

# Nugget News

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PROMOTING SMALL SCALE MINING & RECREATIONAL GOLD PROSPECTING

Official Newsletter of the  
NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association



## President's Message

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe

Well, we made it thru another gold show and again, we did good. We had a record number of vendors and made more money than last year. Thanks to all who helped make this another success. (See page 6 for detailed report)

Now we can turn our attentions to the upcoming prospecting year. The Gibbs Eddy Outing is this Saturday April 10th. As always, we will meet at the grocery store (Benewah Market) on the right side of Hwy 95 as you come into Plummer at 7AM and caravan down at 7:15AM. If you miss us in Plummer, Gibbs Eddy is about 12 miles up stream toward Orofino from Lewiston on the Clearwater River. It is about 1 mile from the bridge over the river just past the turnoff to Kendrick. Our sister chapter will have the needed paperwork for us there. Be sure to sign in upon arrival. We are planning on dinner at the Casino in Worley on the way home Saturday night for those not spending the weekend on the river. Hope to see you there...

We will have a mini-outing Saturday, April 17th at Eagle City Park. This is the time the Park will be doing some cleanup and do the annual slash pile burn. We will have a potluck weenie roast. If the water is down, you are welcome to prospect for gold on the creek.

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## 1st Official Club Outing Of The Year

Saturday, May 15th.

We are planning a yard sale at Eagle City Park on Saturday the 15th. We will advertise a week or so in advance. The water is usually too high to get down on the creek. We will also be touring the claims that day for new members. Details to follow.



One Man's Gold  
by Enos Christman

Sunday, August 25

--This afternoon papers were brought up by special express from Stockton, announcing the death of General Zachary Taylor, late President of the United States. The announcement created considerable feeling, and the Locos rave that so thorough a Whig as Fillmore should succeed him in the presidency.

On a Sabbath evening some of our best citizens sit down in front of a drinking house and sing such songs as "Dearest

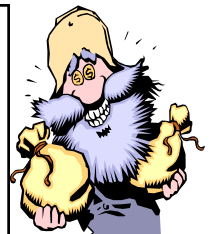
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The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Idaho National Guard Armory at 5555 E Seltice Way in Post Falls.

Our outings are held the weekend following the meeting date from May thru October.

November thru March members are invited to meet each Saturday morning at 8:00AM at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene to solve the world's problems. Please join us.



# Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe



### What a great idea!

When a company falls on difficult times, one of the things that seems to happen is they reduce their staff and workers. The remaining workers must find ways to continue to do a good job or risk that their job would be eliminated as well.

Wall street and the media normally congratulate the CEO for making this type of "tough decision", and the board of directors gives upper corporate management big bonuses..

Our government should not be immune from similar risks. Therefore:

Reduce the House of Representatives from the current 435 members to 218 members. Reduce Senate members from 100 to 50 (one per State). Then, reduce their remaining staff by 25%.

Accomplish this over the next 8 years (two steps/two elections) and of course this would require some redistricting.

Some Yearly Monetary Gains Include:

\$44,108,400 for elimination of base pay for congress. (267 members X \$165,200 pay/member/ yr.)

\$437,100,000 for elimination of their staff. (estimate \$1.3 Million in staff per each member of the House, and \$3 Million in staff per each member of the Senate every year)

\$108,350,000 for the reduction in remaining staff by 25%.

\$7,500,000,000 reduction in pork barrel earmarks each year. (those members whose jobs are gone. Current estimates for total government pork earmarks are at \$15 Billion/yr).

The remaining representatives would need to work smarter and improve efficiencies. It might even be in their best interests to work together for the good of our country!

We may also expect that smaller committees might lead to a more efficient resolution of issues as well. It might even be easier to keep track of what your representative is doing.

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### NWGPA Meeting Minutes March 10, 2010

Our monthly meeting was called to order by President Bob Lowe, at the usual 7:00. He greeted 80 miners and 5 guests. He told us that an Incident Report was filed against someone working the Emida Claim. Bob reminded members to file NOI's if you need them.

Secretary, Lisa Wenig, read February Minutes and they were approved as read. Treasurer, Mary Lowe, gave the Treasurer's Report and it was approved as read. Bob reminded us that our Gold Show will be at the Armory this weekend. There will be at least 25 Vendors besides our equipment display. Set up will start at 12:00 on Friday if you can help.

