

THE GOLD NUGGET

May 2025

The Prez Sez..! by Bobby Manning



May is here and we did an outing to the School of Mines. We had 4 members and two guests so I went ahead and paid for the tour. The 'behind the scenes' portion of the tour was under construction so we could not go there. I took a few photos but most of the group and guests were a little shy. There is a rare photo of me in the group picture because usually, I'm the one taking the picture. In picture #2, the gems are Aquamarine, Rhodochrosite and Yule Marble, known as starter gems. The third photo is the Miss America crown. It is a fairly massive thing that weighs nearly 10 pounds and has more than 11 gems and is largely 14k gold. The fourth photo is an actual Moon Rock on loan to the museum.



Even though you often see some of the same things each time you visit, you can always see something new. We all had a wonderful time. I thank you all for coming out. I will miss the next tour to the Caribou Mine so I will put the sign-up sheet back out at the next meeting and Kevin will lead the trip. It should be a great time and I am going to hate missing this one! I got a phone call from Past President Gary Hawley who said that he will be at the May meeting. He has some equipment for sale including a sluice box and some other things. If anyone is interested, you can call me and I will give you his number and let you know the best time to call him. My apology to Greg and Nancy for not SAYING something about the Refreshment Table and making donations, and Please, bring something in for the table. It will be much appreciated. Please buy the 50/50 tickets to help buy us other things for the club. The next meeting is on the May 21st at 7:00 Pm. Our speaker will be Mike Pung, with his world famous Gold Cube. I Hope to see you all there! The weather is warming up and the run off should start soon so be careful!! Until then, May Your Pans Shine with Gold!

Vice President's Corner! by Kevin Singel



April gave us the usual spicy Jambalaya mix of weather didn't it?! I hope you caught some of the better weather to get out digging. I love April prospecting because the days are warming but the big melt hasn't started yet so often water levels are strikingly low. Sooo much easy access to the best pay dirt and gold!

Personally, I managed to catch a gorgeous high country day in the first part of April and had fun digging in the Blue River on my claim. I came home with 34 flakes that were big enough to get caught in my 30 mesh classifier. Speaking of classifiers, I'd like to talk for a minute about classifying your concentrates. A lot of prospectors get frustrated trying to get the fine gold out of their concentrates. Often, they try buying some fancy piece of gear like

a blue bowl or a spiral wheel to make it easier to separate the fine gold from the black sands...only to find that frustrating as well. My answer to this is to use several classifiers such as 30, 50, 70 and sometimes 100 mesh. Far too many people don't realize how powerful simple classification is. The first thing I do when I get my cons home is to classify it into multiple small gold pans or other containers with sizes like I've listed above. Why? Because panning is SO much faster and more effective that way. The big stuff pans faster without the little stuff in the way. The little stuff separates between the gold and the not-gold easier when you can work delicately...because there's no bigger grains in the pan. Try it and you'll see!

PS... if this has piqued your interest about finish prospecting tricks, learn more at www.findingGOLDinColorado.com

Here's the exact link: <https://findinggoldincolorado.com/finish-processing-your-concentrates-after-a-day-of-digging/> sorry it's so long lol!

See ya at the May meeting where we will have another amazing guest speaker! Let's get out there with a digging buddy to "Find Your Gold!"



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From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by John Johnson



We had a decent turnout for the April 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 Nugget' and you will want to buy your tickets for that 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 May meeting. See you all there!!

Board Meeting Minutes From Apr 10, 2025

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

Quorum Present: Y

Call to Order by: Pres Manning at 7:34 pm.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Corrections: Shellie's FOM item Approved as read/corrected: Y. Moved by K. Singel; 2nd by R. Ahr.

Treasurer's Report: Questions: None
Approved: Y. Moved by G. Smith; 2nd by K. Singel.

Correspondence: phone calls 1 emails 4
mail ?

Webmaster: Total hits 16849 Hits in last 30 days 132.

