

# THE GOLD NUGGET

November 2025



## **The Prez Sez..!** by Bobby Manning

The recent panning class went very well. We had two new people show up and had 4 members came out to get their skills honed up a little as well. One of the best ways to learn to pan is to get a ½ cup of sand with black sand in it and four BBs. Your goal is to keep all four BBs in the pan and all the sand comes out while the BBs stay in. Lose one and you start all over. This will teach you the finesse on removing the sand and will help in some of the fine gold (50m) gold recovery. And we did get a new member out of the class. Thank you Gordon.



This was the only pumpkin entered into the Annual Pumpkin carving contest so it was easy to judge. Yvonne Smith was that winner... NICE JOB.



Then we had the Panning Demo at the Arapaho County Fairgrounds. Many thanks to our volunteers who made it happen... Jack Meineke, Gordon and Yvonne Smith, Joe Johnston and myself. We did a two day event.

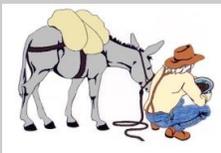


One of the things that make all this worth it is when you put a smile on a kids face and they just light up and you hone your panning skills while you are doing it. Then I had a lot of neat rock material that I found on the South Platte river, I found Palm Wood, Petrified wood, bone, and most of it is polished.

I will need to know if the membership would like the same Christmas meat as we prepared last year or if you would like something else.

We will be having elections for President, Vice President, and two board members. When you buy your Blue Tickets this month, we will be giving it away at the December meeting. And if anyone has gold that you would like to sell back to the Club, let me know. I just got some gold from a person in Delaware that came from British Columbia. I'm looking for .1g, .2g, .3g, .4g, .5g, .6g, .8g, 1.0g, 1.2g, and 1.4g. This can help the club greatly we will pay 70 percent of spot. Call Bobby Manning at 303-430-8830. I hope to see you all at the meeting on November 19 at 7:00 Pm. Show up early if you like to talk. And I will bring in my rocks.

Keep your pan up and fill with yellow GOLD!



**Vice President's Corner!** by Kevin Singel

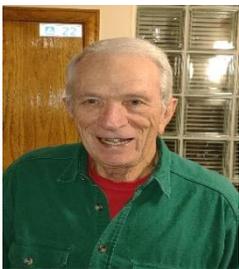


Another month flies by and, as a club, we find ourselves planning for next year. That means club elections, speakers, and adventures. We will spend a little time on elections in the November meeting. I don't think we will have many positions with two candidates so elections should go very quickly. I will be the speaker at this next meeting and am planning the presentation now so you'll just have to come to see what it is. You can expect another of my power point presentations with lots of pictures and maybe some video.

For 2026 speakers, I have started work on identifying and contacting possible people. If you have any **topic requests or speaker suggestions**, please let me know at [kevin@findinggoldincolorado.com](mailto:kevin@findinggoldincolorado.com) or by chatting at a meeting of course. We also love having club members present about their adventures or areas of interest/knowledge so please consider doing that. If you do, I am happy to help with presentation prep if you wish.

One last thing - I hope you've had a chance to get out panning, detecting, or whatever you enjoy, in our recent beautiful weather! I was out prospecting with a friend who lives in south metro Denver recently. We did a lot of walking along the edge of the water near his home sampling... and found some decent gold. Have you sampled legal areas within a few miles of your home? If you need ideas on where to look, check out my guidebooks or grab me at a meeting for suggestions. Finding a nearby place to dig can make 1-2 hour quick trips realistic. Anyway, due to my surgery back in August, I was only panning...no hauling buckets allowed yet!...and was surprised at how much gold bearing black sand I ended up hauling home to process later. With the change of season bringing extra rainy days (and snowy up here in Silverthorne!!), I'm sure I will find time to get it through my finish panning process sometime soon. There was so much black sand, I really have no idea how much gold I got, so cross your fingers for me to have good luck! I wish you good luck as well, get out there and Find You're Gold!

