

# The Gold Nugget

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## Tribute to Ken Barker

Delivered by Gary Hawley at the GPR General Meeting, November 19, 2003

As a tribute to **Ken Barker**, I have requested those who worked with him at the panning demos to attend tonight's meeting in the costumes they wore at the demos.

Several years ago I had the privilege of being introduced to Ken at a meeting of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies. I saw him work "behind the scenes," if you will, as he planned and led gold excursions to Arizona and Alaska. I remember a time, several years back, when he was planning a trip to Russia in search of gold. Just recently he told me a Russian trip might open up again, soon.

Ken took over the position of Committee Chairman in charge of gold panning demonstrations a few years ago. He started out with little more

than a bucket of dirt, a tub, and a gold pan, and nursed the activity into one of the most professional and sought after activities of any of the Front Range gold clubs.

Ken became Vice President of the GPR in January 2003, the same time I became President, and quickly became my confidant

and right-hand man. We spent many hours discussing Club activities: how to improve meetings, how to get more members involved, how to make

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### VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller

#### Greetings!



To those who don't know me, my name is **Jeff Mosteller**, "The Heaper," but that's another story. To those who do know me, it's "Tall Jeff." I'm married to "Short Donna" (you'll have to ask!). To everyone in the club, thank you very much for the honor of letting me be your Vice President in the coming year. I thought long and hard

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### The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, GPR President

#### Greetings to all "Gold Prospectors of the Rockies" members!



There have been a few cold days and some snow recently. Please be careful if you are going prospecting and be aware of what the weather might become. Hypothermia can set in quickly, especially if wind and moisture are involved.

Our November meeting was a tribute to **Ken Barker**. I want to thank all of you that attended the meeting in your panning demo costumes. Ken's widow, **Jackie Barker**, was appreciative of all

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## Join Us on the Third Wednesday!

### Lloyd G. Clements Community Center

1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado

(One block west of Wadsworth, then one block north of Colfax)

7:00 p.m. (Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

Information: (303) 933-1147

Website: <http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>

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being a member of GPR more fun. Ken's motto, as Vice President of the GPR, was always: "Have some fun and find a little gold along the way."

A lot of members were closely involved with Ken and I am sure we will all share our memories of him during the coming months. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my personal impressions of Ken:

*Confident:* As displayed by the way he held his head high as he walked. Obviously, he was a man of few words, but when he spoke it was with purpose; he had something important to say.

*Commitment:* If he took on a project, he would see it through to completion and much beyond any expectation, as is witnessed by what he did with our gold panning demonstration program.

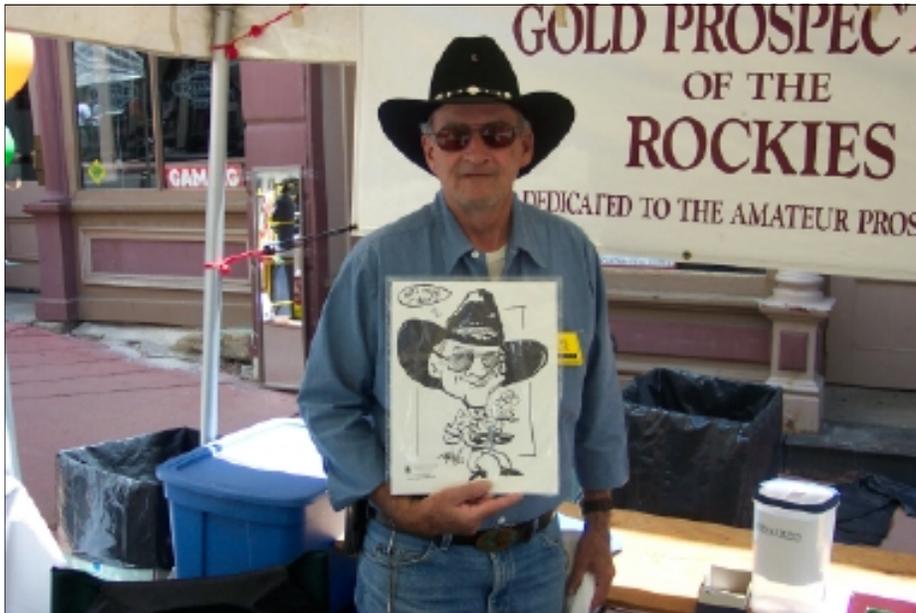
*Composure:* Ken was always in control and displayed a presence of tranquility, even when Dan Daru threw the gold back into Clear Creek--and on television at that.

