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The Cripple Creek Prospecting Class

By Roy Lynch

The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

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



Here comes GOLD PROSPECTING weather! Can you believe 70-degree weather in March? There have been several days lately that were perfect for getting started on selecting a good prospecting location. I hope you have had a chance to test the streams.

Thanks to **Allen Mershon** for his lesson in laundry at last month's meeting. It was enjoyable to actually see how much gold came from washing a pair of pants. Now I understand how the mining camp laundries made so much profit.

There are several business items to share with the members so I'll get right to it.

Snack table: Just to clarify what we are doing, here is the guideline: The club will supply coffee, sodas, all paper and plastic products, and a snack tray goodie at our Regular Membership Meetings. Our Refreshments Committee Coordinator, **Donna Mosteller**, has been doing an excellent job of picking treats for the snack table. If you want to bring other snack items, PLEASE contact Donna BEFORE you make or buy them. We will still have a donations container to help cover the cost of snack items.

Shawn & Pinie Conell will be presenting our Second Annual Coin Hunt in May. They will be asking for your help in preparing the site for the hunt. This will be a fun event for everyone and I have it on good authority that the president will be supplying a special coin for this hunt in addition to the coins Shawn & Pinie have selected.

Our new and improved logo: Absolute Graphics, Inc. got a "sew-up" sample to me on the day of our last meeting. Everyone had positive

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I had just recently joined the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies and wanted to learn more about Prospecting. I received my copy of The Gold Nugget and found an article on the "5th Annual Cripple Creek School of Prospecting." After reading this article, I called Cripple Creek Parks and Recreation office and signed up for the class, which was going to be held in their Cripple Creek offices.

After work in Denver, I drove Interstate 25 to the Springs through its usual rush hour traffic, which lightened up a bit after the turn-off on Highway 24 west. The mountain scenery was nice as I drove up the hills. When I reached the Divide, I turned left on Highway 67 south. The stretch of road between the Divide and Cripple Creek had some of the nicest Christmas card scenery I've seen in a long time. And then I drove into Cripple Creek, a rustic prospecting town. The road continued south through the

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Okay, club members, let's first get the serious stuff out of the way!



OUR club, yours and mine, needs a couple people to help with a couple things. We have Club Officers, Board Members, Committee Coordinators, and lots of good members. Some of the things that make this club so great is that members are having a good time, the meetings are fun, and many

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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.)

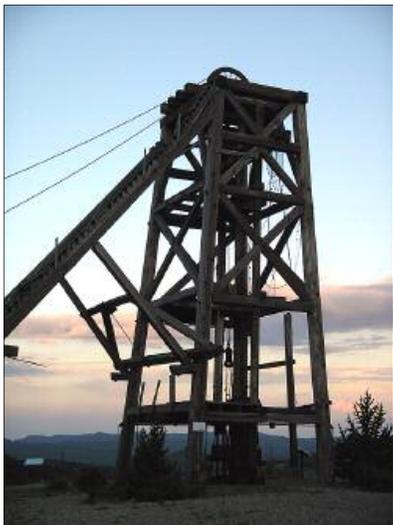
Information: (303) 933-1147

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

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middle of town where the Casinos are located. I checked in for two nights at the J.P. McGill's/Midnight Rose Casino (which was offering a special price for our class at half what the Casino normally charges per night). I took a walk around the Casinos, walked down the street to the Cripple Creek Parks and Recreation Office to check it out for the next day's prospecting class, then went back to the Midnight Rose's "Down Under Steakhouse" to eat dinner. You can't go wrong with their Prime Rib! After dinner did some gambling (yes I lost), called it a night, and went back to the room and to relax for the remainder of the evening and go over the class schedule for the next two days.

On Saturday, a crisp clear day, we had a field trip to the Cripple Creek and Victor (CC&V) Gold Mining Company. The sheer size of this impressive mining operation, with its three-story-tall trucks being loaded and driving by us to their dumping location, was a sight to behold. We later had an opportunity to climb up on one of those huge trucks in whose bed you could fit an entire house! We also had presentations by our four excellent instructors, Glenn Beattie, veteran gold prospector; Rich Frettered, a hard rock miner for 18 years; Loren Lowe, past president of the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society; and Steven Veatch, an adjunct professor of earth science at Emporia State University.