Committee Reports: Panning Demo in June for a Castle Rock organization that contacted President Manning. Plans are being finalized. There is a slight conflict for those manning the booth as it is on the same day as the June meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- John Olson is the only person that has donated something of substantial value to the club in 2025 and eligible to get a tax receipt from J. Johnson if he wants it.
- Joe Johnston still needs to connect with the VA Center contact about a panning demo and pin them down as to day and time.
- 42 members are paid up for this year at this point. A reminder needs to go out in the Newsletter and at the meeting to reiterate that there is a penalty charge added if dues are paid on or after May 1.
- President Manning purchased the rest of the Club gold for 2025. Unfortunately, the seller incorporated 10 nuggets that were for the Eureka Club in the sale. The Eureka Club is aware and will reimburse GPOTR (approximately \$900) when they receive their 10 nuggets.
- President Manning has fliers to provide to G. Hamilton so they can be taken to the new Prospecting/Detecting store inside the mushroom shop near Evans and Broadway. In exchange, the Club will offer to place advertising in the Newsletter promoting their new business venture.

New Business:

- K. Singel sent \$100 to the Fort Wallace Museum in Kansas as a donation on behalf of the Club. The Board had already agreed to reimburse him for the expenditure.
- Board Members were assigned the task of generating a Planned Outing based on seniority on the Board in order to fill out the rest of the year's Outings calendar. The schedule will be updated shortly and published in the Newsletter.

Planned Outings: A guided tour of the CSM Museum is scheduled for April 19th at 2 p.m. Cost is \$13/person

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Using mercury to recover gold is extremely dangerous. Rules were established in 2013 for the use of mercury at a convention named for the bay in Japan where mercury poisoning killed thousands! What is the name of this bay/convention??

2025 GPR Board of Directors Members

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Treasurer

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Gordon Smith

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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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A tour of the Caribou Mine is scheduled for May 31

Board Members Items of Discussion:

- J. Johnson inquired if gold bags from the current inventory of Club gold are to be provided should the club be invited back to Ft. Wallace again to do panning demonstrations.
- The Club is low on business cards and he asked if the Board thought they were useful and more should be ordered. All were in agreement that more business cards should be ordered and a supply given out to Board members. President Manning has new artwork that will be provided to Treasurer Johnson prior to placing an order. No printer has been selected for the job at this point.

This month's General Meeting Program: Jeff Crane and partner Kate on their work to rebuild parts of the North London Mill. They have formed a non-profit and the site is on the Historical Registry.

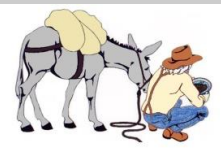
Announcements: Next Board Meeting May 17, 2025 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Next General Meeting: Mat 21, 2025 at 7:00pm

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 8:58 pm.

General Meeting Minutes From April 16, 2025

1. Meeting was opened at 7:02 pm by Pres. Manning with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Pres. Manning then announced that the evening Program which was Jeff Crane & Kate speaking about their restoration of the North London Mill site.
3. Pres. Manning then gave the Metals Report: Gold 3277, Silver 32.40 Platinum 964 Palladium 992, Rhodium 5825.
4. Web hits for last month: 172.
5. Treasurer Johnson reports that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. A '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 45 members in attendance. Of that number there were 4 Guests present tonight and 2 New members.
7. Pres. Manning read the "Question of the Month", which was: "Most western economies currencies were on the gold standard until what year?" The winners will receive an extra ticket to the gold nugget drawings later during the evening program.
8. Pres. Manning 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, 2025. A reminder to all that their 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. Kale Smith announced that the hidden cache had been found by Bill Chapman. Bill was awarded a commemorative medallion.
10. Pres. Manning advised that gold bags are still available at the Treasurer's table. Their sale helps support your club.
11. Pres. Manning informed the membership that the 2025 Outings schedule will be emailed with the May newsletter and to monitor it in order to plan for any outings you may want to participate in. Announcements will also be made with the Newsletter postings.
12. There was a reminder to be sure to vote on the Finds of the Month and to answer the Question of the Month during the break.
Additional items discussed include:
 - The Monthly "Pirates" Hunt, which was very productive with over \$10 in Coins and a couple of rings found.
 - A tour of the Caribou Mine has been scheduled for May,
 - And a panning demonstration is being scheduled in Castle Rock in June. More details to follow.
 - A big THANK YOU to John Olson for donating a one ounce silver bar to the red ticket drawing!
13. Pres. Manning announced the break at 8:04 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:20 pm
14. Pres. Manning announced the winners of the "Question of the Month". The answer was, 1971. There were 27 winners who received their extra drawing ticket for the gold drawing.
15. Pres. Manning announced the winners for the 'Finds of the Month'. Those were:
 - Best Coin – Mike Stevens
 - Best Jewelry – Mike Stevens
 - Best Mineral –
 - Best Artifact – John Olson
 - Best Gold – Bobby Manning
16. Pres. Manning concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the GPR, JJ Long and John Olson followed by the drawings for the door prizes and gold nuggets. Pres. Manning also wants to remind that holders of drawing