Our evenings Presentation was given by Jim Ebish, who wrote "Of Mines and Madness". He gave us lots of interesting information on Sterling Mining and their strata bound silver and copper deposits. Jim was getting every one in the mood to go dig when Bob called for coffee break.. After that, Steve Burriss showed us

lots of pictures of Gaines Creek and his 33 Oz nugget and the biggest nugget ever found there ( 122 oz ) and lots of other nice sized nuggets and the miners got so worked up that Bob had to adjourn the meeting at 9:10p.m. so we could meet up later at Gibbs Eddy on April 10 to look for Gold ----lots and lots of Gold. !!!!!!! I don't think mining could make you go mad- - - do you???

Submitted by Lisa Wenig

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Tips for Handling Telemarketers Three Little Words That Work !!

(1)The three little words are: 'Hold On, Please...'

Saying this, while putting down your phone and walking off (instead of hanging-up immediately) would make each telemarketing call so much more time-consuming that boiler room sales would grind

to a halt.

Then when you eventually hear the phone company's 'beep-beep-beep' tone, you know it's time to go back and hang up your handset, which has efficiently completed its task.

These three little words will help eliminate telephone soliciting.

### Wise Words from AA7AF:

A good sermon should be like a woman's skirt: short enough to rouse the interest, but long enough to cover the essentials.

### Quote from the Past

Many of life's failures are men who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

Thomas Edison



### Check out the following Web Sites

- [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
- [www.evtv1.com](http://www.evtv1.com)
- [www.goldfeverminingsupply.com](http://www.goldfeverminingsupply.com)
- [www.bigskydetectors.com](http://www.bigskydetectors.com)

# Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

Mae," "O, Susanna," and "Uncle Ned." Sunday is a great day here. Business is more active and there is more frolic on this day than in the whole of the other six. In the morning we have public auctions, in the afternoon the bullfight and the circus, and in the evening the circus and Dr. Collier's troupe of Model Artists, together with numerous fandango rooms, dance houses, and scores of gambling hells. While I am writing, my friends at home perhaps are at church; here the fife and drum are calling the people to the circus.

I have worked very steadily in the office all day. This evening Atkins and I concluded to indulge in a little wine and sugar, and therefore sent and had a bottle brought. After turning off a glass each, we have concluded to attend a fandango up town, where we will perhaps remain until midnight, looking at the Americans dancing with the Mexican señoritas.

## Friday, September 6

--On Monday afternoon the editor, Mr. White, and his better half, Atkins and myself went out on a gold-seeking expedition, with pick, spade and pan and as an accompaniment (the water being bad) a bottle of good wine, and washed for an hour in one of the neighboring gulches, taking out about two dollars, which we have carefully put away with the view of having it made into ornaments.

On Wednesday a large number of wild Indians, both men and women, passed through our town on their way to the Tuolumne River. Many of them were almost nude, having nothing but a shirt on or blanket wrapped around them; the men with their bows and arrows, the women with their long conical baskets slung over their backs, kept from falling by a strap passing over the tops of their heads. The women appeared to do all the drudgery, having their baskets, which hold about a bushel each, well filled with meat which they gather wherever they can, not scrupling to kill any one's horse or ox if they fail in finding elk or deer.

**Stop** at the **Sprag Pole Sports Bar & Museum** for Great Food & Good Times. Lloyd Roath & Crew, Murray, Idaho.

**Cedar Village Campground & RV Park** at Prichard, ID offers the best in "ROUGHING IT". A full service campground that is near some of the best dining and nightlife on the Coeur d'Alene River. Call 208-682-9404 for reservations. (They have showers at reasonable rates for those who are really "roughing it")

**H & H River Stop** at the "Y" in Prichard, ID. Your one-stop-shop for all your camping needs. Cold Beer/Pop, Food, Fishing Tackle/Bait, Gas, Phone and still the **Best Ice Cream Cones** around.

**Bowen's Hideout** is located at 1917 E. Sprague, Spokane, WA. Dick Turner carries Fishers, White's, Garret, Troy, Tesoro & Minelab metal detectors. He has a full line of Keene Dredges, Gold Wheels, Prospecting Equipment and Books. Phone (509)534-4004 or (509)230-3896 or email: bowens@bowenhideout.com

Visit the **Bedroom Gold Mine Bar** in Murray. Enjoy beer, wine and cocktails while playing darts or pool. See how it looked in the old days. Many great pictures to look at.

**Prospector Pins** (\$4.00) are available for your own use or as gifts. See at meetings or call (208)699-8128

**Wanted:** Mining videos, books and pamphlets, old owners manuals for detectors, dredges, pumps, etc. for the NWGPA library. Call Bob Lowe @ (208)699-8128.