Sunday started out as another clear day with gold panning, a field trip to the Trading and Transfer Building, and a visit to the Cripple Creek Museum. Many a millionaire was made in this town. We again were treated to presentations by our four instructors.

Sunday also was the day when a snowstorm was going to cross through the Rockies. In the afternoon, the sky started to change so I started home about 3:00 p.m. back up 67 north to the Divide where the sky had darkened considerably. It started snowing before I got halfway to 24 east and I was slipping and sliding around turns. The snow continued unabated and I could no longer identify the road, let alone know what lane I was in. Everything was white. As I reached 24 east and slid towards the Springs, the snow began to lighten up a bit and I thought I was out of the main storm. But as I headed north on 25 towards Monument Pass, I drove right into the main storm that dropped right over me into blizzard conditions and total white-out. Trucks and cars were all over the road. Many were stopped on the freeway and you couldn't see them until the last second, creating an obstacle course for a blind man. At this point I decided that as long as my truck was moving at least 5 miles per hour and I didn't hit anything or come to a stop, I could keep going in and around cars and trucks. I wasn't going to stop because I knew I would not get my rear-wheel-drive truck moving again.

That night I drove over curbs, was in oncoming lanes, went through red lights, slipped around cars, slid circles around light poles trying to turn and guessing where the street might be. Driving mostly sideways, it seemed, it took me most of the evening to get home. I have a few more white hairs from that ride, but the 5th Annual Cripple Creek School of Prospecting was outstanding.

Annual Ken Barker Award

By Gary Hawley

The Annual Ken Barker Award was established in November 2003 to honor the memory of Kenneth Barker, Vice President of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies 2003. The award is designed to recognize the Club member who most closely exemplifies the love and passion for gold prospecting that Ken brought to the organization.

The Nominating Committee shall preside over the selection process for this award.

- All Club Members and Board Members in good standing, with the exception of the President and Vice-President, shall be eligible for this award.
- The recipient of this award will be selected by secret ballot at the November General meeting.
- A ballot form will be made available to all members in good standing as they check in at the membership table at the November General meeting.
- An appropriate container to receive completed and signed ballots will be made available.
- Absentee ballot forms, to be used only by those members who cannot attend the November General Meeting, will be available in the November issue of The Gold Nugget. The signed and completed form must be mailed to the Club Post Office Box and be postmarked no later than November 30 to be considered.
- In December, the Committee Coordinator shall tally the ballots and present the names of the nominees to the Board. The nominated member who receives the most votes will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the Board will select one of the finalists to receive this award.
- The President shall, at the January meeting, present \$100 cash and a "Ken Barker Award" plaque to the selected winner.
- The Committee Coordinator shall cause an article about the award and the recipient to be published in the February newsletter.

Qualifications of Nominee

- Member in good standing
- Promotes gold prospecting
- Promotes the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies
- Participates in Club activities
- Assists new members with prospecting techniques and information
- Anticipates the needs of the Club and does his/her best to fulfill those needs
- Contributes to the success of the Club with his/her extra efforts



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comments on what they saw. I have ordered a small quantity of caps, shirts, and patches that should be here by the April meeting. I will reorder as we sell out of these items, that way we will not have a lot of money tied up in inventory.

Bylaws updating: **Dick Oakes** and I have completed updating the Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures for the club. All Board Members have had an opportunity to examine and make comment on these rules and guidelines. I believe Dick will have a copy of these documents available at the April meeting. This has been a big project and I thank Dick for his encouragement and expertise in completing this project.

Panning demos: **Jeff Mosteller** has been busy setting up a great calendar of panning demos. Check the GPR Events Calendar in the newsletter and select dates that you can help with.

Annual Ken Barker Award: I have completed the guidelines for this annual award and have asked **Dick Oakes** to print it in this edition of the newsletter (see page 2).

Gold drawings: **Kathy Hawley** was right on when she suggested some larger nuggets for the drawings. That 2.9 gram beauty was a treat to behold and it appears that the members were supportive of her suggestion. So...she has done it again. She has picked out a 2.7 gram nugget from Anvil Creek, Nome, Alaska, and I heard her mention 12.2 grams total for the April drawing. Get there early and see which nugget you would like to have (as if any of us would turn down any of them!).