**From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger** by John Johnson



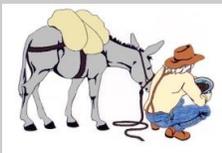
We had a decent turnout for the October meeting. We gave away lots of gold nuggets and other door prizes as well. Be sure to buy your gold nugget drawing tickets as well as your 50/50 tickets. We also have a new 'Special Prize' to give away so be sure to buy your tickets for this upcoming giveaway as 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 November meeting. See you all there!!

**Board Meeting Minutes from Oct 9, 2025 via Zoom**

|   |               |   |                |   |              |   |              |
|---|---------------|---|----------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|
| x | Bobby Manning | x | Mike Stevens   | x | Andy Doll    | x | 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 \_7:45 p.m. after technical issues.



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**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Corrections: Times for panning demo at Arapahoe Fall Festival changed to 11 am until 4 pm\_ Approved as read/corrected: \_Y\_. Moved by M. Stevens; 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Johnston.

**Treasurer's Report:** Questions: \_Need new column tracking red tickets sold vs. cost of gold given as prizes each month\_\_ Approved: \_Y. Moved by M. Stevens; 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Kafka.

**Correspondence:** phone calls \_0\_ emails \_4\_\_ mail \_0\_.

**Webmaster:** Total hits \_169,484\_ Hits in last 30 days.

**Committee Reports:** F.O.M. – R. Ahr spoke about the changes to the FOM/FOY table decided on by the committee. The information is being provided by email to all board members to review before the Oct. 15 meeting where questions can be asked of the committee members. Changes will be announced at the November General meeting and made part of the Bylaws.

**Nominations Committee** – President Manning, VP M. Stevens, Treasurer J. Johnson and Board Members Billy Manning and J. Kafka are stepping down. G. Smith requested time before the break at the October meeting to discuss nominations from the floor or by written form.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

No reply yet from Payton regarding metal detecting around the Caribou ghost town. Now that fall/winter has begun the Club won't pursue that until next Spring.

Nominations for the Ken Barker award were discussed with a vote to be taken by the Board at November's board meeting with the award being presented at the December Holiday party.

#### **New Business:**

The Board gives a big THANK YOU to board member Singel for inviting Club members to his claim on the Blue

River on September 27. Besides a dozen members showing up, several folks who saw the invitation on Kevin's Facebook page also joined in. The weather was beautiful and the river was low so everyone enjoyed the day.

Motion by K. Singel to eliminate reading the Correspondence and Webmaster info to the general membership at monthly meetings. Seconded by M. Stevens and approved unanimously. It will still be part of these Board proceedings and still published in the Newsletter.

The topic of nugget prizes with the current price of gold being over \$4000/oz. and still climbing, was discussed. Decisions need to be made regarding the best ways to continue red ticket sales and prizes and the suggestions of smaller nuggets and raising ticket prices came up. Board members were asked to think of other creative ways to approach the problem and present them at the next board meeting. Also discussed was a potential dues raise to help support our annual Holiday party. All of this was tabled until November's board meeting.

#### **Planned Outings:**

The monthly Pirate's Hunt on the last Wednesday of October and November are still scheduled as long as the weather cooperates.

The annual metal detecting hunt with the Club providing prizes is still on for November. The actual date still TBD and will be published in the next newsletter.

#### **Board Members Items of Discussion:**

E. Von Halle – volunteered to head the Membership Committee

R. Ahr – Announced that the December Pot Luck sign-up sheet will be at the back table at both the October and November meetings. The plan is to provide an entrée of ham and/or smoked meat for 65 people.

### QUESTION OF THE MONTH

How many 1933 double eagle \$20 gold coins are known to exist today??