**The Gold Sniper** by Gold Fever Bob. Get this effective crevice tube for that hard to reach gold in the cracks of bedrock. Four models to chose from. From \$20 to \$65 Call 208-699-8128.

**BIG SKY METAL DETECTORS** in Ronan, MT For all your metal detecting and prospecting needs. Call 406-676-0063 or E-mail [jabin@ronan.net](mailto:jabin@ronan.net). If I don't have it I can get it. And remember **NO SALES TAX**

At Slater's ranch, within three miles of Sonora, two warriors of the party attempted to steal several horses kept by a Mexican. At their approach the Mexican posted himself behind a tree and while in this position, they fired three arrows at him, one of which took effect in the left arm, near the shoulder, passing clear through it. He then fired a pistol at them which had the effect to drive them off. The Mexican was brought into town where the arrow was extracted and the wound dressed by a skilful surgeon. The Indians also attempted to steal a cow and a calf from a butcher a mile or two from this place but were foiled in their attempt and driven away. A party of armed Americans started out in pursuit of the Indians Thursday morning, but they have returned without overtaking them.

On the same day two Frenchmen found the remains of an American a few miles from town, evidently murdered, with the head lying several rods from the body, the pockets and belt cut open as with a knife, and the body much mutilated and torn by the coyotes.

About ten o'clock that night, after I had turned in, I heard a rapping at my door and upon opening, who should enter but the sheriff and levy on one half of the office. This startled me, but I rested well until morning when I found that it was seized upon for a debt owing by one of the partners. The proceedings were stopped and the paper was permitted to go on, by the partner's selling his interest in the concern to his creditor. I have now \$467 due me from them and they have promised me money every day for a week, but as yet I have received nary a red cent.

## Sunday, September 8

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--This forenoon Mr. White, late editor of the *Herald*, with his lady *vamosed* for Stockton in the stage. I printed five hundred tickets for candidates for election to the assembly, charging five dollars for my services. As soon as this job was finished, learning that a Methodist preacher was holding services in a neighboring tent, I joyfully proceeded to hear the sermon. The tent was filled with monte tables and benches (having been formerly occupied as a gambling house).

I arrived early and took my seat, very few having then assembled. In a few minutes two clergymen, one a young man and the other quite grey, made their appearance. In a quarter of an hour, while the first hymn was sung, passers-by dropped in until a good congregation was assembled. Some rough-looking, long-bearded fellows dropped in out of curiosity; others nice, tidy, and clean, to worship; some had white shirts, some check, some red flannel; but all bore a haughty, proud, self-reliance in their countenances, and all carried their bowie knives and revolvers in their belts. We listened to a very good sermon and then dispersed.

In the evening a Locofoco meeting was held at which the speakers crimated and blackguarded each other until it almost broke up in a row. I tried my luck tonight; for the first time since leaving San Francisco, at roulette and won \$5.25.

### ***Thursday, September 26***

--During the past two weeks the weather has been quite cool and threatened rain, and yesterday we had two good showers, the first since the beginning of April, which settled the dust completely. The rain was accompanied by heavy peals of thunder, and lightning, which I had not witnessed since my arrival in this country.

Another man has come into town to have his wounds dressed,

## **Club T-Shirts Are Available**

**S, M, L & XL are \$14 each  
2XL & 3XL are \$16 each**

**New caps & visors are available  
See and purchase at the meetings and the outings  
Makes Perfect Gifts**

having been attacked by three Indians while lying asleep under a tree during the night. This morning our sheriff went out and undertook to arrest two Indians. He was fired upon by several of them, but he fired at them, upon which they put off.

The great fever of excitement in relation to foreigners and the numerous murders that were being daily committed by them a month ago, has now abated. The guerilla bands have ceased their operations and we do not now hear of a horrid murder being perpetrated every day. I believe there have been only two men shot in our streets since that time. Three-fourths of the Mexicans who were here a month ago have left the neighborhood for their old homes in Sonora, Mexico, with rather a bad opinion of *Los Yankees*. At Sacramento City a riot of a serious nature took place last week in which some ten or twelve persons were killed. When the people of California want to stir up a row, they don't talk long about it but shoulder their rifles, meet in the open field and shoot each other down, and that ends the matter.

### ***Tuesday, October 22***

--On the 7th of October our election for state and county officers took place. Everything passed off quietly, but the clerks of the election got so drunk they could not count off the votes

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**Gold is \$1,134.30 an ounce! This time last year it was \$876.30 an ounce !**

***To get your copy of the Nugget News early via  
email, please send an email to  
bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com  
with "Newsletter" in the subject box.***

I always arrive late at the office,  
but I make up for it by leaving early.