I would like to welcome Arapahoe Coin & Stamp Company as our newest commercial display advertiser. **Rod Haenni**, who owns Arapahoe Coin at 1216 W. Littleton Blvd. in Littleton, has helped me make decisions on several collectable coins in the past few months. Rod runs a clean, friendly shop that is a pleasure to visit and I have found his prices to be honest and very competitive. If you collect coins, please stop in and introduce yourself to Rod and tell him you saw his ad in *The Gold Nugget*.

The Gold Prospectors of the Rockies continues to grow. There are many things in the planning stage and I am sure everyone will have plenty of opportunity to participate and enjoy the activities. This is your club--get involved and support your Board Members.

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

Apples are more efficient than coffee at waking you up in the morning.

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members are willing to pitch in. Having said that, I'd like to point out that we, THE CLUB, need help in these areas:

- General Meeting Recorder: take notes of what went on during the General Meeting and get the notes to the newsletter editor, a really simple task (**Gary Hawley** is the Board supervisor in charge);
- Club Librarian: just that, be a librarian and take care of lending out club owned books and videos (**Sue Clover** is the Board supervisor);
- Club Store: this is a new one and ties in with our new logo on hats and shirts--we need someone to set up a small supply of items, on one of the tables at the back of the meeting room, and sell them. The money would be turned over to the treasurer at the end of the meeting. Not too tough a job, if you can count and make correct change (**Shawn Conell** is the Board supervisor).

There it is--that's what YOUR club needs. Now it's YOUR turn to show your support and take on the challenge. See me at the April meeting and let's talk!

I thank the following people for stepping forward to form a Claims committee: **Joe Johnston, David Laurita, Hillary Smith, and Marten Swisher**. (See isn't it fun seeing your name in the paper, hint, hint.) I'd like for these folks to see me at the meeting this month so we can get this committee started in the right direction (toward the mountains!).

Please keep an eye on the GPR Events Calendar in the newsletter for all the up and coming happenings (and especially on the website for any last-minute changes). **Shawn & Pinie Conell** have a great event set for the 22nd of May. If you have a metal detector collecting dust because nobody showed you how to use it, this treasure hunt is where you need to be. I haven't a clue as to how to use them and I own two! Hot coffee and Krispy Kremes will be there, but only for the early birds who show up at 8:00 a.m.--hey, COUNT ME IN!

Okay ladies and gentleman, after being out in the woods with all of you so many times and hearing the question "Where's the toilet?," we got ya covered, and it's nicer than the Butternut coffee can and a tarp I had in mind. The club now has a Mobile/Portable Changing room/Out house, complete with a toilet! No more excuses not to get out and get involved.

We have about a third of what we need to make a costume order from Scully. The catalogs will be at the meeting, if you want to get some costuming for our panning demos (it's not just costuming they have--they also carry the latest Western fashions as well). Please see me at the meeting. Thanks!

The Old Prospector



The old prospector tells of a casket being hauled up to one of the Central City cemeteries. On the steepest grade, the coffin slid backwards, dropped out of the hearse, slid down through Central City to Gregory Street, and on down into Black Hawk, losing its lid on the way. There it slid through the door of a local pharmacy, struck the counter, and upended facing against the

counter. The nearsighted clerk squinted at the new arrival through inadequate glasses and asked, "May I help you sir?" To which the man in the box replied, "Can you give me something to stop this awful coffin?"

One day, a rowdy said to the old prospector, "Did you ever learn to dance while you were prospectin' old timer?" The prospector said, "No, I don't reckon I ever did." The rowdy said, "Well, you're gonna dance now, ol' timer!" and, pulling out his trusty revolver, began shooting into the ground around the prospector's feet. After expending six shots, the prospector turned, pulled a 10-gauge shotgun from the pack on his burro, cocked it, and asked the rowdy, "Have you ever kissed the rear end of a burro?" to which the rowdy, holding up his hands, said, "No, but I've always wanted to!"

Only seven per cent of the population is comprised of leifties.

USPS Stickers

When we mail out your issues of *The Gold Nugget*, we put an extra staple in the right end to keep it closed in postage canceling machines and to obviate the necessity of having circular stickers applied. Sometimes, however, the Post Office doesn't realize why that end staple is there and applies the stickers anyway.