*Respect:* He respected other people's positions in life, whether an older person with many years of living, or a younger person just leaning about life. If you did something for him, he was quick to say "thank you." He believed in "ladies first" and even came from that old school where a man opened a door for a lady.

Ken brought an air of professionalism to the club and a feeling of unity among the members. He perceived this club and the hobby of gold prospecting as a positive experience for the family as well as the individual. He truly cared for each and every one of us.

Although there will be an empty chair at the meetings, Ken's presence and past efforts will remain with us. He leaves behind a legacy that will continue in this club for years to come. I am requesting that each member continue Ken's legacy and memory.

In recognition of his efforts, and in memory of the man, I am directing that the caricature of Ken that was done in Central City be painted on the club trailer.



I am also initiating the annual "Ken Barker Award" wherein, through a vote of the membership, one member will be selected for his/her efforts at promoting #1) the hobby of gold prospecting and #2) the positive imagery of the Club in the public eye. These are things that Ken was good at. Details and rules will be determined and posted in the club newsletter. The recipient of this award will be given a plaque of recognition and \$100.

I am also taking this opportunity to appoint a new Chairman of the Panning Demonstrations Committee, one of Ken's personal understudies, Mr. **Jeff Mosteller**.

**To Jackie Barker** and family: Ken was a leader in the GPR family. He will be missed. You are a part of this family and will always be welcome at all activities and meetings.

You, Jackie, will receive a lifetime membership to the GPR along with all privileges associated with such membership. Jeff will present to you the collection of photos of Ken that are on display in the back of the room tonight. The photos were taken at several Club activities.

I want to return Ken's caricature to you. I took the liberty of framing it and club members have been signing the backing. Thank you for joining us tonight.

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those who expressed their condolences. You will find my "Tribute to Ken Barker" in this edition of the Gold Nugget.

Thanks to Joe Shubert and his excellent work as Nominations Committee Chairman, the annual election of Board Members went along smoothly. Be sure to express your appreciation to those members who stayed on for another term and also to those brave souls who are beginning Board Members. I will introduce all the Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, and Committee Members, at the December meeting. Without all of these people pulling together, we would not have a club.

Thanks to Jeff Mosteller for stepping up to the position of Vice President. Although his term officially begins in January, I have asked him to jump in and help me with the meetings and some items that need attention through the end of the year.

I appreciate the confidence the membership has shown me by electing me to a second term as president. My plans are for the club to continue to show measurable growth in memberships, funds, gold, and fun! With the continued help of the Board Members, Committee Coordinators, Committee Members, and the General Membership, we will keep the GPR as the best gold prospecting club along the Front Range.

#### **NOTICE!**

Check elsewhere in this edition of the Gold Nugget to find information about the December meeting. Contact Donna Mosteller to sign up for the potluck dinner. Also, there will be prizes . . . check it out!

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

## **Ghost Towns**

Most visitors to Colorado get the urge to "find a ghost town." There are several mentioned in legal documents and letters, and haven't been heard from since. The adventurous might start looking for the following, all of record, which haven't been located in the past fifty years. Stringtown, Hangman, Pole Cat, Fort Wicked, Stumptown, and Crooktown.

There was once a town and post office near Georgetown with around 500 population that called itself Red Elephant, Colorado. Think of the political complications they would have today.

~Al Look

*(Stumptown could be Stomptown, about 20 miles southwest of Breckenridge. ~Ed)*

## Metal Detecting Museum in Cisco, Texas

Thanks to the dedication of a few local hobbyists from the Southwest Searchers Club in Cisco, Eastland County, Texas, there is now a Metal Detecting Museum for the detectorists among us! It's official name is the Lela Latch Lloyd Memorial Museum. The library already contains a wealth of information for treasure research, including many old treasure magazines, and included on display are many metal detectors.



The museum is located in what was a vacant two-story landmark courthouse and city hall building. About 99 percent of the remodeling and repair has been completed. Downstairs, the rooms are already filled to capacity with displays being rearranged by category, with one room designated as the "official treasure room," in order to qualify for nonprofit status.

