

THE GOLD NUGGET

June 2024

The Prez Sez..! by Bobby Manning



This month, Mike Stevens will run the meeting and I'm still trying to get a speaker. I will be going and doing some prospecting in Arizona for about two weeks. And Kevin has Family obligations so he won't be here for the next couple of months. We had a wonderful time at the Aurora Water Festival and had about 1500 fifth graders and a sandwich and a cookie. With me being gone in June, the big nugget will be given away in July. Kale Smith found the Cache. We will need to discuss if this specific event is going to continue for we have not been able to obtain any gold to support this event further. The prospecting outing is C-6, 39.766299-105,43186, at mile marker 32.0-2.5 which is located on CO Hwy 119. I am not sure if I will be back for this so next month, we will do a Swap Meet. Bring in your old prospecting equipment to sell and make sure that you bring in a table cover to put on the table so it DOSE NOT GET SCHRATCHED and maybe we will also do a Question and Answer. Sorry, but I'm really busy on work things and I don't have time during the day to do very much because of working. The largest Nugget will be a 2.6, And could someone help Mike at the table with the Question of Month. I would Greatly appreciate it! The water is high so be careful with any prospecting adventures. Many thanks to all that helped at the Aurora Water Festival.

Keep your pans in the water and may you fill them with Gold!! so be real careful out there if you should go!!



Vice President's Corner! by Kevin Singel



Our May meeting included a talk by Daniel Carr who owns the Moonlight Mint, here in metro Denver, making collectible coins including with gold and silver. We had a fairly full room again and I hope you were there to enjoy Dan's interesting presentation on the history of coin minting in Colorado. He also talked about his mint, his collaborations with Dave Emslie of Prospector's Gold & Gems, and more. I am sure the presentation was of particular interest to the metal detectors among us. It would be amazing to find one of the historic valuable coins Dan showed us pictures of in his talk. If you want to see some of them in person, make the trip to the museum on the campus of Colorado School of Mines where they have a collection of gold coins minted in Colorado that is worth millions! For those of us who prospect in areas frequented by miners from the 1860's-1890's, be sure to check your classifiers for coins and other artifacts. One time, when I was digging in

Cherry Creek down in LoDo, I found a carnival token from the 1906-08 era ... pretty cool! (You may even remember seeing it on the finds table, about ten years ago now.) Maybe next time out, you or I will find a lost gold coin from the 1860's!! Speaking of digging, I hope you are getting out to dig in the beautiful weather we have been enjoying! I was out at Big Bend on the South Platte River recently with a fairly spontaneous group of about eight of us, which I organized via my "Finding Gold in Colorado" Facebook group. It included both club members and others from the Facebook group. Next time, it could include you! When the water in Clear Creek is too high to be safe, some of our club members decide not to go out digging – that's a sure way to avoid getting any more gold! Instead, I suggest either hitting a spot on the South Platte, going up to Vic's Gold Panning, Cache Creek just west of Granite, or trying one of the smaller creeks around metro Denver as detailed in my books. There are really so many good digging options! Another great option is to join the next monthly "Pirate's Hunt" with your metal detector in hand. Robert does a great job choosing detecting sites and our Finds Table often includes gold and silver found on those hunts. Whatever you do, get off of the couch and GO GET SOME GOLD!



From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by John Johnson

We had a great turnout for the May meeting. We gave away lots of gold nuggets and other door prizes as well. Be sure to buy your gold nugget drawing tickets as well as your 50/50 tickets and tickets for the Special nugget drawing which we are planning to give away at the June Meeting. If you have any door prizes you would wish to donate to the Club Door Prize coffers, be sure and bring those to me as well. I look forward to seeing everyone at the June meeting. See you all there.!!

Board Meeting Minutes from May 2024

X Bobby Manning	X Andy Doll	X Robert Ahr	X Gordon Smith
X Kevin Singel	X Gary Hamilton	X Roger Schlenger	X Bill Manning
X Mike Stevens	X Erik Von Halle	X John Johnson	X Joe Johnston

Quorum Present: _ Yes

Call to Order by: _Pres Manning at __6:08__ pm.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Corrections: _None__ Approved as read/corrected: Motion to approve by M. Stevens; 2nd by E. Von Halle.