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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**.

17. **Pres Manning** conducted the 50/50 drawing. Pres. Manning won \$ 44 and \$44 went to the Club.

18. **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.

19. **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 each and every one of you to make the refreshment table enjoyable.

20. **The May Meeting Program** will be: **Mike Pung** talking about his Gold Cube operation here in the Arvada area.

Having nothing further at this time; remember to always prospect safely.

21. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.**

A Miner's Laugh

An old retire miner of 83 arrived in Paris by plane. At the French customs desk, the man took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry-on bag. "You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked, sarcastically. The elderly gentleman admitted he had been to France previously. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready." The old miner replied, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it." "Impossible, you Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in France!" The old miner gave the Frenchman a long hard look, then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Juno Beach on D Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find any Frenchmen to show it to."

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

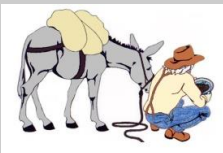


Finds of the Month 2025

The Finds of the Month for April 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 – Mike Stevens with a wheat penny he found while metal detecting.
- Best Jewelry – Mike Stevens with a nice silver ring he found while metal; detecting. No photo.
- Best Mineral – No entry for this category.
- Best Artifact – John Olson with an old gun that he found while metal detecting.
- Most Raw Gold – Bobby Manning with gold that he found while prospecting.





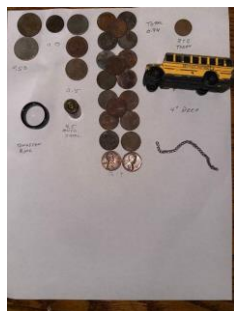
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The Pirate's March Hunt by Robert 'The Pirate' Ahr

Well the Crew met for Breakfast at 0700hrs and damn was that early, but 5 of us made Breakfast and the 6th, met us an hour later. So we were a crew of 6 and decide to head over to Columbus Park. The weather was Beautiful, we started out on the west side of the park and worked our way East through the park. It was a little slow to start but we ended up doing fairly well for 2 plus hours of fun. Joe K. started the day off with finding a nice, Titanium ring a school bus and .94 cents, next up was Shellie Z. with \$2.65 followed by Myself with \$2.50 and Joe F. \$2.01 the rest of the Crew came up with a total of .99 cents. So we did fair with a total of \$9.09, and 1 ring taken from the park. Well that's it for now any questions give me a call.

See

you all at the next G.P.O.R. meeting



Hikers discover nearly 600 gold coins dating back to 1808 Story by Andrew Paul

While the small aluminum can and iron box didn't look like much at first, their contents stunned historians and two lucky hikers alike. The tourists initially stumbled across the containers during a hike in the Czech Republic's Podkrkonosí Mountains earlier this year, but soon took their valuable findings to experts for evaluation.

While the small aluminum can and iron box didn't look like much at first, their contents stunned historians and two lucky hikers alike. The tourists initially stumbled across the containers during a hike in the Czech Republic's Podkrkonosí Mountains earlier this year, but soon took their valuable findings to experts for evaluation. According to a recent assessment by experts at the Museum of Eastern Bohemia, the worth of the jewelry, artifacts, and nearly 600 gold coins inside the containers is estimated to be over \$340,000. Now, researchers wonder how this treasure trove of items and currencies from multiple nations and eras made it all the way to the Czech Republic—and why no one ever claimed them.

"When he opened it, my jaw dropped," Museum of East Bohemia head archeologist Miroslav Novak said in an interview.

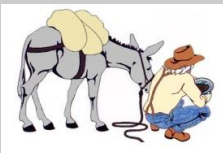
The iron box housed 16 snuff boxes, 10 bracelets, a wire bag, a comb, a chain, and a powder compact—all gold. Meanwhile, the can's contents featured 598 gold coins divided into 11 columns separately wrapped in black cloth. According to numismatist Vojtěch Brádle, many are stamped with dates ranging from 1808 to 1915, and originated in the Austria-Hungarian empire under the reign of Franz Joseph I.

"I found out that these coins did not travel from the Vienna mint to us, but to the Balkans," said Brádle. "And there, after the collapse of the monarchy, in the then-Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenians, marks, so-called countermarks, were minted."

The coins were likely in Serbia during the 1920s and 1930s, and were often used in typical Balkan necklaces and headdresses. Other coins in the collection come from countries including France, Belgium, Turkey, Romania, Italy, and Russia. However, it's unclear how they all ultimately made it to eastern Bohemia.

"We have no idea," added Brádle.

There are a number of potential theories to explain the treasure's journey across Europe. One explanation is that the belongings were hidden amid Nazi Germany's annexation of the region in the 1930s. Following the Munich Agreement of 1938, hundreds of thousands of Jews and Czechs fled further into the country to escape persecution, and it is possible that the cases were buried in hopes of hiding valuables from the invading armies. Another theory dates the stashes to the end of World War II, when Nazis themselves retreated in the face of Russian forces.



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Conservationists at the Museum of East Bohemia are now working to catalog and preserve the rare discoveries, and hope to display them in a future public exhibit. As for the two hikers, they are likely happy they chose that particular trail—Czech law entitles them to a reward of up to 10 percent of the find's total value.

Rhodium: Earth's Rarest and Most Expensive Precious Metal Story by Allison

Troutner, Austin Henderson

On Christmas Eve in 1800, English scientist William Hyde Wollaston a piece of nearly pure platinum ore, secretly purchased and smuggled from the Spanish colony of Nueva Granada (Colombia, today) for £795 (\$1,051.99 in 1800 — worth \$23,206.23 today).

He had high hopes, believing he could create a new chemical process that would make the solid ore a malleable platinum. The sample had secrets of its own — a new, rare metal previously unknown to science.

Today, it's the most valuable precious metal on the planet: **rhodium**, a chemical element with the symbol Rh and atomic number 45.

Rhodium Metal: An Unexpected Discovery

With his chunk of smuggled platinum ore, in a few years Wollaston did what earlier scientists could not: He achieved a chemical process that isolated platinum and rendered it malleable.

As the scientist dissolved the platinum ore in his backyard garden laboratory, he produced both a soluble and non-soluble residue. After precipitating the soluble solution, he noticed that reddish salts remained.

Red salts are not typical of platinum, and Wollaston suspected something else was present in the sample. In 1803 and 1804, Wollaston announced that with the sample of platinum ore, he discovered two other precious metals. One he called palladium, and the other, rhodium.

What Is Rhodium?

Rhodium is an ultra-shiny, corrosion resistant metal that had become useful in many industries including the automobile, jewelry, chemical and electrical trades. According to Shaun Peterson, Gemological Institute of America (GIA) supervisor of jewelry manufacturing arts research and development, it's rhodium's scarcity and use that makes it so valuable.

"Its rarity and the large global demand due to the use in car manufacturing makes the rhodium price go up considerably," says Peterson. New regulations for cleaner emissions in the automobile industry, particularly in China and Europe, are most likely to blame for the increase in rhodium prices.

