

THE GOLD NUGGET

Oct 2019

Don't forget to bring your carved pumpkin (mining theme) to the October Meeting. Top three carvings will win a prize!!!

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



Where Fall is upon us in all its color and splendor!!! That means it is time to get everything ready for old man winter that is rumored to be knocking at the door any second and that he may be a little angry this year. Montana just got 2 feet of snow in their mountains on the last day of September. So it is time to start getting everything cleaned up and winterized and ready to be put away for next year. Of course, our metal detectors, pans and sluices are ready to go 24/7 and require very little maintenance.

We just finished the month with a massive volunteer project with Jefferson County up in Clear Creek Canyon Open Space Park. There were 480 volunteers who performed trash cleanup along the highway and creek side along with a few erosion control projects and a couple of habitat restoration projects as well. Our Club members participated and did our fair share and I thank everyone who participated and refer to the article further in the Newsletter for additional details. There are many stakeholders who have a viable interest in the Canyon other than just the small-scale miners. There are rafting and boating groups, hiking and climbing groups, geologists, historians, hikers, bikers, photography groups, wildlife enthusiasts, fishermen, and the list goes on and on. A great many of these groups provided people for this project. CDOT even shut down Hwy 6 from Golden at the intersection of Colo. 93 all the way up the Canyon to the stop light at Colo. 119 from 6:30 am until 1 pm to ensure the safety of everyone involved. The mounds of trash were absolutely huge and I rue that I failed to get a photo of some of them, but in my self-defense, I was tired and sore and in a hurry to get back down the Canyon to the after event celebration in Golden where the Club had agreed to provide a panning demonstration booth for the festivity attendees. And that went very well as there were many folks who stopped by to see what we were all about. There was music, free bbq and free beer (I even enjoyed a local craft beer myself) for everyone. Overall, it was a great day!!!

Part of small-scale mining today involves getting involved in projects and undertakings such as this one. Even if we don't participate in one of the organized events, we can always do our individual part and make sure that we always carry a trash bag with us and help to leave wherever we are, better than when we got there. The Club did a spring cleanup at the Blackhawk location in Lake Gulch where we hold prospecting outings all year long. We took out a ton of trash at that time. And I know that some of you pick stuff up every time we go up there, and that is what it is all about. Making the planet a little better and a little cleaner than it is. It is amazing how much trash mankind generates in a day, and even worse, when you see the results of carelessness that is left uncontrolled over a longer period of time. My sister in law lives on Oahu in Hawaii and occasionally sends me pictures of what she and some of her friends cleanup on the beaches over there when they go for their daily walks. Granted, a lot of that stuff washes up from other places than Hawaii, but the amount of it is staggering to see. And the effect that it is having on our wildlife as well as flora is very discouraging as well. We all have to do a little more and care a little more if anything is ever going to change. This problem is not somebody else's problem. We each have to own our own part of it and do what we can, individually or in groups when possible, if we ever hope to see improvements.

I am a firm believer that bringing back the old depression era CCC Camps would help in this regard. If you are too young to know what those were, you need to bone up on the term on your modern 'Google'. We as a society, made a difference back then, and great things were accomplished. But we got away from them and now there seems to be no interest in restoring them, but I think it would be a good way to get some things done. Too bad we can't make participation is something like that mandatory like Israel does with their military. Talk about making a difference, just imagine what we as a people could get done by working together like that. The good thing about it is that nearly everyone of all sex and ages could do something for the whole and good. It would be public service at its finest!!

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



Hello again fellow prospectors. Another month is in the books. I can't believe that October is here and that only three months remain in 2019. I have said the same thing for the last few years, and this year is no different for me. It seems like the first three or four months pass at a normal pace. After that, things seem to speed up significantly, and before I know it, here we are in October!!! I hope that everyone enjoyed the September program. It shed some light on a different approach to finding gold, and I hope that it got a few of our members interested in “electronic prospecting”. I mentioned in the last month's newsletter, that there just aren't that many videos on nugget hunting in Colorado. I was curious to find out if the video was one that I had seen before. I was surprised, that it was one I had not seen before!! On the other hand, the video made in Nevada, was one that I have watched many times. It is loaded with valuable information for anyone that is interested in finding gold with a metal detector. I have been watching “Two Toes” videos for some time now, and they are loaded with tips and advice about a variety of prospecting methods. I have never met the guy that makes the videos (Gary Honan), but I enjoy the easygoing style he uses to get his point across. He is not just a “nugget hunter”, he is a multi-talented gold prospector, and is a great source of knowledge in many aspects of gold recovery. I would encourage our members to follow him on UTUBE, you can subscribe to his channel and get notifications when he releases a new video. Don't be surprised if you see more of “Two Toes” in the future. I believe that President Long is impressed with him as well. He almost always manages to find some gold, and if you are like me, you never get tired of seeing the gold that is recovered. Watching other prospectors getting out and finding gold always gets me fired up about getting out there and finding some gold. While I am on the subject of getting out and finding gold, it looks like I will be heading for Nevada two days after our October gold club meeting. I am going to meet up with my friend Ken on the 19th, and spend six or seven days chasing gold using metal detectors. The long-range weather forecast looks good and I just hope that it stays that way while we are there!! We will hit some of our proven spots, but we have plans to try out some new ground as well. I will report our results in the November Newsletter, I hope that I have something positive to tell all of you!! That pretty much wraps things up for now. So, until 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 Joe Kafka



The October Meeting will feature a nine (9) nugget giveaway of which the largest nugget will be 2.6 grams. The Club remains in the black and members may request to see the financial report at any time, which I have at my desk in the back. Hope to see you all there at the meeting!!

GPR 2020 Officers Elections

By Joe Shubert

It is that time of the year for elections. Many of us on the board have had the office for 8 or more years and all have said they will run again this year for office. You can run for any office that you qualify for if you want to. President and Vice President require that you have been a Board Member or a Committee Chairperson to run. You can nominate someone for an office only if that person gives their OK, or you can nominate yourself.

I will have nomination forms at the October meeting. I will take nominations at the October Meeting or up until one week before the November meeting (Nov 20). If you want to nominate someone or yourself after the meeting, you can email me at jstwiggy@msn.com.

Board Meeting Minutes From Sept 2019

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

Quorum Present: Yes



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Call to Order by: Pres Long at 6:02pm.

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

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

Correspondence: 3 phone calls, 16 e-mails, 1 mailings.

Webmaster: Total Hits 155063 Hits for last 2 month 195.

Committee Reports: Elections are coming up. The entire Board will re-run for 2020.

The Ken Barker Award nominees will also be due next month.

Unfinished Business:

- Discuss the JeffCo Project for Sept. 28 in Clear Creek Canyon.
- Discuss the Arvada Trails Project for trail access and improvement.
- Discussed the order for the Ultraviolet lights and the dealer raised the price again, so we cancelled the order and will return everyone's money.

New Business: None at this time.

Planned Outings for 2019: Outing Schedule completed and issued to membership in Feb. Newsletter.

- Sept. 21 Sat **Prospecting Outing** at Blackhawk.
- Sept. 28 Sat **National Outdoors Day** Trash cleanup in Clear Creek Canyon, 8a til 1p.
- Oct. 16 Wed **Pumpkin Carving Contest** to be conducted at general meeting, prizes to be awarded to top 3.

From the Board:

- Pres. Long discussed the prospecting outing of Aug. 17 in Blackhawk, which went very well.
- Club picnic of Aug. 24 had a light turnout but weather was great.
- Hylands Ranch Panning Demo went great with lots of helpers.
- The Board discussed the upcoming elections and the entire Board has committed to rerun for 2020.
- This will be Pres. Long's last year.
- There was nothing further added by the rest of the Board.

Additional Announcements: Next Board Meeting: Oct. 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Next General Meeting: Oct. 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Tonight's general meeting program: We will be having a video presentation on Metal Detecting in Colorado and in Nevada and BM J. Fortunato will also have a display of metal detectors and gold in back of room for break discussion.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:48 pm.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is the fear of GOLD called?

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Joe Fortunato

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Joe Kafka

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Joe Shubert (2018)

1 Year Board Members

Andy Doll

Brandon Luchtenburg

John Johnson II

Bobby Manning

Chris Kafka

Mike Stevens

Past President

Gary Hawley

General Meeting Minutes From Sept 2019

1. Meeting was **opened at 7:02 pm** by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then announced that the evening Program would feature a two video presentation on Metal Detecting for Gold, the first one in Colorado and the second one in Nevada.
3. **Pres. Long** then gave the Metals Report: Gold 1493.90, Silver 17.93, Platinum 929.00, Palladium 1566.00 Rhodium 4500.00.
4. **Web hits** for last month was 195.
5. **Treasurer Joe Kafka** reports that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. We have a new 'Special Nugget' so be sure to buy lots of tickets. It is a beautiful specimen from Australia. Also, don't forget to buy tickets for tonight's 9 nuggets drawing, the largest being 2.4 grams.
6. **Dan McConnell** reported from the Membership Table that we had 90 members in attendance. There were 2 guests present. The total meeting attendance was 92.



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7. **Pres. Long** read the 'Question of the Month', which was "**Which is false about 100% pure gold. This kind of gold can be molded with: A hammer, chisel, by hand, wooded mallet, roller, melt and pour, hydraulic press, rocks???** The winners will receive an extra ticket to the gold nugget drawings later.
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, 2019. 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. Only finds found within the last 30 days may be submitted.
9. **John Johnson** presented the membership with the '**Cache**' **Clue # 3**.
10. **Pres. Long** advised that the Club Store had numerous items for sale. Be sure to drop by at the break and support your Club by buying something. We always have a supply of gold bags for sale as well. They are one of the best in town!
11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership that the next Outings are as follow:
 - Sept. 21 Sat **Prospecting Outing #6**, Blackhawk, 9am;
 - Sept. 28 Sat **National Outdoors Day**, Assist JeffCo with trash cleanup in Clear Creek Canyon from 8a til 1p.
 - Oct. 16 Wed **Pumpkin Carving Contest** at gen. mtg., prized to be awarded to top 3 carvings.
12. **Pres. Long** advised that:
 - The Club picnic of Aug. 24 had a light turnout but the weather was great.
 - The Hylands Ranch Panning Demo of Sept. 5,6,7 went very well with some 1200 kids from 22 schools.
 - The October Arapaho County Fall Festival Panning Demo has been cancelled
 - **Pres. Long** reminded everyone to check pamphlets at the front desk during the break and to vote for the finds of the month, return any items checked out from the Club Library.
 - There was nothing additional of note added from the Floor.
13. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:17 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:35 pm.
14. **Pres. Long** announced the winners of the '**Question of the Month**'. The answer was, "...'**All means can be used!!** There were 14 winners who received their extra drawing ticket for the gold drawing.
15. **Pres. Long** announced the winners for the '**Finds of the Month**'. Those were:
 - **Best Coin** – **Dennis Perederin** with a 1945 penny he found metal detecting near Cherry Creek State park, Colorado.
 - **Best Jewelry** – **Dennis Perederin** with a silver ring he found metal detecting near Cherry Creek State Park, Colorado.
 - **Best Mineral** – **Mike Hurtado** with a geode he found near Fort Hayes, South Dakota.
 - **Best Artifact** – **Mike Hurtado** with an old shovel he found metal detecting near Brighton, Colorado.
 - **Best Bottle** – There was no entry for this category this month.
 - **Most Raw Gold** – **Robert Ahr** with .4 grams of gold that he found near Blackhawk, Colorado.
 - **Largest Raw Gold** – **Robert Mahoney** with a one grain piece of gold he found in Clear Creek, Colorado

Winners will now need to save their items for the Find of the Year to be held in November 2019.

16. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, John Olson, Gordon Smith and Pres. Long**, followed by drawings for the 16 door prizes and 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 **Joe Kafka and Chuck Cown**.
17. **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.
18. **Pres. Long** thanked **Greg and Nancy Knerl** 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.
19. **The September Meeting Program** will be a video presentation to be determined. 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'!



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20. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

A Miner's Laugh

A nun, badly needing the use of a restroom, walked into a local Hooters. The place was hopping with music and loud conversation and every once in a while 'the lights would turn off.' Each time the lights would go out, the place would erupt in laughter and cheers. However, when the revelers saw the nun, the place went dead silent. She walked up to the bartender, and old retired miner, and asked, 'May I please use the restroom?' The bartender replied, 'Sure, but I should warn that there is a statue of a naked man in there wearing only a fig leaf.' 'Well, in that case, I'll just look the other way,' said the nun. So the old miner showed her to the back of the restaurant. After a few minutes, she came back out and the whole place stopped just long enough to give the nun a very loud round of applause. She approached the bartender and said, 'Sir, I don't understand, why did they applaud for me just because I went to the restroom?' 'Well maam, now they know that you are one of us,' said the old miner. 'Would you care to have a drink maam?' 'No, thank you, but I still don't understand,' said the puzzled nun. 'Well, you see,' replied the old miner, 'every time someone lifts the fig leaf on that statue, the lights automatically go out. Now, how about that drink?'



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

The finds of the Month Sept 2019:

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Best Jewelry – Dennis Perederin with a silver ring he found metal detecting near Cherry Creek State Park, Colorado.

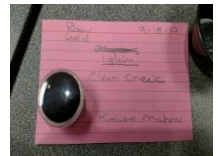
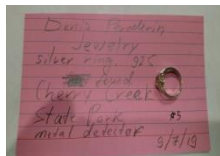
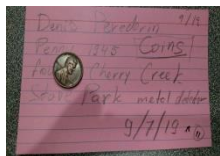
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Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the membership each month. We would like to know what everyone else is finding so don't be bashful. Winners each month will have their names published in the Newsletter. There are seven (7) categories to choose from when entering. Winners of the monthly judging will need to save and return with their winning find next November 2019, when the Finds of the Year will be judged. **DON'T FORGET SAVE THEM!!!!**

Hylands Ranch Festival Panning Demo

On September 5, 6, and 7, the Club attended the Hylands Ranch Festival at the Hylands Ranch Mansion at 9900 S. Ranch Rd. in Hylands Ranch. Thursday and Friday were for the school kids and we had 22 Douglas County schools bring an estimated 1200 second, third and fifth grade students out to the activities. There are all kinds of vendors at the festival to include a petting zoo, blacksmith, chuck wagon, pony rides, horse drawn wagon, bee keepers, Indian dancing, Indian fried pan bread, a trapper, music instrument demonstrations and a whole bunch of others to include our own gold panning booth. Of course, many of the kids look forward to the gold panning and we are one of the first booths they all want to come to and see. The whole event is lots of fun. Many thanks to the Club volunteers who made this year's event so successful, to include **Carl Adams, Margaret Bermudez, Mike Hurtado, Hank Innerfeld, Joe Kafka, Jack Meineke, Angelina Yen** and **Frank Zahn**. Pres. Long did get a few photos:



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2019 Prospecting Outing #6

Club members gathered again on September 21 for our monthly sojourn up on the mountain in Lake Gulch near Blackhawk. The weather was once again excellent and all the diggers had a good time. Everyone is still finding a little gold and some, of course, do a little better than others. It seems by now that we have a fairly steady group of attendees at this function and they have all pretty much established their own dig areas. We still manage to get the new folks who have never been up there onto productive spots of their own as well. We don't know how the weather will be in October so this may well be our last outing of the year. We did the final high banking at the Grubstaker Claim on North Clear Creek as a wildfire had Clear Creek Canyon closed for the day. Pres. Long took a few photos of all the fun:



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)

Sept. 4 – Montana Mines buoy Firm beset by deaths, strikes in South Africa: After a prolonged strike and a string of workplace fatalities in South Africa, executives at Sibanye-Stillwater are leaning heavily on its Montana platinum mines to turn things around at one of the world's largest precious metals mining companies. The firm posted a \$19 million loss for the first half of 2019 driven largely by a five month strike at its South Africa gold mines that resulted in \$193 million in costs and lost revenues. Twenty four employees lost their lives last year, drawing scrutiny from Industry Regulators. The Montana mines are expected to add an additional 300 new workers and support staff by the end of 2021 as digging enters into new areas. Eventually, the Montana project is expected to increase to over 3000 employees and will increase production by about 70% compared to just two years ago. The South African mines are prone to earthquakes and other problems and are extremely deep. There have only been 2 deaths so far in 2019 and it is a high risk environment. The Montana holdings are expected to produce more than \$200 million for the company in just the first half of 2019. Current high metal prices are helping to blunt the impact of the gold miner's strike that ended last April.

Sept. 15 – Solid Gold Toilet stolen from Churchill's birthplace: A solid gold toilet that was part of an art exhibit, was stolen Saturday from the home in England where British wartime leader Winston Churchill was born. The toilet, valued at \$1.25 million dollars, was the work of Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan. It was installed two days earlier at Blenheim Palace, west of London, after being shown to appreciative audiences at a museum in New York. Police said the toilet was taken by thieves who used at least two vehicles. Because it had been connected to the palace's plumbing systems, police said the toilet's removal caused 'significant damage and flooding' to the building.

Trash Cleanup of Clear Creek Canyon Park

Club volunteers joined forces with many others on September 28 in a massive project sponsored by Jefferson County Open Spaces to provide trash cleanup as well as erosion control and habitat restoration to the Clear Creek Canyon Park. Colorado Highway 6 was closed by CDOT from Hwy 93 in Golden to Hwy 119 South of Blackhawk in order for the work



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crews to spread out and get the job done in the Canyon. The closure took place from 7am until 1300 pm in order to get the work done. This may well have been the largest community volunteer project ever undertaken by Jefferson County. There were a total of some 480 volunteers who participated in the event. The canyon was broken into 12 zones to cover the 14 mile length. Most of our people were in zone 5. I failed to get a photo of some of the trash piles but it was a lot. JeffCo did not have a tonnage at press time but I should have the numbers at the meeting. After the project was completed, everyone returned to Golden to the Human Services building at 900 Jefferson County Parkway to participate in a barbeque and there were many vendors who set up to help celebrate the event. The Club did provide a panning booth to demonstrate gold panning to those interested attendees. We participated in the after event that had about 15 total vendors, some selling t-shirts and such and others just giving stuff away. There were door prizes and music for the attendees to enjoy. There are many different stakeholders involved in seeing that Clear Creek Canyon is maintained as it is, to include small scale gold mining. We have long worked with Jefferson County to preserve the history and cultural importance of mining in the Canyon. Fortunately, this partnership with Jefferson County has been a fruitful and rewarding one and it remains open to small scale gold mining for the foreseeable future. This Club played a very large role in securing that agreement and in establishing the working rules and regulations for mining in the Canyon, which are in existence today. We do not want that to change. Many thanks to all of those who came out and participated in this event, to include Jack Meineke, Angelina Yen, Steve Barritt, Wendy and Gary Hamilton, Bobby Manning, Brandon Luchtenburg, Andy Doll, Kevin Single, Steve Pott, Joe Johnston, Kathy Lemuel, Mike Stevens, Mike Hurtado, Joe Kafka, Maria Hinson, Greg Knerl, Dennis Perederin, Robert Mahoney and Butch Mathison, and please know that your efforts were truly appreciated by Jefferson County Open Spaces and many, many others. It was a good day to be in gold country...!! Pres. Long and Maria Hinson took a few photos of the happenings.



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Coming Announcements and Special Events for Nov 2019

(**WMMI** - Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(<https://www.wmmi.org/>) (Free to GPR Member with badge)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 GPR Metal; Detecting Outing
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10 Marine Corps Birthday	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 GPR Club Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30