GOLD PROSPECTORS OF THE ROCKIES



The Gold Nugget

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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President



Colder temperatures and a little snow. That is to be expected this time of year. However, the time change, though expected, is hard to get used to. I liked things the way they were. I had some daylight on the way to work and a little sun on the way home. Now I drive into the sun, again, and drive home in the dark. All my prospecting will have to be done on the weekends for the next several months. Come on spring time!

Jeff Mosteller reports having an excellent spring and summer with probably the largest number of

panning demonstrations the club has had. This effort has brought in several new club members and presented our hobby to hundreds of people. Jeff will have year-end reports soon to help determine how we proceed with this endeavor next year.

A club cookbook is in the works. All club members will be invited to present a favorite recipe to be included in the cookbook. More information to come

Joe Shubert will have election ballots at the November meeting. If you want to be considered for a Board position, contact Joe for more information. Joe will also have ballots for the Ken Barker Award. He will explain this award at the meeting.

Kathy Hawley has something special planned for the gold drawing so you don't want to miss this meeting.

The November meeting is very important. We will have elections for President, Vice President, Board Members and the Ken Barker Award. It is also our last business meeting of the year. The following couple months will give the new officers a chance to settle in and assess their positions. Planning for club activities is an on-going process and new officers can

expect to be fully involved from the beginning. This is your chance to assist in the direction of your club. Get involved! Run for office! Volunteer to help! We have a great club...because of you.

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

VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings all

What a year we had, I didn't get a chance to get into the rivers as much as I wanted to but theirs always next year. I'm still going through the mountain of collected paperwork from the Panning Demos. I hope to have all the statistics put together by the meeting. We, Donna and myself along with Gary Hawley and the rest of the Board want to give a big thank you to everybody who contributed to helping out with the panning demos this past year. THANK YOU.

During some research that I did a few months ago I came to the conclusion, nobody does Panning Demonstrations the way we do. The hands on and one on one approach only comes from out team. and only here in Colorado does that happen. The annual Club Elections are coming up, vote early and vote often. He, He.

Don't forget and if your new to the club, the annual Club Pot Luck Dinner is coming up in December. This is a fantastic time to get to know your fellow club members and eat your self silly, come one come ALL.

Big things are on the horizon for next year, we hope every body finds the big one. I'm usually 1 inch away from the million dollar

nugget or a million inches away from the one dollar nugget. Usually the latter I think.

See everybody at the meeting,

Jeff





GPOR Website

If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website, you can contact the club webmaster at:

prospector@phantomranch.net

Dick will be happy to review any suggestions or comments you may have.



Elections

Joe Shubert

Hello GPR members,

It is that time of the year again. At the November meeting we will have the election of officers for 2007. If you have any nomination forms to turn in, please give them to me before the meeting starts.

November meeting is the time for the Ken Barker award nominations. I will have the nomination forms on the front table along with a container for them to be deposited into. The container will be well marked.

Qualifications for a nominee are as follows:

- * A person binubated fir tgus award nyst be a Club Member in good standing.
- * Promotes gold prospecting.
- * Promotes the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies.
- * Participates in Club Activities.
- * 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.

EXCEPTIONS:

* Neither the President nor the Vice - President shall be eligible for this award.

With the above qualifications in mind please be thinking about who you would like to nominate for this award. On the form is a place for your email address, please fill this in so that I can contact you for information you would like to be put in a article in the January newsletter about the person if he/she is the winner of the award. The winner will be anounced at the December meeting.

See all of you at the November meeting

Joe



By Shirley Weilnau Q&A Coordinator

November 2006

Who is the ghost of St.Elmo, and what do they haunt?

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Sue's Sluice Box

Tour the Colorado History Museum

1300 Broadway, Denver. Saturday November 18th Guided Tour at 10:00am

Learn about Colorado's fascinating history.

Featuring an extensive collection of western exhibits including artifacts, historic memorabilia, and vintage photos.

Group admission:

Adults and children over 12 years - \$2.00 Seniors 65 and older - \$1.00 Children under 12 - Free

Location: 13th and Broadway

Area Parking: Two blocks away from museum at 12th and Acoma, there is an all-day parking lot for \$4.00 a day. There is also a parking garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Broadway (enter on 12th) for \$1.00 the first hour, and \$2.00 each additional hour.

