

THE GOLD NUGGET

The Prez Sez by, Gary Hawley



December is a challenging month for gold prospecting. Cold temperatures and snow can make it uncomfortable but if you dress appropriately, and be aware of weather changes, you can still have several good days of prospecting.

The November meeting was well attended and everyone got to meet the nominees for club board positions. And the winners are:

President – Aaron Ingalls

Vice President – Allen Mershon

Secretary/Treasurer – Robert Larson

Two year board members:

Rob Deschambault

Joe Johnson

Joe Shubert (one year remaining)

One year board members:

Sue Lemieux

James Long

Jon Weir

Leanne Larson

Terry Weatherly

Joe Fortunato

Immediate Past President (New position)

Gary Hawley

Congratulations to the winners and thanks for stepping forward and accepting these important positions. Your dedication to the Gold Prospectors of Rockies is appreciated.

Thanks to: **Kathy Hawley, Paul Nagy, Mike Barker, Jeff Mosteller, Andy Doll** and **Henry Chambless** for their services as past board members. Your efforts, ideas, and professionalism have helped make this club the positive force that it is today.

Thanks to **Joe Shubert**, our elections chairman, for the time and effort he puts into making sure our elections run smoothly. This year we had more nominees for offices than any other year that I can remember. Joe did an excellent job of keeping track of everything and preparing all the necessary paperwork. His efforts are appreciated.

President-elect Aaron Ingalls officially takes office January 1, 2009. I will be spending some time with him to help make the transition go smoothly. I am sure Aaron would appreciate any help and support that you can give him.

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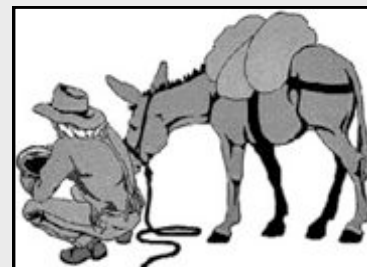
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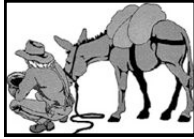
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Dick will be happy to review any comments or suggestions that you may have.



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Board Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2008

GPR Board Members

Gold Prospectors
of the Rockies

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Gary Hawley

Vice President

Allen Mershon

Treasurer

Kathy Hawley

2 Year Board Members

Robert Deshambault

(Elected 2007)

Joe Johnston

(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 **Accepted?**
attendance:

Gary Hawley

Yes.

Allen Mershon

Kathy Hawley

Correspondence.

One membership appli-
cation.

Rob Deschambault

Committee Reports:

No reports.

Joe Johnston

Joe Shubert

Unfinished Business:

Paul Nagy

Cache Creek - Gary
Hawley. Revisit club di-
rective generated at the
August 20 Board Meeting
and presented at the
General Membership
Meeting August 20: *If a
member observes a prob-
lem in that area, report it
to the proper authority.
Do not confront anyone.*
This will be revisited
again at the November
Board meeting. This
needs to be visited again
at a later Board meeting.

Sue Lemieux

Andy Doll

Mike Barker

Aaron Ingalls

Henry Chambless

Quorum present?

Yes.

Call to order.

Meeting was called to
order at 6:15 by Gary
Hawley.

New Business:

Some discussion on tran-
sitioning to new Presi-
dent and Board Members
after tonight's election.

**Reading and approval
of minutes.**

Read by Gary Hawley.

Planned Outings:

No outings planned for
the remainder of 2008.

Corrections:

None.

**Approved as read/
corrected?**

Yes.

Prospecting outings to
consider for 2009 in-
cluded: Point Bar, Cache
Creek, Roscoe Placer and
areas along Clear Creek.

Treasurer's Report.

Read by Gary Hawley.

Discussion of tours to
consider for 2009 in-
cluded: Hidee Mine tour

Questions:

None.