#### **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

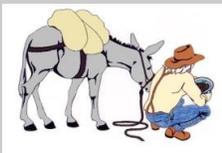
Gary Hamilton

Erik Von Halle

Bobby Manning

##### **Past President**

Joe Johnston



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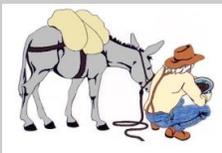
**This month's General Meeting Program:** Mark Hanson, author of Tarryall Gold will be speaking.

**Announcements:** Next Board Meeting \_November 13\_ at 7:30pm via Zoom Next General Meeting: \_October 15\_ at 7:00pm

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by M. Stevens; 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Smith. Meeting stands adjourned at \_9.25\_\_ pm.

### General Meeting Minutes from Oct 15, 2025

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 is Mark Hanson on "Tarryall Gold". Mark gave a thoroughly detailed and enjoyable talk with excellent visuals. Copies of his book were for sale after the presentation.
3. **Pres. Manning** then gave the Metals Report: Gold 4219 , Silver 53.04 Platinum 1671 Palladium 1527, Rhodium 7850.
4. **Web hits** for last month: 209 .
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 36 members in attendance. Of that number there were 1 Guest(s) present tonight and 3 New members.
7. **Pres. Manning** read the "Question of the Month", which was: "What year was the first gold vending machine Unveiled and where?" The winners will receive an extra ticket to the gold nugget drawings later during the evening.
8. **Pres. Manning** advised everyone to also vote during the break for the '**Finds of the Month**' and that the Monthly winners from tonight will need to be saved for the Finds of the Year competition in November, 2025.
9. **Additional items to be discussed include:**
  - Nominations for the board were opened. Multiple members are stepping down: President Manning, Treasurer Johnson, Billy Manning, Joe Kafka and Mike Stevens. Many thanks to everyone who offered Their time/energy to the Club by nominating themselves at tonight's meeting.
  - A signup poster is in the back for the Annual Holiday Party Potluck in December.
  - The Monthly "Pirates" Hunt on the last Wed. of the month is still on pending decent weather.
  - Additionally, the annual metal detecting contest is still planned for November. Watch for an email on the date.
10. **Pres. Manning** announced the break at 8:15 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:31 pm.
11. **Pres. Manning** announced the winners of the "Question of the Month". The answer was, "May 01, 2010 in the UAE, specifically, Abu Dhabi! There were 23 winners who received their extra drawing ticket for the gold drawing.
12. **Pres. Manning** announced the winners for the '**Finds of the Month**'. Those were:
  - **Best Coin** – **Yvonne Smith**
  - **Best Jewelry** – **John Olson**
  - **Best Mineral** – **Ronald Yamiolkoski**
  - **Best Artifact** – **There was no submission for this category this month**
  - **Best Gold** – **Joe Kafka**
13. **Pres. Manning** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, JJ Long and Pres. Manning**, 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



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they shall be considered to have been donated back to the Club. Those assisting in the drawings were **John Johnson and John Olson**.

14. **Pres Manning** conducted the 50/50 drawing. Kris Kafka won \$ 25.00 and \$ 25.00 went to the Club.

15. **President Manning** announced the winner of the annual pumpkin carving contest: Yvonne Smith. She took home a nice little nugget for her creation. (which was the only one entered this year!)

16. **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.

17. **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 costs. This really helps the folks who run the table and those who volunteer up front each month. The Club appreciates the efforts that every one of you to make the refreshment table enjoyable.

18. **The November Meeting Program** will be: Election of the Board. Having nothing further at this time; remember to always prospect safely especially now that we are heading into winter.

19. **Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.**

## **A Miner's Laugh**

A church was trying to raise money for a new building. The pastor announced to the congregation that whoever gave the most money to the building fund would be able to pick out three hymns for the Sunday service. A week later, the pastor announced the results of the fundraising campaign. "I am happy to announce that we have raised enough money for the new building," he said. "And I want to thank the person who gave the most money, Mrs. Johnson. Now, Mrs. Johnson, please come forward and pick out your three hymns." Mrs. Johnson walked to the front of the church and looked out at the congregation. "I'll take him, him, and him," she said, pointing to three young men in the front row!