The folks who have put in their volunteer time on this project are headed by Dr. Duane Hale, a Professor of History at Cisco Junior College, and SSC club members Jerry Eckhart and Keith Wills. Dr. Hale has reproduced the famous carved map rocks, also called "spider rock disks," of central Texas (see <http://www.texfiles.com/features/spiderrock.htm>) and has painted other treasure maps (accurately) on the walls. Dr. Hale, a mixed-blood Creek by descent, has written nine books since 1984, including *Researching and Writing Tribal Histories*, published by the Michigan Indian Press. He also has finished a manuscript for a tribal history of the Chickasaw Nation.

The museum staff has plans to sponsor historical seminars and treasure hunting workshops in the newly decorated upstairs auditorium, which will hold about 150 people. Although they are very shorthanded, they want to try to keep the museum open at least on weekends for the general public. If you are in Cisco when the museum is not open and cannot

## Why Metal Detecting is Better than Fishing

Submitted by Don Ditzler

- No state license required (at least not as yet).
- No closed season on nuggets and you can coin shoot year 'round.
- No bag limit, keep all you get.
- No size limit, pennies and gold pickers are keepers.
- No waiting for 'bites'; if you detect nothing in one spot move on.
- Noise? Don't worry, you won't scare away any targets.
- No wife complains when you bring home a mess of nuggets or coins.
- No need to clean; scraping off scale degrades nugget and coin value.
- Unlike fish, coins or nuggets do not smell, if left in the car a few days.
- Unlike old fish, someone is always ready to accept old nuggets and coins.
- A large target will not tear up your 'tackle,' nor can it get away.

(Also, if returning empty handed it is hard to tell a convincing lie about 'how the big one got away'.)

Which brings us to another point. Hunters and fishermen are notorious for overstating from how many hundred yards the deer was shot, how big the fish was that they lost, that sort of thing. You've heard it before.

So, if metal detecting is ever to be accepted as a true sport, we must learn to tell some big whoppers. Hunters and fishermen will never convert to metal detecting unless they can continue to exaggerate facts. And what can we lie about? We have it or we don't.

Of course, if we can get enough hunters and fishermen into metal detecting, the problem is solved. That breed, being what they are, have the talent to fabricate covering material when they come back from any venture empty handed.

locate Jerry or another SSC club member, the Cisco Chamber of Commerce has the key to the museum.

Unfortunately, the cost just to keep the museum running is in excess of \$100 per month, funds that are in very short supply. Because of this, Jerry is asking for contributions in any dollar amount that you can send at this time. Also, the museum welcomes items to put in their research collection, for display, and that they might be able to sell to visitors to raise additional moneys.

If you can help, or just want to send a word of encouragement, contact  
Lela Latch Lloyd Memorial Museum  
c/o Jerry Eckhart  
704 Ave. I, Cisco, TX 76437-3055  
(254) 442-4210

## Good Metal Detecting Etiquette

From an issue of George Streeter's *Treasure Hunter's Gazette* ( [www.streeter.org](http://www.streeter.org) )

1. Always have permission from the landowner before searching.
2. No matter where you detect, city or private land, ALWAYS FILL YOUR HOLES!
3. If you carry it in, carry it out. Don't leave your soda pop cans, plastic wrappers, or any other trash behind.
4. Be extremely careful about fire. The landowner and neighbors, livestock and wildlife in the area, are depending on you to make sure all campfires & smoking materials are out.
5. Here's a sticky point and one that has, unfortunately, cost a few friendships: If a friend takes you to one of his or her digging spots, it doesn't necessarily become your spot as well. Check with your friend, then the landowner, before going back to the spot alone. And definitely check with them before you bring your friends to the spot as well.
6. I wish this were law rather than etiquette: Keep a careful record of the particulars of your finds. This record keeping will help maintain an artifacts' historical context, and the what and where of an excavated artifact is of great importance to future historical research.

In short, abide by the law, respect the landowner and his property, value the friendship of your fellow detectorists, and maintain a careful record of your finds.

### GPR Events Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Presenter/Coordinator(s)
Dec 2003	13		Tour	Colorado History Museum, Denver	Shawn & Pinie Conell
	17	6:30 p.m.	Meeting	GPR Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner	
Jan	21	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
Feb	18	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
Mar	17	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
Apr	21	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
May	19	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
Jun	16	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
Jul	21	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
Aug	18	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
Sep	15	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	

All GPR meeting presentations and trip activities are subject to change. Non-club prospecting-related events may be included for your information. Members attending any trip activities will be asked to **be sure to sign up or contact the event coordinator prior to the activity to allow planning for an estimated number of people** and so attendees may be contacted in the event of any change, cancellation, or rescheduling.