### **Outings**

Our outings are held the Saturday after the second Wednesday of the month from May thru October at Eagle City Park (unless otherwise noted). To get to Eagle City Park take I-90 to Kingston (Exit 43), then take the Coeur d'Alene River Road to Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (Mile Post 23), take Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (2.6 miles) to Eagle Creek Road, take Eagle Creek Road (1/2 mile) to Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. Look for red pump house with a prospector on wall. GPS is 47°38'51"N & 115°54'37"W

Note that Eagle City Park is privately owned and operated and is for the exclusive use of Eagle City Park Members and their guests. It is open to all NWGPA members free of charge during the outings.

You are welcome to come and prospect at other times as long as prior arrangements are made and the Daily Lease Fee of \$10 per family is paid. You must follow all the rules as posted and park outside the cables and off the roads.

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and new ones had to be sworn in. The result of the election will not be known for several weeks as the land of telegraphs and railroads is far distant. Here we go by horse express.

Recently our town was thrown into excitement by the discovery of two murdered men, named Burke and Dolf, about one mile from this place. A jury went out and held an inquest and the bodies were brought in in a wagon and placed in the hospital where they were bathed and dressed, and buried the next morning. Their bodies were most horribly cut and mutilated, one with his head nearly cut off, from behind, a heavy gash in the face, and several deadly stabs in the breast. The other had a single cut across the head and face, which severed it in two pieces. They were horrible pictures to look upon. During the day they had been to an auction and purchased some clothing, and in the evening left for Sullivan's with a small piece of beef for their supper. About eight o'clock they were found murdered, with their pockets turned inside out, evidently for plunder. The citizens offered a reward of \$2,500 for the murderers but no clue has yet been found.

About ten days since, the *Sonora Herald* died, that is, became defunct for want of patronage, and consequently my employment ceased. The proprietors, not being able to hand over the dust, gave me their notes for five hundred dollars, but I fear I shall not be able to collect the money I have earned. If I should lose the whole of it, it will not discourage me, for I will "pick my flint and try again." I think money can be made here quicker than in any other part of the world. At any rate, I am not in debt and I hope I shall soon be able to transmit something to Mr. Evans. He shall lose nothing by me if I can keep my health.

My feet being very sore from poison, I laid by a few days, and one morning while going to my boarding house, cane in hand, whom should I meet but John L. Haines, Esq., of West Chester, Pa., and Mr. Enoch Davis of Charlestown Township. They had just come down from the northern mines. As they are old acquaintances, we held a long confab about friends and home, and our own successes and failures. From them we learned of the death of Jas. Dixon, Esq., near Georgetown in the northern mines, about the first of September. He is the fourth already dead of those who left West Chester for these auriferous regions and this, of itself, tells a fearful tale. Mr. Theodore Apple left for home a few days after.

Atkins and I commenced mining in company with Haines and Davis. We have been digging for the last four or five days just below town but the water has been so plentiful as to prevent us from going down to the proper depth to get gold. Tomorrow we hope to get *mucho oro*, as the Greasers say.

### ***Wednesday, November 20***

--I tried my hand at mining for a few weeks, but upon dividing the gold we dug during my last week, we found that we had only about 1 1/4 pounds. I hired a man to dig in my place for

five dollars a day and again commenced sticking type on the 5th of November, for Marvin and Gunn. Judge Marvin was a partner of Mr. White, former editor of the *Herald*, who has left this place. A few weeks later, I purchased one-half of the *Sonora Herald*, as I should otherwise have lost the several hundred dollars which one of the proprietors owed me. Dr. Lewis C. Gunn from Philadelphia and a first-rate man, is now my partner. He is a finely educated gentleman and practicing physician, probably the only man in this place who does not drink, gamble or swear. Our office is in the good adobe house where we live and we are almost as comfortable as at home. John L. Haines, Clint Atkins, and Enoch Davis are in the house with us. We do our own cooking and washing and have some very pleasant times in conversing of old acquaintances and friends whom we have left far behind but not forgotten.

I have now been in this country almost a year and as yet have accumulated but little cash, but we have gotten our paper fairly started and it is increasing in value every day. We are not enabled to print a handsome sheet as we are in the mountains, several thousand miles from a type foundry. But we do the best we can. I think if I remain here about another year, I will be able to sell out and return home to the dearest spot on earth.