Hope to see you there!!!!!!

P.s. Any questions, please call Sue at 413-668-6008

2006 Newsletter Article Submission Deadlines

Please submit your newsletter articles to Rick Miska at:

Goldhunter@Ricksthings.com

January 4th February 6th March 3rd April 7th May 2nd June 4th July 4th August 4th

September 8th

October 6th November 3rd

December 8th

Exceptions to these dates can only be made by Gary Hawley and/or Rick Miska.

Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

"A Placer Mining Show-and-Tell"

Transcribed by Paul Nagy

Periodically, club members are invited to bring in and demonstrate some of their gold placering equipment. In that way we can exchange ideas for the benefit of all. Always there is something new and wondrous, or at least clever, and everyone goes away saying, "Well, that solves part of my problem." This evening's program was no exception.

Don Dixon featured a rocker box which can be operated in still water. This is no small deal in the arid western U.S. where water is often at a premium. The device oscillates pendulum-style while partly submerged. The reject material is cast off at the limit of each swing and the gold is retained by small riffles and carpeting. The device is ideal for those situations where we find a pay streak and then groan "Oh, if there were only more water!" Another big advantage is that it can be operated by one person. Also, the operation is easier than the standard rocker where each hand is doing something different. A truly novel idea!

Paul Nagy also prefers manual rather than motorized placering. He had two home-made sluice boxes. One was a plywood design copied from a publication in the club library. The other was a personal idea using furnace duct sheet metal as the trough and water deflector. The advantage of a home-made sluice is that the innards can be easily modified for different conditions. Of course, lower cost and greater creative satisfaction are factors, too. He also had a version of bucket classifier which he calls a "Barker Bucket" after Ken Barker, who suggested the idea to him. It is a far easier method of rejecting oversize material before panning or sluicing. Also, red flagging tape tied to your hand tools will help keep you from losing them.

Aligning a sluice is always a chore, but Allen Mershon demonstrated that by using a hand level and a marker pen, you can put reference marks on the walls of the sluice which will shorten your set-up time When the water level in the sluice aligns with the marks, then you have the right depth and angle. Allen proves that it is often the most obvious which eludes us.

Jeff Mosteller demonstrated his roof gutter clean-up sluice. He showed that even very fine gold can be separated from impurities. A battery powered bilge pump supplied an even water flow through the sluice. The reject material is captured in a bucket so that if you screw up you can recycle the stuff. Jeff shows again that home-made gear is often better than the store-bought "engineered" variety. Nice going, Jeff!

Gary Hawley had a battery powered spiral gold-wheel. Now there are often cases where the equipment is just fine--except not easily transportable to where you need it. Gary had this down pat. The gear broke down into pieces which could easily be accomodated by a special backpack which he bought and customized for the purpose. That is using the old noodle! A nice feature of this gold wheel is that it can be operated manually for those times when the bunny rabbit does NOT keep going and going.

Allen Mershon had the King Kong version of gold wheel. With a capacity of 500 lbs per hour, this is big league! Feeding that to capacity requires a lot of ambition, or a lot of friends, or a lot of enemies (at gunpoint). We see from all this that club members have very different ideas about pursuit of the yellow metal. Some go at it hammer-and-tongs and move tons of material every time out. Others are pleased to sit on a rock in a gentle stream and manipulate a gold pan. Others are in between. It has been said that the gold is a perk. We think that the club has succeeded because there is something for everyone!

Gold Prospectors of the Rockies

Board meeting of November 2006

Gary Hawley Mike Barker Jeff Mosteller Donna Mosteller Kathy Hawley Joe Shubert Paul Nagy Terry Weatherly Sue Lemieux

Quorum present? Yes.

<u>Call to order.</u> Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and approval of minutes. Read by Gary Hawley.

Corrections: None.

Approved as read/corrected? Yes.

Treasurer's Report. Read by Gary Hawley.

Questions: None. Accepted? Yes.

Correspondence. Newsletters from other clubs and advertisements.

Committee Reports: Read as presented.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>: **Donna** Mosteller – Club Cookbook. *On going*. **Sue Lemieux** – Cover design contest for Club Cookbook. *On going*. **Hank Innerfeld** – Club clothing table. *On going*.

<u>New Business:</u> Joe Shubert – Election information and Ken Barker Award.

Planned Outings: October 21 – 1:00-4:00 – Castle Rock – Panning demo.

Announcements:

Next board meeting November 15, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. Next general meeting November 15, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller and Allen Mershon demonstrate using: The Gold Magic "Spiral" Gold Recovery System. The rain gutter sluice. The Blue Bowl.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Gold: Oro, Tesoro

GPR Genl Mtg Notes Clements Center Lakewood, CO November 2006 Recorder: Paul Nagy

- 7:07 Meeting called to order by President Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance led by Prez Hawley and VP Jeff Mosteller.
- 7:08 Metal prices discussion. New treasure! Additional grandchild for Gary and Kathy Hawley!
- 7:11 Membership report by MaryAnn McCrea: 117 individual and family memberships. One new member: Joe Carter. Welcome, Joe!
- 7:12 Introduction of guests: Kurtis Adkinson, Robert and Leanne Larson. Come again and join the club!
- 7:15 VP's report by Jeff Mosteller. We got a 2 1/2 minute segment on the 5 PM Sunday news on Channel 9 with newscaster Nick Carter. We will try to get a video of it to show to those who didn't see it. Thanks to those who helped out at the panning demo at Rock Ledge Ranch. The park was unexpectedly crowded with people and we were swamped, with long lines at the panning tubs. By the end we were near exhaustion. But we introduced 479 people to the fine art of gold panning and got the usual satisfaction of showing folks an important part of their heritage. The final demo of the year will be at the Castle Rock Grange. We are known as the best panning instructors around because of our fine equipment and individual approach. We could do many more demonstrations if we had more help from the membership. Please consider this for next
- 7:22 Shirley Weilnau asks the question of the month and later awards prize tickets to correct answerers.
- 7:23 There are road closures for rock stabilization in Clear Creek Canyon. Check with the Colorado DOT before planning your prospecting outing there. As always we are soliciting suggestions for what else the club can do. You talk, we listen!
- 7:25 Joe Shubert asks for nominees for the Ken Barker Award.
- 7:29 Election time is near. If you would like to be an officer or board member, let us know. We will help you.
- 7:30 Recess.
- 7:48 Program: "A Placer Mining Show-and-Tell."
- 8:18 Audience invited to see the equipment on display.
- 8:37 Joe Johnston finds of the month.
- 8:39 Prize drawings, then adjourn meeting.

Gold

One Troy lb (pound)=12 troy ounces One troy oz=20 pennyweight (dwt) One troy oz=480 grains One troy oz=33.3 grams One pennyweight = 24 grains

Find of the Month

By Joe Johnston, Find of the Month/Year Coordinator

Best Bottle Joe Johnston - whiskey half pint

Best Jewelry Marlin Wiedeman - gold "BABY" ring

Largest Raw Gold Joe Johnston - Gold in Volcanic Pumice (found in Clear Creek) look for additional notes on this find ...

Most Raw Gold - Joe Fortunato - 1.3g raw gold (found in Lake County Oct 14,2006) Joe Johnston - Peacock Ore with gold (found in Breckenridge Oct 7,2006 RMPTH outing)

Most Unique (Excavated) - Leroy Lamgo - coal cinder off Hwy 119 Jay Nunn - Soap shaped stone

Most Unique (Non-Excavated) Jay Nunn - Miners drilling hammer (100+ years old)

Joe Johnston - Miners shovel with crucible pieces (found in Breckenridge Oct 7,2006 RMPTH outing)

Most Valuable U.S Coin - Joe Johnston - 2006-D Nebraska quarter

Oldest U.S. Coin -Leroy Lamgo - 1941-S Winged Liberty (Mercury) dime

It is notable that we had entries in all eight categories this month. Way to go everyone, keep up the good hunting.

Congratulations to this months winners, be sure to save your FOM winning items for entry in the Find Of the Year (FOY) competition in December. Finds made from the end of the October meeting to the time of the November meeting are eligible for entry in the November FOM program. Bring your best finds, and we'll see you at the next meeting.

