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NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association



President's Message

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe

Well this is it.... The 1st Official Outing of the year. The Gibbs Eddy outing was just a practice run for the rest of the summer.

We plan to kick things off with our annual yard sale from 9AM to 2PM. At 10AM, I will head out with our new members (and anyone else who wants to tag along) for a history lesson and tour of the claims. We will car pool in order to get around with the least amount of vehicles. We will be back in plenty of time for the 4PM potluck at the Eagles Nest in Eagle City Park.

Bring all your yard sale items (with tables & chairs). Plan to have someone from your family tend to your stuff during the sale. We will begin setting up at 7AM on the 15th.

Bring a dish or two, your beverages, table settings and appetite for the potluck at 4PM. You might bring a chair.

All non-park members MUST sign in at the welcome center.

Day use of the Park during an outing weekend is still FREE.

Because of the added expense of a porta-potty out front, the Park will be charging \$10 per day / per family (\$20 per weekend, including Friday afternoon) to camp overnight at the Park during the outing.

Non-outing use of the Park is \$10 per day /

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1st Official Club Outing Of The Year

Saturday, May 15th.

We are planning the annual yard sale at Eagle City Park on Saturday the 15th from 9AM to 2PM. 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. We will leave the Park at 10AM for the tour.

Please check the address label on the last page of this newsletter. If it shows "2009 Member #" your dues are due. Please renew as this will be your last Nugget News. If you think there is an error, please give me a call @ 208-699-8128.

Thank you....Bob

Because of our schedule at the last meeting, election of officers was postponed until the May meeting. If you are interested in any of the following positions: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer or Sergeant at Arms, please let us know before the start of the meeting.

See you at the meeting and the outing.



One Man's Gold by Enos Christman

Friday, May 25

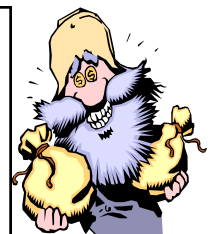
--One who has not been in California can hardly credit the changes that take place here in a very short period of time. But one short year ago I was crossing the barren plains on foot. The wandering gold hunter in traversing our mountains and desert then had to carry everything he required with him, his blanket, his provisions, his frying-pan and his tea-kettle. He would often travel a whole day in some parts of the country without coming to a single habitation where a cup of tea could be procured. Often have I footed it a distance of fifteen or twenty miles over a burning, dusty plain, without

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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



Letter To Obama at Whitehouse Sent from 95 year Old Pearl Harbor Survivor !!

This venerable and much honored WW II vet is well known in Hawaii for his seventy-plus years of service to patriotic organizations and causes all over the country. A humble man without a political bone in his body, he has never spoken out before about a government official, until now. He dictated this letter to a friend, signed it and mailed it to the president.

Dear President Obama,

My name is Harold Estes, approaching 95 on December 13 of this year. People meeting me for the first time don't believe my age because I remain wrinkle free and pretty much mentally alert.

I enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1934 and served proudly before, during and after WW II retiring as a Master Chief Bos'n Mate. Now I live in a "rest home" located on the western end of Pearl Harbor, allowing me to keep alive the memories of 23 years of service to my country.

One of the benefits of my age, perhaps the only one, is to speak my mind, blunt and direct even to the head man.

So here goes.

I am amazed, angry and determined not to see my country die before I do, but you seem hell bent not to grant me that wish.

I can't figure out what country you are the president of. You fly around the world

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NWGPA Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2010

President, Bob Lowe, opened the meeting at 7:10p.m., greeting members and guests alike. He began the meeting with discussion of reclamation work and NOI information. To better answer our questions about the many new details involved, Bob had invited Mindy Vogel, USFS Geologist, and her sidekick, Laurie Kelso, IPNF Geologist. Mindy opened by thanking club members for being good stewards of the land and the good clean ups we've done on claim sites.

Mindy gave us a run down of some of the main rules to follow, and followed up with a question and answer session. As I understand them, some of the main points she made are as follows: (Let's hope I was paying attention!)

To stake a claim or get info. on BLM land, see Scott Sander at BLM office.

To stake a claim or get info. On USFS land, see Mindy Vogel at USFS office.

A Notice Of Intent (NOI) is needed for suction dredging, panning, or metal detecting.