No problem, however, as the stickers are made with a special adhesive that makes them fairly easy to remove without damaging the surface--simply lift an edge with a sharp blade and peel them off slowly and carefully.

GOLD IS WHERE YOU FIND IT

High-grading cost the mine owners in Colorado more than the miner's strikes. In Cripple Creek alone, the ore-stealers had 27 places to sell their loot. It was estimated the mines lost \$500 a day by miners walking out with a chunk of high grade in their mouths or in their whiskers.

~Al Look

Notes from GPR Meetings of March 17, 2004

Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call

In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Pinie Conell, Shawn Conell, Cindy Douthard, Hank Innerfeld, Allen Mershon, Joe Shubert, Terry Weatherly.

Quorum Present?

Yes.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

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

Correspondence

Newsletter from R.M.P.T.H. and membership renewals.

Committee Reports

The following committee reports were submitted: Drawings, Outings, Monthly Q&A, Dowsing, Panning Demos, Ken Barker Award, Refreshments, Speakers, Bylaws, S.O.P., Membership, Newsletter, Website, Publicity, and Advertising.

Unfinished Business

Club Trommel. Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

Liability Insurance. Gary Hawley, Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

Articles for Newsletter. Board Members. Board members were reminded that they are expected to submit two articles per year for the newsletter.

New Business

Club Trommel. Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

Liability Insurance. Gary Hawley and Allen Mershon. Gary has recently received information from the Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations.

Discount Store Membership. Approval having been given to obtain a membership in a discount store (Costco or Sam's Club) for refreshments purchases, Donna Mosteller will finalize.

Standard Operating Procedures. Board Members. The Board is to look over the S.O.P. printouts and write changes/comments for an approval vote in April.

New Business

Demo "Gold Cards." Gary Hawley. The cards are here. LeRoy Lamgo has offered to tape gold pieces on them so they will be ready for the first panning demo.

Club Logo. Gary Hawley. The logo drawing is complete. The graphics company is going to do a "sew-up" (sample) for us. An order for logo items will be placed and may be available by the April meeting.

Ken Barker Award. Gary Hawley. The board gave its input and the guidelines will be printed in the April newsletter.

Acrylic Display Stand. Dick Oakes requested approval to purchase an acrylic display stand at \$35.01 for membership applications and other documents to be used at the membership table. Approved

Refreshment Table Guidelines. Gary Hawley. For an explanation, refer to the January newsletter.

Metal Detector Hunt. Pinie Conell. Pinie requested \$250 for purchase of coins to be given away at the hunt. Approved.

General Meeting

By Dick Oakes

President Gary Hawley opened the meeting by having Don Tiglas lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Dick Oakes reported that there were two returning members bring the total to 126. There also were 8 guest families.

Jeff Mosteller talked about upcoming panning demos, including a "trade-in-kind" with Central City of 6 people for 6 hours as a gratis demo. We will not be doing Central City demos each and every weekend, however.

A Claims Committee has been formed under Jeff Mosteller's coordination with Joe Johnston, David Laurita, Hillary Smith, and Marten Swisher offering to help.

Rick Miska handled the Q&A proceedings with many folks being awarded red drawing tickets for having the correct answer.

Donna Mosteller reiterated the 2004 Snack Table guidelines outlined in the January newsletter: The club will provide coffee, sodas, all paper products, and one snack-tray type item. Donations, however, will still be needed--call Donna ahead of time so she can coordinate donations.

Gary Hawley, speaking for committee coordinator Joe Shubert, talked about the Annual Ken Barker Award guidelines (see page 2).

Dick Oakes received a letter from relatives of "Colonel" John W. Straughn who was used as the model for the huge 12-foot, nearly 500-pound, copper statue that used to be atop the Mining Exchange building but is now at street level on 15th Street between Arapahoe and Curtis. Dick had been working on an article for the newsletter, but what he had on our website, and these folks found the article!

For the third straight month, Gary Hawley requested that someone fill the position of General Recorder (whose sole responsibility is the simple, once a month task, of writing down a few meeting notes for this column, and delivering them by e-mail or snail mail to the newsletter editor). Again, no one stepped up to the plate.

