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## Important Notice!

We're Having An April Meeting!  
Thursday April 8th @ 7pm

2021 Dues are Due!



### Gold Show Summary

Well we had a Gold Show! At one point last year we were not sure if that was going to happen for 2021 but as we got into the new year, everything changed. We had some COVID compliance requirements we had to meet for 2021, and we were able to comply with relative ease to facilitate a safe but fun Show. Overwhelmingly, the responses from our vendors and the public indicated all were ready to have a Show once again.

Our turnout by the public was great, and the Vendors overall were quite happy. So much so, that we have already reserved about 25% capacity for 2022.

Here are the details:

Attendance Saturday: 710 Paid Admissions  
Attendance Sunday: 355 Paid Admissions  
**Total Attendance: 1,065 Paid Admissions**

**Overall Show Gross Revenue: \$14,933.00**

This includes:

Booth Space Income & Show Infrastructure: \$ 4,464.00  
Paid Admissions: \$5,325.00  
Merchandise & Gold Cups: \$687.00  
Memberships: \$2,795.00  
Main Raffle: \$1,662.00

**Overall Show Expenses: (to date) \$6,388.00**

This includes Fairgrounds Rental, Advertising, Printing & Direct Mail and Show Infrastructure.  
We still have around ~\$1,350.00 in outstanding bills to be paid for advertising. Final Expenses

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### THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER GOLD PROSPECTOR

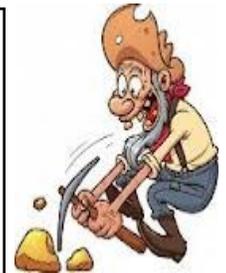
Mr. Stockton related that when he left his family here to go to the mines he rented one half a house of Michael Blanco who had a Spanish wife and children, and these and his own were of course constant playmates. When he returned in the fall he found his children had learned to speak Spanish and nearly forgotten English, so that he had to coax them a great deal to get them to talk to him at all, and he could not understand a word they said.

I now tried to learn the language myself. I had money to loan, and the borrowers were Spanish who gave good security and paid from 5 to 25 per cent interest per month, on

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The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets  
at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the  
Rathdrum Senior Center located at 8037 W Montana Street, Rathdrum, ID  
Our regular outings are at Eagle City Park the weekend following the monthly meeting with a pot-luck at 4pm on Saturday. Other outings will be announced by the President and posted in the newsletter. November thru March members are invited to meet each Saturday morning at 8:00AM at Kootenai Medical Center Cafeteria in Coeur d'Alene to solve the world's problems.  
Please join us.



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**But for Now: Expected Overall Earnings for 2021 Show: ~ \$ 7,195.00**

\*\* Most important to note is that none of this would not be possible if our great club members did not participate by running the Show so smoothly and efficiently. Everything ran great and we received multiple comments on how friendly and organized our Show workers performed. These comments came from both the public and our vendors alike so GREAT JOB EVERYONE! Thanks so much for working your shifts and in most cases all weekend long from Friday through Sunday.

So a BIG THANK YOU to:

- Steve Booras
- Steve Burris
- Jeremy Clausen
- Clyde & Marjean Hargens
- Boy Scout Troop 201
- Bill Izzard
- Susan Cook
- Bryan McKeehan
- Jim & Anne Stephens
- Lynn Aiken
- Bob & Mary Lowe
- Tom Fealy & Connie Jewett
- Peewee Payment
- Billy Pease
- Neil, Stephanie, & Rebecca Oliver
- Jon Larson
- Mike Ferry
- Bob Grammer

AND a special thanks to our security for spending the night (Tom Fealy & Peewee Payment) to keep the building safe, AND to Boy Scout Troop #201 who did a great job on the Exit Door, helping vendors load and unload, and a multitude of other tasks when asked. The Scouts did a fantastic job and we were very fortunate to have them this year!

I will publish the FINAL Show numbers when all remaining billing has been received and paid.

### Homemade & Modified Equipment Winners:

1st Prize of \$75.00 - Clyde Hargens  
2nd Prize of \$50.00 - Mike Ferry  
3rd Prize of \$25.00 - Jon Larson

Prizes will be handed out to the winners at the meeting or mailed to those not at the meeting.