### ***Friday, December 23***

--We are now in the midst of winter, or the rainy season. It has been raining steadily for the last eight or ten days. Our mountain streams are all impassable, and communications between here and Stockton and San Francisco are entirely cut off, except by persons travelling on horseback. The mud is ankle deep, and still rain continues to pour down.

An auriferous quartz vein has been discovered in the northern part of the town, and many people are getting half crazy at the prospect of a rich reward. But I fear they will be woefully disappointed. Practical men, men who have been used to this kind of mining, say that it will not prove sufficiently rich to warrant any one in erecting machinery and employing labor while the rates of everything continue as at present.

I see by the papers from the Atlantic States that the Disunionists in the South count on California joining them in a Southern confederacy. Now, since California is admitted, let them try her. One universal shout would go forth from California for the Union and if needs be, will fight for it. We laugh in our sleeve at the antics of these madmen.

### ***Monday, March 5, 1851***

--The mail arrived today. A large crowd of anxious expectants was in attendance. When the letters were ready for distribution, a huge fellow stepped up. A beard that almost covered his face and a large, heavy revolver sticking in his belt gave him the appearance of a ruffian without a tender spot in his composition. Upon giving his name, a handsomely enveloped letter was handed him. After weighing out his two dollars for it, he stepped

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# 2010 NWGPA Gold and Treasure Show Report

## Vendors:

*A big "THANK YOU" to our 2010 vendors!*

Northwest Treasure Hunters  
North Central Washington Prospectors  
Clyde's Mini Sluices / Clyde Hargens  
CS Treasure Recovery / Clay Soliday  
Tomahawk Jerky / Jeff and Carol Tobin  
Bowen's Hideout / Dick Turner  
Top O'Deep / Ralph and Mardell Smith (two booths)  
Big Sky Metal Detectors / Allen and Susy Corneliusen  
Spokane Prospecting Supply / John Swanson  
Century Mining Equipment / Mike Bartkoski  
JJ & Company / Rod and Joni Lindsay  
North Country Surveys / Dean Yongue  
GPAA Club Booth  
Briarwood Alpaca / Anne Foss  
LaViolette's Custom Designs / Marion/Rusty LaViolette  
Miner's Extras / Wayne and Diane McCarroll  
Creations from Mundy Meadows / James and Jerra Mundy  
Extreme Industrial Coatings / Jerry Huston  
Pam's Jams / Pam Jensen  
Pure Heart Soap / Shari Thomnson-Bowen  
Prospector's Innovations / KelseyKelton  
NWGPA Club Booth

*\* Pure Heart Soap won the free booth for the 2011 Gold and Treasure Show*

## **Show Registration:**

534 on Saturday and 274 on Sunday  
38 membership renewals and 24 new memberships

## **Donations for door prizes and raffle:**

Kennady Christianson / camera  
Tomahawk Jerky / Jeff Tobin / bags of beef jerky  
Bob Beck / wine rack and waxing kit  
NWGPA / \$500.00 cash and door prize gifts  
Big Sky / gold scale  
Pam's Jams / jam  
Pure Heart Soap / soap  
Anonymous donor from Washington / two family memberships, one couple membership, and one single membership (\$85.00)  
Kathy Smick / water cooler jug  
Ken Lindahl/puzzle  
*(drawings for door prizes were held every hour each day)*

## **Raffle Winners:**

\$500.00 cash / Kathy Smick  
family membership / Kennady Christianson  
single membership / Kennady Christianson

couple membership / Pam Jensen  
family membership / unclaimed and will be in April meeting  
raffle prizes

## **Modified / Homemade Mining Equipment:**

Prizes are:

\$75 cash prize for 1st Place-PeeWee Payment / trommel  
\$50 cash prize for 2nd Place-Bob Weaver / slosher sluice box  
\$25 cash prize for 3rd Place-Ken Lindahl / homemade solar panel and sun tracker

*There were a total of seven pieces for display brought in by:*

PeeWee Payment / trommel  
Ken Lindahl / solar panel and sun tracker  
Bob Weaver / slosher sluice box  
Bob Lowe / trommel  
Bob Lowe / high banker  
Bob Beck / highbanker combo/ old and new mining tools  
Jim Dirk/portable trommel

*Guests also voted for the best vendor booth or commercial display and the votes were as follows:*

"foam water stream"  
Big Sky Metal Detectors  
Gold Magic (Century Mining)  
"soap table"  
Mary Lowe

*Members who donated their time to make this show a fun and exciting event!*

Don and Irene Rower  
Clyde and Marjean Hargens  
Dennis and Diann Brillion  
Glen and Maria Reamy  
Ken Lindahl  
Skip Lindahl

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## ***For Sale***

*Membership #25 at Eagle City Park  
Large campsite with seasonal stream along side.  
Lots of landscaping done with a well.  
\$30,000 Terms negotiable  
Call Dave or Betty @ 208-682-9150*

## ***For Sale***

Slightly used 6 volt batteries. Perfect for travel trailers & campers. **\$40 each.** These batteries sell for over \$100 each new.

