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THE GOLD NUGGET

June 2014

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



Is today's mining different than the mining back in the day? That is an interesting question. There are some that would say, "Of course it is", and there are others that will say, "Well, not really."

So, let's talk about mining in general. Back in the day, the old timers really didn't have access to fancy equipment or even heavy equipment. They were armed for the most part with picks and shovels and often used pie tins or pot lids for a gold pan. They made crude sluice boxes and rockers when they wanted to work a stream that showed promising color, and they were looking for nuggets mostly. They mined the placer gold that was readily available on the surface and in the streams. They kept some of

the flour gold because they could use it for supplies and such. But they left more of the flour gold than they took. When they did find a good supply of larger nuggets, word would invariably leak out and a "new strike" would start. Now there were some old timers who searched for gold because they just liked the solitary life and were willingly to risk the dangers of the wilderness. For them, it was more the finding of the gold than it was the having of the gold. But that type of prospector was not the norm. When a "strike" was made, the lucky ones tended to sell out their claims quickly and move on, after panning out a goodly amount of it. Hoards of newcomers would then arrive, hoping to strike it rich. But most of them failed and went from 'boom town' to 'boom town', seeking their fortune. Most failed. A few succeeded, a very few. Usually, when someone found a lode vein of good gold, they too, would sell out because it took a lot of money to develop a lode mine into a paying proposition. Remember, gold in the 1860's was only going for about 12.00 an ounce. And unless you had that heavy equipment, you weren't thinking about nickel, iron, copper, lead, silver or even zinc.

Today, even with gold running 1200.00 an ounce and hitting 1900.00 an ounce just 2 years ago, basic mining hasn't changed all that much. We still use gold pans and sluice boxes, but of course, ours are far more modern and much more efficient. And we don't really wander around all that much because there isn't that much wilderness that hasn't been thoroughly explored and we know that we are far more likely to find gold where the old timers found it anyway, and there is a whole lot more private property and government controlled property today than back then. And we know that the old timers didn't get it all. Neither did the Chinese that followed from boom to boom town. And neither did all those in the second rush, the one that was associated with the Great Depression. That was a lot of people working the same ground over and over. Even with all that, they still didn't get it all.

The old timers who made good strikes would sell out to the big money investors who could afford to hire crews and bring in heavy equipment and develop the mines into a paying proposition. Back in the day, they mined similar to how it is done today. The difference is that the equipment has been improved on a thousand fold, but yet, the basic principles' of mining remain the same. We have advanced from the destructive hydraulic mining and massive dredging to the modern open pit mining. The old timers didn't bother with reclamation. Today, all the big operations make reclamation a part of their Plan of Operation. If they don't, the EPA and other federal agencies do require it and if you don't do it their way, you won't get any permits and won't be doing much mining anyway. But today, those big operations often leave the land better than what it was when they started. And that is a big plus, anyway you look at it.

But, gold is gold. The lure of it has been a constant to man for centuries. Spain sent shiploads of exploring conquistadors to the 'new world' to find and exploit it for Spain's benefit. The Romans favored gold. The Egyptians' prized gold. The Inca and Aztec revered gold, as did the Chinese. Gold has been held high in all of the major civilizations of history. It has only been in the last mere 80 years that the world has experienced a boom in technology. And with this new 'boom', the uses of gold has blossomed into far more than we ever could have imagined. The old timers would merely scratch their heads in wonder, not with just the many uses of gold in today's world, but probably with a great deal more of our modern shenanigans as well.

So, from my perspective, gold mining today hasn't changed all that much. We certainly have our share of 'old sourdoughs' and hard core prospectors, but the multitude of us are merely small scale weekend miners who certainly can relate to that magical 'pull' of old, the quickened heartbeats, and that inevitable 'lure' of that lustrous yellow metal that shines and gleams like no other in the bottom of your pan, you know, that thing we call gold!!!

That is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your search...!. And until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that treasured 'Yaller Gold'!

You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at jnslong945@msn.com

Happy and safe prospecting to all!!!



The V.P. Corner by "Klondike" Mike



Georgetown Loop/Lebanon Tunnel Outing

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know about our last outing May 31st and June 1st at the Georgetown Loop/Lebanon mine. Saturday we had six people and on Sunday there were ten. All of us had a great time!!