**Mark Cook—Show Chairman**

## Meeting Minutes March 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Mark Cook at 7:00PM.

A brief summary of the minutes of the last meeting in November were given by Acting Secretary Mark Cook and were moved and seconded to approve as read. There were 11 members at that meeting.

The treasurer's report was read by Acting Treasurer Mark Cook who gave the treasury balances for November, December, January, and February as \$10,376, \$10,341, \$10,620, and \$10,925 respectively. It was moved and seconded to approve as read.

Mark welcomed 15 members and 2 guests.

The evening's program was replaced by a brief overview of the upcoming gold and treasure show slated for March 13 and 14. At this time there are 42 vendors and 57 booths spoken for and Mark is getting calls daily for information and possibly more vendors for the show. There will be a bulletin board to post equipment for sale, a public vote for custom and homemade equipment on display with a cash prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, a food vendor will be on site for food and beverages throughout both days, etc. An all out effort has been made to comply with all health restrictions and guidelines per the requirements made by the fairgrounds. There will be disposable masks and hand sanitizer provided for attendees. More volunteers are needed so if you are able to volunteer, please let Mark know.

The club purchased a 14 foot, dual axle cargo Carlson trailer 7000

GVW several years ago. In the January windstorm some of the roof metal was peeled back and needs repair. The club would like to sell it for \$900. If you are interested, please let Mark or Wayne know.

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25th of the month preceding  
publication month.**

Membership renewals are due in April and if you have any address or email address changes, please advise Mary or Bob Lowe.

Under New Business some suggestions have been made as to some meeting programs such as what is required for a water permit with a question and answer period, facets of gold mining, how to complete an Idaho dredge permit, how to get a claim, information on Idaho claims, and information on Montana claims to name a few ideas brought forth. If you have any suggestions or would like to present a program at a meeting, please advise so it can be put in the newsletter for an upcoming meeting.

Also we need people to fill positions of Claims Committee, President, and Secretary.

The program for April will be a video on **Where Gold Settles**.

As of today, March 11 the price of gold is \$1,717.79.

Under Old Business Mark gave an update on FS Road 152 and explained the interesting process he has been going through for a plan of operation to be accepted. It seems the USFS just recently has new people once again but Mark is still being optimistic that we will still be able to get ATV and UTV access for mining in Oregon Gulch.

A break was called for and after reconvening Mark asked for any other old or new business, having none, the raffles were held and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

**Mary Lowe  
Secretary**

short time. Mrs. Stockton assisted me very much as an interpreter.

I bought young steers for \$8 each and gradually added to my herd. I got along well until next spring when the beef eating population began to steal my fat cattle, and seemed determined I should get no richer. The country was over-stocked with desperate and lawless renegades in Los Angeles and from one to four dead men was about the number picked up in the streets each morning. They were of low class, and there was no investigation, simply a burial at public expense.

The permanent Spanish population seemed honest and benevolent, but there were many bad ones from Chili, Sonora, Mexico, Texas, Utah and Europe, who seemed always on an errand of mischief a murder, thieving or robbery.

Three or four suspicious looking men came on horseback and made their camp near the Mission under an oak tree, where they staid sometime. They always left someone in camp while the others went away every day on their horses, and acted so strangely that the report soon became current that they were stealing horses and running them off to some safe place in the mountains till a quantity could be accumulated to take to the mines to sell. On this information the Vigilance Committee arrested the man in camp and brought him to a private room, where he was tried by twelve men, who found him guilty of horse stealing, and sentenced to be hung at once, for horse stealing was a capital offence in those days.

To carry out the sentence they procured a cart, put a box on it for a seat, and with a rope around his neck and seated on the box, the condemned man was dragged off by hand to an oak tree not far away, whither he was followed by all the men, women and children of the place, who where nearly all natives. While preparations were being made under the tree some one called out that men were riding rapidly from the direction of Los Angeles, and from the dust they raised seemed to be more than usually in haste. So it was proposed to wait till they came up. It was soon known that an Indian had been sent to Los Angeles to give news to the man's friends there, and they had come with all the speed of their horses to try to save his life. They talked and inquired around a little and then proposed the question whether to hang him or to turn him over to the lawful authorities for regular trial. This was put to a vote and it was decided to spare him now. So the rope was taken off his neck, and he was turned over to Mr. Mallard the Mission Justice of the Peace, much to the relief of the fellow who saw death staring him in the face.

