

THE GOLD NUGGET

October 2017

Nominations are open in October for Board Positions. **We will need a new Secretary/Treasurer for sure, so** **consider stepping up to help your Club continue to run** **smoothly and be the Best Prospecting Club in Denver!**

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



October is upon us. The leaves are either falling or have fallen and the nights are colder and the bull elk are just about done bugling. A host of orange clad men and women are migrating to the mountains fairly armed to the teeth in search of Bambi and his larger cousin, the elk. There are fewer prospectors in the water now as it has also gotten a lot colder and snow has already fallen in the high country. Fall will seem short and winter is about to leap upon us.

That being said, there is still plenty of gold out there and you should be out there digging in spite of the weather. Those of us who are a little older will be wishing we could be out more often but the old bones and joints just don't like the cold any longer and the weather changes fire up the old injuries and the arthritis. Growing old is not for sissies and that is a fact, I am here to testify. Aaahhh..., but when I was younger, man I could.....well, shoot, memories are a dime a dozen and war stories can get old in pretty short order, so I try not to tell very many of them anymore. I know a guy who tells the same stories over and over literally from day to day and can't remember tomorrow that he told you the same story today and told you yesterday as well. After a week or three, it can grate on your nerves and I don't want to be like that guy. I could shut him down but I like to keep what few friends I have rather than toss them away. His heart and his intentions are solid gold so everything else is taken in stride.

But for those of you who have slowed down a little, there is probably a goodly amount of time on your hands. Why not take a little of that time and invest it in the well-being of your Club? We are in need of someone to step up to replace our Club Treasurer. This is an excellent opportunity to spend the next year or so getting to know a good many of the other members. After all, nearly everyone buys raffle tickets for the gold nuggets and they will have to come to you to get them. The busy times are at the first part of the meeting and during the break, otherwise, you don't really spend all that much time at the job other than keeping the checkbook straight and filling out the monthly statement for the Board of Directors. Thank goodness for the computer program Excel, as it can make everything so much easier to do. As long as you have a computer, the job isn't all that hard at all. So I hope that someone steps forward and makes that decision to help make a difference.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter, I wrote about the process of recovering 'micro gold', you know, that little tiny stuff that many of you know is in your pan that is so hard to see and even harder to recover. I am talking about 100 and even the 200 mesh or smaller stuff. I have stressed from day one when I became a voice for many of you that panning is critical to becoming a successful prospector. Oh sure, there are many different kinds of equipment out there that can recover your gold for you if you have the money to spend. And you will probably be happy with it if you can figure out how the manufacture makes it look so easy when they do it and yet, you struggle to get it to work just right. And of course, they will tout the efficiency of their product as to getting 98 or 99% retention of the gold as part of the selling points. But my experience is that many of them result in some serious gold loss and nearly all of them have difficulty in getting that micro gold. But you can get it if you learn to pan and develop your skills to the level that you become confident in that skill. Many people lack that confidence. That is kind of a killer in the art of prospecting. Granted, there is a lot to learn about prospecting to become successful and you never really stop learning for that matter. Besides becoming knowledgeable in geology and geologic occurrences as they relate to gold, you need to have a basic understanding of chemistry as well as physics. Sometimes, a little engineering skill can go a long way as well. Being handy with your hands and quick with your mind are also helpful skills to have. I guess I am trying to say that a good prospector needs to be a jack-of-all-trades and a master of none but the art of panning. When all is said and done, the only way you will get that micro gold is by becoming a good panner. The use of chemicals will get it all but the risk is that it can kill you or potentially ruin your health. So I tried to put the technique down in black and white for your reference to help you understand that you can get more gold than you are getting now, if that is your desire. If not, it makes good



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reading anyway. I know that the technique I describe is ascribed to by many experienced prospectors as being the best way to get that micro gold. And I hope that it works as well for you as it does me.

