

THE GOLD NUGGET

October 2025



The Prez Sez..! by Bobby Manning

Our September 27 Outing had a good number of people who came out and I hope everyone found some gold! Many thanks to Kevin Singel for hosting the Club on his claim on the Blue River in Silverthorne. It was a lot of fun. October is the month that we need nominations for three board members. Roger Schlenger, Bill Manning, Joe Kafka, The Treasurer, and your President have all announced that they are stepping down. So, The Club **NEEDS YOUR HELP TO FILL THESE POSITIONS!** Without a president and a treasurer, we are not going to have a club, so please help me figure out how to do this! Bring your nomination to the OCTOBER meeting. I will be talking to the board on the main part of this as well and I hope to have some part figured out in time for the meeting. **And since this is October, I need everyone to bring your best pumpkin carving related to gold.** Those carvings will be voted on by the members and next month, I will also have a sign-up sheet for the Christmas dinner. I will need to know what the membership would like to have this year, either Ham, Turkey, or Smoked Roast. I can do any of the three choices! SO, please keep a SMILE on your face, cause a frown makes you upside down. Keep your pan up and fill it with gold! See everyone at the meeting on the 15th at 7:00 Pm

Vice President's Corner! by Kevin Singel



Our September prospecting outing to my claim on the Blue River, the Lucky Goose, was even better than I hoped! We had 16 vehicles show up with well over 20 people. All sorts of experience levels and all sorts of equipment too! The river was low so access was good and the day was beautiful. I'd like to thank everyone who helped with brush removal for parking, helping others get set up, etc, etc. What a great group! I'm excited to see the gold people found. Hopefully the "finds table" will have lots of gold this month. I know one person found a picker!

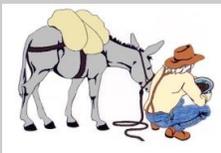
I'm also excited about next month because we have another great speaker lined up. Mark Hanson, author of the newly released book "Tarryall Gold" will be talking about the gold rush in the Tarryall District of Park County. This area is just north of US-285 and a bit east of Fairplay and Como if you haven't heard of it. Should be a fascinating presentation. I'm planning on bringing some extra money to buy his book; maybe you should too! Either way, I hope to see you there! Until then, find some time to spend an hour, or a day, prospecting and Find Your Gold! Photos by Kevin Singel



From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by John Johnson



We had a decent turnout for the September meeting. We gave away lots of gold nuggets and other door prizes as well. Be sure to buy your gold nugget drawing tickets as well as your 50/50 tickets. We also have a new 'Special Prize' to give away so be sure to buy your tickets for this upcoming giveaway as well. If you have any door prizes you would wish to donate to the Club Door Prize coffers, be sure and bring those to me as well. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting. See you all there!!



Board Meeting Minutes from sept 11, 2025 via Zoom

x	Bobby Manning	x	Mike Stevens	x	Andy Doll		John Johnson
x	Gordon Smith	x	Kevin Singel	x	Robert Ahr	x	Joe Kafka
x	Gary Hamilton	x	Erik Van Halle		Bill Manning		
x	Joe Johnston						

Quorum Present: _Y

Call to Order by: _Pres Manning at
__7:31pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Corrections: _None_ Approved as
read/corrected: _Moved: J. Kafka; 2nd: M.
Stevens_.

Treasurer's Report: Questions: _Several
open__ Approved: _Tabled until October
Board meeting

Correspondence: phone calls _0_ emails _3_ mail _0_.

Webmaster: Total hits __169034_ Hits in last 30 days _317_.

Committee Reports:

- Panning: Demo at Arapahoe Cty. Fair Oct. 18/19. 9a.m. to 3 p.m. They require insurance but have agreed to let us be covered by their policy.
- Nominating: Asking for folks to step up at the meeting next week and get nominated for the elections in November. President Manning will be stepping down.
- Finds of the Month: met at the Pirates Hunt last month to discuss path forward to streamline the FOM and come up with better defined categories. Volunteers from membership will be asked to step up and be on this committee. When their work is done, changes will be presented for a vote of the membership.
- Ken Barker Award: three candidates are on the list. A vote of the board will take place soon.
- Outings Committee tasked with getting outings planned before the end of this year so they can be posted in the Club newsletter in plenty of time for folks to plan.

Unfinished Business: Still working on rescheduling the metal detecting outing to the ghost town of Caribou that was canceled last month.