The Santa Anita ranch, now owned by E. J. Baldwin, was owned by Henry Dalton, an Englishman, who came with a stock of goods worth \$75,000, years before, but now had only the ranch left. The Azuza, a short

## Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

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distance south was occupied by his brother.

I became well acquainted with many of these old California natives, and found them honest in their dealings, good to the needy and in all my travels never found more willing hands to bestow upon relatives, friends or strangers ready relief than I saw among these simple natives. Their kindness to our party when we came starving on the desert in 1850, can never be praised enough, and as long as I shall live my best wishes shall go with them.

I was one day riding with Vincent Duarte down toward Anaheim when he suddenly dismounted to kill a large tarantula by pelting him with stones. It was the first one I had seen, and seemed an over-grown spider. I asked him if the thing was harmful, and he replied with considerable warmth, "Mucho malo por Christianos" and I wondered if the insect knew saints from sinners.

This spring we concluded to go to the Mormon settlement at San Bernardino and secure some American bulls to improve our stock, and starting late one day I rode as far as the Azuza Rancho where I staid all night with Mr. Dalton, reaching the holy city, a branch of Brigham Young's harem next day. Here I found a town of log houses in a circle, enclosing a plaza. There was a passage between the houses. I stopped at the principal hotel kept by a vigorous and enthusiastic Mormon woman, who delighted to preach the doctrine.

Walking around on the outside of the fortifications I came across Capt. Hunt, the man who was hired in the fall of 1849 to bring the big train from Salt Lake to San Bernardino.

I told him who I was, and what I wanted, and he seemed to know me, inviting me in the most friendly and social manner to take supper with him, which I did. He sat at the head of the table and introduced me to his three wives. The furnishing of the house was cheap and common, but the table was fairly provided for. He said he would help me to find the animals I wanted, and in the morning showed me two which he had, that were young and suitable, and a larger one which he said I could have if I could drive him.

I soon found out that I had better move or sell my cattle, for with all my watching I could do they gradually disappeared, and hungry thieves who could live on beef alone, visited my little band of cattle too often and took what they wanted, and I could not detect them. I soon sold to four buyers from the north, L. D. Stevens, David Grant, Sam Craig and Mr. Wilson, and hired out with my two horses to help them drive the band north, at a salary of \$100 per month.

Disposing most of my money with Palmer, Cook & Co., I went to see my mine at Moore's Flat. There were two boats leaving at about the same time, one for Stockton, and one for Sacramento, the latter of which I took, and Rogers the other. Both landed at Benicia, and when we swung

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away from that wharf Rogers and I saluted each other with raised and swinging hats, shouted a good bye, and I have never seen him since.

At Moore's Flat I found my mine well and profitably worked by Mr. Tyler and as his lease was not out I returned to San Jose, as I had learned from Rogers that Mr. A. Bennett was at Watsonville, and Mr. Arcane at Santa Cruz, and I desired to visit them. I rode back across the country and found Mr. Bennett and family at the point where the Salinas river enters Monterey Bay. They were all well, and were glad to see me for they did not know I was in California. Mrs. Bennett was greatly affected at our meeting and shed tears of joy as she shook hands.

Bennett had a nice Whitehall boat and we had a genuine happy time hunting, fishing and gathering clams, and also in social visits among the neighbors and old acquaintances, among them one Jacob Rhodehouse of Wisconsin.

While here I rode my horse around to Monterey and to Carmel Mission, where I staid two or three days with Mr. Gourley, a brother of Mrs. William M. Stockton, who was here engaged in raising potatoes. I walked along the beach near some rocky islands near the shore, and on these rocks were more sea lions and seals than I supposed the whole ocean contained—the most wonderful show of sea life on the California coast. Returning I staid all night at the crossing of the Salinas with a colored family who gave me good accommodations for self and horse. I heard afterward that this family was attacked by robbers and all but one murdered.