Anyway, that is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your endeavors, no matter what they may be!. 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 “Joe Fortunato



Hello again fellow gold seekers. I was hoping to get over to Clear Creek for a day of prospecting and test panning. I wanted to base this month’s V.P. Corner article on the results of that outing, but I just never could find the time to make it to the creek. I had a plan worked out to describe each location that I tested and the results from that location. Sorry for not following through on that plan this month, but I will get it done for a future newsletter article. One the many things that got in the way of that trip to the creek was the fact that I have spent a lot of time planning another trip to Nevada. I have been texting and talking to a couple of my nugget hunting friends out west. They have racked up four trips to Nevada during the last three weeks, with some good results. I will be heading for Nevada on Oct. 12th. I plan on detecting for six days. I hope the weather cooperates out there, wet ground can be a problem when it comes to metal detecting for gold. The Western States Prospecting Association (the nugget hunting club that I joined in 2016), will be having their Rye Patch outing on Oct. 13,14,and 15. I am hoping to pick up a few more tricks and tips on nugget hunting from some very skilled detectorists that weekend. Of course there is also “Steak Night” on Friday and “Pizza Night” on Saturday. With that said, what I am really looking forward to, is getting out in the desert with my friends and finding some gold nuggets!!! If things work out well, I hope to have enough good stories and pictures to maybe put together another presentation for our club in the future. I will see all of you at the November meeting, until the. May All Your Adventures Be Golden!!! Joe Fortunato Questions or comments call or text m. 303-263-7204

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Wayne Schomaker



The October Meeting will feature a 9 nugget drawing that will include a nugget of at least 2.8 grams or more. We have another fine specimen from Alaska to auction off.. We will also be giving away numerous door prizes as well. Remember that your chances of winning are better than the Colorado Lottery as there are so many less people participating. Be sure to support your Club and buy lots of tickets. See you all at the up-coming Meeting.

Planned 2017 GPR Meeting Programs:

- October 18** Gold Trails video, episodes 5 and 6.
- November 15** Gold Trails video, episodes 7 and 8.
- December 20** Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and Recognition Program.

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X	James Long	X	Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	John Johnson
X	Mike Hurtado	X	Joe Johnston	X	Chris Kafka		Brandon Luchtenburg
X	Wayne Schomaker	X	Bobby Manning	X	Andy Doll	X	Gary Hawley

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: By Pres. Long at 6:01 pm.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Corrections: N/A Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer’s Report: Questions: none Approved: Yes.

Correspondence: 1 phone calls, 5 e-mails, 10 mailings.

Webmaster: Total Hits 149288 Hits for last 2 month 379.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In the 14th century, drinking molten gold and crushed emeralds was a treatment for what disease?



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Committee Reports:

- Discussion on buying gold for 2018, Pres. Long will order 2018.
- Elections upcoming, current Board rerunning w/exception of Sec/Treas. Position which will need filling.
- Discussed Barker Award candidate.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Planned Outings for 2017:

- Notice of Outings planned for 2017 was sent out with Feb Newsletter. Next event is Clay County on Sept. 22
- Pumpkin Carving Contest for Oct. mtg.
- Panning Demo at Arap. County on Oct. 14.
- Metal Det. Hunt for Nov. 4.
- followed by Xmas Program and Pot Luck.

From the Board:

- Pres. Long discussed the Aug. 26 Clay County Outing which had a good Turnout. Also discussed the Panning Demo's at Georgetown Loop RR and Highlands Ranch Festival.
- The Idaho Sprgs. Demo was cancelled by the City.
- All the demos went very well.

Additional Announcements: None at this time.

Next Board Meeting: Oct 18, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Next General Meeting: Oct 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Tonight's general meeting program: We will feature a video from the Series 'Gold Trails' featuring GPAAs Kevin Hoagland referencing different aspects of small scale gold mining around the country.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:52 pm.