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

Lloyd G. Clements
Community
Center

1580 Yarrow Street
Lakewood, CO.

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

6 PM Board Mtg.

7 PM Club Mtg.

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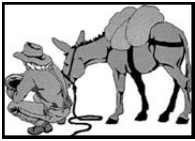


**Program
Schedule**

for the

December Meeting

**Annual Christmas
Pot Luck Dinner starts
at 6:00 PM**



General Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2008

GPR
General Meeting Notes
Clements Center
Lakewood, CO

19 Nov 2008

Paul Nagy,
General Meeting
Recorder

7:05 Meeting called to order by President Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance.

7:06 Membership report by Jackie Barker. 130 regular memberships, one visitor: Patti Steven Welcome!

7:09 Introduction of candidates for club office.

7:16 Voting begins (by ballot).

7:21 Joe Shubert explains the rules for the Ken Barker Award.

7:22 Gary Hawley and memories of Ken Barker and the gold panning demonstrations.

7:29 Ken Barker Award voting (by ballot).

7:48 Ian Duncanson and the Question of the Month.

7:50 Don Bray and his "mystery mineral."

7:51 Hank Innerfeld with info on a dowsing workshop. Fliers available.

7:52 Joe Shubert with

last call for ballots.

7:53 Aaron Ingalls and the clue for the Hidden Cache.

7:54 Prez Hawley reminds that Cache Creek area closes in a few days. Last chance 'til next year.

7:55 Gold prices discussion.

8:00 Recess.

8:20 Answer to Question of the Month.

8:22 Mystery mineral answer.

8:23 Joe Johnston and Finds of the Month.

8:25 Leslie Schomer offers panning lessons for new members.

8:30 Prize drawings, then adjourn.

Board

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Phoenix Mine tour, Argo Mine tour, Colorado School of Mines Museum tour, Cripple Creek & Victor Mine tour, Roscoe Placer tour and the Glory Hole in Central City.

Announcements:

Next board meeting January 21, 2009, at 6:00 P.M.

Christmas Pot Luck: December 17, 2008, at 6:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program:

Club elections.

Deadline for newsletter article: Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Adjournment:

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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

I want to thank Don Bray and Jim Long for their donations for the Members Only drawing. Because our December meeting is our Christmas party, we will not be having a nugget drawing. However, I will be giving away the 18.5 gram Australian nugget that you have been buying tickets for.

I haven't gotten it completely cleared with Santa Gary yet but there may be a few Christmas presents available for those prospectors who have been nice (not naughty) this year.

So this time I can say, come prepared to enjoy some great food and great friends!

"The Question of the Month"

Check Back Next Year!

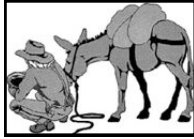
The "Question of the Month" will return in 2009.

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION

Newsletter Editor

Contact the Club President if you are interested

Starts Jan. '09



**Planning
Calendar 2008**

DECEMBER

17th Annual
Christmas Pot
Luck Dinner starts
at 6:00 p.m. Bring
your favorite dish,
dessert or what-
ever, and serving
spoons/forks. Re-
member to put
your name on
your dishes &
serving spoons. If
you have a Santa
hat wear it. Let's
have a good time!

2009

JANUARY

21st Club Meeting

FEBRUARY

18th Club Meeting

MARCH

18th Club Meeting

APRIL

15th Club Meeting

MAY

20th Club Meeting

JUNE

17th Club Meeting

JULY

15th Club Meeting

AUGUST

19th Club Meeting

SEPTEMBER

16th Club Meeting

OCTOBER

21st Club Meeting

NOVEMBER

18th Club Meeting

Prez

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Now would be a good time to volunteer to help your club.