Treasurer's Report: Questions: Sect. of State Renewal? Done last month but not showing up in Expenses _ Approved: with item pending. Moved by M. Stevens; 2nd by K. Singel_

Correspondence: phone calls _0__ emails __3_ mail __0__

Webmaster: Total hits _Not reported__ Hits in last 30 days _Not Reported_.

Committee Reports: Bylaws – G. Smith did some preliminary background on what is now required by the Colo. Sec. of State since the last time the club's bylaws were revised. Will connect with committee members to have a phone/virtual meeting to get the process started.

Unfinished Business: Zoom question: Some discussion among the board members and the next step is with President Manning. No action will be taken to purchase Zoom until the end of the year when the room rental for the side room where the board meetings are held is up for renewal. The contact at the Veteran's Community Center in Aurora (Leisha) has been non-responsive and board member G. Smith has stopped pursuing a panning demo/presentation by K. Singel with her. Joe Johnston had initial contact with her and will follow up with a report next month.

New Business: Member E. Von Halle reported on how many Boy Scout troops are in the metro area. He requested that the club come up with an email that could be sent to each inviting them to a club meeting. President Manning indicated he had a draft of something that could work and he would get with board member Von Halle.

President Manning was reimbursed by the club for his expenditure to extend the club's Domain Name service for the next 12 months. While the club is gaining some new members, questions around the price of gold and keeping things like the red ticket drawings viable was an item for discussion. At this time, it was agreed that prices for tickets won't change. Possibly the number of nuggets drawn for at each meeting may be reduced again and replaced by other items. The Blue Ticket drawing for the large gold nugget will take place at the June meeting.

Bobby Dehmlow is stepping down from the Club Store due to family commitments. If the store is to continue, we will need a volunteer(s) to take over as quickly as possible. This news will be announced at tonight's General Meeting.

Planned Outings: The Aurora Water Festival is tomorrow and the panning demo setup is at 8:30 with students arriving starting at 9 a.m.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH
What year did the value of Palladium overtake the value of gold per ounce?

- 2024 GPR Board of Directors :**
- President**
Bobby Manning
 - Vice President**
Kevin Singel
 - Secretary/Treasurer**
John Johnson
 - 2 Year Board Members**
Robert Ahr (2024)
Andy Doll (2024)
Gordon Smith (2024)
 - 1 Year Board Members**
Gary Hamilton
Roger Schlenger
Bill Manning
Erik Von Halle
Mike Stevens
 - Past President**
Joe Johnston



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President Manning has not received any emails from Joe Dorus but did find out the club is on a waiting list for a timeslot next year to dig for minerals on his property.

Due to the price of gold and the club's limited resources, as well as results from the recent survey of the membership, the current Cache Clue Hunt may be the last.

Board Members Items of Discussion: M. Stevens – question about whether the club breaks even or makes a profit on the sale of gold bags. The answer is that the club breaks even.

G. Hamilton – Made a suggestion that the blue ticket nuggets should be smaller with the drawings held more frequently to keep interest high.

E. Von Halle – Suggested that the club not consider the virtual meeting tool “Meet Up” for our club. In his opinion it is not a very good product.

Tonight's General Meeting Program: Dan Carr with the Moonlight Mint will present a history of currency and trade dollar minting in Colorado up to the present day, plus what the Moonlight Mint is producing.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting ___June 19th___ at 6:00pm Next General Meeting: ___June 19th___ at 7:00pm

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at __7:00__ pm.

General Meeting Minutes from May 2024

Meeting was opened at 7:09 pm by Pres. Manning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Pres. Manning then announced that the evening Program which was ___Dan Carr of Moonlight Mint___.