New Business:

- Board member Smith won't be at the September meeting. Yvonne Smith will take the meeting minutes.
- Board member Ahr won't be at the October meeting. Joe Kafka will run the Finds of the Month table.

Planned Outings:

- September 27th outing to Board member Singel's claim.
- October 11th Panning class at Arapahoe Bar led by Board member Smith. Start time: 10:30 a.m.

Board Members Items of Discussion: None

This month's General Meeting Program: Geosluice Mining Company owner, Brad Martinez speaking about his company's products.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting _October 9th_ at 7:30pm via Zoom Next General Meeting: _October 15th_ at 7:00pm

Adjournment: Move to adjourn by E. Von Halle; 2nd by R. Ahr. Meeting stands adjourned at __8:41__ pm.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In what year and where was the world's first gold vending machine unveiled?

(A note that the machine itself is gold plated and gold prices are updated every minute to reflect market value.)

2025 GPR Board of Directors Members

President

Bobby Manning

Vice President

Kevin Singel

Treasurer

John Johnson

Secretary

Gordon Smith

2 Year Board Members

Robert Ahr (2025)

Andy Doll (2024)

Mike Stevens (2024)

1 Year Board Members

Joe Kafka

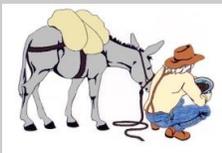
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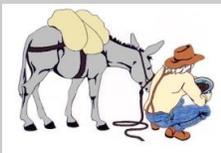
Joe Johnston



General Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2025

Finds Of the Month items must now be entered by the time the meeting starts

1. **Meeting** was **opened at 7:05 pm** by **Pres. Manning** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Manning** then announced that the evening Program which was Geoslucice Mining Company.
3. **Pres. Manning** then gave the Metals Report: Gold 3686, Silver 42.07, Platinum 1179, Palladium 1384, Rhodium 7300.
4. **Web hits** for last month: 137.
5. **Treasurer Johnson** reports that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. 'Special Nugget' is on display at the ticket table to raise funds for the Club, so be sure to buy lots of tickets. It is a beautiful specimen.
6. **Shellie Zornes** from the Membership Table reported that we had 34 people in attendance. Of that number there were 2 Guests present tonight and 1 New members.
7. **Pres. Manning** read the "**Question of the Month**", which was: "**Certain metals are; added to batches of molten glass to impart colors. Small additions of gold chlorides result in colored glass known by what name?**" The winners will receive an extra ticket to the gold nugget drawings later during the evening program.
8. **Pres. Manning** reminded attendees to vote for items at the '**Finds of the Month**' table during the break. The Monthly winners from tonight will need to be saved for the Finds of the Year competition in November, 2025. Also, all gold submissions need to be weighed dry and only one submission per person per category is allowed. Be sure to fill out the entry cards completely. Only finds found within the last 30 days may be submitted.
9. **Cache Clue (suspended at this time)**
10. **Pres. Manning** advised that gold bags are still available at the Treasurer's table. Their sale helps support your club.
11. There was a reminder to be sure and answer the Question of the Month during the break. Additional items to be discussed include...The Monthly "Pirates" Hunt And the signup for attending the outing to Board Member Singel's claim, a signup sheet at the front table is for the Arapahoe County Fair panning booth. The Highlands Ranch Panning Demo has been dropped by the city due to cost cutting, and lastly, President Manning called for folks to step up and consider running for board positions. He announced he will be stepping down at the end of the year.
12. **Pres. Manning** announced the break at 8 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:30 pm.
13. **Pres. Manning** announced the winners of the "**Question of the Month**". The answer was, "...**Ruby glass, Cranberry glass or gold ruby glass.** There were 23 winners who received their extra drawing ticket for the gold drawing.
14. **Pres. Manning** announced the winners for the '**Finds of the Month**' for Those were:
 - **Best Coin** –
 - **Best Jewelry** –
 - **Best Mineral** – Steve Pott
 - **Best Artifact** – Robert Ahr
 - **Best Gold** –
15. **Pres. Manning** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, JJ Long and Kevin Singel**, followed by the drawings for the door prizes and gold nuggets. Pres. Manning 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 **John Johnson and John Olson**.
16. **Pres Manning** conducted the 50/50 drawing. Billy Manning won \$ 31 and \$ 31 went to the Club.
17. **Pres. Manning** 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 website.
18. **Pres. Manning** thanked **Greg and Nancy Knerl** and all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Each member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread each month. Remember to donate to the 'tip jar' also, which helps to defray



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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 October Meeting Program** will be: Terryall Gold author. Having nothing further at this time; remember to always prospect safely.