December 17 will be our annual Christmas pot-luck dinner. There will be no board meeting. Bring a covered dish, salad, dessert or whatever you wish. The club will provide paper plates, napkins, plastic ware and soft drinks. Please mark your dishes and serving spoons for easy identification. We will begin eating at 6:00 PM so please arrive a few minutes early to help with setting up the meeting room. Kathy will be giving away the big gold nugget she has been teasing you with for the past several months and there may be a few special gifts given away, also. Some lucky club member will also receive the Ken Barker award. It should be a fun evening for everyone.

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

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Membership
dues are due!**

It is time to renew your club membership.

We have been working to have all memberships come due in January. It just makes things easier for the membership chairperson, the treasurer and the members. So, check the address label on your newsletter and you will find your membership renewal date under your name. If the date is 01/01/09 then your dues are due on or before that date.

Membership renewal fees are \$30. Please send a check in that amount to: Gold Prospectors of the Rockies, PO box 621988, Littleton, CO 80162-1988.

Something new for 2009: membership ID cards with the club logo! When your membership dues are paid you will receive a new wallet card that identifies you as a member of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies.

*To the audience of,
Gold Prospector's
of the Rockies*

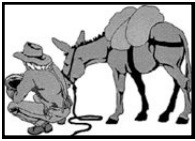
'Tis the Season and the final issue of, The Gold Nugget for 2008. It has been a pleasure to serve you the past 14 issues of the newsletter. After working out many "bugs", such as platform differences between the club president and myself with our laptops and computers; working back and forth on different versions of software and general items that have come and gone. We finally made it work!

I want to thank each of you for your kind patience during the development of the new layout and for your submissions to the Your Write column - a new addition to the newsletter designed for all members to contribute and share stories and experiences prospecting.

Some of you figured out that Gary Hawley and I are related. I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to you - Pop. I have greatly enjoyed working together on the newsletter. We have always worked well together.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Respectfully,
And thank you,
Keith R. Hawley
Graphic Designer*



Find of the YEAR (FOM /FOY) 2008

Joe Johnston,
Finds Program
Coordinator

**December 2007,
January & February 2008
FOM Winners**

Best Jewelry

Susan Duncanson - silver charm

Largest Raw Gold

Rick LaCombe - Arizona flake gold

Most Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - Clear Creek gold .1 g

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Joe Fortunato - 1978 Ike dollar from playground

Oldest Coin

Donovan Green - 1939 nickel

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Don Dixon - bronze token, Sloan's Lake

M o s t U n i q u e (Excavated)

Joe Johnston - kid's toy

March FOM winners

Best Jewelry

Susan Duncanson - silver ring

Largest Raw Gold

Susan Duncanson - gold picker found in garnet vial

Most Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - Clear Creek gold flakes < 0.1 g

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Brandon Luchtenburg - 1776-1976 Bicentennial Dollar

Oldest Coin

Joe DeHerrera - 1897 In-

dian head penny

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Leslie Schomer - crystal specimens from Creede, CO

M o s t U n i q u e (Excavated)

Joe DeHerrera - 5¢ Trade token, Scotchman - Denver

April FOM winners

Best Bottle

Joe Johnston - 1950's cosmetic bottle

Best Jewelry

John R. Adams - dime store diamond ring

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

M o s t U n i q u e (Excavated)

John Adams - late 1800's fraternal Button, Select Knights

May FOM winners

M o s t U n i q u e (Excavated)

Brandon Luchtenburg - canteen Joe Johnston - dropped bullets from National Forrest

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

June FOM winners

Best Bottle

Joe DeHerrera - Bicentennial Pepsi bottle

Best Jewelry

Joe DeHerrera - Sterling Silver Pegasus

Largest Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - Lake County, 7 pickers (0.3g)

Most Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - Lake county gold flakes (3.1g)

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Joe Johnston - 1878-CC Liberty (Morgan) dollar (G4 - \$110.00)

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Joe DeHerrera - 14K gold chain w/porcelain bell

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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.