3. Pres. Manning then gave the Metals Report: Gold 2392.00; Silver 29.77.00; Platinum 1075.00; Palladium 1040.00; Rhodium 5400.00

4. Web hits for last month: Not Reported.

5. Treasurer John Johnson reports that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review by anyone who wishes to see it. We have a ‘Special Nugget’ tonight so be sure to buy lots of tickets. It is a beautiful specimen and it was announced the drawing for the nugget would be conducted at the June meeting.

6. Robert Ahr and Shellie Zornes from the Membership Table reported that we had 42 members in attendance. There were 3 Guest(s) present tonight. New members 3. The total meeting attendance was 48.

7. Pres. Manning read the ‘Question of the Month’, which was “...How much does the world's largest gold nugget weigh..? The winners will receive an extra ticket to the gold nugget drawings later during the evening program.

8. Pres. Manning 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, 2024. A reminder to all that their gold submissions need to be weighed dry and only one submission per person per category. Be sure to fill out the entry cards completely. Only finds found within the last 30 days may be submitted.

9. John Johnson announces the ‘Cache Clue’ # 9. President Manning informed the membership that the nugget prize for this cache will be smaller than in the past due to the higher price of gold.

10. Pres. Manning advised that the Club Store had numerous items for sale. Be sure to drop by at the break and support your Club by buying something. We have additional gold bags so be sure to get them while you can.

11. Pres. Manning informed the membership to check the Outings schedule for 2024 on the website often for any changes/updates.

12. There was a reminder to be sure to vote on the Finds of the Month and to answer the Question of the Month during the break

Additional items to be discussed include: Need for a volunteer(s) to take over the Club Store as Bobby Dehmlow is stepping down.

13. Pres. Manning announced the break at 8:30 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:45 pm.

14. Pres. Manning announced the winners of the ‘Question of the Month’. The answer was, “...Several answers were acceptable, including 200 kg and 250 kg...! There were 38 winners who received their extra ticket for the gold drawing.

15. Pres. Manning announced the winners for the ‘Finds of the Month’. Those were:



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- Best Coin – Joe Johnston
- Best Jewelry – Robert Ahr
- Best Mineral – Bobby Dehmlow
- Best Artifact – Leslie Schomer
- Best Gold – Kevin Singel

16. Pres. Manning concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the GPOR, Pres, Manning, JJ Long, John Olsen and Kevin Singel, followed by the drawings for the gold nuggets. Pres. Manning also wants to remind 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 John Johnson and John Olson.

17. Pres Manning announced the winning ticket number for the 50/50 drawing. The winner was Robert Ahr and he rolled over the entire sum of 63.00 back to the club. Thank you Robert and Well Done Sir!!

18. Pres. Manning 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.

19. Pres. Manning thanked Greg and Nancy Knerl and all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Each member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread each month. Remember to contribute to 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.

20. The June Meeting Program has not yet been set and is to be determined. Having nothing further at this time, remember to always prospect safely.

21. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

A Miner's Laugh

An old miner had just received his new false teeth and set out to the latest strike in the region. He was well known and upon arriving, was asked to serve as the preacher for the local meeting on Sunday in the Mining District since they hadn't yet had a real preacher or minister arrive at the newly found diggings. The old boy agreed and stepped to the 'Pulpit'. But he only spoke for eight minutes before stepping down. The second Sunday, he preached for only ten minutes. But on the third Sunday, he preached non-stop for nearly three hours. When the miners realized that the old boy wasn't going to stop, they dragged him off the 'pulpit' and sat him down. Greatly concerned, they asked him if he was okay. Gasping for breath, the old boy related to them that on the first Sunday, he hadn't had his new teeth long and they were so sore on his gums that he couldn't talk for long. And on the Second Sunday, he lasted only a few minutes longer. But his wife had finally made it up the diggings the day before and this morning, when he left to preach, he had mistakenly put his wife's teeth in his mouth and discovered that he couldn't shut up...!!!