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Brandon Luchtenburg

John Johnson

Bobby Manning

Mike Hurtado

Past President

Gary Hawley

General Meeting Minutes From Sept 2017

1. Meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then announced that the evening Program would feature a video of the Series 'Gold Trails' by GPAA's Kevin Hoagland as he features small scale gold mining across the country. The Program was again, well received.
3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report: Gold 1300.50 , Silver 17.13, Platinum 942.00, Palladium 909.00.
4. **Web hits** for last month were approx. 303.
5. **Treasurer Wayne Schomaker** reports that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, be sure to buy tickets for the 'Special Nugget' drawing. We have a brand new Alaskan chunk of raw gold weighing in at 13.9 grams. Also, be sure to buy tickets for tonight's 9 nuggets drawing, the largest being 2.6 grams.
6. **Dan and Becki McConnell** who oversee the Membership Table reported that we had 77 members in attendance. There were 2 guests present. The total meeting attendance was 79. Fall is here and a few members will be returning from their travels around the country.
7. **Pres. Long** read the 'Question of the Month', which was **"If you had a 1000 lb cube of gold, what would its dimensions be??"**
8. **Pres. Long** advised that there was time to enter items at the break for the 'Finds of the Month' table and that the monthly winners from tonight will need to be saved for the Finds of the Year competition in November, 2017. A reminder to all that gold submissions need to be weighed dry and only one submission per person per category. Be sure to fill out entry cards completely.
9. **Sara Saucedo** announced the new 'Cache' Hunt and presented **Clue # 2.**



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10. **Pres. Long** advised that there were lots of stuff in the **Club Store** for sale. We have bags of sand containing gold for members to buy as well as lots of other stuff, and we have discounted several items. We continue to look for a volunteer to take over the Store. We thank **Mike Hurtado** for over-seeing this important aspect of the Club.
11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership of the next 2017 Outing which will be another Prospecting Outing in Blackhawk on September 22. The next event will be a Panning Demo in Arap. County on Oct. 14 (see sign-up sheet) followed by the Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest for the Oct. Mtg. Carvings should have a mining theme. The Metal Detecting Hunt will be on Nov. 4 at Majestic View Park in Arvada. The final event of the year will be the Christmas Recognition Program and Pot Luck Dinner on Dec. 20. Pres. Long informed the group that the Club Picnic of Sept. 17 went well and the Panning demos in Georgetown and Highlands Ranch were well staffed and well attended. The Idaho Springs. Demo was cancelled by the City due to construction. Pres. Long advised that 2018 elections were coming up next month for nominations and that there was an opening for Sec./Treasurer. The rest of the Board was re-running. The Board was preparing nominees for the Ken Barker Award as well. There was nothing of note added from the Floor.
12. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:21 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:39 pm.
13. **Pres. Long** announced the winners of the '**Question of the Month**'. The answer was, "**11.28 inches**" !! There were 22 winners who received their extra drawing ticket for the gold drawing.
14. **Pres. Long** announced the winners for the '**Finds of the Month**'. Those were:
 - **Best Coin** – **Dennis Peredrin** with a '1936 Wheat Penny' he found in Morse Park in Lakewood, Colo. While metal detecting.
 - **Best Jewelry** – **Ray Vigil** with a turtle pendant he found in O'Brien park in Parker, Colo. while metal detecting.
 - **Best Mineral** – **Susan Duncanson** with a Prairie Agate sample she found in South Dakota while rock hounding.
 - **Best Artifact** – **Steve Pott** with an old coffee pot he found while prospecting near Empire, Colorado.
 - **Best Bottle** – **Ian Duncanson** with an old bottle he found near Weta, South Dakota, while rock hounding.
 - **Most Raw Gold** – **Kevin Singel** with 0.59 grams of gold he found Prospecting in the mountains of the Front Range of Colo.
 - **Largest Raw Gold** – There were no submissions in this category this month.
15. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, Dick Oakes, Steve Pott and Pres. Long**, followed by drawings for the 9 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 shall be considered to have been donated back to the Club. Those assisting in the drawings were **Chuck Cown** and **Wayne Schomaker**.
16. **Pres. Long** reminds the members that sometimes during the meetings, The President's time is overwhelmingly 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 e-mail or phone outside the meetings at any time. His e-mail and phone number are on the web site.
17. **Pres. Long** thanked **Chris 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. Don't forget the 'tip jar' also, which helps to defray costs. 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 **September Meeting Program** has not been determined at time of press but we will have something lined up for sure. It will be a surprise!!
19. Until next time, remember to 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 9:01 pm.