Today, the price of rhodium is \$14,000 per ounce. Compare that to platinum at \$959/ounce, palladium at \$1,866/ounce or gold at \$1,783/ounce.

Rhodium is never found in its purest form. Rather, it's almost always collected as a minuscule byproduct of platinum, copper and nickel refining.

If you want to go looking for rhodium, you better catch a plane to South Africa, the largest producer of rhodium by way of the country's massive platinum mining operations. You can also find it in river sands of North and South America, or in the copper-nickel sulfide ores in Ontario, Canada.

A Rose (Metal) by Any Other Name

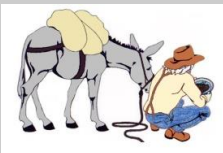
Wollaston called one of the new metals rhodium — rooted in the Greek word for rose, "*rhodon*" — because of the reddish salts that had dissolved in the aqua regia. (Aqua regia is a yellow-orange, fuming liquid, so-named by alchemists because it can dissolve the noble metals gold and platinum.)

"Rhodium is a part of the platinum metals group, which is considered one of the noble metals," says Peterson.

Other Platinum Metals

There are six platinum group metals (PGMs):

- rhodium
- platinum
- palladium (discovered by Wollaston just a year before his discovery of rhodium)



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- ruthenium
- iridium
- osmium.

They have similar characteristics and are most often found together in nature. Like gold and silver, they are also precious metals. "Some of the key traits that precious metals share are allure, workability, durability and rarity," notes Peterson.

Rhodium Usually Isn't Harmful (Unless You're a Jeweler)

People have been mining rhodium as a by-product of platinum since the 1930s, after large sediments of platinum ore were found in the Transvaal in South Africa. Since that time, there's never been concrete evidence of harm to humans, especially since it's highly unlikely for a human to come into direct contact with a substantial amount of rhodium.

Tests on plants indicate that rhodium is the least toxic member of PGMs, but because there is such a low naturally occurring rhodium supply, no tests have been done on humans.

However, when breathed in, rhodium can be dangerous, Peterson says, particularly in jewelry making. "During the [rhodium] plating process, there are fumes that can be harmful. Due to this health risk, there are safety methods used when plating jewelry to avoid inhalation."

Rhodium Keeps Our Air Cleaner and Jewelry Brighter

What do you, cars, jewelry and gum have in common? Turns out, a bit of rhodium.

Of available rhodium, 80 percent is used in catalytic converters in cars to clean exhaust emissions. Rhodium is uniquely exceptional at breaking down nitrous oxide molecules — aka, NOx emissions — the brownish, poisonous gas given off by fossil-fuel powered cars, trucks, boats, power plants and turbines, among many other offenders.

Though the impact of NOx emissions cause irreparable damage to our bodies and ozone, it would be a lot worse without rhodium.

Rhodium is also an essential catalyst for making nitric acid, acetic acid or hydrogen reactions, as well as a catalyst for making menthol — the minty flavor in chewing gum. Because it's resistant to corrosion and conducts electrical current easily, rhodium is used as a coating for optic fibers and optical mirrors, headlight reflectors and electrical materials.

Humans are most likely to directly encounter rhodium in shiny, lustrous jewelry. "Jewelers seek rhodium to use in the jewelry making process because it is bright, silvery white in color and very hard, which can help make the jewelry more scratch- and corrosion-resistant," says Peterson. "It is also hypoallergenic which can help those that may be allergic to certain jewelry metal alloys."

Rhodium contains no trace of nickel, so even the most sensitive jewelry wearers can rest assured that their wrist is safe with a rhodium-plated bracelet.

It's Not the Easiest Metal to Work With

Rhodium is extremely hard and has a very high melting point at 3,565 degrees F, or 1,963 degrees C. Due to its higher melting point, it is more difficult for jewelers to manipulate than other metals.

"Rhodium by itself is too hard for general jewelry making purposes," says Peterson. "The most common use for rhodium is as a plating over other metal alloys, either to help protect against allergies, or to improve the color of the jewelry item."

Its luster, shine and durability are definite pros to this rare metal, but because it's so hard to work with, its plating is thin and wears off quickly.