Hank Innerfeld volunteered to conduct a dowsing class (including work with pendulums and L-rods) at the coin hunt. Dick & Carol Oakes volunteered to bring Krispy Kremes for the folks who show up at 8:00 a.m. to help clean up the area prior to the hunt.

Gary Hawley talked about the new logo that can be put on hats, shirts, patches, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, keychains, and other club items. Shawn & Pinie Conell found a vendor who can do this.

Gary Hawley has appointed Shawn Conell as the new Metal Detecting Coordinator.

Before regular drawings took place, Allen Mershon talked about the 300 Chinese hand laundries from San Francisco to Sutter's Mill that washed miner's clothing, obtaining all the gold dust that clung to their pants. He set up tubs and had drawing winners wash and pan his own pants, adding a personal pinch of gold to each "launderer's" take!

Planned Outings

See the "GPR Events Calendar" in newsletter.

Announcements

Next Board Meetings: April 21, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: April 21, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: Allen Mershon will talk about Chinese Laundries.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

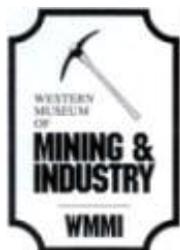
The real reason ostriches stick their heads in the sand is to search for water.

GPR Events Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Presenter/Coordinator(s)
Apr	21	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
	24	12 noon	Outing	Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI), 1025 Northgate Rd., Colorado Springs. Take the Air Force Academy exit 156A. Bring a sack lunch and drink.	Shawn & Pinie Conell
May	1-2	10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.	Event	GPAA Gold & Treasure Show, National Western Complex, Hall of Education 2 South, 4655 Humbolt Way, Denver	
	19	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
	22	10:00 a.m.	Outing	Annual Metal Detecting/Coin Hunt. Members only. Need volunteers at 8:00 a.m. for cleanup--no volunteers, no hunt.	Shawn & Pinie Conell
Jun	5	11:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.	Panning Demo	Gregory Day, Visitors Center, Main Street, Central City, (800) 542-2999	Jeff Mosteller
	12-13		Panning Demo	Arvada Gold Strike Festival, Olde Town Arvada	Jeff Mosteller
	16	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
	19	11:00 a.m.	Panning Demo	Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura St., Littleton	Jeff Mosteller
	20	11:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.	Panning Demo	UNCONFIRMED Lou Bunch Days, Visitors Center, Main Street, Central City (Demo Sunday only, if scheduled.)	Jeff Mosteller
	25-27		Panning Demo	Rocky Mountain Miners Rally, Argo Mine, Idaho Springs. Panning demos all three days.	Jeff Mosteller

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 are 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.

Mining Museum Outing on April 24th Changed to 12:00 Noon



Shawn & Pinie Conell say the outing to the Western Museum of Mining & Industry on 1025 Northgate Road in Colorado Springs, will take place at 12:00 noon so we have time to eat lunch before the tour begins at 1:00 p.m.

To get there, take the Air Force Academy exit 156A and go east. Bring a sack lunch and drink and plan to arrive early in case of bad traffic.

Tour costs are: Adults - \$7, Seniors - \$5, and kids 3 to 12 years - \$3. If we have a group of 10 or more, there is a 10% discount. If anyone is a member of the GPOC club out of Colorado Springs, admission is free, of course. If you have any questions, give Pinie a call.

For additional information about the museum, see their website: <<http://www.wmmi.org/>>.



Metal Detecting Coinhunt / Gold Panning Outing Set for May 22

The Gold Prospectors of the Rockies Second Annual Metal Detecting Coinhunt / Gold Panning Outing is set by **Shawn & Pinie Conell** to be held on May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. The Panning is open to all. The metal detecting portion of this outing, on the other hand, is for Members Only--guests are welcome to "spectate," but to participate in the Coinhunt detectorists **MUST** be current (paid-up) GPR members (the Coinhunt is free to members). Further details will be available at the April general meeting and the coins should be on display at the May meeting!

As Pinie said at the March meeting, for this outing to be a "go," she and Shawn need volunteers to arrive at 8:00 a.m. for site clean up. "No help, no hunt!" But, to help you get there on time, **Dick & Carol Oakes** have volunteered to bring Krispy Kreme donuts for everyone who arrives at **8:00 a.m. sharp** to help with the pre-hunt cleanup! And to dunk 'em, **Jeff & Donna Mosteller** are bringing a Cambro keep-warm urn of coffee!

The "GPR Cache" is On its Way!

Shawn & Pinie Conell say we're still on target (so to speak) with a treasure hunt for GPR members! A treasure worth upwards of \$150 will be secreted somewhere around the Denver metro area and you will actually be clued in as to where to look for it! Rules and regulations coming soon! Clues will be available **ONLY** at GPR general meetings (not in the newsletter or on the website). Stay tuned for details.

GPR Contact List for April 2004

Officers and Board			
	Name	Phone	E-mail
President	Gary Hawley		
Vice President	Jeff Mosteller		
Treasurer/Secretary	Kathy Hawley		
Board Member 1	Sue Clover		
Board Member 2	Pinie Conell		
Board Member 3	Shawn Conell		
Board Member 4	Cindy Douthard		
Board Member 5	Hank Innerfeld		
Board Member 6	Allen Mershon		
Board Member 7	Ken Oyler		
Board Member 8	Joe Shubert		
Board Member 9	Terry Weatherly		
Board Member 10	--TBD--		
Appointed Officers			
	Name	Phone	E-mail
Recorder, Board Meeting	Gary Hawley, Board Recorder		
Recorder, General Meeting	Gary Hawley, Supervisor		
Standing Committees			
	Name	Phone	E-mail
Bylaws	Dick Oakes, Coordinator		
Claims	Jeff Mosteller, Coordinator		
Demonstrations	Jeff Mosteller, Coordinator		
Drawings	Kathy Hawley, Coordinator		
Library/History/Video	Sue Clover, Supervisor		
Membership	Dick Oakes, Coordinator		
Metal Detecting	Shawn Conell, Coordinator		
Newsletter	Dick Oakes, Editor		
Nominating	Joe Shubert, Coordinator		
Outings	Pinie Conell, Coordinator		
Prospecting	Jeff Mosteller, Coordinator		
Refreshments	Donna Mosteller, Coordinator		
Speakers	Allen Mershon, Coordinator		
Vendors	Shawn Conell, Coordinator		
Web Site	Dick Oakes, Webmaster		
Special Committees			
	Name	Phone	E-mail
Advertising	Dick Oakes, Coordinator		
Club Store	Shawn Conell, Supervisor		
Dowsing	Hank Innerfeld, Coordinator		
Find of the Month/Year	Terry Weatherly, Coordinator		
Ken Barker Award	Joe Shubert, Coordinator		
Monthly Q&A	Rick Miska, Coordinator		
Publicity	Dick Oakes, Coordinator		
Standard Operating Procedures	Dick Oakes, Coordinator		
Advisory Committees			
	Name	Phone	E-mail
Trommel	Rick LaCombe, Advisor		

Central City, Colorado's liveliest "ghost town," grew overnight into the most colorful, richest, and toughest place in the 1880 west. Today, the mines are flooded with water and the streets are flooded with tourists.

~Al Look

Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings

2.9 gram nugget.....	Clarence Douthett
1.6 gram nugget.....	Jim Jarnutowski
1.3 gram nugget.....	Ed Finney
1.2 gram nugget.....	David Laurita
1.1 gram nugget.....	Joe Stenger
1.0 gram nugget.....	Roy Lynch
1.0 gram nugget.....	Donna Mosteller
0.8 gram nugget.....	Chuck Harris
0.6 gram nugget.....	Hank Innerfeld
0.6 gram nugget.....	LeRoy Lamgo
0.6 gram nugget.....	Jon Knight
0.5 gram nugget.....	David Laurita

Door Prize Drawings

0.4 gram nugget.....	Chuck Harris
(Donated by Randy Solomon)	
0.4 gram nugget.....	Matthew Simokat
(Created and donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Silver dollar money clip	Bill Carr
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Jacket	Donna Mosteller
(Embroidered and donated by Rose Ann Knight)	
Old mining check from Cripple Creek	Jay Nunn
(Donated by Larry & Shirley Weilnau)	



April Birthdays

The following GPR members were born in April. Be sure to wish them Happy Birthday!