Mrs. Bennett's father D. J. Dille lived near here also, and I had not seen him since the time in Wisconsin, when he hauled my canoe over to the river in 1849. One day while fishing on the beach we found the body of a man, which we carried above the tide and buried in the sand.

I gave one of my horses to Geo. Bennett, and went over to Santa Cruz, where I found Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Arcane and son Charles in a comfortable home, well situated, and overjoyed to see me.

He knew everyone in town, and as we went about he never missed to introduce me to every one we met, as the man who helped himself and family out of Death Valley, and saved their lives. Arcane was a very polite Frenchman and knew how to manage such things very gracefully, but with all his grace and heartiness it made me feel quite a little embarrassed to be made so much of publicly and among strangers. He

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took me in his buggy and we drove along the beach, and to the limekiln of Cowell & Jordan, also to the court house when court was in session.

Upon the hill I met Judge Watson, the father of Watsonville, and a Mr. Graham, an old settler and land owner, and on this occasion he pulled a sheet of ancient, smoky looking paper from beneath his arm, pointed to a dozen or so of written lines in Spanish and then with a flourish of the precious document in Watson's face dared him to beat that, or get him off his land. I must say that never in my life was I better entertained than here.

From Santa Cruz I crossed the mountain on a lonely and romantic trail to San Jose again, finding very few houses on the road. Here I went to work for R. G. Moody building a gristmill on the banks of the Coyote Creek, to be run by water from artesian wells. When the mill was done I went for my horse, and on my return I ran very unexpectedly upon Davenport Helms, to whom I had sold my little black mule in 1850. Our talk was short but he told me he had killed a man in Georgetown, and the sheriff was looking for him. He was now venturing to town for tobacco, and would hurry back to the hills again where he was herding cattle.

He said he kept them off at one time by getting in a piece of chaparral and presenting his gun to them when they came near, they dare not advance on him. Then he laughed and said—"And all the time my gun was empty, for I did not have a d—d thing to put into it." "I tell you they don't catch old Davenport. Now don't you tell on me. Good-bye." I saw him no more after that.

The town of San Jose was now more of a town than it was a few

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**Gold is \$1,732.00 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,580.80 an ounce!**

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"I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it."

— Thomas Jefferson

### Notice

Eagle City Park is privately owned and operated and is for the exclusive use of Eagle City Park Members and their guests and is open to all NWGPA members the weekend after the second Thursday of the month from May thru October, free of charge for day use. Overnight camping during this weekend is \$20 per family for the whole weekend (Friday thru Sunday). Potluck picnic is at 4pm on Saturday that weekend.

You are welcome to come and prospect and / or camp at other times. The fees are \$20 per family per day, \$30 per family per weekend (Friday thru Sunday), \$100 per family per week and \$300 per family per month.

Please call 208-699-8128 or 208-682-4661 for reservations.

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 **439 Eagle Creek Road**, the Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. **GPS is 47°38'51"N & 115°54'37"W**

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years before. The "Forty Thieves," and others, commenced building a city hall of brick on the top of old adobe walls, and this was the principal improvement, except the Moody mill near the Sutter house, one street north of Julian.

After finishing work on the mill I drew my money from the bank in San Francisco and started for the mines on horseback. Near French Camp, on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley, many cattle were feeding on the plains, and among them, much to my surprise I found "Old Crump," the ox that brought Bennett's and Arcane's children safe through from Death Valley in February, 1850. He was now fat and sleek and as kind and gentle as when so poor upon the terrible journey. I got off my horse and went up to him, and patted my old friend. I was glad to find him so contented and happy, and I doubt not that he too was glad. I met a man near by and asked him about the ox, and he said that the owner would not sell him nor allow him to be worked, for he knew of the faithful part he performed in the world, and respected him for it.

At Sacramento I deposited my money with Page, Bacon & Co., a branch of the St. Louis firm of the same name, considered the safest bank in the United States. Their bills were taken in payment of Government land. Some rascals had some counterfeit bills on their bank, and traded them off for gold with the Missourians who were going home, and the poor fellows found themselves poor on arrival.

