

## The Prez Sez by, Aaron Ingalls

This is my first time to write an article for the newsletter and I admit I'm new to writing this column, as well as the position of president; but, if you can bear with me on my "learning curve," I can assure you we will have a great year! We are going to have lots of fun outings and if anyone has any suggestions, I am open to any and all ideas for things that we may not have thought of doing before.

Burrrr!!! It's cold here in Colorado but all the snow that has been coming down in our mountains the past few weeks will surely help move that gold down the mountainsides and into our pans for great finds in just a few months.

We had a wonderful turnout at our Christmas party and I would like to thank all you great cooks' for all that YUMMY food!! Thanks to **Leanne & Robert Larson** and all their "elf" helpers in the planning, set-up and clean up.

Thanks to **Joe Johnston** for his work on the Find-of-the-Month/Year Program. Joe keeps track of the monthly entries and winners and prepares the certificates/awards given out at the December meeting.

Congratulations to **Joe Shubert** on winning the Ken Barker Award. He has contributed so much to the success of this club and it was well deserved.

Oh, and then there is that "Special Australian Gold Nugget" that has been tempting us most of the past year. The winner, **Sue Lemieux**, couldn't have been more excited or up to that stage any faster. I think she set a land speed record!

I have heard that we are still in need of some volunteers to help out with some of our positions, one of which is the Refreshments. I am hopeful that by our January meeting we will have those all filled. So if you would like to just get your feet a little wet in something besides a creek, feel free to volunteer!

Finally, personally and as a group, I want to send out a BIG "THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE" to **Gary Hawley**. He has given 110% of his time and the passion he has for the club has come through in all his hard work and dedication the past few years. I look forward to his continued participation and having him for my mentor.

See you all on January 21<sup>st</sup>!

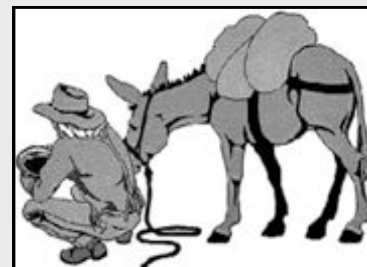
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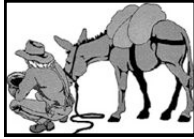
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Dick will be happy to review any comments or suggestions that you may have.



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Gary Hawley

**The Ken Barker Award**

The annual Ken Barker Award was presented to Joe Shubert at our December Christmas meeting. This prestigious award, established in 2003, is designed to recognize a club member who most closely exemplifies the love and passion for gold prospecting that Ken Barker, for whom the award is named, brought to the GPR organization.

The recipient of this award must meet certain criteria that is recognized by fellow club members. One of the requirements is to "Contribute to the success of the club with his/her extra efforts" and Joe certainly puts in extra efforts to help make the club run smoothly.

Joe has been our elections committee chairperson for several years and has been very detail oriented to make sure the elections run correctly. This, along with his active participation as a board member and sincere desire to see the club grow, made him a viable candidate for this award. Apparently the general membership recognized this in Joe also, as he was elected by a healthy margin.

**Congratulations!**

***Joe—Keep up the  
Good Work!***

**Planning  
Calendar 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

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15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**AUGUST**

19<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**SEPTEMBER**

16<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**OCTOBER**

21<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting

**NOVEMBER**

18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**DECEMBER**

16<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

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ON THE THIRD  
WEDNESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH**

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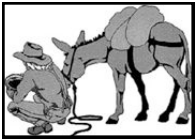
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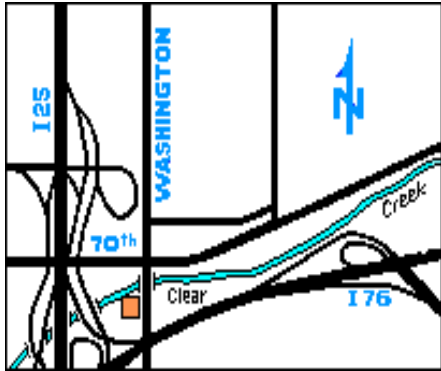
**Membership  
Dues  
Are Due!**

Nearly all memberships come due in January. Check the address label on your newsletter and you will find your membership renewal date under your name. Renewal fees are \$30 and you can pay them at the meeting on January 21, or you can send a check to: Gold Prospectors of the Rockies, P.O. Box 621988, Littleton, Colorado 80162-1988.



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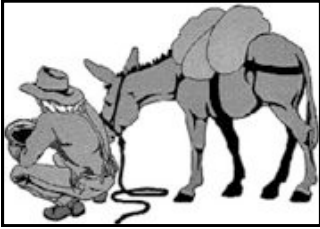
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 Club President—GPR Newsletter  
*(Layout Design Subject To Additional Cost)*



**Coming Announcements and *Special Events* February 2009**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	<b>4 Submission Deadline for The Gold Nugget</b>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	<b>18 Club Meeting</b>	19	20	21
22	23	24	<b>25 Copy Deadline for The Gold Nugget</b>	26	27	28