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Finds of the Month

The finds of the Month for Aug are as follows:

Best Coin – The winner was **Dennis Perederin** with a 1936 Penny he found in Morse Park, Lakewood while m/detecting.

Best Jewelry – The winner was **Ray Vigil** with a turtle pendant found at O'Brien Park in Parker, Colo., while metal detecting.

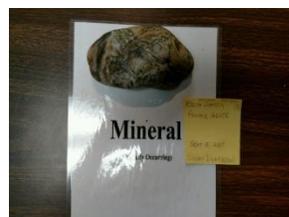
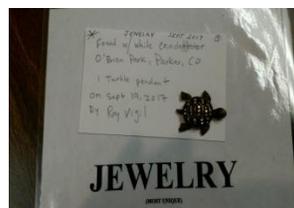
Best Mineral – The winner was **Susan Duncanson** with a Prairie Agate she found in South Dakota.

Best Artifact – The winner was **Steven Pott** with an old rusted coffee pot he found above Empire, Colorado.

Best Bottle – The winner was **Ian Duncanson** with an old bottle he found in South Dakota.

Most Raw Gold – The winner was **Kevin Singel** with 0.59 grams of gold they found in Colorado.

Largest Raw Gold – There was no entry for this category.



Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the Club. We would all like to know what everyone else is finding out there so don't be bashful. Winners each month will have their name published in the Newsletter. There are six (6) categories to choose from when entering. Monthly winners will need to save their finds to bring back to the November 2017 meeting to compete for the Find of the Year 2017. Thanks to all those who also submitted, additional finds that were not judged winners.

A Miner's Laugh

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

(Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners)





Georgetown Loop RR Memorial Weekend Panning Demonstration

On Memorial Day weekend, the Club assisted the City and County of Denver with the gold panning to assist the tourists and other holiday celebrants with panning the gold bags that they buy when they get their train ticket with the mine tour. We had lots of volunteers who helped to process the many people who come through the panning area. The Railroad also provides every customer with a free hot dog, chips and drink, which they enjoy, but the gold panning for many is a major highlight. We get a chance to meet people not only from various parts all over Colorado, but from all over the world as well. Most of these people have never seen raw gold in its natural state and often, those from other parts of the world, though they may have a vague recollection of it from their schooling, they have never experienced anything like it. This is what makes it a lot of fun for us when we help them by showing them the rudimentary technique necessary to pan out gold. Of course, 99% of them will never do it again in their lifetime but they will always have the memory of what they did in Georgetown during their trip. My huge thanks go to **Jack Meineke, Steve Miller, Jim Peterson, Angie Yen, Roger Schlenger, Carl Adams and Frank Zahn** for all their help to make this event a success. Pres. Long did get a few photos of all the fun!



Highlands Ranch Days Panning Demonstration

The Club participated in the Highlands Ranch Days Festival at the Highlands Ranch Mansion in Highlands Ranch on Sept. 7, 8, and 9. This is the 6th year the Club has participated in this event. The Festival hosts a lot of second and third grade students from various elementary schools throughout the Douglas County District during the first two days and there are a myriad of vendors on hand. The vendors include a Blacksmith, Indian dancers, a live Bird of Prey educational display and demonstration, Indian fry bread, a genuine trapper, a western chuck wagon, civil war enactors with cannon. A petting zoo, a pottery maker, hayrides and a host of other activities for the kids along with our gold panning demonstration. Of course, the gold panning booth is a big draw at the festival and we stay pretty busy. The third day is Saturday and we get mostly families in attendance and often pick up a new member or two who have been wanting to get into small scale mining but didn't know where to go or how to go about it. These panning demos are always a lot of fun and of course, the gold is always 'catch and release' but for many people, it is their first time to see real gold in its raw and natural state and for them to get a feel of how the 'old timers' did it. Our sincere appreciation goes to **Jack Meineke, Frank Zahn, Hank Innerfeld, John Olson, Pam Schmitt, Carl Adams, Angie Yen, Mike Hurtado, Ian and Sue Duncanson** who volunteered their time to assist the Club in making this a successful event. Pres. Long got a few photos to share as well.





GPR Club Annual Picnic

The Club held our annual picnic at Morse Park in Lakewood on September 17. The event hosted decent weather for this time of year and was fairly well attended. We pretty much had the whole park to ourselves this year since the event was on a Sunday and we managed to avoid all the youth football Leagues which normally create such a parking fiasco. There was lots of food and Pres. Long did the grilling of hamburgers, brats and dogs as usual. Past President Gary Hawley and his wife Cathy were back in town and attended. It was great to see them both and they will be here until the weather turns cold again. Pres. Long took a couple of photos to prove it all happened (although there are some who would say it didn't and it is just fake news.



Mining Museum Wins Two Awards at Denver Show!

The Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) was the recipient of two major awards at the 2017 Denver Gem & Mineral Show, held this past weekend at the Denver Mart on East 58th Avenue in Denver. This was the fiftieth year for the show, which chose “gold and silver” as its theme, encouraging exhibitors, which included museums, individuals, and clubs, to showcase objects relating to the theme. The museum received the Donna Chirnside Award from the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council, and the Best Educational Exhibit by an Institution award from the Friends of Mineralogy. WMMI Executive Director Rick Sauers had been planning the museum’s exhibit since last year’s show. After a lot of thinking and planning, he decided to do a multi-case exhibit on “Gold Mining in Colorado,” provided that the museum could find a contributor to help defray expenses. Gold Resource Corporation stepped up and granted the museum the funds needed to develop the 11-case exhibit. Beginning with “Where Does Gold Come From?” to “Modern Gold Mining,” the exhibit allowed visitors to the show to better understand how gold is discovered, mined, and refined. A combination of well-chosen artifacts, text blocks, photographs, woodcuts, maps, and diagrams brought the story together. Every artifact came from the museum’s extensive collection of mining equipment. Assisting in the development of this exhibit were Crystal Peak Design, Don Unger (WMMI’s summer intern and current volunteer), museum volunteers Robert Halstead, Mike Lewis, Bob Smith, and John Zeornes, and the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company, a subsidiary of Newmont Mining. *(Story and photos courtesy of the WMMI)*



BlackHawk Prospecting Outing

The Club held its last prospecting outing of the year at the Blackhawk private claim known as Clay County. The outing was well attended and was led by **Jack Meineke**. The weather was not the greatest for this one and it was a little chilly and wet. But for those hardy souls who don't let a little weather slow them down, there was gold to be found and they found it. This private claim has been sold by the owners to a new owner that we met in the fall of 2016. We have not been able to link up to discuss 2018 outings on this





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property but we will try to do that this winter. He had no issues with us in 2016 or 2017 but we need to make sure that this relationship will continue as it is a great opportunity for Club members to enjoy digging fairly close to Denver. As usual, we set up high bankers at the end of the day on lower Clear Creek and ran everyone's material for them. Many thanks to **Jack Meineke** and **Bobby Manning** for setting them up and staying until everyone was done. Jack managed to take a photo or two.

Hand Panning Micro-fine Gold by Jim Long

Man, how do you do that? I can see the stuff in there but every time I try to pan it out, I lose a ton of it and it just drives me crazy. Do I need to spend \$10,000 dollars and get a shaker table or \$1000 dollars for a fancy 'guaranteed' wheel or something? The answer is no, not really.

You can get the gold out with a pan but you need to change your attitude about how you go about it and change up your technique. I am talking about fine micro-gold that is often 100 mesh or smaller. If you have been a prospector for any serious length of time, you know what I am talking about. I often warn people that panning is an art you just have to master. There are three kinds of panning really. The first, 'rough panning', is actually the easiest. You do not really have to be too careful, just have the basic technique and take it down to the black sand, then reduce the black sand a little more slowly until you have cut it 50% and save it for the second stage.

The second stage is often called 'finish panning' which refers to taking that last little bit of black sand and removing the gold from it. This stage always benefits from a little jet dry or similar product to reduce 'floating' of the gold. But this is where some of you run into difficulty with the really, really fine 'micro' gold and this requires use of the third technique. The last technique is referred to a 'micro panning'. If you haven't become a skilled panner by this stage, you may want to consider finding one who can be bought cheap to do it for you. However, if you really want to do it yourself, you better hone those panning skills to near perfection. And here is what you do.

At this stage of the game, the riffles in a pan are going to work against you. Using a 'finishing pan' with no riffles is best now. As experienced panners know, the techniques described above are pretty standard. Micro panning is so difficult because you have to get down to the gold itself before you can really see what is there. Standard panning just moves the micro gold along with the larger heavy material. This is because the micro gold is washed away in the steps of final panning by normal methods. It is not the concentrating steps that are different, it is the reveal method of moving off that last little bit of heavy material without washing away the micro gold. Using jet dry, or a similar product, now is really critical. Micro gold is very susceptible to 'floating' at this stage. You really need clean water now in order to observe what you are doing and to be able to see the gold you are after. You will need to use a safety pan or tub because you are going to lose gold until you perfect your method and develop confidence is what you are doing.

Take a spoonful of concentrate and move it to the edge of the pan where there are no riffles and gently shake to get all the cons concentrated. Now dip the pan into the water slowly so as not to disturb the cons. Hold the pan tilted slightly down where the cons are and start tapping the side of the pan directly away from you with your strong hand. Since I am right handed, I grab the pan with my left hand at about the nine o'clock position and tap at the twelve o'clock position with my right hand. Tap for about 30 seconds or so to concentrate the gold at about the 10 or 11 o'clock position. Now, keep tapping while slowly tipping the pan down directly away from 10 o'clock down to about 4 o'clock. Don't tilt very much as it only takes a little bit past level to start the lighter material barely moving away from the 10 o'clock position and some water will pour out of the pan as you do this.

There are two things to remember now. First, keep the upper edge of the cons under the water **at all times** and do not tilt so much that the cons separate from the corner of the pan at the 10 o'clock position. Once you see the upper layers start to slough away, hold that tilt and keep tapping gently. When you get it right, the upper layers will move away leaving only the heaviest material in the corner of the pan. You can now tilt the pan gently and tap lightly to move those lights farther away leaving your heavies exposed. You probably won't see the gold yet but don't worry, you are just getting started. Now repeat the process with the heavies until you have very little left.

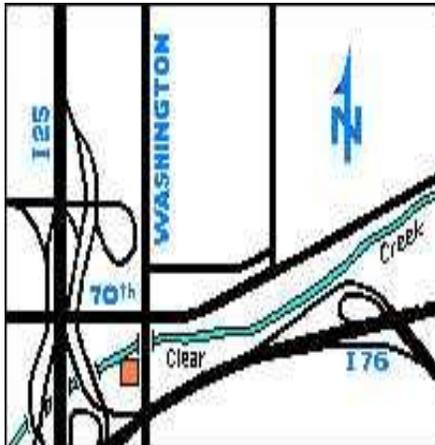
You should be able to see the gold at this point. The secret is to tap gently continually until all the heavies have moved away and the gold is pretty much all that is left. All the non-gold material should be spread out along the opposite edge of the pan and you can use a hand lens to see if there is any gold in it that you missed. If there is, you will have to repeat the process, otherwise, sniffer your fairly clean gold out and repeat the process.



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Understand that this process is delicate, and I do mean very delicate. The better the panner you are, the easier this process is. Once you get the hang of it, you will be amazed at how effective and efficient it is. There is no reason why you can't get it all. The only thing holding you back is confidence in your ability. So hone those skills. You have all winter to practice, practice, practice, and then practice some more. It just depends on how serious you really want to be and how much you really want to retrieve all the gold that you have found or just get some of it and throw the rest away. Personally, I like to get it all.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 All Saints Day	2	3	4 GPR Metal Detecting Outing
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends	6	7 ELECTION Day	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14	15 GPR Club Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		