Going to my mine, where I left only a cabin or two, I found quite a village with two hotels and a post office.

News soon came that the banks had closed their door, and Page and Bacon also, so I concluded that I was broke. The "Pikers" said Page and Bacon could not, nor would not fail, but news was against them. The boys now tried to persuade me to go to Sacramento, and try to get my money and if I succeeded, to bring up a good stock of goods and they would buy of me in preference to any one else. On this showing I went down, and finding my old friend Lyman Ross (well known in San Jose) who was keeping a fruit store. I told him my business and he took me to L. A. Booth, Carrol & Co., and I stated to him the facts about my money in the bank and the doors closed. I told him if he would assist me I would buy \$2000 worth of his goods, and send them to Moore's Flat. I endorsed the certificate over to him, and in half an hour he came back with the coin. How he got it I never knew, but he did me a great favor, and we have been good friends ever since. I was no merchant, nor had I any mercantile education, so I took lessons from Mr. Booth, and allowed him to make out for me a bill of goods such as he well knew I needed. With these we loaded up two 6 mule teams, and started for the mountain.

I had about \$700 left besides paying for the goods, but I felt a very little troubled as to my prospect for success, for it was a new business to me. Mr. Booth in a business way was a true father to me, and the much needed points in trade which he gave me were stored away for the use I knew I would make of them. Of all those whom I bear in grateful remembrance none stand higher than this worthy man.

I went first direct to Nevada City to take out a license that I might best protect myself against oppositions and from there I had a walk of 18 miles over a rough mountain trail to my selected place of business. Climbing the great hill of the S. Yuba river I often tired and sat down to rest, and I used this time to study my bill of goods, and add the

freight and profit to the cost, so as to be well posted, and able to answer all questions readily when I unloaded the stock. The new trade seemed quite a task to learn, but I felt that I was compelled to succeed, and I worked manfully at it.

When I reached Moore's Flat I found that the boys had rented a store for me, and their welcome was very hearty when they found how lucky I had been in securing my money and starting out as their "grub supplier."

Four of us now located some mining claims, and began a tunnel both to drain the ground, and to work through the bed-rock. This we named The Paradise, and we expected that three or four months would elapse before we made it pay, but there was in truth two years of solid rock-work before we got under the ground, but it paid well in the end.

The largest nugget of gold ever found before this time was a quartz boulder from the Buckeye sluice, about 8 by 10 inches in size, and when cleaned up at the San Francisco mint the value was about \$10,000.

Two of my partners in the work, L. J. Hanchett, and Jas. Clark ran out of funds at the end of the first year, and I took as much of the expense as I could upon my own shoulders.

About this time learning by a letter from her father that Mrs. Bennett was lying at the point of death at Mr. L. C. Bostic's in San Jose, I left H. Hanchett in charge of my business, and in four days I stood beside the bedside of my friend, endeared through the trials when death by thirst, starvation and the desert sands, stared us in the face with all its ghastliness.

She reached out her arms and drew me down to her, and embraced me and said in a faint whisper—"God bless you:—you saved us all till now, and I hope you will always be happy and live long." She would have said more, but her voice was so weak she could not be heard. She was very low with consumption, and easily exhausted. I sat with her much of the time at her request and though for her sake I would have kept back the tears I could not always do it. Two doctors came, one of them Dr. Spencer, and as I sat with my face partly turned away I over heard Dr. S. say to his assistant—"He is a manly man."

This presence and the circumstances brought back the trying Death Valley struggles, when this woman and her companions, and the poor children, so nearly starved they could not stand alone, were only prevented from sitting down to die in sheer despair by the encouraging words of Rogers and myself who had passed over the road, and used every way to sustain their courage.

She died the following day; with Mr. Bennett, I followed her remains to Oak Hill cemetery, where she was buried near the foot of the hill, and a board marked in large letters, "S. B." (Sarah Bennett) placed to mark the mound. The grave cannot now be found, and no records being then kept it is probably lost.

I went home with Mr. Bennett to his home near Watsonville, and spent several days, meeting several of our old Death Valley party, and Mr. D. J. Dilley, Mrs. Bennett's father. Mrs. Bennett left surviving her a young babe.