## 5th Annual Cripple Creek School of Prospecting

THE CRIPPLE CREEK School of Prospecting, taught by Stephen Veatch, Rich Fretterd, and others, will be held January 24 and 25, 2004. The course offers an unmatched opportunity to understand the basic principles of geology and prospecting using Cripple Creek and the Pikes Peak region as a backdrop for discussion. You can experience an in-depth examination of the early geological surveys and expeditions to Colorado and discover Colorado's mining heritage from local authors and historians. You will explore modern mining methods, discover the basics of rocks and minerals, find where minerals and gems can be found in Colorado, and learn the fundamentals of paleontology. The course will give you the basics of geologic and topographic maps and you will photography, and how to build and document a rock database to record their rock, mineral, and fossil the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine and the many interesting diversions in the evening. The and Sunday. The course fee of \$99.00 includes all lunch on Saturday and Sunday. All other meals are Creek Parks and Recreation office at (719) 689-3514 may call the J.P. McGill's/Midnight Rose Casino at special room rate is available (\$49.95 + tax) but you special rate. Your stay at J.P. McGill's/Midnight biographical information about the two principal

STEVEN VEATCH conducts educational region. Steve is an adjunct professor of earth science MS in earth science. Steve's special interests include credits his intense passion for the earth sciences to hard-rock miner, grew up in Caribou, a mining camp grandfather on the other side of the family came to the Cripple Creek District. His grandmother was born in a small house in Elkton. Steve, coming from a mining family, was destined to build a rock collection and spend a lifetime searching for rocks. Steve is a member of the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society, Colorado Scientific Society, Colorado Archaeological Society, Western Interior Paleontological Society, Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education, National Association of Lake Management, National Association of Geoscience Teachers, and Geological Society of America.

RICH FRETTERD spent 18 years as a gold miner in the Cripple Creek Mining District. Presently, Rich is working at his Godsend mining claim in the Pike National Forest north of Lake George where he is receiving national attention for unearthing some of the largest smoky quartz crystals ever found in Colorado (over 400 pounds!), if not North America. Rich is a member of the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society and the Lake George Gem and Mineral Club. He has taught the Cripple Creek School of Prospecting since its inception. He owns several mining claims in the Crystal Creek area, and a patented claim in the Cripple Creek Mining District. Rich brings many practical tips to the class.

*American Eagle Mine headframe photo courtesy of Steve Veatch.*



## GPR Potluck Dinner is December 17th!

Our annual potluck dinner will be Wednesday, December 17, 2003, starting at 7:00 p.m.  
Board Members will have a brief meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
(No vendors this night, please)

Contact our refreshments coordinator, **Donna Mosteller**, at (303) 202-9302, to tell her what you will be bringing to the dinner. The club will supply coffee, sodas, paper plates, napkins, and plastic ware.

### PRIZES!                      PRIZES!                      PRIZES!

Did we mention prizes? **Gary & Kathy Hawley** have been busy selecting some really neat prizes for the giveaway drawings. If they keep this up, everyone attending will get a prize (and that's the idea we're told!).

We've heard that some of the prizes are worth \$30 to \$50.  
Come early . . . you don't want to miss your chance!

**Come early!**   -<->-   **Eat lots!**   -<->-   **Have fun!**   -<->-   **Win a prize!**

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about doing this and after, oh, about 30 seconds, I decided to give it a go.

Before **Ken Barker** went onto better digs, I spent a lot of time with him talking about where he would have liked to see his pet project, the Panning Demos, go in the future. The biggest kick he got out of the demos was the look in the children's eyes as the first sparkle of gold started to appear in the bottom of the pan. Ken felt very strongly about giving back to the community and the demos were his vehicle. This I feel is the right way to go but I think a few months rest before the season gets under way is in order. We'll all take a deep breath, hit the ground running, and count how many times some one looks up wondering where the heck Ken went.