She can get us a letter of authorization to

get into certain areas.

Put letter of authorization in windshield when out working and keep NOI and dredge permit handy.

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Get ready for this one: The EPA is requiring miners to have a permit, but they aren't yet issuing permits.

If you're going to the Emida claim, take the letter of Authorization with you..

If you are out with your gun, and if FS ranger is visiting with you, politely inform him of your gun being handy. They get nervous if it's a surprise.

Please fill in holes in your work area.

Don't disturb vegetation.

Pick up trash even if it isn't yours.

CDA USFS has a new map for Motorized Vehicles that shows road closures and limitations. FREE !!!

#152 up Eagle Creek beyond concrete pillars is mostly closed.

#152 by Jack Waite Mine is closed.

#2349 up Eagle Creek and down to Jack Waite closed

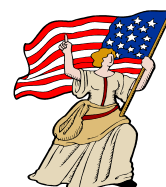
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Wise Words from AA7AF:

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.'

Quote from the Past

"Now I want you to remember that no bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor bastard die for his country." General George Patton



Check out the following Web Sites

- www.youtube.com
- www.evtv1.com
- www.goldfeverminingsupply.com
- www.bigskydetectors.com

being able to get a drop of water unless I carried it with me from the last camping ground. Now everything is different. No canteen is necessary. You need not even carry your blankets, for all along the roads trading tents and good houses are erected, where travelers can be accommodated with good meals as well as a good clean bed.

This is not the only change which has taken place. We have plenty of the good things of this world. Provisions of all kinds can be bought now for less than half what they could then. At that time prices ranged about as follows:--Flour, per 100 lbs., \$50 to \$75; Pilot Bread, \$75 to \$100 per 100 lbs.; Potatoes, 75 cents and \$1.00 per lb.; Fresh Beef, 50 cents; Salt Pork, \$1.00, etc. Now they can be had as follows:--Flour, \$10 to \$14; Pilot Bread we have none for we can all get Baker's Bread; Potatoes, \$12 to \$15 per bu.; Fresh Beef, 25 cents per lb.; Salt Pork, 18 to 25 cents per lb.; etc. Last summer I paid \$16 per week for two meals per day; now I could get much better board with three meals per day for \$8 and \$10. We still do our own cooking and washing but have not yet introduced the starch cup or smoothing iron, and we don't expect to until we return to civilized life again.

As a general thing miners are doing tolerably well. By working hard and living economically, they can save four to five and six dollars per day. The general average, however, will hardly range as high as this. Many of these hard-working American miners are, I regret to say, victims of the gambling hells. But we must consider the circumstances by which they are surrounded. They work hard from morning till night, mostly live in tents, and do their own cooking. When evening comes, they have no comfortable home to go to. The gambling saloon is the most comfortable place they can find, hence they resort to it, and go on step by step until they lose their money as fast as they can make it.

I must tell what you will see by entering one of these gambling saloons. We will walk into the Empire Saloon. Behind a long counter on your right four men are kept busy in handing out bottles of liquor and weighing out the gold dust therefor at two bits per drink. A little farther on you will observe a fair-skinned Spanish señorita behind a counter filled with sweetmeats, upon which is a large urn filled with hot coffee. The handsome and graceful señoritas are greatly admired by the gold seekers. We will each take a cup of coffee, pay our four bits, and proceed to the farther end of the room, where upon a gallery erected for the purpose, we find a full band discoursing sweet

Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

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.

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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

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music.

The walls of the room are hung with numerous lascivious paintings, and down through the middle of the room stand some eight or ten Monte, Roulette, and Faro tables, loaded with piles of silver and large bags of gold dust, and surrounded with crowds of persons of all ages, sex and color, from the pale-faced Frenchman to the ebon Ethiopian. Later in the night when the players become excited, you can see thousands of dollars change owners upon the turn of a single card.

Saturday, June 28

--A short time ago, Jim Hill, a man with a scar on his neck, went into a store at Camp Seco in the night and held pistols over the heads of the proprietors, while others of his gang stole the iron safe. Last night he was in Sonora. He went into a Spanish house of ill-fame, where Guadalupe, the keeper, is no doubt an accomplice. Hill took a pistol from a man, a stranger to him, struck him with it and then shot at him. The man ran out of the house, frightened, and gave the alarm, not knowing who had robbed and shot him. Hill then hid under a bed where he was found by the sheriff.

