

THE GOLD NUGGET

The Prez Sez by, Gary Hawley



Now is the time to get out on the stream and do some serious prospecting! The weather is warm enough on most days that prospecting can be done in comfortable clothing. Just remember to take a jacket in case the wind makes it feel like winter.

As of May 6, Clear Creek is running low from Highway 119 all the way to Tymkovich.

Many large rocks are exposed and easy to get to so dredging should be at a premium. This also allows for new areas to set up a sluice, areas you won't be able to reach when spring runoff hits in the next few weeks.

For those who have prospected the areas below Blackhawk along 119 - watch out for the beavers! Seriously, most of the stream is flooded due to the beaver dams all the way down to Highway 6; the trees are also showing major thinning out for dam material - no doubt. (I wonder if the beavers need a permit. After all, they have made changes to the natural flow of the stream.)

I have heard from a lot of club members who will be going to the Point Bar outing on May 9, 10 & 11. I hope there will be a lot of Arkansas River gold on the Find-of-the-Month table at the May club meeting. Thanks to **Henry Chambless** for ram Roding this outing and making the maps available.

Thanks to all members who took part in the Show-and-Tell at the April meeting. It is interesting to see the various mining "inventions" and to hear how they work. We do this at least once a year, so keep on inventing so you will be ready for the next S&T.

Sue Lemieux will have a sign-up sheet at the May 21 meeting. This will be for the Hidee Mine tour on June 21. Your non-refundable fee for the tour will be due on May 21. Sue might have some Hidee samples to show you also.

Jeff Mosteller will have another Cache clue for us. You can only get the clue at the meeting. Jeff thinks he has this one hidden so well that we won't find it for a long time. Let's fool him real good! Get out there and find it.

The "Gold Pan" drawing **Kathy Hawley** held last time was enjoyed by everyone. She saved the pans and will use them in a future drawing.

Beth and Bill Sagstetter, authors of *The Mining Camps Speak* will be our speakers May 21. They have a wonderful slide presentation that depicts old mining camps and explains what took place in and around the camps. I will bring a sample of what I found at an old copper camp after reading their book.

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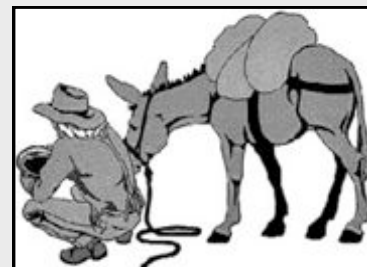
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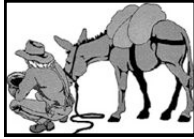
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Dick will be happy to review any comments or suggestions that you may have.



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Board Meeting Minutes for, April 16, 2008

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Jeff Mosteller

Andy Doll

Henry Chambless

Roll call

Those in attendance:

- Gary Hawley
- Allen Mershon
- Kathy Hawley
- Rob Deschambault
- Joe Johnston
- Joe Shubert
- Paul Nagy
- Sue Lemieux
- Aaron Ingalls
- Mike Barker
- Jeff Mosteller
- Andy Doll
- Henry Chambless

Quorum present?

Yes

Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:14 PM 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

1. Newsletters from other clubs.
2. Membership renewals; Numerous phone call requests for "Gold" information.

Committee Reports

1. Website Committee reports more than

79,960 website hits since January 1996.

Unfinished Business

1. Coin Hunt – **Joe Johnston, Henry Chambless, Gary Hawley.** Date set for August 23; Location and details available later.
2. Email newsletters – **Gary Hawley.** See ad in this month's newsletter for "coupon" to sign up.

New Business

1. **Gary Hawley** – follow up on club trailer sales. GPOC and RMPH have been notified. No response at this time.
2. **Kathy Hawley** – (by, Gary Hawley) explain the "gold pan" drawing.
3. **Request** for membership list for all Board members. List will be available at May 21st meeting. Jackie Barker will be contacted for list.
4. **Gary Hawley** proposed a motion to make Steve and Bev Rice lifetime members of the GPR. This is in recognition of their many years of service to the club. Motion was second and approved.

5. A suggestion was made to provide GPR business cards. Need a volunteer to pursue this.

Planned Outings

1. May 10 & 11 – Point Bar prospecting outing
2. June 21 – Hydee

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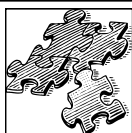
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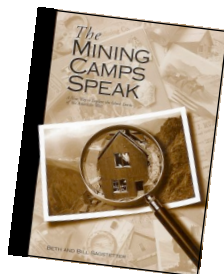
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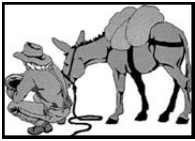
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May 2008 Meeting

Beth & Bill Sagstetter

**The Mining
Camps Speak**





General Meeting Minutes for, April 16, 2008

By, Paul Nagy
General Meeting Recorder

7:05 President Gary Hawley calls the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance.

7:07 Google Earth discussion; Cache Creek and Point Bar areas zoom in and see it first.

7:08 Membership report by Jackie Barker: One new membership to Bruce Brown and Vivian Sparks. Welcome aboard, folks! Also four guests: Herman Garcia, Mark Gebhart, Jay Lippincott, and Dan Ursini. Join up and stay awhile!

7:10 Prez Hawley points out again that the whole advantage of the club is sharing info.

7:11 V.P.'s report by Allen Mershon. Another snowstorm tonight that makes seventy-three this season. Drive carefully. Cache Creek info.

7:14 Henry Chambliss reminds to sign up for the Cache Creek outing.

7:23 Ian Duncanson asks the question of the month. Later the answer and prizes to winners, if any.

7:27 Kathy Hawley with tonight's prize-drawing format. This will be good.

7:28 Jeff Mosteller with the clue for the hidden cache.

7:29 Prez Hawley reminds that the cache is on

public land and is easily accessible. Also, dues are due (were due) in January.

7:30 We have had inquiries from Colorado Public Radio and National Public Radio. C.P.R. wants an outing. Anecdotes of amateur gold seekers. Also we are mentioned in a New York Times article. This surge of interest is also local. We have had many enquiries.

7:38 Allen Mershon clears up confusion on Point Bar and Woody #1 claim. (He just called.) All camping permits are in place for the Woody #1 claim.

7:41 Gary Hawley announces that mining authors, the Sagstetters, will be the speakers next month.

7:42 We had an inquiry from London, U.K. How's

that for global recognition?

7:44 Sue Lemieux reminds that the Hidee Mine tour is on 21 June. She needs your ten bucks by 21 May. Don't miss it! Also an auction at the Colo. Mineral Society on May 3.

7:50 Recess.

8:05 Applause for our new Sgt. at Arms, Jim Long. He is doing the job! The chatter has stopped.

8:11 Prez Hawley announces a Lifetime Membership awarded to Steve Rice, who has helped us for many years in getting the best prices for the gold used in our prize drawings. Thanks and congrats to Steve and Bev!

8:12 Joe Johnston

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"The Question of the Month"

By, Ian & Susan Duncanson

"In 1983 the Denver Gold played what sport?"

**From the Ledger of, Kathy Hawley
Treasurer / Secretary**

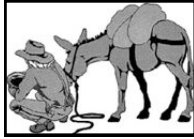
I want to thank Leroy Lamgo, Ian Duncanson and Jim Long for donations for the Members Only drawing.

We will give away 10 nuggets at the May meeting with the largest being 1.9 grams.

We began selling tickets for a "Special Nug-

get" at the April meeting. The Australian nugget weighs 18.5 grams. Tickets will be sold to members only. If you haven't seen the nugget, stop by the table to see this beauty.

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



Planning Calendar 2008

MAY

10th & 11th Point Bar Outing
21st Club Meeting "The Mining Camps Speak"

JUNE

18th Club Meeting
21st Hidee Mine Tour

JULY

16th Club Meeting

AUGUST

20th Club Meeting
23rd Coin Hunt

SEPTEMBER

17th Club Meeting
20th Club Picnic

OCTOBER

15th Club Meeting

NOVEMBER

19th Club Meeting

DECEMBER

17th Annual Potluck Dinner

2009

JANUARY

21st Club Meeting

FEBRUARY

18th Club Meeting

MARCH

18th Club Meeting

APRIL

15th Club Meeting

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and the finds of the month.

8:13 Wolf Stumpf and his mystery tool. It's a cornhusker! Made of deer antler.

8:14 Tonight's program: The annual show-and-tell.

8:37 Prize drawings, then adjourn.

Annual Show-and-Tell of Mining Gear and Artifacts

As transcribed by, Paul Nagy

Once a year or so club members are invited to bring in treasured articles, inventions and innovations, artifacts, relics, and whatever to amaze or amuse or edify their club mates. This year some of the highlights were:

Andy Doll and his one-man water-saving gold rocker-box. In the arid western U.S. good placers go undeveloped because of lack of water. Andy's invention maximizes water use. The rocker swings like a pendulum and can be placed in a small pool or even in a wash tub so that it doesn't need a continuous water flow. Traditional rockers work best with two operators, one to rock and one to add feedstock and water. But Andy's device can be efficiently operated by one person, and after all one of the allures of prospecting is the solitude it offers. Nice job, Andy.

Paul Nagy's homemade sluice box is based on a design in one of our club library books. Made of 3/8 inch plywood, the chute is about 4 feet long and weighs about ten pounds for fairly easy packing. The hold-down system is of wooden wedges and the floor of the chute is corrugated outdoor carpet topped with low-cost metal mesh. The riffles are all of different sizes, shapes, spacing, and heights. That is precisely the advantage of a homemade sluice: it can have easily adjustable riffles and bed material, because as many experts have told us, "If one thing doesn't work, then something else might".

Joe Johnston featured his collection of beverage can pulls. Some of us have a vague recollection of the evolution of can pulls from the early kind that littered the area of frat parties to the ones that seemed to require a college degree, but who would've had the foresight to make a collection of the many different kinds. A really unique array that brought back happy and a few unhappy, guzzling memories.

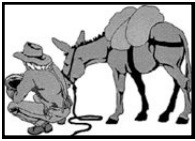
Carl Sauerland brought in his two-tiered mobile sluice box. The two-tier system allows two different size-fractions to be processed simultaneously. The finer fraction drops into the lower sluice,

which has a different hydrodynamic quality. Because the unit is fairly large, Carl has devised a push-pull cart for easy mobility. The large pneumatic tires make it easy to move the sluice over even very rough ground.

Gary Hawley displayed his fine collection of miners' candle holders. In these high tech times it's hard to imagine when underground miners worked by candle light, but it was actually well into the twentieth century when the candles finally disappeared. The candle flame was also a safety device because the flame would weaken in bad air. Question from the floor: What is the ring on one end of the holder for? Answer: What is the ring on the side of your coffee cup for?

You Just Thought Your Desk Job Was Tough

The old miners used a "Standard" 16-inch pan with 10-diameter bottom, 2 1/2 inches deep. It held about 20 pounds of material when filled to level-full. If someone brought the material to the Pan-ner, he could do about 100 pans during a 10-hour day. This equaled just over 1/2 cubic yard or roughly 2,000 pounds of material panned. (From *Gold Panning and Placering in Colorado* by Ben H. Parker, Jr.)



Hidee Mine Tour

(An Operating Gold Mine)

When: Saturday, June 21st
Tour Starts at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Russell Gulch area (Near Central City) Easiest way to get to the Mine: West on 1-70 to Exit 243 (Hidden Valley). This is the Central City Parkway. Go North to Mile Marker 6.3, Turn left, at Hidee Mine Sign.

Cost: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children 5 to 12 years old. (No children under 5 allowed on tour) Payment due May 21st, when signing up. NO REFUNDS...If you sign up and pay, then do not show up, your payment becomes a Donation to the mine.

Tour Info: The tour takes approximately 1 hour and consists of a brief talk about the history, geology, and mineralogy of the area. It is followed by a level walk underground for about 700 feet, to the working area. . A two-foot wide vein of rich gold ore is where visitors are encouraged to chip samples to take home. Hardhats, hammers, chisels, safety glasses and containers are provided. There will be gold panning offered also.

NOTE: The temperature underground is a constant 45° F. (No open-toed shoes/sandals) New Brochures, with Maps & Sign-Up Sheet will be available at the May 21st GPR Meeting. Any Questions: *Call Sue Lemieux @ 413-668-6008* Hope to see you at the Mine!!!

Sluicin' Sue

The Refreshment Committee

(Robert & Leanne) would like to join the members of GPR in thanking Jim Long for his wonderful home baked peanut butter cookies, and Ed Finney for that wonderful selection of dessert breads. We heard many compliments to both of you. With spring well under way, we're planning on a Strawberry Fest next month. Do remember, GPR meetings are a wonderful excuse to try that new recipe or make that gooey sweet you enjoy making but don't want to leave around the house making all kinds of noises about needing to be eaten.

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Copies of their book will be available for purchase and they will be happy to autograph your copy. If you are at all interested in prospecting and mining, this is a must attend presentation.

Last month I told you about the increased interest people have shown in club membership. This is due directly to the increased price of gold. Wait 'til I tell you what I got us involved with this time. You will have to come to the meeting to find out!

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

(Board from Page 2)

Mine tour. Sign up and payment at May 21 meeting

3. August 23 - Coin hunt outing

Announcements

1. Next board meeting May 21, 2008, at 6:00 PM

2. Next general meeting May 21, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

3. Beth and Bill Sagstetter speaking at May meeting

4. Newsletter articles due May 7, 2008

Tonight's general meeting program

Show & Tell for members.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:45 PM

From the EDITOR

Now that Spring is here it is a wonderful time to get outside with your camera.

Tulips are in bloom and the grass is turning green. There will be great shadow details in the mornings and those long interesting shadows in the evening are coming. It is a great time to be outside with a camera.

Submit your photographs to The Gold Nugget and share you eye for Spring and Summer with all the members of GPR.

Your Write (Instructions)

GPR members, guests and visitors are welcome to submit articles of interest, topic ideas and even creative artwork for consideration to appear in the GPR monthly newsletter.

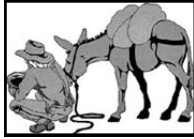
Submit your article and / or your artwork (*pictures, illustrations and text*) by the close of business 5 PM the FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month for appearance in the coming issues(s) of: The Gold Nugget.

(All submissions are subject to approval and editing by the GPR Board President and the Editor).

PLEASE Respond

Keith Hawley
Editor

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Sagstetter

“What have you been doing?”

Where did you prospect last summer?

What did you find?

What kind of equipment did/do you use?

How did/do you research your location?

Did you file any claims?

What would you have done/do differently?

Did you take any pictures?

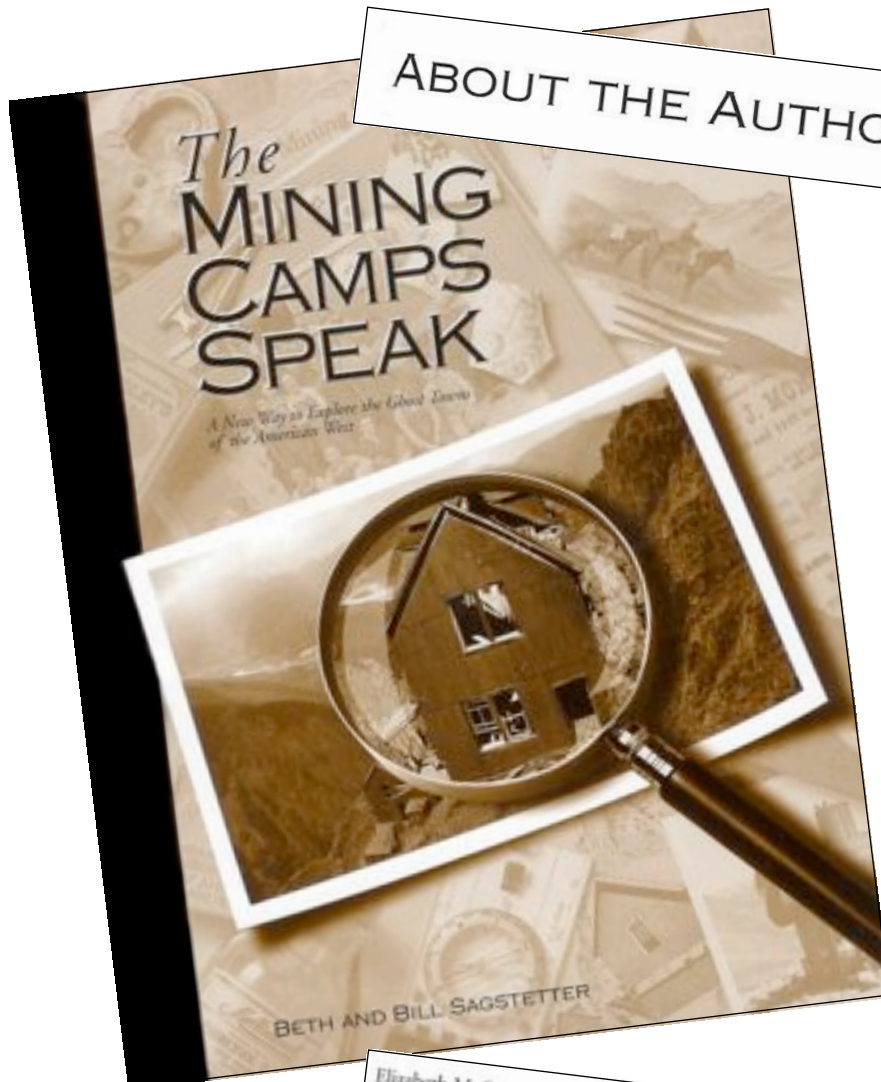
Answer any or all of these questions in an article about your prospecting experiences from recent times and sent it to:

**PLEASE
Respond**

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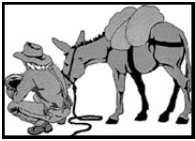
Elizabeth M. Sagstetter and William E. Sagstetter are a writer/photographer team living in Denver, Colorado. For three decades their greatest joy has been visiting the ghost towns of the American West.

The Sagstetter byline has appeared on hundreds of magazine articles to date. They have been on the staff of a national magazine and were a correspondent/photographer team for the *Denver Post*. This is their second book.

They produced several documentaries about the West that aired on primetime television. One of their films, "The Mystery of Huajuatolla," went on to win a Special Award at the Aspen Arts Film Festival in 1978. Beth researched and wrote the scripts for the films. Bill was an honorarium instructor in filmmaking at the University of Colorado/Denver for several years. He has also taught Colorado history for many years.

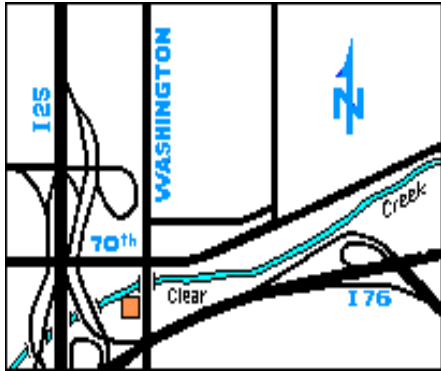
Bill's name appears on more than twenty patents to date. This patent experience helped to unravel the turn-of-the-century technology while they were working on this book.

Both Beth and Bill are listed in Marquis' *Who's Who in the West*.



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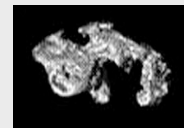
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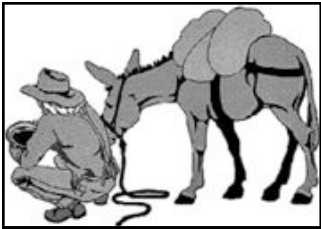
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Members of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies are welcome to submit their personal classified ads for items they want to sell, or for items they may be looking to buy. Place your ad in the Gold Nugget. If you are interested, please contact the newsletter editor. “Deadline” for submission is on the 25th of the month for publication in the next month’s issue of the newsletter.

Keith Hawley, daotter@msn.com

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