Along with my VP duties, I'm going to, under the tutelage of Mr. **Gary Hawley**, try to put together a season of just the basic media-drawing events, such as, Golden's Buffalo Bill Days, Arvada, City of Littleton, Four Mile Historic Park, and the greatest time in Central City. These brought us the most attention and helped increase our membership. Just like Ken did, I will hound everybody for help, so be looking for those sign-up sheets. Still in the works is the vast amount of film footage taken of us last year in Central City, which will be used in a statewide to nationwide advertising campaign. Also, we have been offered a slot on Main Street at the Arvada Fest. I don't want to pick up much more than these shows in the coming year as I think this is a good re-start, considering the past month and all that we as a group have endured.

## The Goose Call

By Don Ditzler

Had a humorous incident yesterday. My wife and I were metal detecting on a beach thick with geese (and thicker with their residual product). While detecting without headphones in relic mode, my White's DFX gave out with a loud electronic raspberry. Sounded like, well, have you ever heard the raucous call of a goose?

The whole flock left the water and came running towards us hissing and honking. I thought we were going to get mobbed. Turns out they seemed to be quite curious about the sound, maybe thinking it possibly to be the call of a new genetically altered breed of goose. After observing my movements for a few minutes and hearing more DFX bass toned honks, they turned tail and goose stepped away. I could tell by indignant honks and hisses the gaggle felt I had purposely fooled them. I don't suggest the DFX be advertised as a goose call, but it worked for me.

Does any member have a highly valid reason for a man to purchase a second, or even a first, upscale metal detector? By valid I mean some non-debatable fact a husband can use to sell his wife on the idea that another (underwater) metal detector is a good investment. My argument has been that a new sofa won't make any money for us. That is, other than a few coins sliding from pockets. I tell her a new rug is something we will just trample underfoot.

Well, this simply doesn't seem to convince her. As one club member to another, what would be a valid argument to you? (Actually, my wife never questions my purchases. When UPS brings that second hot detector she probably won't say anything to me at all . . . for weeks.)



# Notes from GPR Meetings of November 19, 2003

## Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

### Roll Call

*In Attendance:* Gary Hawley, Pinie Conell, Shawn Conell, Wayne Hale, Jeff Mosteller, Allen Mershon, and Joe Shubert.

### Quorum Present?

Yes.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

### Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as read.

### Treasurer's report

Accepted as read and available at tonight's general meeting.

### Correspondence

Donations for the American Heart Association in Ken Barker's name, membership renewals, and a newsletter from the Rocky Mountain Treasure Hunters club.

### Committee Reports

Eight committee reports submitted by Dick Oakes, Coordinator. Item #5 – Revision of a publicity version of The Gold Nugget has received Board approval. All other reports by Mr. Oakes were read and are appreciated, in this format, by the Board.

### Unfinished Business

*Elections:* Joe Shubert. This is election night. Joe has prepared a slate of nominees to present during the General Meeting.

*Liability Insurance.* Gary Hawley, Sue Clover, Debbie Lefor. Ongoing. Allen Mershon will have information for the next Board meeting.

### New Business

*Impact of Ken Barker's Passing.* Gary Hawley. Ken Barker's passing will impact the club for a time but we must move on with the promotion of prospecting in general and the GPR specifically. He started many good things that we will continue.

*Panning Demo Committee.* Gary Hawley. Gary appointed Jeff Mosteller to the position of Chairman of the Panning Demo Committee.

*Annual "Ken Barker Award."* Gary Hawley. Motion was made and seconded for the approval on an annual "Ken Barker Award." The award recipient, selected by a vote of the membership, will receive a plaque and \$100. Gary will work out the rules, guidelines, and procedure for this award and present same for Board approval.

*American Heart Association Donation.* Gary Hawley. Motion was made and seconded to present a one-time donation, in the amount of \$100, to the American Heart Association, in Ken Barker's name.

### Planned Outings

Refer to the Events Calendar posted in *The Gold Nugget*.

### Announcements

*Next Board Meeting:* December 17, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.

*Next General Meeting:* December 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. Annual Potluck Dinner meeting.

*Tonight's general meeting program:* Tribute to Ken Barker, Show and Tell, election of Officers and Board Members.

### Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

## General Meeting

By Dick Oakes, General Meeting Recorder

President Gary Hawley opened the club's general meeting by having Cub Scout Mitchell McConnell lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Gary presented a memorial tribute to our recently departed Vice President, Ken Barker. Among the guests were Jackie Barker, and her son and daughter Chris Barker and Christina Barker.