This morning a party of about a dozen of our most respectable citizens went to the jail and took Hill away to stand his trial at Camp Seco. His identity was proved and a fair and impartial trial was given before a jury of twelve men who rendered a verdict of guilty unanimously. It was then voted to hang the prisoner and a committee of five was appointed to confer with him to endeavor to obtain disclosures in reference to others and their whereabouts. In this they were successful. He confessed his guilt and told of others connected with him in horse stealing and other crimes. He is willing to die for what he has done and wishes those who led him into crime to be hung along with him. Parties were dispatched to Sonora, Melones and other places to catch different ones that were named, all of whom had been suspected. The doomed man is about 23 years old.

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Sunday, June 29

--In almost every camp and city in the country, the most respectable portion of the community have formed what are called "Vigilance Committees" which appoint officers, organize courts, catch rascals, try them and, when found guilty, punish them by whipping, banishing or hanging. Frightful disorders prevail, for California has been scourged by as desperate bands of villains as the whole world could produce. For a long time they have preyed upon us, and our laws, on account of their loose administration and many technicalities, have been found inadequate to the protection of life and property.

A large Vigilance Committee is being organized here and we shall soon have a full police of our best citizens standing guard all the while. Early this morning a meeting of the citizens of Sonora was held preparatory to forming this Committee. Major Ross was called to the Chair and myself appointed Secretary. The following resolutions were adopted: *Resolved*, That no members be admitted to this association except they be unanimously elected.

Resolved, That ten gentlemen be selected to act as a police for the night.

Resolved, That the police have a private watch word, "Action!"

Resolved, That three successive blows on a gong be a signal for the assembling of the committee, and at the sound thereof the committee should assemble opposite Mr. Holden's house. The central watch was instructed to procure a gong.

Resolved, That secrecy should be observed as to the doings of this committee by the members thereof.

Resolved, That if called upon by the People's Police of Camp Seco, this committee respond by lending their aid.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to draft constitution and by-laws and report tomorrow evening.

Resolved, That we meet tomorrow evening at early candlelight.

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
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About 11 o'clock this morning the person arrested in Sonora last evening on Jim Hill's evidence, was taken over to Camp Seco, accompanied by Sheriff Work and others. A form of examination was gone through and no positive evidence other than that of the doomed man appearing against him, he was honorably acquitted.

After 6 P.M. Hill was led forth to execution. Since early morning, people from the various camps had been on their way to Camp Seco and an immense number of accomplices and other villains had collected. After the prisoner was placed on the stand, he made a few remarks describing his life as one of crime, and warning others against following his course. He also said that he had robbed and stolen and done other acts of crime, but had never shed blood, and he threw himself upon the mercy of the people. This appeal to the people caused the question to be put amongst them, "Shall he be hung?" A large number answered aye, but an equal number responded in the negative. Immediately some hundreds of pistols were drawn and a universal stampede occurred. Horsemen plunged through the crowd and over them, and the people ran in every direction.

George Work, the sheriff, arrived at this point and asked to be heard in his capacity as conservator of the peace. He pledged his own life that the prisoner should be forthcoming at the District Court, if the people would deliver him into the hands of the civil authorities. In the excitement and confusion that followed, the prisoner was taken from the stand, his hands all the while pinioned behind him, and he was thrust into a wagon which was immediately driven off at a rapid rate for Sonora.

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Gold is \$ 1208.00 an ounce! This time last year it was \$ 912.70 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.***

**You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant
before I realized that people didn't
like me anyway.**

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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News of the result having reached here shortly after the rescue, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Linoberg with a gong passed through the city and called a meeting of the people in front of Mr. Holden's store. Mr. Edwards then addressed the crowd in a short but very effective speech, referring to the escapes of criminals heretofore, and the danger of our citizens while such thieves and rascals were permitted to escape. He proposed to take the prisoner as soon as he might arrive in town and hang him. There was not a dissenting voice. The crowd then prepared with weapons, to meet the sheriff and the prisoner at the entrance of the city.