We also gained two new members over the weekend, Tom Hill and Bobby Manning who donated his \$20 to GPR. We have more members willing to donate their time and \$20 to GPR from the Georgetown

Loop/Lebanon tunnel on June 8th and 9th, which I think is great. Many of these members gave up the Clay County outing for new adventures.

I arranged an early mine tour for our GPR group before the guests arrived and everyone really enjoyed this. I would like to thank the following members for their time volunteering and donation of their \$20 earned. Jack Meineke, Dennis White, Jim Peterson, Tina Flaming, Tim Flaming, Cara Dauderman, Adam Wilson, our newest members Bobby Manning and Tom Hill who was also our host!







Again thanks to all who came and helped out and to all of you who would like to come in the future. As before if you have any questions feel free to contact me, 720-443-9545.

Mike Hurtado (Klondike)

<u>From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Linda Luchtenburg</u>



The June Meeting will feature **7.0 grams of gold nuggets** for the give away with the largest nugget being 2.7 grams. We continue to sell raffle tickets for the 'Special Nugget Drawing' and members are encouraged to purchase plenty of tickets as your chances of winning this beautiful 13.0 gram nugget are far better than winning the Lotto. If we have decent sales at the June Meeting, we will probably be giving this nugget away at the July Meeting. Special thanks go to **Pres. Long, Joe Johnston and to the GPR Board** for contributing items for the 'Members Only' drawings held at the May Meeting.

This Month GPR Meeting Program:

<u>June 18:</u> The June meeting will consist of a **Forum of Club Experts** who will host a 'Question and Answer' session from the general membership. Members will have an opportunity to ask questions they have **concerning general mining and prospecting issues.** This will be your chance to pretty much ask anything that is on your mind and the experts will have an opportunity to answer them and share a little of their experience.

July 16: The July meeting will feature a **video program** titled "Mining the Moon". This video will be addressing when humankind returns to the Moon, our hope to mine its surface for hidden resources. Elements like hydrogen and oxygen, trapped in the lunar soil, are the keys to a permanent colony and for future missions to other planets. The planets and their moons are also rich in minerals and the next great mining boom may well be off world. This should be a very interesting video which was produced by the Discovery Channel. This video highlights a different twist to the art of mining.



Aug 20: The August meeting will feature a video program titled "The Secret History of Gold". This video will talk about gold's appeal and how its value spans time and cultures. But there is a little known secret to the story of gold, a dark secret. From the amazon jungle to the markets of Dubai, the video will examine the underbelly of the gold trade to expose its volatile history. This video is from the National Geographic Channel.

Board Meeting Minutes From May 2014

Yes

| X James Long | X Joe Shi | ubert X | Joe Fortunato | X | Roger Biri |
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| X Mike Hurtado | X Joe Joh | nnston | Terry Weatherly | X | Brandon Luchtenburg |
| X Linda Luchtenburg | Janine | Ballentine X | Andy Doll | | |

Quorum present?

Call to Order: By JJ at 6:00 pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Yes Corrections: two spelling

corrections Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Questions: None. Approved: yes **Correspondence:** 5 phone calls, 23 e-mails, 6 mailings **Webmaster**: Total Hits 135259 Hits for last month 568.

Committee Reports: Pres. Long completed the BoD Manual updates and distributed them.

Unfinished business:

 The Storm King Dredge photos have been given to the Park County Historical Society and Archives.

- Ordered 7 more Gold and Gem Maps for Store.
- Still needing volunteers for the Georgetown Loop Panning Demo.

New Business:

- Will be dropping unpaid members as of June 1st.
- Planned Outings for 2014: Refer to Outings Calendar/Schedule in Newsletter for details of existing schedule.

o May 17 sat Prospecting Outing, Nederland, 91m, glass contest.

o June 7 sat Prospecting Outing, Lake Gulch, Blackhawk.

o July 22 tue Panning Demo, Idaho Spgs, Japanese students.

o July 25,26,27 Prospecting Outing, Lake Creek, Leadville

 Aug 3 sun Beginners Panning/sluicing Class, 6811 N. Washington, Tymkovich Meats.