By action of the Board of Directors, Jackie Barker was made a Life Member of the club. Throughout the evening, members signed the back of a framed drawing of Ken, which will be presented to Jackie. In addition, in Ken's memory, Gary established an annual "Ken Barker Award," with rules to be determined by the Board. Gary appointed Jeff Mosteller to the positions of VP and Demonstrations Coordinator.

Membership Coordinator Dick Oakes said that with the addition of two new member families at tonight's meeting, our membership has grown to 125. Dick awarded two pieces of auriferous pyrite gold ore from the Phoenix mine to Shawn & Pinie Conell for their arranging of the mine tour in October. He also gave pieces of gold ore culled by hand by mine owner Al Mosch himself to members in attendance who took the tour.

Treasurer Kathy Hawley has transferred the club's accounts to Bank One so that future treasurers, wherever they may live, will have easy account access at banks close to where they live.

Nominations Coordinator Joe Shubert presented a slate of Officers and Board members for 2004. Elected were President-Gary Hawley, Vice President-Jeff Mosteller, Treasurer-Kathy Hawley, and Board members Pinie Conell, Joe Shubert, Sue Clover, Shawn Conell, Allen Mershon, Hank Innerfeld, Cindy Douthard, and Terry Weatherly.

Allen Mershon related how 1 billion Chinese, now allowed to buy gold for the first time in 50 years, have caused the price of gold to rise

## 2004 Officers and Board Elected

By Joe Shubert

The tentative slate of Officer and Board Member nominees presented at the General Meeting was accepted and approved by the membership (with one nomination from the floor) as follows:

President .....	Gary Hawley
Vice President .....	Jeff Mosteller
Treasurer .....	Kathy Hawley
2-Year Board Member .....	Pinie Conell
2-Year Board Member .....	Joe Shubert
2-Year Board Member .....	Terry Weatherly
Board Member .....	Sue Clover
Board Member .....	Shawn Conell
Board Member .....	Cindy Douthard
Board Member .....	Hank Innerfeld
Board Member .....	Allen Mershon

Thanks to all who "volunteered" to run for office for 2004. With this kind of support from our club members, the best prospecting club on the Front Range can do nothing but become even better in the coming year.

## Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

### Nugget Drawings

1.7 gram nugget..... Gary Hawley  
 1.4 gram nugget..... LeRoy Lamgo  
 1.1 gram nugget..... LeRoy Lamgo  
 1.0 gram nugget..... Teena Swisher  
 0.8 gram nugget..... Judy Hale  
 0.8 gram nugget..... Marc Johnson  
 0.6 gram nugget..... Hank Innerfeld  
 0.6 gram nugget..... Wayne Hale  
 0.6 gram nugget..... Clarence Douthett  
 0.5 gram nugget..... Jerry Jensen  
 0.5 gram nugget..... Joe Fortunato  
 0.5 gram nugget..... Henry Chambless

### Door Prize Drawings

0.4 gram nugget..... Cindy Douthard  
 (Donated by **Ken Oyler**)  
 0.25 gram nugget..... Donna Mosteller  
 (Donated by **Ken Oyler**)  
 Christmas Carol CD..... Shawn Conell  
 (Donated by **Rick Miska**)

## Find of the Month/Year

By Rick Miska, Finds Coordinator

The November Find of the month winner was **Jerry Jensen**. He brought in a small vial of gold that he pulled out of Clear Creek the weekend before the meeting. Runner up was **Dick Oakes** with auriferous pyrite ore samples from the Phoenix and Hidee Gold Mines.

If you have something prospecting related that you "found," and have not yet submitted it for the contest, please bring it in.

## Member Renewal Up \$5 in 2004

By action of the Board of Directors, GPR membership fees will go up in 2004. The new fee structure will be

New GPR Family or Individual Membership .....\$40.00

Renewal GPR Family or Individual Membership .....\$30.00

which represents only a \$5.00 raise in cost from previous renewal fees. Members wanting to save five bucks for next year's fees can pay their 2004 renewal (at the \$25.00 rate) by the December meeting.

## The Q&A

By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

The **Questions for November** were:

Q 1: What year did the big flood go through the Argo?

Q 2: Which mine shaft was the main killer where the flood started?

Q 3: Near which Colorado town was the shaft located?