Call Bob @ 208-699-8128

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Jeremy Clausen  
 Mark and Lisa Wenig  
 Lou Tibbets and Carole Young-Tibbets  
 Garry Beaudreau  
 Linda Shupp  
 Bill Rocha  
 Dale Fitzgerald  
 Chris Shawver  
 Joel Pomarico  
 Ryck Rowan  
 Julie Christianson  
 Kennady Christianson  
 Joe Simpson  
 Wayne and Diane McCarroll  
 Matt Abrams  
 Randy and Kathy Smick  
 Steve Burris  
 Bob and Pat Beck  
 Barry Beck  
 Ron and Carlene Clem  
 Dean Yongue  
 Kathy Smick  
 Matthew and Brennen Lowe  
 Marge Thun  
 Jim Dirk  
 Russ Brown

**Thanks to our own NWGPA members who attended the show and to the Idaho National Guard for the use of their facility.**

Kitchen	\$608.50	
Club Booth	\$2,139.00	(memberships / raffle / shirts / hats / magnets / patches / panning gravel / visors / tank tops)
Vendor Booths	\$790.00	
Registration	\$2,424.00	
Total Receipts	\$5,961.50	(3/13 and 3/14)
Receipts prior to show	\$675.00	(vendor booths)
Receipts after show	\$105.00	(memberships)
<b>Grand Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$6,741.50</b>	(2010 show)

**Mary Lowe, Treasurer \*\*\* Bob Lowe, Chairman**

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance forward</b>	<b>\$4,476.76</b>	
<b>Incoming Receipts</b>		
Membership dues	\$420.00	
Raffles	\$160.00	
Interest	\$0.30	Feb
Hospitality	\$2.50	
Panning gravel	\$-	
Patches	\$-	
NWGPA badge	\$-	
NWGPA hat	\$-	
Magnets	\$-	
Shirts	\$-	
Show start up "change"	\$520.00	
Gold show deposit	\$5,961.50	
Vendors/booths	\$150.00	prior to show
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$7,214.30</b>	
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Post Office	\$88.00	
Idaho State Military	\$420.00	
Progressive Printing	\$338.56	show/March mtg.
gold for panning bags	\$270.00	
Embyr's	\$470.34	hats
Doyles Warehouse	\$27.74	bags / containers
Atomic Threads	\$387.00	shirts
Office Max	\$19.07	badges
Walmart	\$10.33	duct tape / picture frame
North Central WA Prosp.	\$75.00	show booth
Ace	\$6.70	connectors
Super 1	\$73.91	doughnuts
Big Sky	\$30.00	book
Nickel's Worth	\$457.80	
cash for change	\$520.00	
Blue Sky Radio	\$345.00	
Irene Rower	\$192.06	kitchen/food
Exchange	\$81.00	
cash for homemade equip.	\$150.00	
Mary Lowe	\$230.92	curtains / door prizes
cash for raffle	\$500.00	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$4,693.43</b>	
<b>Balance in checking</b>	<b>\$6,997.63</b>	

Mary lowe

## DID YOU KNOW.....

That 1 oz. of pure gold is approx. the size of a cube of sugar? That 1 oz. of gold can be flattened out to 300 sq. ft.? That a mixture of one part nitric acid and 3 parts hydrochloric acid (*aqua regia*) will dissolve gold? That in 1966 all the refined gold in the world would make a cube 50 feet on a side?

### What is gold?

Symbol: AU  
 Atomic Weight: 196.967  
 Atomic Number: 79  
 Melting Point: 1063° C (1945° F)  
 Boiling Point: 2966° C ( )  
 Specific Gravity: 19.2  
 MOH's Scale of Hardness: 2.5 - 3

### What is a carat?

Pure gold is expressed as 24 carats. When alloyed (mixed with other metals) the following table is used to determine the carat.