From the Board:

- **Pres Long** discussed Aurora Water Festival Panning Demo as well as the Nederland Outing. Both went very well
- **Joe J.** discussed Foothills Chapter of the GPAA has a new Outings Schedule out. All GPR members are welcome to attend all Foothills outings.
- There was nothing further tendered for discussion.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting June 16, 2014 at 6:00pm Next General Meeting June 16, 2014 at 7:00pm. **Tonight's general meeting program**: A 30 minute Presentation by Christie Wright, local author and speaker, who will speak of Park County History. She will be selling copies of her book "South Park Perils".

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:36 pm.

General Meeting Minutes From May 2014

1. Meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Where were the first gold coins minted in the New World struck?

2014 GPR Board of Directors Members

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Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Brandon Luchtenburg

Roger Biri

Janine Ballentine



- 2. **Pres. Long** then presented the evening program which was a 30 minute program presented by Christie Wright, local author and speaker and historian, member of the Park County Historical Society and the Park County Mining Association, who will speak on Park County History. Christie also brought her new book, "South Park Perils", which she will autograph and sell at the break. The program was very well received and was extremely interesting and informative.
- 3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1391.90 an ounce, silver at \$19.39, platinum at \$1473.00 and palladium at \$826.00.
- 4. Web hits for last month reflected 568 hits for the last 30 days.
- 5. **Treasurer Linda Luchtenburg** reported that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, we are still selling tickets for the 'Members Only' drawing and it is a very large nugget displayed at her desk for all to see. If sales continue to go well, we will probably be drawing for it in July or so. Remember, your chance of winning this nugget is far better than trying to win the Lottery.
- 6. **John Johnson** reported from the Membership Table that we had approx. 76 members in attendance. There were also 5 guests and 2 new members who were also in attendance. The meeting attendance was 83.
- 7. **Sue Clover** read the '**Question of the Month**', which was 'What is the largest placer nugget found in the western Hemisphere''?
- 8. **Pres. Long** advised that there was time to enter items at the break for the 'Finds of the Month' table and everyone was encouraged to check them out and vote accordingly during the break.
- 9. **Pres. Long** announced that the Cache had been hidden anew. **Barbara Barrow** presented Clue #5.
- 10. **Pam and George Schmitt** informed the group to be sure to check the new items in the Club Store and to support your Club by buying Club products with the Club Logo on them. We have introduced some Colo. Gold and gem maps for sale.
- 11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership that the Aurora Water Festival Panning Demo was a success and we had nearly 1700 5th grade students that came by the booth. We also had a good time at the annual Nederland Outing. Weather was good and water was perfect. A total of 8 trash bags were collected and a whopping 19.5 pounds of glass was collected. **George Sullivan** was third with 2.0 pounds, **Brandon** Luchtenburg was second with 2.5 pounds, and **Tina Fleming** was first with an enormous 10.0 pounds of broken glass. Well done guys. Nearly 25 people attended the Outing. Nederland was appreciative and invited us back for next year. The Club will be at Lake Gulch in Blackhawk on June 7 for the nest Outing, followed by a Panning Demo in Idaho Sprgs. on July 22nd for a group of Japanese Exchange students, then on to Lake Creek in Leadville for a 3 day Outing on July 25, 26, 27. Hope to see everyone there. The California dredging ban has been to Court and this time, the Judge told both sides that he was annoyed that this issue hadn't been decided yet. The State could not give a date for the end of the "temporary" status and said it was not ready to do so. The Judge told both sides that he would come to a final decision in June, one way or the other and that a "temporary ban" was not good enough. So we will see what happens in late June. We will be dropping non-renewed members after June 1st. There was nothing further discussed from the Floor.
- 12. **Pres. Long** announced the <u>break at 8:10pm.</u> Meeting was called back to order at 8:39pm.
- 13. **Pres. Long** announced that there were only 38 winners of the 'Question of the Month'. The answer was 'The Boot of Cortez'. The extra drawing tickets were passed out to the lucky winners.
- 14. **Pres. Long** announced that there were a number of submitted entries for the 'Finds of the Month'. The winner of the 'Most Raw Gold' was Todd Fiddler, again, with 5.8g of gold that he found in his secret spot in the mountains. "Best Artifact category was Dale Herbertson with an old rock sample of ruby/kimmerlight, found in an old Wyoming Mine. "Best Coin" was Joe Johnston with an 1880 Indian head penny, and "Best Jewelry" was Joe Johnston with an old 1881 silver concho replica half dollar. Congratulations to each of our May Monthly winners. Be sure to show off your finds each month at the next meeting. Each monthly winner will need to save his/her finds for next November to be entered into the Finds of the Year competition.
- 15. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR**, **Pres. Long**, **Joe Johnston and the Aurora Water Festival Folks**, followed by drawings for the gold nuggets. A reminder that holders of drawing tickets for the regular gold drawings who did not win and want to redeem those tickets may present them at the end of the Meeting and they will be reimbursed at .01 cents on the dollar, or they can choose