Don't forget to bring your bottles, jewelry, coins, gold or other finds. Remember those entries get you drawing tickets and those tickets WIN! Just ask Sue, Marlin and others that have held tickets for FOM entries and WON! Note: Now that prospecting season is upon us be sure to bring a second container with your gold sample entries for weigh in comparison . We will weigh the container with the gold and subtract the weight of the container without the gold to determine the weight of the sample, so have a container filled with the same liquid for comparison weigh in. Each member is allowed one entry per category each month. Additional finds may be displayed as 'show & tell' items.

Joe Johnston, Finds Program Coordinator.

I would also like to Thank Marlin Wiedeman for his assistance with the Club Library and Finds Program at the meetings. A Big Examino to you Marlin!

From the Ledger of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to Joe Johnston, Leroy Lamgo, and Ed Finney for their donations to the members only drawing prizes.

The November meeting is our elections for 2007. I will have special gold at this meeting. All I will say is, I have never done this before. So, you will have to attend the meeting to find out what is so unique about the gold that will be given away.

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

Food for Thought

Hello to all - many thanks go out to LeRoy Lamgo for the donuts, to Susan Duncanson for the wonderful brownies and to Mary Kathrens for the super cookies. Your "goodies" are always welcomed and appreciated.

See everyone in November. Jackie and Michael

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Denver

Denver has 300 days of annual sunshine, more annual hours of sun than San Diego or Miami. The sun feels warmer because you're closer to it

Colorado is the third fastest growing state in the last decade.

Denver International Airport is the sixth busiest airport in the United States and the 11th busiest in the world.

Denver is the second most educated city in the United States.

Denver boasts the largest city park system in the country, 90 golf courses and 650 miles of paved trails.

Denver is home to the second largest performing arts complex in the nation with 10 theatres seating 10,000 people for theatre, symphony, opera and ballet.

Denver brews more beer than any other city with 80 different beers brewed here daily.

With less water vapor in the air at this altitude, the sky really is bluer in Colorado.

In Denver's rarified air, golf balls go 10 percent farther. So do cocktails. Alcoholic drinks pack more of a punch than at sea level.

There are 200 named peaks visible from Denver, including 32 that soar to 13,000 feet and above. The mountain panorama visible from Denver is 140 miles long.

The dome of the Colorado State Capitol is covered with 200 ounces of 24K gold, but the really priceless building material was used inside as wainscoting. It is Colorado onyx, a rare stone found near Beulah, Colo. The entire world's supply was used in this building and no more has ever been found. State law prohibits building any structure that would block the view of the mountains from the State Capitol.

The 13th step on the west side of the State Capitol building is 5,280 feet – exactly one mile above sea level.

Denver hosts one of the world's largest rodeos – the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo.

Colfax Avenue is the longest continuous street in the United States (26 miles)

In 1944, Louis Ballast grilled a slice of cheese onto a hamburger at his Denver drive-in restaurant and patented the invention as "The Cheeseburger." The ice-cream soda, shredded wheat and of course, the Denver Omelet were also invented in Denver.

It was on top of nearby Pikes Peak in 1893 that Katherine Lee Bates was inspired to write the words to "America the Beautiful".

The mountainous area of Colorado is six times the size of Switzerland and contains 9,600 miles of fishing streams, 2,850 lakes and more than 1,000 peaks two miles high.

In hopes of gaining political favors, local boosters in 1859 named the frontier mining camp on the South Platte River "Denver" after Kansas Territorial Governor James Denver. They never received any favors by the time they named the town, Denver had already resigned. It was years before James Denver saw the mining camp named after him. He was reportedly not impressed.

There were originally three separate towns on the current site of Denver, with three different names. In 1859, in return for a barrel of whiskey to be shared by all, the other names were dropped and the tent and log cabin city officially became "Denver".

Denver is one of the few cities in history that was not on a road, rail-road, lake, navigable river or body of water when it was founded. Denver just happened to be where the first few flakes of gold were found in 1858 and it was here that the first camp was made. The first permanent structure was a saloon.

The Native Americans warned early settlers not to build there, but no one listened. In its first few years, Denver was destroyed twice, by fire and flood.

In its Old West days, Denver had a performance of Macbeth before it had a school or a hospital. That performance took place in a saloon.

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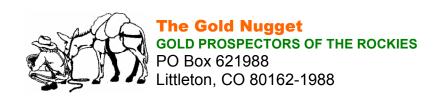
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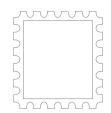
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