at the man's roots and how he got where he did.

Horace Tabor was originally from Vermont where he grew up and then traveled to Maine where he became a stonemason for a time. He was a dirt farmer in Kansas for 3 years when he decided to pull up stakes and head to Colorado and the Gold Fields in the spring of 1859. With his young wife Augusta and his sixteen month old son, he arrived at Clear Creek and prospected in Central City and Idaho Springs. His wife sold milk and cream and did laundry, sewed, and cooked for the men to make ends meet while Tabor dug for gold. Winter drove them to Denver but returned to Idaho Springs in the spring, he found his claims had been jumped. So he pulled stakes and headed to Oro City taking 2 long months to get there.

He found a spot at the upper end of California Gulch that was open and staked his claim. Since Augusta was the only respectable woman around and Tabor had slaughtered his oxen upon arrival and sold the meat to the grateful miners, the men built Tabor a fairly comfortable cabin for his family. Tabor hired 6 men to help him with his claim, paying them a dollar a day in gold dust. Their daily efforts of sluicing netted him 4 spoonfuls of gold dust daily which was about 4 ounces or about \$50 a day. Minus expenses and wages, he netted about \$42 a day plus whatever Augusta managed to earn. By September, Tabor had washed about \$5,000 in gold. Not bad, but a lot of hard work for what he got at the price of \$12.50 to \$20 an ounce.

Tabor realized that when the gold boom dimmed, there were still diehards that needed access to supplies and such and he opened a store which Augusta ran while he mined. Sure enough, the gold rush was pretty much over in 3 short years, so Tabor moved to Fairplay and reopened his store, doing fairly well until returning to Oro City in 1868, believing in a new boom as a result of hard rock mining, but alas, his prospects did not work out. By now, his resources amounted to about \$35,000.00. In 1878, Tabor, the Leadville storekeeper, grubstaked 2 prospectors for \$17 worth of supplies. The prospectors staked the Little Pittsburg Mine and began hardrocking. After a total of \$64 investment and 25 feet down, they struck paydirt resulting in ore that contained 50% lead and 300 ounces of silver per ton. Tabor netted 2000 ounces of silver a day. The new era of Silver Mining had arrived and Tabor was on his way to wealth. Tabor then bought a 'salted' nearby mine for \$10,000 and hired a crew to dig deeper. After a mere 10 feet, they struck lead silver ore that resulted in another \$1.5 million in profit for Tabor over the next year.

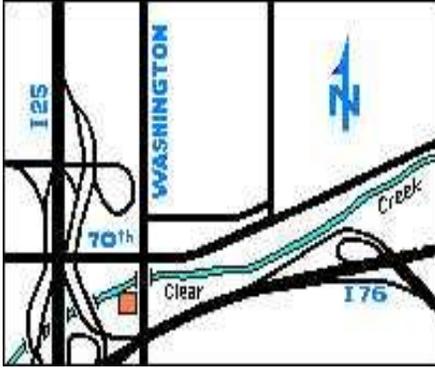
A short 2 years later, in 1880, Tabor bought his first solely owned mine, the Matchless. When he brought it into production, the Matchless provided Tabor with \$2,000 a day and its best ore assayed to 10,000 ounces of silver per ton. As a result, Tabor became synonymous with silver and Leadville. He became a millionaire several times over and built the current Tabor Hotel and Tabor Opera House which can still be seen today in Leadville. Following a national scandal over the divorce of his wife Augusta and marriage to Baby Doe, Tabor went on to become Colorado's Lieutenant Governor and a US Senator.

However, the resulting silver panic of 1893 resulting in Tabor losing much of his fortune and he eventually died in poverty in Denver in 1899. But Leadville lived on, somewhat worse for the wear, but surviving until being reborn with the Molybdenum boom, but, that is another story.



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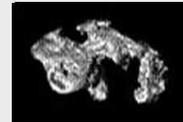
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### Coming Announcements and Special Events for April 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 April Fools Day! Only Kidding	2	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8	9 USGS Free GPS, Map, and Compass Class	10 Advert/Article Copy Deadline
11	12	13	14	15 Income Taxes Due	16	17
18	19	20	21 GPR Club Meeting	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Arbor Day	