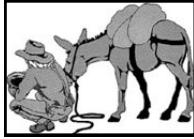
Submit your article and / or your artwork (pictures, illustrations and text) by the close of business 5 PM the FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month for appearance in the coming issue(s) of: The Gold Nugget.

(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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“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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FOM/FOY

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M o s t U n i q u e (Excavated)

Joe Johnston - St. Vincent Infirmary - Little Rock, Ark - parking check & U.S. Yale padlock (c:1940's - 1950's)

July FOM winners

Best Bottle

Joe Johnston - old bottle neck

Best Jewelry

Joe DeHerrera - Gold & diamond ring

Largest Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - Lake county gold (0.1g) Allen Mershon - Alma County (2.1g)

Most Raw Gold

Henry Chambless - Cache Creek gold (6.3g)

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Joe Johnston - 1937_ dime, E. Denver

Oldest Coin

Joe DeHerrera - 1889 Liberty dime, Washington Park

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Brandon - 2 solder top cans

M o s t U n i q u e (Excavated)

Don Dixon - Champion spark plug (very old)

August FOM winners

Best Bottle

Les Smith - shoe polish bottle

Largest Raw Gold

Randy Archer - Faith Creek, Alaska

Most Raw Gold

Randy Archer - Faith Creek, Alaska & Left-hand Canyon, Colorado

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Gary Hawley - 1942 D walking liberty half dollar

Oldest Coin

Joe Fortunato - 1909 Barger dime

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

John Radams - Colo. Sales tax token

M o s t U n i q u e (Excavated)

John Radams - race car

September FOM winners

Best Jewelry

Susan Duncanson - green broach

Most Raw Gold

Chuck Cown - Cache Creek gold

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Joe Johnston - 2001_ dime

Oldest Coin

Joe Johnston - 1982 copper penny

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Joe Johnston - pyrite & copper ore sample

M o s t U n i q u e (Excavated)

Brad Edwards - part of military stove circa 1862

October FOM winners

Largest Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - 1.6 grams flake gold

Most Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - raw gold 6.8 grams

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Donovan Green - 1942-S war nickel (35% silver)

Oldest Coin

Brad Edwards - 1913 Barber dime

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Joe Johnston - shot up Black Powder can, North Park, Colo.

M o s t U n i q u e (Excavated)

Joe Johnston - two 1870's unfired cartridges, North Park, Colo.

November FOM winners

Best Bottle

Bev Sharpley - purple Witch Hazel

Best Jewelry

Joe DeHerrera - 10K gold ring in City Park

Most Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - Clear Creek gold

Oldest Coin

Joe DeHerrera - fake 1878 dollar coin in old East Denver house

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Bev Sharpley - 1978 CC Morgan Dollar

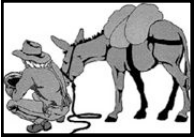
Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Gale Herbertson - silver, gold, & copper ore samples

M o s t U n i q u e (Excavated)

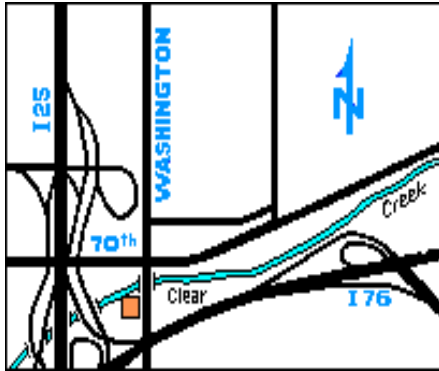
Joe DeHerrera - \$2.50 token for Gold-N-Detectors found in City Park

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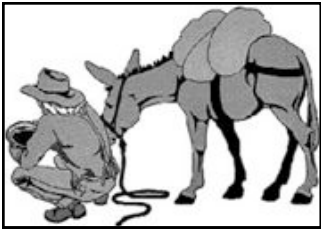
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Coming Announcements and Special Events January 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 New Years' Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 Submission Deadline for the Newsletter	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21 Club Meeting	22	23	24
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