to donate the tickets back to the Club. Those assisting Pres. Long in the drawings were **Chuck Cown** and **Linda Luchtenburg**.

- 16. **Pres. Long** informed the members that sometimes during the meetings, his time is over whelmingly taken up by the many who wish to speak to him and he apologizes if anyone ever feels like he is unavailable. It is not his intent to be inaccessible and he encourages anyone with questions to contact him by phone at any time. His phone number is on the web site.
- 17. **Pres. Long** thanked **Kris and Joe Kafka** and all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Any member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread each month. With the number of attendees skyrocketing recently, this really helps the folks who run the table and those who volunteer up front each month. The Club appreciates the efforts that each and every one of you to make the refreshment table enjoyable.
- 18. The scheduled **Program for June will be** an "Ask the Experts" Panel where members will be able to ask any mining related questions they may have of a panel of our "Club Experts", who will do their best to answer them.
- 19. Until next time, prospect safely, live long and be grateful for that golden bounty from the stars, that gleaming magical miracle, called 'gold'!
- 20. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Schedule of 2014 Planned Outings:

We are starting a new year and are in process of scheduling speakers and programs, outings, tours and other events for the year. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact a Board Member with your ideas and information. We want to try to provide the things you are interested in. We tentatively have 20 events planned for 2014.

- Jan 25 Sat Tour of the Western Museum of Mining and History, Colo. Sprgs, 1pm. Bring your members badge.
- Feb 22 Sat Tour of the National Mining Museum, Leadville, 1pm, signup sheet at meeting. (CANCELLED)
- Mar 22 Sat <u>Tour</u> of the School of Mines Geology Museum, 1pm, signup sheet at meeting.
- Mar 29 Sat Beginners Panning/sluicing Class at 6811 N Washington, 9am-12noon, bring pan, boots, snuffer bottle & vial
- Apr 26 Sat <u>Prospecting Outing</u>, Clear Creek, 6811 N. Washington St., Adams County, 9am-5pm, bbq at noon. **date change**(CANCELLED DUE TO HIGH WATER)
- May 15 Thur Panning Demo, Aurora Water Festival, 9a-2p. Will need 8 volunteers.
- May 17 Sat <u>Prospecting Outing</u>, in Nederland, Glass Cleanup Contest, 9am-5pm, in City Limits. ***date change***
- Jun 7 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lake Gulch, Blackhawk, 9am (Clay County Mine). This is a dry claim.
- July 22 Tue Panning Demo for Japanese Exchange Students, Idaho Spgs, 1p-4p***date change***
- July 25, 26, 27 F,S,Su <u>Prospecting Outing</u>, on Lake Creek, Leadville, 5.00 @ day @ person, bbq sat. Nite @ 5.00 @ person. Some camping on property, \$3.00 @ day. This is Fri, Sat, Sun.
- Aug 3 Sun Beginners Panning/sluicing Class at 6811 N Washington, 9am-12noon, will be a signup sheet.
- Aug 23 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lake Gulch, Blackhawk, 9am. (Clay County Mine). It is a dry claim.
- Aug 30 Sat Club Picnic at Cross Park, 20th and Carr, Lakewood, Pot Luck, 12 noon-3pm.
- Sept 4,5,6 T,F,S Panning Demo, Highlands Ranch Festival, 9a-2p each day, there will be a sign up sheet.
- Sept 20 Sat Panning Demo, Idaho Springs Festival, 10a-3pm, there will be a sign up sheet.
- Sept 27 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lower Clear Creek, 9a until dark at 6811 N. Washington. Bbq at noon.
- Oct 15 Wed Pumpkin Carving Contest, regular meeting night, compete for prizes
- Oct 18 Sat Panning Demo for Arapahoe County Fall Festival, 8181 S. Parker Rd, 10a-3p
- Nov 9 Sat Metal Detecting Outing, Majestic View Park, Arvada, 10a-1p. Prizes to be won.
- Dec 18 Wed Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, members only, no regular meeting, arrive at 6pm, eat at 6:30
- Friday June 20th, 2014 at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm: Western Museum of Mining and Industry