They came in a wagon, with two persons alongside on horseback, with pistols drawn. But all was of no avail. The men in that crowd were not to be frightened. They followed the wagon driving at a rapid rate until it struck against a post, it being dark. George Work then jumped out with the prisoner, holding him by the collar, and both ran at full speed for the jail, plunging through the arroyo, while the crowd behind was shouting, "Stop him in front. We are afraid to shoot, lest we may kill our friends. Stop him in front!" Mr. Linoberg soon caught the prisoner behind and hung on to him, compelling him to drag him along and thus impeding his progress. Col. Cheatam also ran ahead at full speed to the jail and planting himself before the door, cocked his revolver, and as George Work and the prisoner came running up, he placed one hand on the prisoner and presenting his pistol towards George, said, "George, you have a pistol and I have a pistol. Yours is cocked and so is mine. Blow away. I can kill too--but let this man go!" Others by this time came up and one party taking George, another the prisoner, no shots were exchanged and the prisoner was snatched from the hands of the law. Sheriff Work was not inimical to the hanging of the robber Hill, but owing to his official position, he could do no less than make an effort to lodge the prisoner within the door of the jail.

However, two persons threw a rope over the prisoner's neck, and away he was led to the execution. The place selected was a limb of a noble old oak behind the El Dorado in the middle of the city. A minister was requested and 15 minutes allowed, the prisoner being surrounded by a ring of firm men who were cool and determined in the work before them. The fifteen minutes having expired, the signal was given and in an instant the wretched man was hanging by his neck. There was scarce a struggle. The crowd was deeply impressed, but all were satisfied of the righteousness and necessity of the punishment. After the body had been cut down and placed in the rough box, it was discovered that the receptacle was too small for the corpse and it was necessary, in order to nail down the lid, that half a dozen of those present stand on top of the lid and work it back and forth a number of times before it could be fastened down. I was one of those selected and I can truthfully say it was a gruesome task.

Saturday, July 5, 1851

--About ten days ago it was announced in all the San Francisco papers that Mr. Gunn, editor of the *Sonora Herald*, and myself and several other persons had been killed in a fracas with gamblers. This report, which was a falsehood from beginning to end, was published just before the sailing of the last steamer. It is probable that it will be seen in the papers at home and occasion much distress. I therefore concluded to write by the first mail, denying the story altogether, and saying that no such difficulty took place.

I can best record the matter here by copying the following article from the *Alta California*:

TERRIBLE AFFRAY IN SONORA Reynolds & Co.'s Express Office, Sonora, Friday Night, June 27 --12 o'clock.

Eds. Alta:--An extraordinary excitement is now raging in our town. Three persons have been killed and four wounded. The difficulty originated between some gamblers about an article published in the *Sonora Herald*. The gamblers went to the *Herald* office, armed with revolvers and knives, and effected an entrance. They first dragged from bed Mr. Gunn, the editor, and shot him through the head, killing him immediately. They next fired at a young man named James W. Coffroth, who, I understand assisted Mr. Gunn. He was formerly connected with a paper in New York or Philadelphia. Mr. Christman, a compositor on the paper, was also shot. Both of these individuals were instantly killed. Four persons who heard the noise and went to the persons killed, were shot in the affray. The Mayor has ordered out a large patrol of citizens, and great excitement prevails. The persons killed were universally loved and esteemed here. Mr. Gunn was a physician; Mr. Coffroth was a writer of much promise. I am writing in haste. It is now 3 o'clock,--four arrests have been made of the gamblers.

In haste, D.F. Sayres, Reynolds' Express.

I can only say in reference to this that we are yet each worth a dozen dead men. One gambler has threatened the editor with a cowhiding, but if he attempts it, a good six-shooter will probably settle him. Our contradiction of the murder appears as follows in this morning's *Sonora Herald*:

Our Death, burial and resurrection!