A: When the Kansas Shaft in Quartz Hill at Nevadaville collapsed in 1943, water flooded the Argo Tunnel to the Argo Mill (at 1,000 feet lower elevation) some 4 1/2 miles away in Idaho Springs, killing four miners. Water continues to drain out of the tunnel.

The **Question for December** is:

Q: Established in 1859, what saloon is the oldest continuously operated bar West of the Mississippi?

Members who submit the correct answer to this question at the next meeting will receive a red ticket for the nugget drawing.

## Let 'em Eat Cake!

By LeRoy Lamgo



To all Gold Prospectors of the Rockies. Be sure to attend the December pot luck Christmas party! If I'm going to slave over the cake (okay, I get it from King Soopers), I would like to see all of you members get a "peace" of a very good cake. And be sure to attend the January meeting, too, because I will be giving away something really nice. Let me say this about that: It will be worth waiting for!

## Welcome New Members and Guests

By Dick Oakes, Membership Coordinator

A family joined the club this month: welcome to **Steve & Diana Homola**. Also joining at the meeting was **Marc Johnson**.

Accompanying **Jackie Barker** were her son **Chris Barker** and daughter **Christina Barker**. Also, **John Smith** came to the club for the first time and we hope he enjoyed it enough to join the club and take an active part in our activities!



## Food for Thought

By Donna Mosteller, Refreshments Coordinator

Thanks go to **Carol Oakes** and **Rick Miska** for the bunch of goodies they brought for our November meeting. A thank you also goes to **Ed Finney** for the banana bread, and **LeRoy Lamgo** for the cake. Don't forget the potluck at our December meeting. We still need volunteers for next year on the snack table. Be sure to sign up at the front table at the meeting. I hope everyone had a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. See you at the meeting.

Donna



## ADVERTISING

in *The Gold Nugget*

### Commercial Ads

Business Card Size .....	\$ 6
Quarter-Page .....	\$ 12
Half-Page .....	\$ 24
Full-Page.....	\$ 48

### Non-commercial Classifieds

Non-business Classifieds .....Free to GPR Members

Send ad copy to  
**goldnugget@phantomranch.net**  
 (deadline five days before the month of publication)  
 For further info, see the GPR website

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## MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

### SMALL HOUSE FOR SALE

This 2-bedroom house in Bonanza, Colorado, has a large kitchen, storage room, wood stove for cooking, and an electric heater. There is, however, no water available. Prospecting and hunting are allowed. \$18,000 (Negotiable/Trade). Contact Teena Swisher, (303) 428-5696, Ext. 237 (Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

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For additional information and photos, see <http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>

Find some color and fill your "poke."

## Pages from the Librarian

By Dick Oakes, Library-History-Video Coordinator

Thanks to **Carol Oakes** for handling the Library Table once again in November! Because of other commitments, Carol won't be able to take care of the Library Table in 2004. Anybody care to help?

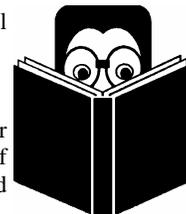
### *Magnificent Quest: A Guide to Prospecting, Drywashing and Nugget Shooting in the Desert*

This 5x8 self-published paperback book by Jim Straight of Rialto, California, is 51 pages packed with helpful hints for metal detecting for gold, particularly in the Great Basin, Mojave, and Sonoran Deserts where, according to the author, most of the best dryplacer areas are found. Also included is a bit about the Chihuahuan Desert, only part of which is in the United States. There are 14 black-and-white photos and three pages of selected references.

Chapters include "A Brief Overview of the Desert," Features Common to the Desert," "Desert Plants and Animals," Man and Desert Survival," "Man Invades the Desert," "Minerals and Metals in the Desert (Large-Scale Mining)," and "Recreational and Small-Scale Mining." Of particular interest to anyone prospecting the desert is Chapter 4 that discusses desert survival and respect for the desert. Jim talks about being prepared, the dangers of the desert, the hot and hostile sun, and desert survival tips. This chapter alone is worth the price of the book (\$8.95 in 1993, when the book was published) and will be helpful to anyone planning a trip to the desert, whether for recreational purposes or to search for gold.

Jim talks about the differences between eluvial, residual, bajada, pediment, and eolian placers, as well as "paystreaks" and "runs." Take a look and check out this little book at the January meeting (the Library will be closed for checkout at the December potluck meeting).