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

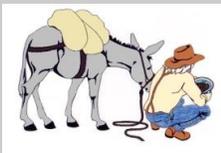


## **Finds of the Month 2025**

The Finds of the Month for **October** 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 – Yvonne Smith**
- **Best Jewelry – John Olson**
- **Best Mineral – Ronald Yamiolkoski**
- **Best Artifact – There was no submission for this category this month**
- **Best Gold – Joe Kafka**

**\*\*\*TO ALL FINDS OF THE MONTH 2025 WINNERS, BRING YOUR WINNING FIND TO THE NOV MEETING FOR THE FINDS OF THE YEAR 2025 CONTEST.**



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

Hello G.P.O.R. members we had a good hunt Wednesday we started out with 7 for breakfast and ended with 6 for the hunt. We decided to go Community Plaza Park in North Denver; it was a small park but just right for the 6 of us. it was definitely a cool morning but within a couple hours we were taking are jackets off. The best Pirate of the day goes to Shellie Z. with a 1.23, Joe K. found a bling ring and .80 cents, Mike S. showed up with .55 cents and Robert A. found a yellow bass key chain plus .44 cents, which gave us a total of 3.02 for the hunt. it should be noted that Shellie Z. found her first Wheatie (1944) which brought an ear to ear smile. Well, that's it for now, and we'll be seeing you all at the next meeting Nov 19, 2025 at 7pm. P.S. don't forget that we will be voting for FINDS OF THE YEAR at the meeting during the break. Robert Ahr 303-910-8091



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

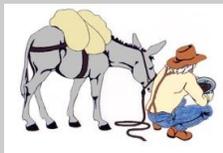
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**Places Gold has been found by county**

After discussing our top picks, we wanted to discuss the other places on our list. Below is a list of the additional locations where we have succeeded, along with a breakdown of each place by county.

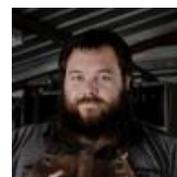
| <u>County</u> | <u>Location</u>               |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Alamosa       | Swab Mine                     |
| Arapahoe      | Big Dry Creek placers         |
| Arapahoe      | Little Dry Creek placers      |
| Baca          | Carizzo Creek                 |
| Boulder       | North St. Vrain Creek placers |
| Boulder       | Avalon Placer                 |
| Boulder       | Bluebird Mine                 |
| Boulder       | Bummers Creek Placers         |
| Boulder       | Silver Point Mine             |
| Boulder       | Fourmile Creek Placers        |
| Chaffee       | The Mary Murphy Mine          |
| Chaffee       | Gold Run Gulch Placer         |
| Chaffee       | Lost Canyon Placer Deposits   |
| Chaffee       | Columbus Mine                 |

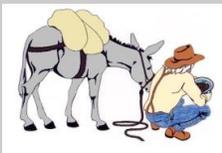


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| Chaffee     | Golden Age Mine                              |
| Chaffee     | Ruby Mountain                                |
| Clear Creek | Alice Mine                                   |
| Clear Creek | Colorado Central Mine in Georgetown District |
| Clear Creek | Terrible Mine                                |
| Costilla    | Rito Seco Creek                              |
| Costilla    | Giant Gulch Placer                           |
| Custer      | Big Horn Mine                                |
| Custer      | Bassick Mine                                 |
| Dolores     | Puzzle Mine                                  |
| Douglas     | Lemon Creek                                  |
| Douglas     | Cherry Creek Placers                         |
| Eagle       | along the Colorado River                     |
| Eagle       | Homestake Creek                              |
| Fremont     | Red Mountain Prospect                        |
| Fremont     | Currant Creek                                |
| Fremont     | Green Mountain Mine                          |
| Fremont     | Isabel Mine                                  |
| Gilpin      | Mountain Chief in Apex Mining District       |
| Gilpin      | Clay County Mine                             |
| Gilpin      | Druid Mine                                   |
| Gilpin      | Clay County Mine                             |
| Gilpin      | Saratoga Mine                                |
| Huerfano    | at Teller on Jack Creek                      |
| La Plata    | Bitter Root Mine                             |
| La Plata    | La Plata River Placers                       |
| Lake        | Boc Creek                                    |
| Lake        | Ready Cash Mine                              |
| Montezuma   | West Mancos River Placers                    |
| Park        | Fairplay Placer                              |
| Park        | Little Daisy Mine                            |
| Summit      | Palmer Ranch in Blue River area              |
| Teller      | Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine             |