Carrie Breeden, Barry Hoffmeyer, David Laurita, Dan Lefor, Heather Moreno, Don Pfalzgraf, Peggy Pfalzgraf, Kenise Schroth.
Born in April but your name isn't here? Contact the Editor!

Welcome to Our March Guests

By Dick Oakes, Membership Coordinator

Our March guests included **Milton & Marge Collum, Bill Duncanson, Ian Duncanson, Steve Kruzek** and his son **Lucas Kruzek, Janet Nolden, Bob Sissons, Jim Gaddis, Jon Simokat** and his son **Matthew Simokat**.

We also welcome back former member **Melvin VanDenburgh!**

The Q&A

By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

The **Question for March** was:

Q: What Methodist minister built Breckenridge's first Church, and is also honored with a stained glass portrait in the Colorado State Capital?

A: Father John Lewis Dyer

(Google search: methodist minister breckenridge stained) <<http://www.cozine.com/archive/cc1997/00420215.htm>>

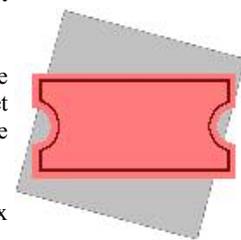
The **Question for April** is:

Q: What two mining towns are buried deep in the tailings of the Climax Molybdenum mine?

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

If you can't get to your local library before the March meeting, why not do an Internet search? It might be worth a ticket for the gold nugget drawing.

(Google search: towns buried climax molybdenum)



Michael Jackson owns the rights to the South Carolina State anthem.

From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

I thank the following people for donations for the March door prize drawings:

- **Randy Solomon** - gold nugget
- **Rose Ann Knight** - embroidered jacket
- **LeRoy Lamgo** - gold nugget and silver dollar money clip
- **Larry & Shirley Weilnau** - old mining check from Cripple Creek

Well, based on the ticket sales from March, the 2.9 gram nugget was an enticement. In April, we will have a 2.7 gram nugget and 3 additional nuggets that are at least 1 GRAM EACH! All of the gold for the next several months will be from Anvil Creek, Nome, Alaska. We will be giving away a total of 12.2 grams of this gold at the April meeting.

So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and

Good Luck!

"Never ask a man what kind of computer he drives. If it's a Mac, he'll tell you. If not, why embarrass him?"
 ~Tom Clancy

The toothbrush was invented in 1498.



Food for Thought

By Donna Mosteller, Refreshments Coordinator

I try to "catch" everyone who brings in something for the snack table. If I miss you in the "thank you's," I apologize. I think the snack table is going well with the club providing one snack item and drinks. I'm glad to see people bringing in snack type items to help out, however, we still need to limit the amount of food brought in. So, if you want to bring in a snack item, please call me first and I'll let you know if I have room for it. Now the thank you's: **Hank Innerfeld** for the banana bread, **Kathy Hawley and Carol Oakes** for sharing their birthday cake with everyone, **LeRoy Lamgo** for the strawberry-filled cookies, and **Vito & Dorothy Giorgio** for the chicken and chips. I couldn't do this without everyone's help. Thanks to all!

P.S.: I could use some help with clean up at the end of the meetings.



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A husband is someone who, after taking out the trash, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house. My next house will have no kitchen--just vending machines and a large trash can. Submitted by LeRoy Lamgo



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Know an organization that might want us to set up a gold panning demonstration booth? Contact

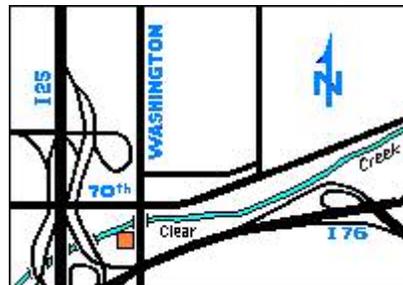
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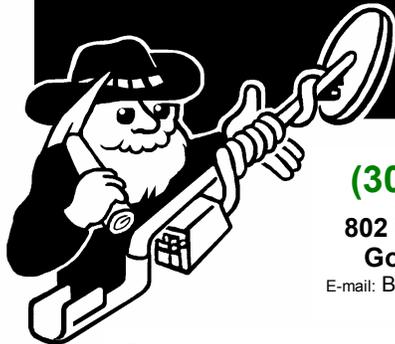
Here's somethin' that'll grate on yer spouse!