*To be continued.....*

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"I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

— **Thomas Jefferson**

*A number of us meet at Zips, across the highway from the Senior Center for dinner at 4:30pm on the day of the meeting. Come join us!*

## Treasurer's Report March 2021

<b>Balance Forward from February 28, 2021</b>	<b>\$10,925.35</b>
Booths, Tables & Chairs: Other than Gold Show	\$370.00
Monthly Meeting Raffle & 50/50:	\$37.50
Monthly Meeting Club Merchandise:	\$19.00
Gold Show: Final Booths, Tables & Chairs:	\$905.00
Gold Show: Merchandise & Gold Cups	\$687.00
Gold Show: Main Raffle	\$1,662.00
Gold Show: Memberships	\$2,795.00
Gold Show: Admissions	5,325.00
Memberships: Other Than Gold Show	\$135.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$11,935.50</b>
Walmart: (Envelopes)	\$2.50
Home Depot: Gold Show	\$3.34
Bill Izzard: Gold Show Signage Reimbursement	\$53.84
Pro Print: Gold Show Ballots	\$42.40
Nickels Worth: Gold Show Advertising	\$250.00
Huckleberry Press: Gold Show Advertising	\$124.00
Michaels: Gold Show	\$16.95
Consumer Cellular: Phone Bill	\$17.95
Mountain Trader: Gold Show Advertising	\$160.65
Ace Hardware:	\$11.48
Ace Hardware:	\$17.37
Rathdrum Senior Center: Building Rental	\$80.00
Square Credit Card Fees: Club Meeting	\$0.52
Raffle Award: Cash Gold Show	\$500.00
Square Credit Card Fees: Gold Show	\$39.35
Northwest Offset Printing:	\$297.98
USPS: Gold Show Raffle Prize Shipping Fees	\$13.30
North Idaho State Fair: Fairgrounds	\$2,485.70
USPS: Postage Stamps for Club	\$11.00
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$4,128.33</b>
<b>Ending Balance: March 26, 2021</b>	<b>\$18,732.52</b>

### Important!

If you have any digital photos of any prospecting / mining activities, outings, meetings, wildlife, etc., that you would be willing to share, please email or send copies of them to me to be included in a digital photo slideshow.

Also, I would be interested in getting future photos covering the same topics as above. Slideshows are a great draw at meetings and gold shows. Also, I can use them in the Nugget News.

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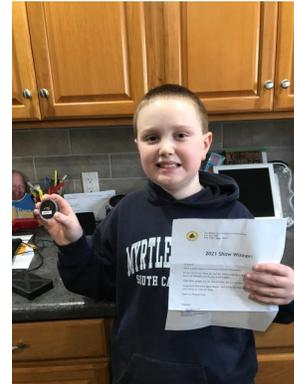
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## Raffle Winners!



The Winner of \$500.00 cash was James Gordon. Only thing I can say is that he and his girlfriend were pretty happy. Nice couple.



The smaller Gold Nugget was won by Daniel Olafson. Daniel came all the way from Minnesota with his parents to see our Show. He was interested in meeting Dave Peterson from "Dream Mat". I spoke with Dave and he spent some time with young Daniel to show him his long trip was worth it. I think Dave Peterson was a bit overwhelmed by the whole experience as it certainly caught him off guard and tugged at his heartstrings a bit. I can tell you that Daniel's trip was a memorable one per his dad.

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## A Must Have Book

### “Fists Full of Gold”

By Chris Ralph

Cover Price \$29.95

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Goldstone Publishing; 362-pages



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**Nomination: Open**

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**Programs: Open**

**Financial Audit: Open**

**Note: If you would like to become an officer of the Association or a member of any of our committees, please contact one of the board members above. A club or association is only as good as those who volunteer their talent and time!**

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The larger Gold Nugget was also won by a great recipient. As I understand Zeke Klemenok is a special needs young man but didn't require any special needs to get excited over his name being drawn for this Raffle prize. As you can see Mr. Zeke is one happy boy!

### Field Guide to Recreational Prospecting in Montana

55 detailed maps  
local advice  
regulations  
89 pages  
**\$14.95**

### Gold Panners' Guide to Idaho

by *Tom Bohmker*  
80 detailed maps  
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Tom Bohmker (503)606-9895

## 2021 Club Calendar

*All future meetings are on hold at the moment. Look to this calendar for any changes in meeting dates, times and other activities. Stay safe and try to enjoy yourselves.*

<i>April 8th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>May 13th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>May 15th</i>	<i>First Outing &amp; Claims Tour</i>
<i>June 10th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>June 12th</i>	<i>Outing</i>
<i>July 8th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>July 10th</i>	<i>Outing</i>
<i>August 12th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>August 14th</i>	<i>Outing</i>
<i>September 9th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>September 11th</i>	<i>Outing, Pig Roast &amp; Civil War Reenactment</i>
<i>October 14th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>October 16th</i>	<i>Last Outing &amp; Chili Feed</i>
<i>November 11th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>December 9th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>December 12th</i>	<i>Christmas Potluck (Tentative)</i>

All dates are subject to change & other events will be added when dates are known. Check back often.

Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny.

Thomas Jefferson

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## In Memoriam

Longtime NWGPA Member # 0317,  
**Gail Muckey**  
 passed away January 11, 2021.  
 She is survived by her daughters Julie and Sherryl.

To Eagle City Camp Friends; in loving memory of **Gail Muckey**, her daughters **Julie & Sherryl** would like you to know of Gail's passing on January 11, 2021. We want to let you know how very much our parents enjoyed Eagle City Gold Camp and the friendships that came with. Although they were a quiet couple, they thoroughly enjoyed the conversations and activities! A special thank you to **Bob & Mary Lowe and Pee-wee** for their generous kindness and help with projects. Thank you for the many adventures! We look forward to continuing the camp tradition with our "GoldFever" friends.

**Julie, Rocque & Sherryl**

## In Memoriam

At the show we learned that  
**Phill Roy Graves**, NWGPA Member # 2140  
 passed away 9/26/20. May he rest in Peace!



**On Saturday, this young Prospector gets a "hands on" lesson from Club Member & Vendor Chris Cosby from Golden Ridge Mining.**

## 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 karat/carat?

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

24K donated by 100% Pure Gold  
 18K donated by 75% Pure Gold  
 14K donated by 58% Pure Gold  
 10K donated by 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

## Editor's Note

We are always looking for stories to fill our pages. Please take a minute to jot down a story (fact or fiction) and send it into me.

Tell us about your experiences, plans or ideas. Letters to the editor, pictures, jokes (clean, of course), car-toons and ads are all welcome.

Recipes, web pages of interest, email, magazine and news clippings are also needed.

A newsletter is only as good as the article and content submitted.

Please give it a try and wake up the writing genius in you.

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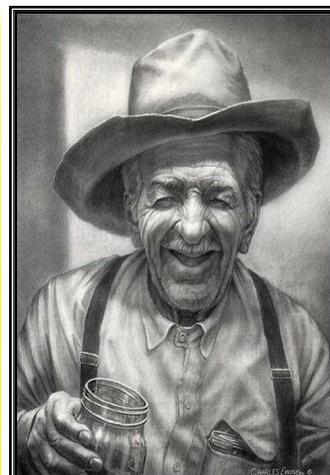
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**Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.**

# Recipe(s) of the Month

## Butter Beef

Easy, melt-in-your mouth onion-buttery beef from your slow cooker!

### Ingredients

- 3 pounds cubed beef stew meat
- ½ cup butter
- 1 (1 ounce) envelope dry onion soup mix
- Egg noodles (cooked per package instructions)

### Directions

Place the beef and butter into a slow cooker. Sprinkle the onion soup mix over. Cover, and cook on Low for 8 hours, or High for 4 to 5 hours. Stir once or twice.

Serve over cooked egg noodles

Note: This is a great recipe to experiment with. Try other spices and/or serve over potatoes, rice, etc.

# The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

**The first to apologize is the bravest.  
The first to forgive is the strongest.  
and  
The first to forget is the happiest....**

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day we become silent about  
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