Now that you know where to look make sure you have the right equipment for the job. Take a look at [our Beginner's Guide to Gold Hunting Equipment](#) and make sure you're ready to start collecting! There are only a few simple pieces of equipment that you need.





**Members Running for GPOTR Board for the Year 2026**

Several board members have notified the board they will step down: President Bobby Manning, Treasurer John Johnson, Mike Stevens, Joe Kafka and Billy Manning.

**Kevin Singel** is running for President of the Club

**Gary Hamilton** is running for Vice President

**Ron Yamiolkoski** is running for an Open Seat on the board

**Mitchell Ross** is running for an Open Seat on the board

**Joe Johnston** is running for an Open Seat on the board

**Shellie Zornes** is running for an Open Seat on the board

If any members reading this are interested in being on the board, nominations are still open. Please reach out to Secretary Gordon Smith at (303) 842-4478.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the November meeting and the election will take place after that.

Below is a Proxy Form for use by anyone who wants their vote to count and knows they will not be able to make it to the November meeting. **YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO VOTE AS WELL AS THE PERSON VOTING AS YOUR PROXY!** There is no absentee balloting.

**The Proxy must be filled out completely and legibly to be counted. It should be mailed to the Secretary at: P.O. Box 3672, Parker, CO 80134 no later than November 12<sup>th</sup>.** Another option is to send the Proxy with the member that will be attending the meeting and voting your Proxy.

**Proxy Form for the 2026 Board Election of the GPOTR**

**Proxy Vote**

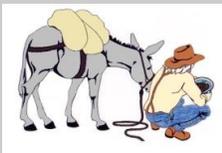
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**(PRINT)** \_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing of the GPOTR, hereby authorizes \_\_\_\_\_, **ALSO A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, to vote on matters that come before the membership on their behalf.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

Each member may authorize another member to act on their behalf by proxy on all matters in which a member is entitled to participate. Every proxy must be signed by the member authorizing such proxy. Proxies are valid for thirty days of the date it was signed and every proxy shall be revocable by the Member executing the proxy.




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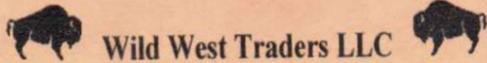
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| <b>Coming Announcements and Special Events for Dec 2025</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(GPR Events)</b></span>                                 |     |     |                                       |               |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----|-----|
| Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80921 ( <a href="https://www.wmmi.org/">https://www.wmmi.org/</a> ) |     |     |                                       |               |     |     |
| SUN  | MON | TUE | WED                                   | THU           | FRI | SAT |
|  | 1   | 2   | 3                                     | 4             | 5   | 6   |
| 7  | 8   | 9   | 10                                    | 11            | 12  | 13  |
| 14   | 15  | 16  | 17                                    | 18            | 19  | 20  |
|  |     |     | GPR Club Meeting                      |               |     |     |
|  |     |     | GPR Christmas Dinner                  |               |     |     |
| 21   | 22  | 23  | 24                                    | 25            | 26  | 27  |
|  |     |     | Christmas Eve                         | Christmas Day |     |     |
| 28   | 29  | 30  | 31                                    |               |     |     |
|  |     |     | Pirate's Hunt<br>(Weather permitting) |               |     |     |
|  |     |     | New Year's Eve                        |               |     |     |