Please bring all checked-out books and videos to the December meeting so we can start the new year with a clean library slate. And, if you have any items to donate, we'd surely appreciate your bringing those in, too.



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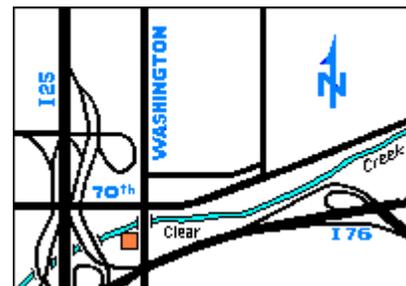
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## Southwest Colorado Historical Photos

By Rick Miska

In my never ending quest for  
historical information on Colorado, I  
have found another great website for

historical Colorado photographs:

<http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu/images/SWImagesHome.htm>

This website focuses on southwest Colorado and includes the  
work of photographers from that area. Look for a presentation of some  
of these pictures at a club meeting in the near future.

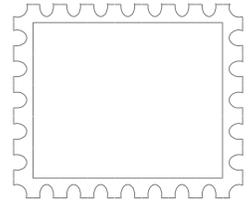
I have Colorado Historical Information links available on my  
website at:

<http://www.ricksthings.com/>

**Fact: It is impossible to lick your elbow!**  
but 98.4 percent of the people who read this will try to do so anyway.



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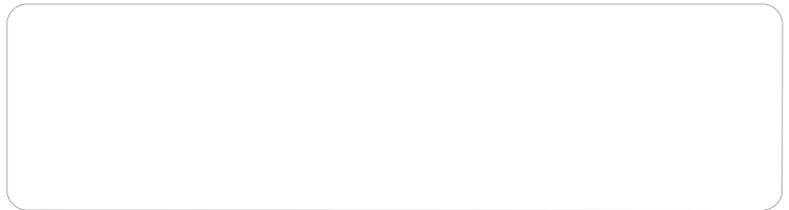


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Please check the **date** on your label to see the last month you may renew your GPR membership and continue your subscription to *The Gold Nugget* without interruption. Thanks, and happy prospecting!

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**FIRST CLASS**



### Golden Quotes

Many of the hard rock old timers thought it impossible to celebrate Christmas without getting drunk. In 1875, when Christmas came to Ouray, prospectors had a big feast but no whiskey. And that is how "Vinegar Hill" got its name. One man had a jug, but it contained apple cider that had turned to vinegar. ~Al Look

If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world. ~J. R. R. Tolkien  
 Truth, like gold, is to be obtained not by its growth, but by washing away from it all that is not gold. ~Leo Tolstoy  
 It is in men as in soils where sometimes there is a vein of gold which the owner knows not of. ~Swift, Jonathon  
 Gold !Gold !Gold !Gold! Bright and yellow, hard and cold. ~Thomas Hood

Remember, people will judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold--but so does a hard-boiled egg.  
 ~Unknown

### What the Miner Wants

"False set" of teeth for the "mouth of the tunnel," and a girl of experience to paint and powder the "face of the drift."  
 Four-in-hand tie for the "collar of the shaft," and a boot for the "foot of the incline."  
 He needs a jockey who can ride a "porphyry horse" and use the "spur of the ledge" on a "bucking donkey," and "drive a cross-cut."  
 An "expert" burglar to "tap the ledge;" a detective to "follow the vein," and a watchman to guard the "silverplate."  
 A hat that will fit a "head of water," and a man that can wear the "cap of a tunnel set."  
 A soldier who has been 'drilled' to handle a "gun" and to "shoot" and work a "battery;" also a painter who can distinguish a "color."  
 A "square set" of men to work for him, some feed for the "giraffe," a bird for the "cage," a hunter to hunt the "gopher," and a "grizzly" and a sprinter to "run a drift" against time.  
 A tidy man who will put an "apron" on and "clean up" the mill, sweep up the "dust," and "wash dirt."  
 He also would like to have the government furnish him with "stamps" free of charge.  
 The "roof of the drift" shingled with twenty-dollar pieces.  
 And when he "dies," he wants to go the "upper level" and play on silver "horn" and have his "slapjacks" baked in a "gold pan."

- *Mining and Scientific Press.*

~From the *Idaho Springs Mining Gazette*, Saturday, April 8, 1893