20. **Meeting was adjourned at** 9 pm.

A Miner's Laugh

An old retired miner needed some dental repair and made an appointment for the work. Arriving at the Dentist's Office, he took a seat in the chair until called. He noticed the dentist's diploma on the wall and the name, which was the same name as a girl he had had a big crush on in high school. He recalled a beautiful young lady with silky blond hair, startling blue eyes and skin as smooth as a baby's bottom. When the dentist had arrived and finished the work on his teeth, he asked her if she had gone to the old high school and she said yes, she had. He asked her when she had graduated and she said the same year as he had. He exclaimed, "Then you were in my class!" That ugly old wrinkled gray haired faded blue eyed crone replied, "oh, what class did you teach?"

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



Finds of the Month 2025

The Finds of the Month for **September** 2025. Remember, only finds from the last meeting date to the next meeting date may be entered. All gold submitted must be dry and weighed. Categories are for **best coin, jewelry, artifact, mineral and most gold**. You can also bring stuff for merely 'show and tell', so, let's get out there and get busy and may the best submission win. Good Luck to all!!

- **Best Coin – No submissions this month**
- **Best Jewelry – No submission this month**
- **Best Mineral – Steve Pott**
- **Best Artifact – Robert Ahr**
- **Best Gold – No submission this month**

The Pirate's March Hunt (Aug 2025) by Robert 'The Pirate' Ahr

Hello and Good Morning, this is the Pirate's report for September 24, 2025 the morning started off in the 50's with a mist in the air. There were only 3 of us for Breakfast and are 4 people showed up at the Hunt site which was City Park (SW side) the weather was starting to warm and the sun was out in full force. The jackets and sweatshirts started coming off. We all hunted between 2 to 3 hrs. and then called it a day. We found NO rings and very little money but we had a good day. Robert A. found \$2.45 Shellie Z. \$2.13, Joe F. .77 and Bobby M. .64 for a total of 5.99 dollars. Have a good day and be safe and stay healthy, see ya all at the next meeting on October 15, 2025, at 1900 hrs. (or 7pm).

The next Pirate's Hunt will be Oct. 29, 2025.

Robert Ahr

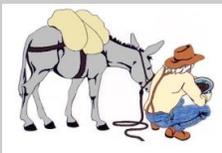
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The 52 Best Places To Find Gold in Colorado in 2025 by Keith Jackson - Geologist

Feb. 18, 2025

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A Quick Request About Collecting



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Always Confirm Access and Collection Rules! Before heading out to any of the locations on our list you need to confirm access requirements and collection rules for both public and private locations directly with the location. We haven't personally verified every location and the access requirements and collection rules often change without notice.

Many of the locations we mention will not allow collecting but are still great places for those who love to find beautiful rocks and minerals in the wild without keeping them. We also can't guarantee you will find anything in these locations since they are constantly changing.

Always get updated information directly from the source ahead of time to ensure responsible rockhounding. If you want even more current options it's always a good idea to contact local rock and mineral clubs and groups

Tips on Where to Look

Once you get to the places we have listed below there are some things you should keep in mind when you're searching:

Look for Gold in Sedimentary Rocks



Sedimentary rocks are a great place to start. These rocks form from layers of materials over time. Gold can get trapped in these layers.

Look near rivers or streams where sediment is washed away. The flowing water helps to expose gold flakes and nuggets. It's like nature's treasure hunt!

Explore Old Mines

Old mines can be gold hotspots. Many mines have been abandoned but still hold gold. You can often find public lands where you can explore these areas.

Just remember to check if it's safe and legal to enter. Some places might require permits, so do your homework first.



Search Along Riverbeds



Rivers are natural pathways for gold. As water flows, it carries gold from upstream and deposits it along the banks.

Panning for gold in riverbeds is a popular method. Use a simple pan to sift through the gravel and sand. You never know what you might find hiding beneath the surface!

Check Out Gravel Bars

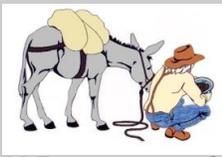
Gravel bars are another promising spot for finding gold. These are areas where the current slows down, allowing heavier materials like gold to settle.