24K = 100% Pure Gold  
 18K = 75% Pure Gold  
 14K = 58% Pure Gold  
 10K = 42% Pure Gold

### How is gold weighed?

0.0648 grams = 1 grain  
 24 grains = 1 pennyweight (dwt.)  
 20 pennyweight (dwt.) = 1 troy oz.  
 12 troy oz. = 1 troy pound

## Pickles' Mining Supply

42 N Kelly Drive  
Cusick, WA 99119  
(509) 442-3196

(Continued from page 1) *President's Message*

The first official club outing of the year will be May 15th. Again, we are planning a yard sale at Eagle City Park on Saturday the 15th. We will advertise a week or so in advance. The water is usually too high to get down on the creek. We will also be touring the claims that day for new members. Details to follow.

We have two guest speakers for the April (14th) meeting. Mindy Vogel, Geologist / Mineral Administrator with the Forest Service will be there to answer questions for about 30 minutes. Our second speaker is Henry Follman - exploration geologist at Cd'A mines. This should be a GREAT meeting.

I have posted the NOI form and instructions on the club webpage. Go to <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/StreamsDams/Streams/DredgingPermit/DredgingPermit.htm> to get instructions for your dredging permit. See you at the meeting.

## FOR SALE

Moved out of area, must sell Eagle City Park membership includes a large beautiful creek side lot. Has small out building and cook tent. \$30,000  
Call Earl Gill @ 208-512-0898

## CHANGES

*New website: [www.goldfeverminingsupply.com](http://www.goldfeverminingsupply.com)  
New email: [bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com](mailto:bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com)*

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aside, broke open the seal and commenced reading it. In a few minutes I looked around again and saw this same burly, stern-looking man, who looked as hard as adamant, *in tears*. He had heard from loved ones at home and memory carried him back to happier scenes.

I observed another person in this same crowd, a pale, youthful man. He asked for a letter and was told that none had come for him. It was painful then to witness that young man raise his voice in blasphemy and swear his friends had forgotten him and cared nothing about him. He called up his companions to the bar and they all enjoyed a drunken revel.

This morning the ground was covered with snow to the depth of three inches. But snow doesn't remain in this part of California; it goes quicker than it comes. Though the tops of the highest mountains are often covered with snow several feet deep, in the valleys it scarcely ever covers the ground. Yesterday was warm and pleasant, with a bright sun all day, like April.

A few weeks ago Dr. Gunn's wife, an accomplished lady, and four children, ranging from four to ten years, two boys (Douglas and Chester) and two sweet little girls, arrived from Philadelphia. They came around Cape Horn in a clipper ship. Everything now goes on quite comfortably. A woman about a house produces a new order of things.

.....to be continued

## Prospecting Partners

Bob Reavis @ 208-623-6233

There are a few prospectors who would like to go prospecting, but for one reason or another needs or would like a partner to accompany them. If you are interested in being a partner or would like to find a partner, let me know and I will include you in our new Prospecting Partners column in the Nugget News.

## FOR SALE

Manual rocker box for \$65. 5 gallon plastic pails for \$1. ea. (They had car soap in them but are great for dirt or whatever). Also have plastic drums 30-55 gal. sizes. Call Bill Marshall @ 509-238-2195

*White's new Pulse Scan TDI is in stock. Priced at \$1598.00 and I will include a 7.5" coil with it. It will also accept Minelabs GPX coils. You can see it at <http://pulsescantdi.com/intro.htm> and read comments at <http://tdi.invisionplus.net/index.php?mforum=tdi&showforum=3>. Available at **Big Sky Metal Detectors 406-253-1678 NO SALES TAX***

(Continued from page 2) *What a Great Idea*

Congress has more tools available to do their jobs than it had back in 1911 when the current number of representatives was established. (telephone, computers, cell phones to name a few)

Note:

Congress does not hesitate to head home for extended weekends, holidays and recesses, when what the nation needs is a real fix for economic problems. Also, we had 3 senators that were not doing their jobs for the 18+ months (on the campaign trail) and still they all accepted full pay. Minnesota survived very well with only one senator for the first half of this year. These facts alone support a reduction in senators and congress.

Summary of opportunity:

\$44,108,400 reduction of congress members.

\$282,100,000 for elimination of the reduced house member staff.

\$150,000,000 for elimination of reduced senate member staff.

\$70,850,000 for 25% reduction of staff for remaining house members.

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These are possibly the 4 best sentences you'll ever read:

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is the beginning of the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.

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\$37,500,000 for 25% reduction of staff for remaining senate members.

\$7,500,000,000 reduction in pork added to bills by the reduction of congress members.

\$8,084,558,400 per year, estimated total savings. (that's 8-BILLION just to start!)

Corporate America does these types of cuts all the time.

There's even a name for it. "Downsizing."

