

# THE GOLD NUGGET

## The Prez Sez by, Gary Hawley



Warm weather is upon us...along with thunder storms, tornados, hail, etc... This is the time of year when gold prospecting is under way and we must be careful.

Recent newspaper articles have reported several water related deaths. Water levels in most streams in Colorado are running above normal due to the warm weather melting unusually high snow amounts in the mountains. Add a thunderstorm to this mix and there can be major problems on any stream. The water is very cold (snow melt) and running very swiftly. Please be careful when you prospect. Check weather conditions before you go and watch for rapidly rising water.

Beth and Bill Sagstetter gave a wonderful presentation highlighting their book *The Mining Camps Speak* at our May meeting. We are always on the lookout for informative speakers like the Sagstetters, so if you have someone in mind, please give me the information and I will contact them.

We had a great turnout at Point Bar and everyone I talked with said they found some gold. Thanks to **Henry Chambless** for his efforts in getting this outing together. Point Bar is on BLM Land and is open to the public for gold prospecting. If you use this area be sure to leave it clean and fill your prospect holes.

June will be a busy month for GPR members – June 18<sup>th</sup> is club meeting. June 21<sup>st</sup> is the Hidee Mine tour- planned by **Sue Lemieux**. June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> is Cache Creek outing – Henry Chambless, ramrod. June 29<sup>th</sup> is the Sedalia Copper Mine (abandoned) outing – **Don Bray**, ramrod. The Hidee Mine tour and the Sedalia Copper Mine outings are limited attendance. We will have information about availability and directions at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The search continues! **Jeff Mosteller** will have another Cache clue at the meeting. You can only get the clues at the meetings. Is anyone getting close?

Check out **Kathy Hawley's** article to see what the largest drawing nugget is for this month.

Speaking of this month...it is another must-attend meeting. Our speaker will be **Beth Simmons**. Beth has completed a research project on the Roscoe Placer, a gold producing deposit located above milepost 263 in Clear Creek Canyon. If you have ever prospected in that area you know it still has gold. Come to this meeting and find out why.

The prospecting trip that was filmed by the NBC Today Show – Weekend Edition, is available on our web site, thanks to our web master **Dick Oakes**. Take a few minutes to check us out at: [www.goldprospectorsoftherockies.com](http://www.goldprospectorsoftherockies.com). (Continued on Page 4)

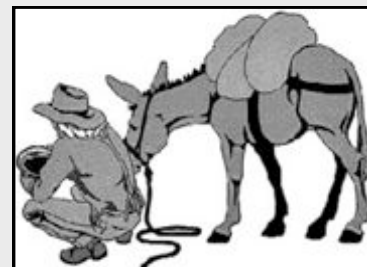
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If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website; contact the webmaster at:



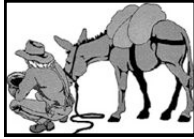
[prospector@phantomranch.net](mailto:prospector@phantomranch.net)

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



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**Board Meeting Minutes for, May 21, 2008**

**JOIN US  
ON THE THIRD  
WEDNESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH**

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Lakewood, CO.

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Wadsworth; then  
one block north of  
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6 PM Board Mtg.  
7 PM Club Mtg.

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(Elected 2007)

Joe Shubert

(Elected 2008)

**1 Year Board Members**

Paul Nagy

Sue Lemeux

Mike Barker

Arron Ingalls

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 6:08 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:**

Newsletters from other clubs.

**Committee Reports:**

Dick Oakes, web master,

reports more than 81,050 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. Let's firm this up.

2) Email newsletters - Gary Hawley. Editor reports three have requested newsletters by email. It's a start!

3) Club trailer sales - Gary Hawley. Still in the works.

4) Business cards for Board members. Discussion / suggestions / volunteer. Change idea to membership cards.

**New Business:**

Speakers for meetings.

**Planned Outings:**

1) June 21 - Hydee Mine tour. Sign up and payment due tonight.

2) June 28 & 29 - Cache Creek outing. Henry Chambless.

3) June 29 - Copper mine tour - Don Bray.

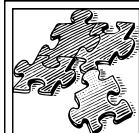
4) August 23 - Coin hunt / prospecting outing.

**Announcements:**

1) Next board meeting June 18, 2008, at 6:00 PM.

2) Next general meeting June 18, 2008, at 7:00 PM

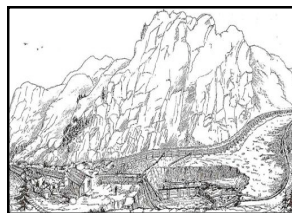
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**Program  
Schedule**

for the

**June 2008 Meeting**



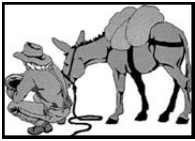
**Beth Simmons**

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**"The Question  
of the Month"**

By, Ian & Susan  
Duncanson

What year did the  
gold dredge near  
Fairplay cease  
operations?



**General Meeting Minutes for, May 21, 2008**

*Paul Nagy,  
General Meeting Recorder*

7:01 President Gary Hawley calls the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

7:02 Introduction of club webmaster Dick Oakes and newsletter editor Keith Hawley.

7:03 Lee Swink, fire assay apprentice, has fliers and price lists for services.

7:04 Discussion of metals prices by Prez Hawley. Also, at the Museum of Science, School of Mines curator Bruce Geller gave a plug for the club at the end of his speech. Finally, a hand-soldered can collected from an old copper mine.

7:10 Intro for authors Beth and Bill Sagstetter and their presentation, "The Mining Camps Speak."

8:00 Recess.

8:30 Question of the month by Ian Duncanson. Later the answer and winners.

8:32 Clue for the hidden cache by Jeff Mosteller.

:33 Henry Chambless and the drawing for the Point Bar outing.

8:34 Sue Lemieux with the last call for the Hidee Mine tour.

8:35 Don Bray with a Sedalia Copper Mine tour near Salida, also features mineral specimen collecting: almandine garnet,

staurolite, epidote, and copper minerals. June 29.

8:41 Joe Johnston and finds of the month.

8:42 Treasurer's report by Gary Hawley for Kathy Hawley.

8:43 Jackie Barker and the membership report. New members: Mark Bennett, Herman Garcia, Mark Gebhart, Kim Kesner, Bev Sharpley and Adail Froome, and Dan Ursini. Welcome aboard! Also, guests: Keith and Mitchell Hawley, Marlena Luchtenberg, John Macek, and Mike Sinnwell. Come back and join up!

8:44 Intro of members who have generated media publicity for the club. Applause.

8:55 Prize drawings, then adjourn.

**"The Mining Camps**

**"Speak" by Beth and Bill Sagstetter**

*Transcribed by,  
Paul Nagy*

For more than forty years, Bill and Beth Sagstetter prowled old mining camps in search of relics and history. From the 1960's onward, much of the old camps disappeared as buildings were hauled away, and the sites were visited by successions of collectors, vandals, and the curious. But few took the time to truly study and understand our great mining heritage. Now the Sagstetters have compiled their lifetime of fieldwork into a fascinating and informative guide for the outdoor enthusiast, who may have tired of merely hiking or watching birds: "The Mining Camps

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

I want to thank Allen Mershon for his donation for the Members Only drawing.

We will give away 10 nuggets at the June meeting with the largest being 2.2 grams.

We began selling tickets for a "Special Nugget" 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!!



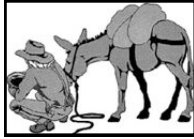
GPR President Gary Hawley and GPOC President Eric Vesterby at Point Bar



Brandon Luchtenburg at Point Bar



Prez Hawley supervising a major mining operation at Point Bar



**Planning  
Calendar 2008**

**JUNE**

18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> Hidee Mine  
Tour  
28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Cache  
Creek outing

**JULY**

16<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**AUGUST**

20<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> Coin Hunt

**SEPTEMBER**

17<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic

**OCTOBER**

15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**NOVEMBER**

19<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> Elections

**DECEMBER**

17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Potluck Dinner

**2009**

**JANUARY**

21<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting

**FEBRUARY**

18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**MARCH**

18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**APRIL**

15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**MAY**

20<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**Prez**

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On the lower left corner of the home page you will find "videos". Click on that and then on the links listed there. That will take you directly to the videos. One was aired on the morning show and a different edition was aired on their nightly news program.

My personal thanks to those members who were able to take time from their jobs to be part of the filming. I have heard numerous positive comments about the professionalism displayed by everyone. The NBC coordinator, who outlined the program prior to filming, told me her staff was impressed with everyone's knowledge of gold prospecting and the ease with which they shared their hobby. Good job everyone!

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

**General Meeting**

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Speak." With this volume you can visit old mine sites and learn how people lived and worked in frontier times.

Bill relates how you can identify a horse whim, an early method of hoisting rock, material, and miners up or down a shallow

shaft, powered by a horse on a circular path. If the prospect was successful, the horse whim might be replaced by equipment powered by a flue boiler, the parts of which can also be identified. The former site of a mine's blacksmith shop will often have artifacts such as bits of leather drive belts, anvil stumps, and pieces of bellows. The site of an old assay office may have pieces of ceramic assay crucibles scattered about. An old mill site may have jaw-crusher parts and steel grinding balls.

Mining camp trash dumps often can be dated by the types of tin cans discarded there. Beth Sagstetter demonstrated a home-made candle-powered "flashlight" popular before the development of the battery-powered type. Its efficiency was surprising in the darkened hall.

The Sagstetters concluded their talk by relating an adventure in an old camp perched on a precipice in the San Juan Mountains. Just a photo of the narrow cliff-edge access trail was enough to make the audience gasp. A night was spent in the old bunk house replete with strange sounds and many eyes peering at them from the darkness of the rafters. One wondered if the old miners were relieved to go underground to relative safety rather than the other way 'round!

**Board Meeting**

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3) Newsletter articles due June 4, 2008

**Tonight's general meeting program:**

Beth and Bill Sagstetter, authors of: The Mining Camps Speak, present a slide program about their book.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:47PM.

**Hidee Mine Tour  
Reminder**

**When:**

Saturday, June 21st

**Time:**

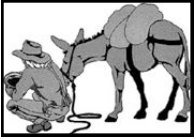
Please meet at the Mine for 9:45 am, the latest. Tour starts at 10:00 am.

**What to bring:**

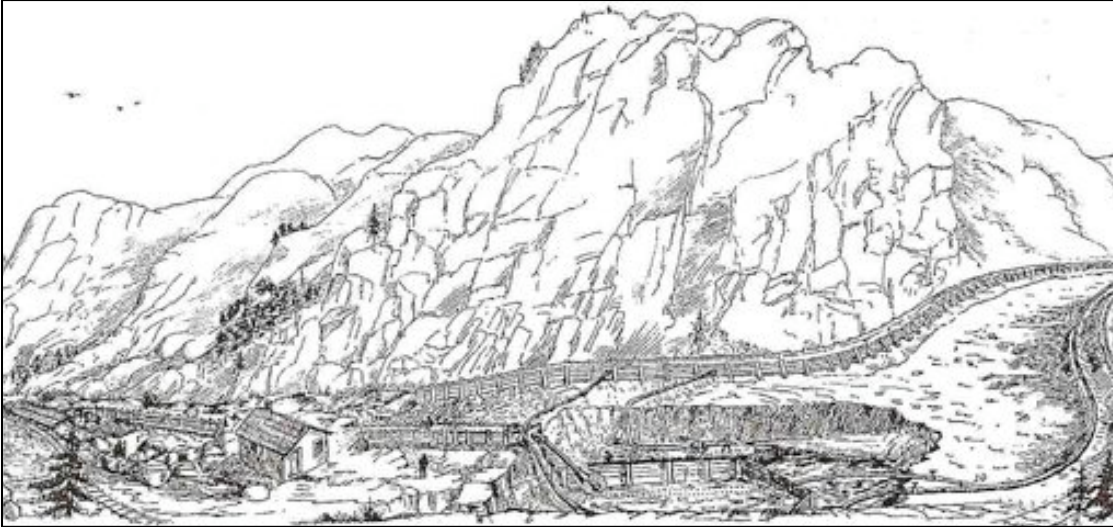
Light Jacket, camera, no open-toed shoes. If need be, bring snacks/lunch, and water.

Any Questions, I'll be at the June 18th meeting. See you then.

- Sluicin' Sue



Beth Simmons



## Gold Prospectors of the Rockies

Proudly presents

# Beth Simmons

Speaking on the Roscoe operation and its aftermath, the Humphrey's Gold Operation

Date: June 18, 2008 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: GPR meeting - Clements

Time: 7:00 p.m.

*Beth Simmons authored "A Quick History of Idaho Springs" and has submitted her second book, co-authored with Katherine Honda, "The Legacy of Arthur Lakes," to the same publisher, Western Reflections. Her doctorate research is the history of Idaho Springs family, the Mosch's, and how their hands literally created the Front Range region as we see it today. The resultant video DVD, "Tahosa Territory," will soon be available at the Phoenix Mine, of course.*

*In 1895-1896, local geologist and mining reporter, Arthur Lakes, wrote FOUR FRONT PAGE articles about the bend in Clear Creek you know well at Roscoe, partially where the historically incorrect sign parking area is along US Route 6 eight miles west of Golden. This eye-opening presentation tells about the humongous development called the Roscoe operation and its aftermath, the Humphrey's Gold Operation.*

### 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 issue(s) of: The Gold Nugget.

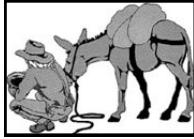
*(All submissions are subject to approval and editing by the GPR Board President and the Editor).*

### PLEASE Respond

Keith Hawley  
Editor

GPR Newsletter

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Find of the Month (FOM) April / May 2008

“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

Keith Hawley Editor

GPR Newsletter daotter@msn.com

Joe Johnston, Finds Program Coordinator

April 2008 FOM Winners

Best Bottle

Joe Johnston – 1950’s cosmetic bottle

Best Jewelry

John R. Adams – dime store diamond ring

Largest Raw Gold

No entries

Most Raw Gold

William Gale Herbertson – junk stuff

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

John R. Adams – 1946-D Washington quarter

Oldest Coin

John R. Adams – 1924 Mercury dime

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Ian Duncanson – 2 oz. Brass weight

Most Unique (Excavated)

John Adams – late 1800’s fraternal Button, Select Knights

Glad to see more of you getting out and doing some hunting. Keep up the great finds!

Congratulations to this month’s winners! Be sure to save your FOM winning items for entry in the Find

of the Year (FOY) competition in December.

NOTE: Finds made from the end of the April meeting to the time of the May meeting are eligible for entry in the March FOM program. Keep those finds handy and bring them then.

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: With prospecting season upon us be sure to bring a second IDENTICAL 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 an IDENTICAL 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.

May 2008 FOM Winners

Most Unique (Excavated)

John Adams – Cap Pistol

Most Unique (Non-

Excavated)

Brandon Luchtenburg – cantine

Best Bottle

Joe Johnston – Modern Coca Cola bottle, non-refundable imported from Mexico

Best Jewelry

Don Luchtenburg – Diamond whites Gold Stick pin c: 1840

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Joe DeHerrera – 1920-D mercury dime & 1944-S war nickel

Oldest Coin

Joe DeHerrera – 1914-S cent

Largest Raw Gold

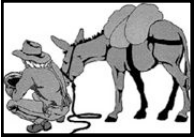
Randy Archer – point bar & Downtown Boulder flakes

Most Raw Gold

Randy Archer – Point Bar & downtown Boulder gold .3g

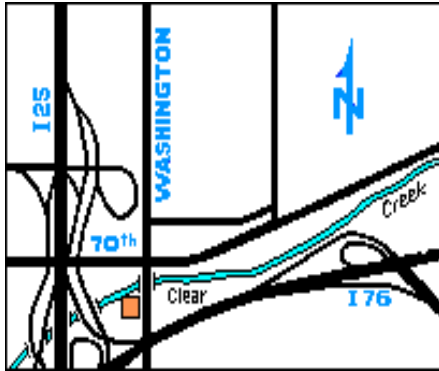
This was an outstanding month for entries. It is great to see so many are getting out and hunting. Yet I know not everyone brought in their finds. Keep up the great searching and we will see you next month.

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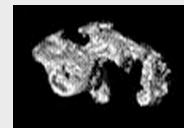
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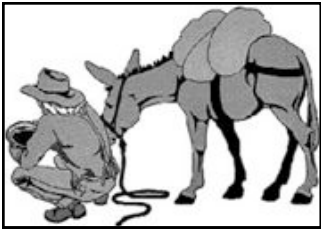
## GOT STUFF? WANT STUFF? PUT YOUR AD HERE!

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](mailto:daotter@msn.com)

## For Sale

Proline 3” Highbanker/Dredge Combo 4HP Honda motor with 175 GPM pump. Complete unit with extras, tools, all hoses and everything shipped from the dealer. Has less than 100 total hours in the water. We paid \$1,400 new. New models are selling for \$2,600. Asking \$1,000 cash (firm). (This is the same machine we were displaying at the panning demos). Call Jeff Mosteller at 303.202.9302.



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Keith Hawley, Editor GPR Newsletter  
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**Coming Announcements and Special Events July 2008**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 <b>Submission Deadline for the Newsletter</b>	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5
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