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



The finds of the Month May 2024:

The Club has decided to change the Finds of the Month Program to eliminate the 'Bottle' category as well as combine the gold categories into a single category. Therefore, the following submissions were selected by popular vote at the May meeting:

- **Best Coin** – Joe Johnston with a 1926 wheat penny he found while metal detecting.
- **Best Jewelry** – Robert Ahr with a sterling silver ring he found while metal detecting.
- **Best Mineral** – Bobby Dehmlow with some yooperites or phosphorous that he found.
- **Best Artifact** – Leslie Schomer with a lawnmower bushing she found while metal detecting.
- **Best Gold** – Kevin Singel with some gold he found while prospecting the metro area.



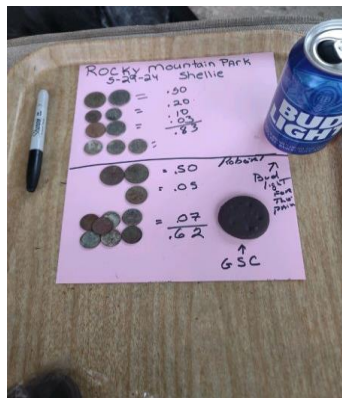
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Remember that all gold must be dried and weighed. All monthly winners need save their entries for the November 2024 meeting when the years Finds of the Month winners will be judged for the Finds of the Year. So, be sure and save them..!



The Pirate's March Hunt by Robert 'The Pirate' Ahr

The pirate's had their treasure hunt on Wednesday the 29th of May. We had the Pirate's hunt this morning but before the hunt we all had a good breakfast at McCoy's restaurant and after that we decided to go over to Rocky Mtn. Lake Park. By the time we all got geared up, the weather was at a cool 65 degrees with blue skies and the sun out in full. So, Jack M. fired up his brand new Equinox 700 and was off and running. Joe K. started working the corner of the park. Joe F. was busy digging targets and Bob H. was off to the races as well. Shellie Z. and Mike S. were slow on the start but soon found their course and were then gone after it. We all Hunted about 2hrs +/- and then the thunder started and then big rain drops. We looked at each other and said it's time to go! The only one that we did not see was Bob H., who was stuck under a tree by the TOT lot and the rain proceeded to come down even harder. Talked to Bob later that day and he managed to survive the downpour. So, with that being said Bob H. was the top Pirate on this hunt. Until our next hunt, this is the Pirate saying 'Ahhhhh' to all you Treasure Hunters and I will see you all on the next great adventure..! (Photos by the Pirate)





Aurora Annual Youth Water Festival Panning Demo

On May 16, the Club participated in the Annual Aurora Youth Water Festival held at the Aurora Community college. The weather was great and the booth was outside which made for a very pleasant day overall. The staff there thanked the Club for our support and help with this year's Festival. It was a huge success. We had over 1,100 students attend and many of the kids provided great feedback about our panning booth from both students and teachers. They had a fantastic day. It certainly would not have been possible without the great volunteers who came out to help the Club put on a great presentation. Thanks to **Jack Meineke, Gordon and Yvonne Smith, Roger Schlenger, Carl Adams and Joe Johnston** who all helped with all of the volunteer tasks. The staff wanted to be sure and thank the Club for our flexibility and understanding of the construction on campus which was also greatly appreciated. **Pres. Manning** did manage to capture a few photos of all the fun..!



Gold Sniping: How to Find Gold Nuggets Underwater

OCTOBER 31, 2022 By Alex

Gold sniping is the spiritual opposite of gold mining. Instead of focusing on bigger machines moving more dirt, the prospector find gold one piece at a time, like a marksman. And it works.

Sniping means looking for gold nuggets underwater:

Sniping is like the more laid-back younger brother of gold dredging, and the more fun twin brother of crevicing. They both involve looking for gold underwater, but instead of using a bunch of motorized systems like surface-supplied air and suction pumps to sluice a lot of material like in gold dredging – when you're sniping, you're usually wearing a simple mask and snorkel and searching for gold nuggets in cracks in the bedrock in rivers and creeks. There are tons of benefits to gold sniping. It's a peaceful alternative to gold dredging, metal detecting, and other motorized forms of gold recovery because there are no loud motors or beeping sounds. You can find real, valuable nuggets and get more gold than you can with a gold pan. It's also fairly cheap to get started, and you can snipe in lots of places that don't allow motorized forms of gold recovery. And you can easily access certain areas that might be difficult or impossible with a suction dredge or a high banker since you only need a few light hand tools.