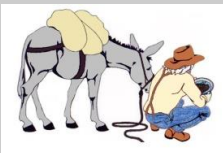
"The con," says Peterson, "is that the rhodium plating is only a thin layer coating jewelry. This means that over time the rhodium will reduce due to wear and tear." Jewelry makers prefer to use rhodium on pieces that experience less rubbing and wear, like earrings or necklaces, and they recommend replating pieces every one to two years.

Because you need so little rhodium to plate a piece of jewelry, it's relatively affordable. You can find rhodium-plated jewelry online anywhere from \$300-\$5,000, but difference in price has more to do with the designer, base metal and inclusion of gemstones, than the rhodium itself.

Thanks to Wollaston's discovery of rhodium more than 200 years ago, we can wear and drive our planet's most precious and pricey metal.

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Now That's Interesting



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In the non-soluble materials left after dissolving the platinum ore, Wollaston's less famous partner, Smithson Tennant, discovered two more PGMs: osmium and iridium.

Original article: Rhodium: Earth's Rarest and Most Expensive Precious Metal

The Record-Breaking Gold Nugget: Weighing in at 159 Pounds Story by Martha A. Lavallie

John Deason discovered the nugget while working near the roots of a tree in Bulldog Gully, Moliagul. At first, Deason thought he had struck a rock, but upon further inspection, he realized it was a massive gold nugget just 1 inch below the surface.

With the help of his partner Richard Oates, they extracted the nugget and waited until nightfall to transport it safely to avoid potential theft.

Due to its immense size, the nugget had to be broken into three pieces to be weighed at the London Chartered Bank in Dunolly.

The total weight of the smelted gold was recorded at 146 pounds, with an estimated value of just under \$12,675 at the time—a significant sum equivalent to around \$3-4 million today.

The Legacy of the Welcome Stranger

In the heart of Victoria, Australia, an extraordinary discovery left an indelible mark on gold mining history. On February 5, 1869, Cornish miners John Deason and Richard Oates unearthed the “Welcome Stranger,” the largest gold nugget ever found.

Weighing a staggering 159 pounds, this monumental find captured global attention during the peak of the gold rush era.

The discovery of the Welcome Stranger was pivotal during the Australian gold rush, symbolizing the immense potential for wealth hidden beneath the earth. This period attracted thousands of prospectors to Australia, leading to the development of new towns and industries.

The gold rush played a crucial role in shaping the nation’s economic and social landscape.

Today, the legacy of the Welcome Stranger lives on. An obelisk was erected near the discovery site in 1897 to commemorate the event. Replicas of the nugget are displayed in the Old Treasury Building in Melbourne and the Dunolly Rural Transaction Center, ensuring that the story of this incredible find is preserved for future generations.

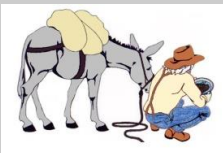
The Miners Behind the Discovery

John Deason and Richard Oates were seasoned miners who had migrated from Cornwall, England, in search of fortune. Deason, originally a tin dresser, continued to mine for gold throughout his life and eventually became a storekeeper in Moliagul.

Despite his significant discovery, Deason lost much of his wealth through poor investments. After the discovery, Oates returned to Cornwall, married, and later moved back to Australia with his family, where he farmed until his death.

The descendants of Deason and Oates continue to honor their legacy, gathering to celebrate significant anniversaries of the discovery. Their story is a testament to the enduring impact of the gold rush and the indomitable spirit of those who participated.

Have you ever fantasized about finding a fortune, perhaps by stumbling upon a hidden treasure of gold? While tales of buried riches are often the stuff of legend, America’s landscape tells a true story of gold-rich grounds that continue to yield the precious metal. These states have veins thick with gold, and they might be closer than you think!



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Coming Announcements and Special Events for June 2025 (GPR Events – Check the Outing Schedule)

Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80921 (<https://www.wmmi.org/>)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16	17 Bunker Hill Day	18 GPR Club Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Pirate's Hunt (weather permitting)	26	27	28
29	30					