Also, if Congresspersons were required to serve 20, 25 or 30 years (like everyone else) in order to collect retirement benefits, taxpayers could save a bundle.

Note: Not sure where these figures come from or if they are correct but, I like the concept.

## FOR SALE

Five memberships (lots included) at Eagle City Park. Will take \$15,000 each. We are negotiable and will consider all together or separate.  
Call Kenny @ 208-755-0711

## WANTED

Maella and Travis Peterson are looking for a camping trailer, 26' bumper pull, preferably with a tip out. Must be in good condition that doesn't need a lot of repairs.

Contact [travisandmaella@gmail.com](mailto:travisandmaella@gmail.com)

**DETECTORS FOR THE NUGGET HUNTER**  
cash, money order, or check-no credit cards

### Looking for Gold

Minelab Gold Detectors prices as follows

GPX4500 **\$4995.95**--Retail \$5995.00

SD2200V.2 **\$1798.95**--Retail \$2495.00

Eureka Gold **\$998.95**---Retail \$1250.00

X-Terra 705 **\$698.95**---Retail \$950.00

X-Terra 705 w/ Pro Pak **\$850.00** Retail \$1200.00

### NO SALES TAX

Big Sky Metal Detectors  
Ronan, MT  
406-253-1678

## Raffle Results

Item	Donated By	Won By
coasters	Earl Hopkins	Sharon Hobbs
first aid kit	Ken Lindahl	Iris Schmidt
puzzle	Clyde Cram	Ken Lindahl
figurine	Clyde Cram	Ray Robinson
plaque	Mark/Lisa Wenig	Ray Robinson
mini tool	Steve Burris	Gail Muckey
chili	Larry Domingo	Ray Robinson
chili	Larry Domingo	Maria Reamy
Mining Journal	Larry Domingo	Clyde Cram
picnic set	Chris Shawver	Earl Hopkins
mosquito repellent	Barry Beck	Dean Yongue
jerky	Barry Beck	Dean Yongue
cherries	Glen/Maria Reamy	Richard Dooney
beef	Glen/Maria Reamy	Cheryle Dooney
soup	Ryck Rowan	Chris Fitch
jam	Linda Shupp	Marjean Hargens
taffy	Bob/Mary Lowe	Clyde Cram
nut cracker	Clyde/Marjean Hargens	Kathy Smick
candle	Ron/Carlene Clem	Ryck Rowan
cookies	Jeremy Proctor	Kathy Smick
gold book	Allan Mikoleit	Marjean Hargens
snap hook	Bob Beck	Sierra Mayberry
jerky	Bob Beck	Norm Sabens
windshield scraper	Bob Beck	Vern White
cards	Troy Haney	Dean Yongue
flowers	Sherm/Gail Muckey	Diann Brillon
tea	Sherm/Gail Muckey	Kirby Krebs
bubble gum	Sherm/Gail Muckey	Kathy Smick
picture frame	Matt Abrams	Clyde Cram

Please bring an item for our door prize and raffle. The money we make on our raffles helps offset some of our expenses and makes the meeting livelier.  
Thanks to all who donate!!

Upon reaching 65, I decided to retire. After having me under foot for a few months, my wife became very agitated with me. She suggested I go and do something to occupy my time, like join a club or get a hobby. I obliged and went out for a couple of hours..

When I got home my wife asked about my day and I replied, "Oh, I just went down to the park and hung out with the guys. And oh yeah, I joined a parachute club.

"What? Are you nuts? You're 65 years old and you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

"Yeah, look I even got a membership card."

"You crazy old man, where's your glasses! This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club!"

"Oh, great! Now what am I going to do? I signed up for 5 jumps a week!"

Guess we need to keep a closer eye on the men in our lives!!



Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

## Recipe(s) of the Month

### Magnificent Macaroons

Whisk 2 egg whites with 1/2 tsp of salt in a large bowl until stiff peaks form

Gently fold in one 14-oz bag of shredded sweetened coconut and 3/4 cup of sweetened condensed milk

Stir in 1 1/2 cups of chocolate chips, nuts or dried fruit

Scoop 2-inch balls about 1 inch apart onto parchment-lined baking sheets

Bake at 300 degrees until golden, about 25 minutes

## The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

Why do they call it rush hour  
when nothing moves?

### Support Your Club

NWGPA has t-shirts, hats, badges and bags of panning gravel with real gold.

### Helpful Tip

#### New use for Windex

If you ever get the sudden urge to run around naked, You should sniff some Windex first. It'll keep you from streaking.

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## Dues Are Due

April is Election Time for Club Officers for New Year!