Take the grate from your oven along with you on your next prospecting trip. Build your fire between two logs or stones and put the grate over your fire. This way, several things can be cooked at the same time without danger of spilling any into your fire!

~ The Old Prospector

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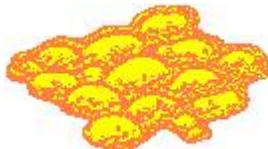
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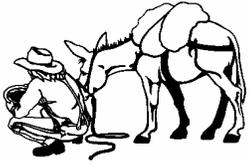
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Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

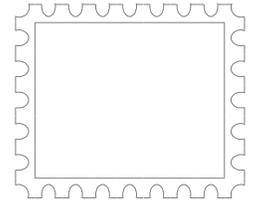


They wonder much to hear that gold, which in itself is so useless a thing, should be everywhere so much esteemed, that even men for whom it was made, and by whom it has its value, should yet be thought of less value than it is.

~Sir Thomas More (1478 - 1535), *Utopia*



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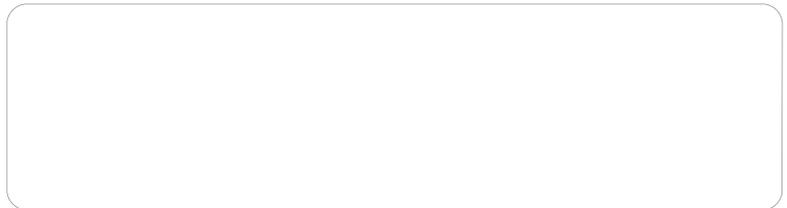


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Dowsing

By Hank Innerfeld, Dowsing Coordinator

Have you ever considered that life offers more than you've experienced? Have you ever thought that each day could become a brand new adventure? Have you ever reasoned that you could be more than you've been taught you can be? Have you ever imagined that you could access your own inner-knowledge which could allow you to be happier and more successful in life? Have you ever dreamt that you could locate/find hidden treasure? Well, as you learn to develop your own dowsing abilities, all of this can become available to you.

All limitation we experience is self-created. It was Albert Einstein who said that there are two ways to look at life. One way, is that every moment is filled with routines and mundane activities. The other way, is that every moment is filled with miracles. Which way do you view life? And now that you understand it is a choice, which way do you choose to view life?

Dowsing is a natural ability, dormant in most individuals, which can relatively easily be awakened. Every language on the face of this planet has at least one word for dowsing. It is an ability which was available to cavemen (as depicted in 9,000 year old cave paintings found in North Africa and Peru), throughout mankind's history (a statue of a Chinese Emperor holding a dowsing rod, dated: 2258 BC; the Church outlawing dowsing for the common-man in 553 AD and reserving dowsing abilities thereafter only for priests), and up through modern times (every public utility has a dowser on staff; the US Marines offer special dowsing training to selected recruits).

Dowsing is simply the ability to connect to one's higher state of guidance--ask questions and get answers. From a scientific perspective, it is the ability to access information available through the right-side of our brains (in the Western world, most individuals operate almost exclusively through the left-side of their brains). So by expanding our abilities to utilize a greater proportion of our brains, whole new possibilities are now available to us.

Dowsing can be used in myriad ways: for finding lost items, determining which foods best honor us, determining what serves our nutritional needs, the benefits of taking/not-taking an action, getting better understanding of a choice, selecting the best route to travel, selecting suitable greeting/birthday cards, determining if we're being told the truth, finding the ripest fruit, locating underground water, etc. Once someone develops/awakens their dowsing abilities, there is no limit to how it can creatively be applied to simplify and assist in his or her life experience.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 22, 2004, when we will be holding a GPR outing, complete with a metal detecting competition hunt and gold panning. After the formal outing activities, I will guide all GPR members who are interested in a brief dowsing class so you can begin to develop your dowsing abilities.

In addition to being the VP of the Mile-High Dowsing Society, Hank both practices and teaches alternative healing throughout the United States. All who attend his Spiritual Response Therapy (SRT) classes are taught to develop highly effective dowsing abilities that are applicable for use in their daily lives.