However, you can only snipe for gold in certain rivers and, like any underwater activity, it can be dangerous if you aren't careful!

How to choose a sniping spot:

There are three main elements to consider when choosing a spot to snipe for gold: the gold, the type of ground, and the water. First and foremost, if you want to successfully snipe gold you need to go to a river or stream that has gold deposits you can find. We talk all about why that is important in our Ultimate Gold Prospecting Guide, so I'm not going to rehash it here.

Bedrock, bedrock, bedrock:

The second key to successful sniping is the ground. You need to find a river or a stream with exposed bedrock. I repeat, the key to successful sniping is EXPOSED BEDROCK. Because gold is heavy it tends to settle or drop as deep as it can go. For those of us who dredge for gold in the Bering Sea, that means it tends to drop to the bottom of any layer of loose gravel and sit on a layer of dense clay. When I'm working an area with my dredge nozzle, I see the most gold sitting on top of that clay layer under the other gravels and sands. It's the same for gold sniping. Gold will drop through river



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gravels and settle down in the cracks in the bedrock where it can't drop any further. That means an important consideration in gold sniping is whether the bedrock is under a lot of gravel or just a little gravel. When you snipe for gold, you dig and fan rocks and gravels with your hands and feet. As an experiment, go in your backyard and dig a hole with your hands. How far can you comfortably and quickly dig down? 3 inches maybe? The river water helps some, but you don't want to have to dig much further than a few inches if you want to cover a lot of ground. You'll want to work an area that has a lot of exposed bedrock where gravel and rock accumulates only shallowly in deep crevices and cracks. That way you can search those cracks without needing a suction dredge or some kind of motorized assistance to get to the gold.

Is a river safe enough to snipe?

The other important consideration is whether a river is safe enough to snipe for gold. Because gold sniping involves getting in the water, it's an inherently riskier form of gold prospecting than panning or crevicing. If a river has Class V rapids, it doesn't matter if there is exposed bedrock and a ton of gold. You can't snipe for gold there because it would be way too difficult and dangerous. I'm not an expert on sniping or swimming in rivers, but if you can't easily hold your body in a stable position while you work without being swept away or turned over, then it's not a good place to snipe. Remember that rivers change throughout the year. If it's peak snowmelt season or immediately after a storm, the river will likely be higher and stronger. If it's late in the summer or there's been a drought in the area, it's likely a river will be much lower and less powerful. Mountain runoff rivers and streams are often very cold, especially in northern climates. Besides a good wetsuit, which we'll discuss later, you need to consider your conditions when you get out of the water. You'll be wet and likely quite cold after a good gold sniping session. Are you close to your vehicle? Is it easy to make a fire? Plan to warm up quickly after exiting the water, or risk potential hypothermia.

Reading a river for gold you can snipe:

Gary from the YouTube channel's "Two Toes Adventures", gives us a good rundown of a sniping spot in Northern California in his video "Sniping for gold – here are the basics." I used screenshots from the video to teach us how to look for good snipe-able areas and I highly recommend you follow him if you want to learn some more. The more "ideal attributes" a spot has for finding gold, the better your odds of finding the shiny stuff. But remember, nothing is guaranteed. The professionals have an expression, "gold is where you find it." That means it can settle in surprising places. So, remember to take some time and check around the area, as long as it's safe to do so. The paystreak might surprise you. The first feature that makes Gary's spot ideal for sniping is that it's on the inside bend of a river. You can't see the river, but Gary says the main river turns beyond those large boulders. We've talked before about why it's important to prospect the inside bend of rivers and creeks because of gold's "racing line." The next ideal feature is the large boulders that slow the flow of the water. Gary says the main bend of the river is raging too fast to snipe there. Plus, in our experience dredging for gold, slowing the water helps catch the gold. We have a rubber flap at the top of our sluice box that slows the water out of our jet and flare that helps gold recovery. These boulders act the same way as our rubber flap, and the multiple descending crevices below it act as a natural sluice box that would likely catch gold as it travels that way. Finally, there are several good continuous crevices to search for gold below the large boulder patch. The two on the left are ideal because they don't have white water, and are possible to search. The crevice on the right with the red "x" – even though it doesn't look dangerous – simply has too much white water to see the gold unless you want to spend the time to move large boulders and either redirect or slow the flow. This doesn't cover every single element that might increase your chances of finding gold, but it should give you a lot to think about in terms of combining spots where you're likely to find gold with spots that have the ideal safety and visibility conditions for gold sniping.

Gold Sniping Technique:

When you're underwater, you're looking for any accumulation of material that seems like it doesn't move much. The presence of heavy materials like black sands or lead, or plant growth could be good indicators of long-settled heavy minerals. The goal is to get as deep into cracks as you can, because gold as the heaviest mineral around usually settles deeper than the other rocks and minerals around it. Honestly, describing the technique in words is like trying to describe how to pan for gold. Just watch the video above for a few minutes and you'll learn more than I can teach in writing 10,000 words!

Tools Needed for Gold Sniping:

Gold sniping is one of the simplest types of gold prospecting and doesn't require much equipment, but you'll absolutely need a few specialty items if you want to be safe and effective. Packing light is one of the biggest benefits of sniping because you can access areas that other gold prospectors or recreational miners can't reach. If you have to lug a four-inch dredge to your prospecting spot you're limited by distance and terrain. But because most of your gold sniping equipment



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can fit in a backpack you can go further. We'll break down equipment by what's "necessary" and what's optional. Before we do that, one last note on equipment. Everything that's light in the river wants to float away. So if it's made of plastic it needs to be in a bag, secured to your body, or weighed down with something heavier.

Wetsuit, snorkel, mask, gloves, booties:

A wetsuit, snorkel and mask are non-negotiable for any serious gold sniper. Mountain run-off streams and rivers are very cold even in warm climates, and a wetsuit will keep you warm. We use a 7/8mm wetsuit to dive in the Bering Sea, and while you probably won't need one that heavy, you don't want one much lighter. In a lot of cases a 3-5mm wetsuit is going to be too cold. It seems that most of the pros recommend a 6.5-7mm wetsuit. It may not be quite necessary in the heat of high noon, but when the sun is off of you, you're going to get cold if you go much lighter than that. Snorkel, mask, gloves and booties are also important. Don't skimp on the gloves and booties as it's often your extremities that get cold first in cold water. There are a lot of different ones you can use. Aqualung makes some good 7mm booties and there are some fairly cheap 5mm gloves available on Amazon. There are a million snorkel/mask combos on Amazon. ScubaPro is a brand I trust for quality, but you could go cheaper if you wanted. Sniping is pretty rough on your neoprene since you're scraping rocks all day. In the Bering Sea we have the same problem. We use fast cure 5200, a marine adhesive sealant, to reinforce the parts of our wetsuit that take the most damage, which are the knees and crotch in our business. It works really well to protect the wetsuit, but it may also render your wetsuit unusable for other tasks. If you're using it just for gold sniping highly recommend reinforcing the parts of your wetsuit that take a lot of wear and tear in the river to make it last longer. You also may be able to save some money on dive gloves by getting cheaper gloves (those reinforced with Kevlar can be twice as expensive) and using 5200 to reinforce the parts that get the most wear and tear. But I haven't tried it so it will take some experimentation. Important note on using 5200 on your wetsuit: 5200 DOES NOT STRETCH. So, if you apply it to your wetsuit when nothing is in it then you are going to be constricting the stretchiness of that area when you put it on. We will roll a towel up and jam it in the leg of the wetsuit to simulate the stretch of a diver's leg if we're reinforcing the knees, for example, before applying the 5200. Let it dry with the towel in there.

Rock pick & pry bar:

These two tools are your essentials for gold sniping. Like most forms of prospecting, gold sniping involves a lot of moving rocks. You can't get very far just using your hands if a rock is stuck down. The pry bar gives you good leverage on the rocks and the rock pick can help you dig rocks up and pry them out. These tools are especially effective when used together. Many use the rock pick to hit the pry bar like a chisel and free or break rocks. Eastwing is the gold standard for these tools. You can buy a combo set for less than \$100 that's by far the most reviewed, most used, and highest rated on Amazon. Unlike some of these other tools, it's not really worth shopping around for alternatives.

Gold snuffer bottle:

Don't go sniping without a snuffer bottle! It's funny the gold will be sitting right in front of your eyes on a rock and it's amazing how difficult small gold flakes and pieces are to pick up without this little bottle. Try picking up one with your fingers if you want to have a bad day. I've never found a GREAT snuffer bottle. They all range from bad to OK in my experience. They're cheaply made and perform differently in different temperatures and slight variations in manufacturing. The Garrett Gold Guzzler is what we use to clean gold up in Nome. It works fine enough. Remember to weigh your snuffer bottle down with a rock on the inside so it doesn't float away! It's also helpful to strap it to your body somehow. I wouldn't put it on a necklace or a rope around your neck as "every dangle is a tangle" underwater and the last thing you want is it to get it caught on a rock and not be able to lift your head above water. I've seen guys get creative with a chest or an arm mount that they can slide the bottle into when not using it. Another tip is to paint it a vibrant color. It helps to spot it floating away, but even if it doesn't float away, you can find yourself looking for it constantly as you're working. There aren't many natural bright reds, yellows, and pinks underwater so it's easy to spot if you use one of those colors.

Crevice tool (optional):

It's handy to have some kind of tool to clean crevices out with when you have heavy minerals that are hard to fan away. I don't think this is absolutely necessary as rock pick and fanning will do most of what you want, but sometimes you need something longer and thinner to get into certain cracks in the bedrock.

ASR Outdoor makes a good cheap set of 6 of these. You'll probably use them a lot and burn through them fairly quickly, so it's great to have multiples. You can get crevicing tools that are over a foot long. I can't say if you'll need those in your area or not – a lot of it depends on what the bedrock is like and how you like to work.



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Locking tweezers (optional):

These are perfect for grabbing “pickers.” Pieces of gold that are too big for the snuffer bottle but too small to be called a “nugget.” They look big enough to grab with your fingers, but when you realize that everything looks bigger underwater and that it’s impossible to grab tiny things with 5mm dive gloves on you’ll probably want to whip these bad boys out. It’s also helpful to pick up things like coins, bullets, and other heavy metal objects you can find that get stuck in cracks. It’s one of the only products on Amazon marketed to fishermen and surgeons alike. Here’s a good set you can buy with Amazon Prime that ranges from a short 5.5” to a huge 24” size.

Conclusion

I hope you learned a lot about gold sniping today! Pioneer Pauly, Two Toes and Tassie Boys Prospecting are my favorite Youtubers who share their sniping adventures. I recommend checking their videos out as they have already published hours of their techniques online. If you’re new to gold prospecting then check out our Ultimate Guide to Gold Prospecting!



Alex

Alex used to do "fancy" things like work next to the White House and fly business class and wear suits and shower every day, but left all that behind when he moved to Alaska in 2017. He was commercial fishing and building boats until a certain reality tv star showed up and he became a husband, a father, and a dirty gold miner. He thinks now is the best time ever to be a treasure hunter and wants to connect readers with the best stories and teachers on the internet.

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	1	2	3	4 <u>Independence Day</u>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 GPR Club Meeting	18	19	20 Pay Metal Detecting
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Prospecting: Overland Park (Site A-34)
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