WMMI' Outdoor Machinery Day! JUNE 20

Hear the shrill whistle of the WMMI's 1928 Osgood Steam Shovel! Learn how compressed air locomotives replaced the poor donkey in hauling mountains of ore, and then see one rumble out of the past and down the track! Afterward, pet our donkeys, Nugget & Chism. Admission is \$8-\$4. Call the museum at 719-488-0880 for further information. Located on I-25 just north of Colorado Springs at the Air Force Academy Exit.

Finds of the Month for May

Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the Club. Winners each month will have their name published each month in the Newsletter. There are six (6) categories to choose from when entering. The winners in May were:

Most Raw Gold:. Winner is Todd Fiddler who submitted 5.61 grams of gold he found in his secret spot up in the nearby mountains.



Best Artifact: Winner is Dale Herbertson with a half ruby, half Kimmerlight mineral from an old Wyoming mine.

Best Coin: Winner is Joe Johnston with an 1880 Indian Head penny.

Best Jewelry: Winner is Joe Johnston with a Silver Concho ½ dollar 1926 Oregon Trail Commemorative.



There were several other submissions from Kevin Singel, Roger Biri and Dale Herbertson, and we encourage everyone to bring in and share their finds each month.

Monthly winners will need to save your find and present it next November for the <u>Find of the Year</u> competition and for the chance to be recognized as Best Find of the Year.

Birthstone The World of Birthstones

In the ancient world, precious gems were prized just as highly as they are today. Gemstones continue to shatter record prices at auction houses around the world. For 2014, rather than just the monthly birthstones, we will offer a little more of the ageless secrets of birthstones by tying them to the lunar calendar. We will give you a little extra, courtesy of the National Jewelers Society. This means that the birthstones you would normally associate with your birth month are actually tied a little closer to your Zodiac Calendar. So, let's check it out a little bit.

Lunar Month:May 21 to June 20Planet:MercuryZodiac Sign:GeminiHouse:3 rd

Birthstones:

NJA1911 Affinitus
Alexandrite Tourmaline

Exodus 39 Beryl Revelation 21
Agate









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Prospecting/Mining Notes

(mostly from the Denver Post, Internet and other wire services)

- 5-2-14 California's Fight for Suction Dredging: On May 1, 2014, Judge Ochoa of Rancho Cucamonga, heard arguments from the State of California and the PLP concerning the temporary moratorium issued by the State. After arguments, the Judge asked the State if they were ready to make the moratorium permanent and the State could not say if they intended to make it permanent. The Judge then took both sides into chambers and said he wanted to see the matter resolved. He then exercised his judicial authority to order a Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC) beginning June 24. The Judge stated he would personally preside over the matter. He ordered that all litigants be present or available in order to hear all sides and indicated that this issue needed to be settled. He tabled any rulings on motions before him until the MSC has been held. The PLP views this as a positive sign and an opportunity educate on the realities of what it takes to actually engage in suction dredge mining in California.
- 5-13-14 **Durango Coalition gets it Right on Hermosa Creek:** A coalition of local users and partners have got it right on the planned use of the Hermosa Creek area near Durango. Rather than allow the federal government to make the decisions, Trout Unlimited, hunters, local miners, motorbike enthusiasts, and other interested users all got together and came up with a plan everyone could agree on, including all Colorado Senators and Representatives who represent that area. 75000 acres were declared wilderness to protect fishing and elk habitat, another 70000 acres allows 2 mining claims to receive protections and a guarantee to continue, and local trails for hiking and motorbike riding were designated. Al that remains is for Congress to approve this plan. While everyone at the local and state level have agreed, there is no guarantee that Congress will act in time. It is proof that local entities can work things out without government intervention and will prove that the government, if they fail to ratify this agreement, is as blind and ineffective as we believe them to be.
- *5-14-14* **Newmont to Sell Aussie Mine:** Northern Star Resources Ltd., an Australian gold producer, plans to buy a Newmont Mining Corp, asset for \$77 million, its third acquisition since December. The Jundee Mine in western Australia, which began production in 1995, had an output of 279,000 ounces of gold in 2013 and is expected to produce 200,000 more ounces in the next 2 years. The deal will make Northern Star Australia's second largest publicly traded producer.
- 5-23-14 **Greenwich, Colorado based Molycorp in Trouble:** Molycorp Inc.'s dwindling cash is raising speculation that the company will need to raise capital as production delays at its Mojave Desert rare earth mine push its bonds yields to distressed levels. Molycorp has been plagued by cost overruns and delays in its Mountain Pass facility which boasts the largest rare earth metals deposit outside of China, helping erode the \$3.8 billion the company raised in 10 bond and equity offerings since 2010. "They need to get this thing up and running as promised," a New York bond analyst was quoted as saying. Molycorp failed to respond to the statements.