Gentle readers:--Since we last had the pleasure of inditing editorials, we have passed through thrilling scenes. Murdered by enemies, mourned and respectfully buried by friends, and favored since by an earlier resurrection than is allotted to mankind in general, we appear before you not with "a doleful sound" from the tombs, nor with the half-hesitating tone of one who is still compounded of flesh and blood, and who of course possesses the fears and infirmities that flesh is heir to. We are risen from the dead.--It is not permitted, however, now to communicate all that we saw while absent from this little sphere. We can only say that we had glimpses of large companies of angels dancing and rejoicing over the intelligence from earth that horse thieves had been hung--that robbers, counterfeiters and murderers had been brought before a just tribunal and were then dangling in the air to be devoured by birds that feed on carrion. Being endowed by our transition into the spiritual state with vision different from that which mortals possess, we can now see men at a distance of many miles and know just what they are doing, and even read the thoughts that are running through their minds. This is the only result of the foul murder perpetrated upon our persons last Friday night and you, gentle reader, can judge whether or not now we should regret what has happened to us.--Friends at least will have this consolation: Once killed, we cannot go through the same process again; and if we feel disposed now to unfold the cribs of iniquity and the authors of crime, we have the two-fold advantage of extra knowledge and of being neither vulnerable nor mortal. For those who may not understand the above allusions, we copy the letter from the *Alta California*, and shall take the liberty of referring the public to that and other San Francisco papers whenever hereafter they wish to obtain thrilling intelligence respecting themselves, or those who kept us company while on the recent tour out of this world.

TO BE CONTINUED.....

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telling our friends and enemies despicable lies like: " We're no longer a Christian nation" " America is arrogant" - (Your wife even announced to the world," America is mean- spirited. " Please tell her to try preaching that nonsense to 23 generations of our war dead buried all over the globe who died for no other reason than to free a whole lot of strangers from tyranny and hopelessness.)

I'd say shame on the both of you, but I don't think you like America, nor do I see an ounce of gratefulness in anything you do, for the obvious gifts this country has given you. To be without shame or gratefulness is a dangerous thing for a man sitting in the White House.

After 9/11 you said," America hasn't lived up to her ideals."

Which ones did you mean? Was it the notion of personal liberty that 11,000 farmers and shopkeepers died for to win independence from the British? Or maybe the ideal that no man should be a slave to another man, that 500,000 men died for in the Civil War? I hope you didn't mean the ideal 470,000 fathers, brothers, husbands, and a lot of fellas I knew personally died for in WWII, because we felt real strongly about not letting any nation push us around, because we stand for freedom.

I don't think you mean the ideal that says equality is better than discrimination. You know the one that a whole lot of white people understood when they helped to get you elected.

Take a little advice from a very old geezer, young man.

Shape up and start acting like an American. If you don't, I'll do what I can to see you get shipped out of that fancy rental on Pennsylvania Avenue . You were elected to lead not to bow, apologize and kiss the hands of murderers and corrupt leaders who still treat their people like slaves.

And just who do you think you are telling the American people not to jump to conclusions and condemn that Muslim major who killed 13 of his fellow soldiers and wounded dozens more. You mean you don't want us to do what you did when that white cop used force to subdue that black college professor in Massachusetts , who was

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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.

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putting up a fight? You don't mind offending the police calling them stupid but you don't want us to offend Muslim fanatics by calling them what they are, terrorists.

One more thing. I realize you never served in the military and never had to defend your country with your life, but you're the Commander-in-Chief now, son. Do your job. When your battle-hardened field General asks you for 40,000 more troops to complete the mission, give them to him. But if you're not in this fight to win, then get out. The life of one American soldier is not worth the best political strategy you're thinking of.

You could be our greatest president because you face the greatest challenge ever presented to any president. You're not going to restore American greatness by bringing back our bloated economy. That's not our greatest threat. Losing the heart and soul of who we are as Americans is our big fight now. And I sure as hell don't want to think my president is the enemy in this final battle...

Sincerely,
Harold B. Estes

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, 'A Good Doctor'!

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

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Treasurer's Report

Balance forward	\$6,997.63	
Incoming Receipts		
Membership dues	\$1,001.00	
Raffles	\$93.00	
Interest	\$1.09	March/April
Hospitality	\$0.50	
Panning gravel	\$-	
Patches	\$-	
NWGPA badge	\$-	
NWGPA hat	\$-	
Magnets	\$-	
Shirts	\$-	
Cashmere show	\$142.00	
<i>\$60.00 memberships</i>		
Total Receipts	\$1,237.59	
Disbursements		
Post Office	\$176.00	
Idaho State Military	\$50.00	
Progressive Printing	\$178.08	
Nickel's Worth	\$96.30	
Irene Rower	\$9.52	raffle tickets
straw/Emida Claim	\$12.00	
P O Box rent	\$56.00	
Total Disbursements	\$577.90	
Balance in checking	\$7,657.32	

Mary Lowe
9-May-10

Pickles' Mining Supply

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

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

Missing

Last year at the Pig Roast / Outing a gate card to allow access to Eagle City Park was given to someone and not returned. Please see if you have it and bring to next meeting or outing. It is white, a litter bigger than a credit card and is marked with a G5 in the corner. Thanks.....

CHANGES

New website: www.goldfeverminingsupply.com
New email: bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com

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#1505 open to ATV

Bear Gulch no

Pitosi no

If you need motorized access to get to a claim site, see Mindy Vogel or Laurie Kelso.

This gets confusing, so I expect these notes to be corrected at meeting time.

Mindy and Laurie made a point several times that they will try to be helpful whenever possible.

COFFEE BREAK

The next speaker for the evening was Henry ARockaholic@ Fullman, an underground Geologist. He made the comment that he would rather be a claim jumper than Forest Service employee!!! Those poor people have to take a lot of flack for rules they don't even make. He also said that in his experience they are good at working with you. Henry told us that gold is near where the earths plates are active. He showed us maps of plate lines, maps of drill holes in the Kensington Mine, quartz veins, etc., but he didn't give us a map to get to the Mother Lode!!!! Interesting anyway.

Bob told us this weekends cleanup outing will have a weenie roast at 12:00. He also mentioned that we will have a booth at the Cashmere Gold Show and the Kalispell Fairgrounds. Door Prize and Raffle drawings were held and meeting adjourned .
Submitted by, Lisa Wenig

Prospecting Partners

Bob Reavis @ 208-623-6233
Dale Rounsville @ 509-995-9082

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.

MAPS

I was thinking, [no it didn't hurt], the advantages the modern prospector enjoys over the 1880's gold seeker. While there are many, mapping comes to mind. Our sources in paper are USGS 7.5 quadrangles, various state atlas's and forest service and BLM travel and resource maps, most all of which are getting expensive. You should be aware that some paper maps show mining symbols. Maps allow winter research, which is essential to good summer results. The savvy

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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

NOI's

Notice of Intent

After mulling this over a few times and in conversations with government employees, club members and other clubs, I think it would be a great benefit to us as a club to have each and every one of us file an NOI. If nothing else, it give the powers to be an accurate head count as to forest use as it pertains to small scale mining. Even if you are just using a pan and shovel, you count as far as use of road, trails, camping, etc. Hopefully, by submitting NOI's, they can help in whether or not a road is closed or its usage changed.

If you don't plan on using any mechanical means (pump) to move water or dirt other than a #2 shovel, just fill out the NOI and submit it. BUT, if you plan using a dredge, highbanker, power sluice, etc, where a pump (either electric or gas) is used then you will need to first get a dredge permit from the Idaho Department of Water Resources, forms need to be downloaded from (<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/StreamsDams/Streams/DredgingPermit/DredgingPermit.htm>). **Please read this section even if you do not plan to dredge.** Fee is \$10 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Then you can file your NOI.

Call me if you have questions (Bob @ 208-699-8128) NOI forms and instructions can be found at www.goldfeverminingsupply.com. Descriptions of claims and maps will be available for new members at the meeting. The claim maps are the same as last year for 2009 members.

The NOI must be carried with you at all times in the forest. It is also recommended that you leave a copy on the NOI on the dash board of your vehicle while you are mining.

Let's see if we can get 100% participation for NOI's this year.

FOR SALE

Illness forces sale of Eagle City Park membership. \$20,000
Call Jane @ 208-773-2781

This morning I went to sign my dogs up for welfare. At first the lady said, "Dogs are not eligible to draw welfare". So I explained to her that my dogs are mixed in color, unemployed, lazy, can't speak English and have no frigging clue who their daddies are. They expect me to feed them, provide them with housing and medical care, and feel guilty because they are dogs.

So she looked in her policy book to see what it takes to qualify. My dogs get their first check Friday.

Darn, this is a great country.

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

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

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Big Sky Metal Detectors

Ronan, MT

406-253-1678

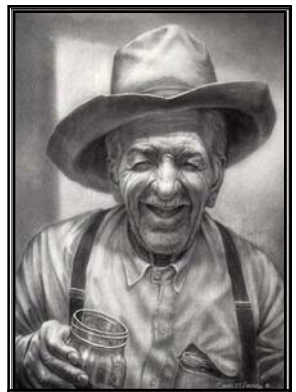
Nugget News & Email

Times are sure changing. Email is fast becoming the communication of choice. First it was the sound of drums in the forest, then smoke signals in the distance, then Pony Express and the US Postal Service and then the telephone. Newspapers and television also aided in modern communication. Now we have the internet, cell phones, text messaging and email. This brings me to the following point. Until the government figures out how to regulate and tax the internet and email, it is still free (aside from the cost of equipment and service provider). Our membership is about 360 members strong and it is getting expensive to print and mail the Nugget News. We have not had an increase in dues in a number of years and hope to hold off any future increases as long as we can. To help with this, I propose to send the Nugget News to our membership via email. There are a couple of advantages to this besides the cost savings. One, you would receive it at least 24 hours before the mailed copies and you would get it in color. This is nice if I have photos included in the newsletter. Also, by having an email address, I can get other information out to you easier and faster. And documents sent digitally can be cut & pasted in other documents, ie: NOI's. If you want your copy of the Nugget News emailed to you, please send an email to: bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com with Newsletter on the Subject line or give your name & email address to Mary at the meeting. Some of you are now receiving both mailed & emailed versions. Even if you already get it emailed to you, please reaffirm by email that you want to continue receiving it. I hope to have this all this cleaned up very soon.

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small miner accumulates a collection of research tools. These include maps, books and publications. Now to those computer literate miners, a whole new world of mapping opens. We have things like Google earth, BLM sites and wonderful state mapping programs. I'll expand on this in reverse order. I haven't used all, but MAP ACADEMY and iGage are swift and easy to navigate. Maps are easily printed at any scale desired. I can take the right disc in my lap top into the diggings with me, even on my atv to see just where I am lost *^&%# and if my GPS was not forgotten!!!? All the map programs I have seen give lat-lon of the cursor. Some allow dropping lat-lon on a printed map! I will mention Topozone, De lorme and National Geographic. A very pricey one is Hystware!! Books are of several genres, gold locations, recovery methods or historical. Publications of state mining bureaus and the usgs. Some of these are online. Nevada bureau of mining has an extensive site. You can find state sites under state? .gov. mining the web is fun!! The state sites also offer scads of publications, look for placer, lode or historical pubs.

May your pan turn yellow and if it don't look at all the good exercise you got!! See you in the diggings---
by Dwight Sutter



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

Recipe(s) of the Month

CHICKEN ROTEL

- 1 chicken, deboned
- 1 can Rotel
- 1 onion
- 1 lb. Velveeta cheese, cut into cubes
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 pkg. Vermicelli spaghetti
- 1 stick butter

Boil chicken with enough water to make 1 1/2 quarts of broth. Debone chicken when cooked. Chop onion and saute in butter. Cook spaghetti in chicken broth until half cooked. (If you do not have that much broth, add water to what you have to make 1 1/2-quarts.)

Mash Rotel in mushroom soup. Add soup, spaghetti, onion and cheese to chicken. Stir and mix well. Pour into oblong pan and cook in a 350 degree oven until hot and bubbly.

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

Did you hear about the 83-year-old woman who talked herself out of a speeding ticket by telling the young officer that she had to get there before she forgot where she was going?

Support Your Club

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

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per family (\$20 per weekend, including Friday afternoon) weekends only unless special arrangements are made.

The Park has special rates for groups. Please call for details.

The new forest travel maps are available at the Forest Service State office on Kathleen Ave in Coeur d'Alene. Be sure to pick up a copy and keep in your vehicle at all times. There are many changes you need to be aware of.

See ya at the meeting & outing.....

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Dues Are Due

Look at the address label. If it shows 2009 Member # , your dues are due. Please renew your membership NOW or this issue of the Nugget News will be your last. Thanks.....