Look for spots where the river bends or widens. You can often find these bars along many rivers across the country.



Some Great Places To Start

Here are some of the better places in the state to start looking for gold in Colorado. Before you head out don't forget to check out [our beginners guide to gold hunting equipment](#). There are surprisingly few pieces of gear that



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you need to be able to find a lot of gold. You don't want to get all the way out there and not be able to collect all the gold!

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Clear Creek



Clear Creek is located in north-central Colorado, west of Denver, and immediately east of the Continental Divide. The creek flows from Loveland Pass down through a deep glacial valley to Idaho Springs, where it enters the relatively undeveloped Clear Creek Canyon.

The creek's journey cuts through Precambrian schists and gneisses, creating a unique geological landscape perfect for rockhounding. The area sparked Colorado's gold rush in 1859, and its allure continues today.

Gold seekers can try their luck in the creek's gravels and siliceous ore lodes. The spot where Chicago Creek meets Clear Creek is particularly promising, marking the site of Colorado's first major gold discovery.

Clear Creek Canyon's dynamic geology, shaped by freezing, thawing, and intense rainfall, constantly exposes new mineral deposits.

Arkansas River

The Arkansas River, a waterway in central Colorado, initiates near Leadville in the Rocky Mountains. The river's path through scenic valleys and canyons creates perfect conditions for gold accumulation. California Gulch, near Leadville, is particularly famous for its historic placer gold discoveries. The river's unique geology, shaped by the Sawatch Range and the northern Rio Grande rift, contributes to its mineral wealth.

As you explore, keep an eye out for gold flakes in river bends and behind large boulders where the current slows, increasing the chances of finding this precious metal.



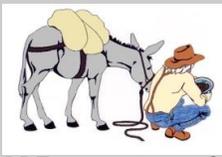
San Miguel River



The San Miguel River is located in southwestern Colorado. It originates in the San Juan Mountains near Telluride and flows northwest through the towns of Placerville and Nucla before joining the Dolores River

What makes San Miguel special is its rich mining history. In the late 1800s, the area saw a gold rush that put it on the map. Today, you can still find traces of this golden past in the river's sediments.

The unique geology of the Uncompahgre Plateau adds to the mix, offering a diverse range of minerals beyond just gold.



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For the best luck, try the stretch between Telluride and Placerville. Here, the river's twists and turns create natural gold traps.

South Platte River

The South Platte River in Colorado is a significant waterway that flows through the eastern part of the state. It originates in the Mosquito Range of central Colorado and travels southeast before turning northeast through the Front Range and emerging onto the Colorado Piedmont.

Gold seekers often focus on the Platte Canyon and Waterton Canyon areas, known for their promising deposits. The South Platte's journey through ancient rock layers exposes mineral-rich deposits, creating ideal conditions for gold accumulation.

Interestingly, the river's confluence with Cherry Creek in Denver was a significant site for early gold finds.

Today, rockhounds can still find gold in placer deposits along the river, where particles have been washed down from higher elevations over time.



Tarryall Creek



Nestled in central Colorado's Park County, Tarryall Creek flows from Mount Silverheels to the South Platte River. The creek travels through diverse landscapes – from open meadows to forested canyons.

Tarryall Creek is renowned for its rich geological history, particularly during the Colorado Gold Rush. The creek's bed and surrounding areas are composed of various sedimentary deposits.

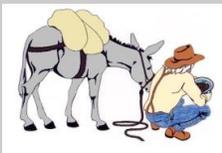
The area downstream from Tarryall Reservoir is particularly promising to find gold. The creek's placer deposits, formed by centuries of erosion, contain gold nuggets of varying sizes.



About Keith Jackson - Geologist

Keith Jackson is an avid rockhound who is constantly exploring new sites to expand his collection. He is an active Geologist with a wealth of experience and information from across the country that he loves to share with the Rock Chasing crew.

Part 4 to be continued next month




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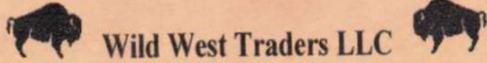
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Coming Announcements and Special Events for Nov 2025 (GPR Events)						
Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80921 (https://www.wmmi.org/)						
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			GPR Club Meeting			
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Thanksgiving		Pirate's Hunt
					Black Friday	(Weather permitting)