A Miner's Laugh

Two old miners named Pete and Bill, hired a pilot to fly them deep into the Canadian wilderness where they managed to bag two big bull Moose. As they were loading the plane in preparation to return, the pilot informed them that his plane would be able only to fly out the two hunters, all of their gear, and only one of the moose.

But Pete and Bill both strongly objected, saying, "Hey, last year we shot two moose up here and our pilot let us take them both along with all our gear and ourselves, and shoot, he had exactly the same airplane as yours." So, reluctantly, not wanting to be outdone by another bush pilot, the pilot gave in and everything was loaded into the plane.

However, even under full power, the little plane just couldn't handle the load and shortly crashed into the wooded wilderness. Somehow, surrounded by moose, gear, and wreckage, Bill and Pete managed to survive the crash. After climbing out of the wreckage, Bill asked Pete, "Well, you got any idea where we are now?"

Pete looked carefully all around and replied, "Yeah, I think we are pretty close to where we crashed last year!" (Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners')



Aurora Water Festival Panning Demo

On May 17, the Club participated in the 21st Annual Aurora Water Festival. We demonstrated how to pan for gold for nearly 1700 5th grade students from the Aurora School District. The 5 hour event went very well. There were over 30 presenters and the focus, as always, was to demonstrate the many ways water is used in the community by man. That included many aspects of recreation as well. This was the 5th year the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies have participated in this event. The weather was great and I want to thank all the folks who helped to make it happen. Thanks to Mike Hurtado, Andy Doll, Brandon Luchtenburg, Jack Mieneke, Tina Fleming, Joe Johnston and Jim Long. Andy Doll







Fourth Annual Nederland Prospecting Outing and Glass Contest

The Club traveled to Nederland for our fourth annual Outing on May 17. The weather was a little on the cool side but the sun shined quite a bit as well. About 25 adventurous prospectors participated and we did a trash cleanup that resulted in a total of 8 bags of trash being collected. Then we hit the creek from downtown to the mouth of Barker Reservoir. Most folks were sluicing but a couple panned. The gold is small here but it is common and not too hard to get. We also collect all the broken glass along the stream, in the stream, and in and on the walking paths along the creek. This year, we set a record for the amount of broken glass removed. We had 10 entries submitted for a total of a whopping 19.5 pounds. We received very supportive comments from several local citizens, a local police officer and a visiting forest ranger. The top 3 glass entries went to Tina Fleming who submitted a total of 10 pounds of glass and received a .1 gram nugget at the May 21st meeting. Second place went to Brandon Luchtenburg with a total of 3 pounds of glass and he received a sample of pure crystalline silver. Third place went to George Sullivan who will receive an assayer's gold button. Pres. Long did get a few photos for folks to enjoy.







Floating Sluice Parts for Sale \$120.00 A GPR member knows someone who has parts for a floating suction dredge for sale. Condition of parts unknown but does need a motor and assembly. Contact Adam Wilson or Cara Dauderman at <a href="https://dream.org/dream







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| End of Korean War | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | |