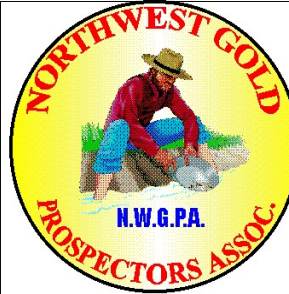


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THE GOLD HUNTERS OF CALIFORNIA

Up to 1866 all communication was by stage between Marysville, Stockton and Sacramento, and the interior mining camps. At least twenty coaches a day left Marysville for the mines. Some of these Concord coaches carried thirty passengers; and were drawn by six horses.

From Sacramento the stage travel was even greater. The drivers were paid at first from \$100 to \$150 per month. There was much rivalry among the drivers as to which was the most expert at the business. Indeed it required a cool head and a steady hand to handle six horses on the rough, sometimes dangerous mountain roads. But the driver's sole care was the management of his horses. At every station where the horses were changed a hostler unhitched the tired team and replaced it with fresh animals. After delivering his passengers at the end of his journey, the driver would take his team to the company barn, when his part of the work was finished, for that trip.

Among those hardy drivers, strange to say, was once a woman; as good a driver as could be found. Disguised in male attire, she drove a stage for twenty years, from Knight's Ferry to Stockton, without any one suspecting her sex.

About 1870 I made the trip with her. She was quite tall, broad shouldered and compactly built. Her face was much bronzed from exposure and she spoke in rather a masculine, falsetto voice. She was an expert driver and handled her four horses with perfect

25th Annual Gold Prospecting & Treasure Show

A big thank you to our volunteers for their time and assistance before, during and after the show and to our vendors and individuals for their generosity of donation items for the raffles and door prizes..... you helped to make this 25th show a huge success!

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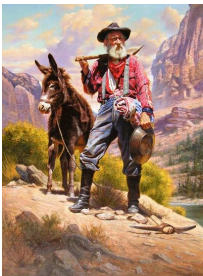
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The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Hayden Eagles located at 1520 W Wyoming Ave, Hayden, ID 83835. Our regular outings are at Eagle City Park the weekend following the monthly meeting from May thru September with a potluck at 4pm on Saturday. Other outings will be announced by the President and posted in the newsletter.



Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe



Water and Aspirin PLEASE READ!

A cardiologist determined that heart attacks can be triggered by dehydration. Good Thing To Know. From The Mayo Clinic. How many folks do you know who say they don't want to drink anything before going to

bed because they'll have to get up during the night? Heart Attack and Water - Drinking one glass of water before going to bed avoids stroke or heart attack. Interesting.....

Something else I didn't know I asked my Doctor why people need to urinate so much at night time Answer from my Cardiac Doctor: Gravity holds water in the lower part of your body when you are upright (legs swell). When you lie down and the lower body (legs and etc.) seeks level with the kidneys, it is then that the kidneys remove the water because it is easier. I knew you needed your minimum water to help flush the toxins out of your body, but this was news to me.

Correct time to drink water... Very Important. From A Cardiac Specialist!

Drinking water at a certain time maximizes its effectiveness on the body:

- 2 glasses of water** after waking up - helps activate internal organs
- 1 glass of water** 30 minutes before a meal - helps digestion
- 1 glass of water** before taking a bath - helps lower blood pressure
- 1 glass of water** before going to bed - avoids stroke or heart attack

I can also add to this... My Physician told me that water at bed time will also help prevent night time leg cramps. Your leg muscles are seeking hydration when they cramp and wake you up with a Charlie Horse.

Mayo Clinic on Aspirin

Dr. Virend Somers is a Cardiologist from the Mayo Clinic who is the lead author of the report in the July 29, 2008 issue of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology. Most heart attacks occur in the day, generally between 6 A.M. and noon. Having one during the night, when the heart should be most at rest, means

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ease, not excelled by any of the men. At that time she had established a reputation for coolness and bravery that many a man, thirsting for notoriety might have envied.

Once, during a time of extreme high water in the Tuolumne River, when she reached its banks, found the river greatly swollen and essayed to cross. She could feel the trembling of the bridge beneath the horses feet; while below was the rush and whirl of angry waters. Instantly her resolution was taken, and without hesitation she sharply plied the lash to her faithful animals, who sped forward with a bound only reaching the other shore as the bridge was swept away, and narrowly escaping death in the surging flood.

At another time this brave creature was stopped by highwaymen, who demanded the express box she carried. At the points of levelled guns, deliberately she threw the box out, coolly remarking:

I was not thinking of this, but the next time you attempt to rob me I shall be fixed for you.

She whipped up her horses and drove away.

A few weeks afterwards when again two men attempted to stop her she shot the leader, applied the lash to her horses and escaped without harm.

The body of the highwayman was found by a searching party in an old tunnel near the scene of the shooting.

Some years later I read a newspaper account of her death; which occurred in Salinas Valley near the city of Watsonville, Monterey County. This article stated that after driving the stage over the same route for twenty-five years, she had, some two year previous to the writing, on account of suffering from rheumatism, given up stage driving and invested her earnings in a ranch near the town. There she led a quiet, industrious life, attending strictly to her own business, cultivating her land alone. Being missed from her accustomed employments about the ranch by her neighbors, for several days, a search was made and her body was found cold in death, on her bed in her little cabin. In preparing the body for burial, to the utter surprise of every one it was discovered, for the first time, that she

was a woman. Who she was, whence she came, what her previous history could have been, what crosses in love or disappointments in life had led her to assume the role, and do the work of a man, in one of the roughest callings of life, are mysteries never to be solved. She died and gave no sign.

I do not remember the name she bore.

The old California Stage Company, founded in 1854, held a virtual monopoly of the business up to 1861. The magnitude of the business can be imagined when I state that in 1858 they sent Wash Montgomery, one of their agents, to Missouri and Kentucky who bought for them 1,200 head of horses and drove them across the plains for use on their lines.

A quarrel ensued between the California Stage Company, which at that time controlled all the stage travel of the coast,

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and the Wells, Fargo Company. This resulted in the latter placing an opposition line between Sacramento and Virginia City. This competition brought about a reduction of the fare from \$40 to \$3 and a decrease in the running time to about thirty-six hours. The rate of speed being ten miles an hour, the most rapid rate of stage traveling of which I have ever heard in any part of the world. Considering the roughness of the road over which they traveled it was phenomenal.

This rivalry between the two companies finally resulted in the failure of the California Stage Company, and the better establishment of the Wells, Fargo system, which still exists to-day.

CHAPTER XII

The human tree that developed into Wm. C. Ralston, was peculiarly a California production; in no other soil could it have taken root, grown and flourished. It was the genius of Ralston that made the Bank of California not only the greatest financial institution on the Coast, but one of the strongest in the country, and its resources were, under the direction of the master hand controlling its machinery, always directed to the industrial development of San Francisco, California, and the Pacific Coast. Agriculture, mining, manufacturing and commerce were all aided, abetted and assisted. When the farmer needed money to harvest his crop, Ralston supplied it.

If a new mine was opened, Ralston was ready with assistance. When I. C. Bateman had reached the point where a mill was needed on the Northern Belle, Ralston gave him his individual check for seventy-five thousand dollars as a personal loan without security to erect it, and Bateman and his partners made millions.

When Stanford and his colleagues were pinched for money in constructing the Central Pacific Railroad, Ralston supplied it. When Peter Donahue needed money to complete his road to Gilroy, Ralston advanced it. He and his friends built the Pioche Road in Nevada. He believed in California with its illimitable possibilities of soil and climate, and he believed in San Francisco as the future metropolis of the Setting Sun. He projected ocean lines to the Sandwich Islands, Australia, China and Japan. His industry and energy were everywhere in evidence, his dream was to make San

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Francisco a great manufacturing center. The Mission Woolen Mills, the lead works, refining works and nail works were built through his advice and assistance. He built a watch factory and carriage factory, which, had he lived, I have no doubt would have been in operation today. He left among other monuments to his civic ambition and public enterprise, the Grand Hotel of five hundred rooms and the Palace Hotel of one thousand rooms.

With great capacity for work, he grew strong under tasks that would have destroyed an ordinary man. Quick to grasp a proposition, whether of public or private enterprise, and to push it with a zeal that defied defeat, he infused into the business life of San Francisco the personality of his dominant energy and tireless enterprise.

Without envy or malice, devoid of greed, generous, magnanimous and noble, he permitted others to reap when he had sown. If an enterprise failed to materialize dollars, as rapidly as expected, rather than endure the winnings of faint-hearted partners, he would assume its burthens; indeed, it was a common saying applied to one of his associates, that Ralston caught the hares and his friend picked out the fat ones.

His sympathy for his fellow-man was humanitarian; he never lost sight of the fact that he was the son of a carpenter and spent his early youth in shoving the jack-plane. He would always find time to find a good job for the working-man and to tide a struggling, worthy fellow over the tides of threatened danger. He paid labor the highest wage. It was he who induced James Lick to endow a technical school in San Francisco where young men could be educated in mechanical art.

While he was the dominant power on the coast and beloved of all classes, Ralston had enemies most malignant and bitter, acting upon the reports of experts whom he confided in, he and his friends invested largely in Savage Stock, under the belief that the ore bodies of the Con. Virginia and California dipped into the Savage ground. There was one hundred and ten thousand shares in the mine and when the collapse came, it dropped from six hundred and fifty dollars per share to fifty dollars in a week.

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Then began a systematic assault through the columns of the Call and Bulletin upon Ralston and the California Bank. It was charged that he had defrauded the public in the Diamond Swindle elsewhere related in this book, when in fact he and others had taken hold of it upon a report made by one of the best experts of the city, Ralston putting in his own money and afterwards paying over \$300,000 to those who bought in on his advice. The company was formed, but Ralston locked up the stock, refusing to sell a share until the value of the property was proven.

It was also charged that he was about to revive the old De Hara claim to a large portion of the City of San Francisco, a falsehood most infamous in its conception and promulgation. These and other charges were made against Ralston, and with insinuations and indirect charges affecting the integrity of the Bank of California, were sent broadcast to every financial center. As the bank was drawing direct upon London, Paris, Antwerp, Berlin and other cities of Europe, it is not surprising that its credit was affected throughout the financial world, and that with assets non-convertable for the moment, it was not able to meet the constant drain upon its resources.

The bank closed its doors on the 26th of August, 1875. The enemies of Ralston had triumphed. He met his tragic death on the 27th. The Daily Alta of the 28th had the following:

The tragic story of yesterday is briefly told. The early morning saw W. C. Ralston departing from his home for the bank, leaving his wife and his children penniless laying down his entire property, home and all, on the altar of financial honor. He sacrificed all, to help the bank. In the great pride of manhood, he met the Board of Trustees, men who, with few exceptions, had been lifted by his genius, from obscurity to affluence. There were those among them (and we are informed that Mr. Sharon was one of those), who offered to stand by him until the last dollar, and the last drop of blood were gone. When the Board of Trustees met, Mr. Ralston was requested to withdraw, because they desired to consult on some matters which would require his absence. He withdrew to his office. Soon, he was

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waited upon by D. O. Mills, who, by instructions of the Board, presented to him a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board, requesting his resignation. Immediately he handed the required document to Mr. Mills, and after a few moments conversation with a friend, he went from his office into the general banking room, and never returned. It appears that he left the bank by the Sansome Street entrance, went up Sansome to Clay, thence to Stockton Street, and to the Bath House at North Beach. The proprietor of the bath suggested to him, upon his request for towels, that he was too warm to go into the water. It seems that he had walked all the way from the bank. His handkerchief and underclothing, when found and examined, nearly an hour after his death, were dripping with perspiration. And this is the story. We have no comment to make upon the agencies that brought about this result.

The streets were alive with people until a late hour last night, and at all points the sad event of the day, which has cast a gloom over the city, was the subject of discussion.

The following is the report of the Coroner s Jury:

The deceased was William C. Ralston, late of the City and County of San Francisco. His age was 49 years, and he was a native of Ohio. On Friday afternoon, August 27, 1875, Mr. Ralston, according to his habit of bathing there, proceeded to the North Beach for the purpose of sea bathing. He used every

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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 September, 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) or any three days during the week, \$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**

reasonable and proper precaution to reduce his bodily temperature before entering the water. He was carried by the flood tide beyond his power to return, and his exertions to regain the shore, added to the shock to his system by contact with the water, while he was overheated, produced congestion of the brain and vital organs. His death was caused primarily by such congestion, and secondarily by drowning. The jury were unanimously of the opinion, and do find that Mr. Ralston's death was accidental.

Signed:

*J. B. Garniss, R. F. Morrow,
C. L. Weller, J. R. Keene,
H. F. Williams, W. H. L. Barnes,
A. A. Cohen, J. C. L. Wadsworth.*

The Coroner, after the jury had rendered their report, thanked them for the diligence and care they had exercised in arriving at their verdict. He also stated that he had left nothing undone that would bring out all the facts in the case.

On Tuesday, August 29th, memorial sermons were preached in all the leading churches of the city. On Monday, the day of the funeral, San Francisco put on the garb of mourning, flags were at half-mast from public and private buildings throughout the city, and citizens en masse turned out to do honor to the memory of him who had been the master force in beautifying San Francisco and paving the way to the magnificent commercial importance she to-day enjoys. The procession, three miles long, that on foot and in vehicles followed his remains to Lone Mountain, and the thousands of men, women and children that with bowed heads lined the streets along which passed the mournful cortege was without class distinction in doing honor to California's most distinguished citizen; the laborer took his place by the side of the millionaire, all stood silent under shadow of great disaster, for it was recognized that in the untimely taking off of this man a great calamity had been visited upon the city and caused evils which time alone could repair.

Even with his death and burial the tongue of slander was not silenced.

On the third of September, there appeared as an advertisement, draped in somber black, the following:

MEETING

All the friends of the late William C. Ralston are requested to meet at Union Hall, this evening, September 8, 1875, at 8 o'clock.

Fears were entertained that the meeting might result in mob violence or the organization of a vigilance committee. Such was not its purpose, it was a meeting called in order that the true feeling cherished by San Francisco for her dead friend and benefactor might find expression in eulogy of his life and character and in solemn protests against his defamers.

At the appointed time, twenty thousand people assembled to do justice to his memory. The hall was crowded and overflow meetings were organized. It was a representation of all classes. From the speeches made on this occasion, I make the following extracts:

Col. W. H. L. Barnes:

There is no well-founded accusation against him. It was said, falsely said, that he was a defaulter to the Bank of California. Now, gentlemen, that is not so. It has never been

responsibly asserted. If I understand the meaning of the term, as we use it in connection with such an institution, it means one who feloniously secretes and absorbs to his own benefit, the moneys that are entrusted to him. Is there any man who will say that of William C. Ralston?

Of his enormous fortune, it all went to the public. The alleged defalcations simply are indebtedness to the bank of which he was President, which his estate is believed to be ample to meet.

There is not a laboring man, there is not a mechanic, there is not a citizen of San Francisco, that has not reaped the benefit of those loans. What if the capital of the Bank of California was impaired by loans to the Mission Woolen Mills? It has made an institution that is the pride of the city and state, and is worth, to-day, more than a million dollars over and above every cent it owes the Bank of California. Your factories and your places of public industry the sources from which your best class of artisans, your skilled mechanics, get their living and support their families have been taken care of by this capital of the Bank of California. And I think it is a great deal better to have it in that shape than to have it in Yellow Jacket and Savage. They said there is an over issue of the stock of the Bank of California. Gentlemen, I say here now, that if there ever was an unmitigated, good, old-fashioned, American lie, it is that.

What shall I say of him as a friend? Whoever knew him but found in him a loyal, faithful, honest hearted, tender, sympathizing, self-sacrificing friend. It made no difference what your trouble was,—monetary or personal,—whatever it was, you could take him when the financial tide was surging and sweeping about him, and he could strip himself of all his own cares and anxieties, and sit clown and hear what you had to say, and set himself to work with that resistless energy of his, to bear you safely through. No poor man ever went to him and received an unkind word. No defenseless woman, no little child ever begged of him, but found his pocket as free as his advice. None ever spoke to that man and had him put them through all the phases of their misery before he relieved them. He gave everywhere, to everybody. And if a little child wanted a place to work, and went to him, he would lay aside his business and go with it in hand until he found something for it to do. Everywhere, with everybody, he was generous, kindly, considerate. He never cringed to a rich man, and he never turned his back upon a poor one. His proudest boast was that he was a man of the people; that his father was a carpenter, that he learned his trade, and I remember—and it only occurs to me at this moment that when, a couple of years ago, I was discussing before the public that question, What shall we do with our boys? he said that if a trade school should be started here for these untrained, uneducated boys, he would give, \$100,000 to start it. And it was through his influence, and through his persuasions toward those who were most near him, that James Lick made that munificent provision, which still exists, for the establishment in San Francisco of a great trade school for boys. However you look at him, in whatever he did, whatever he attempted to do, he never, never, and God, who hears the assertion, knows its truth acted from a selfish, base, or ignoble motive.

Hon. Thomas Fitch:

What part of human speech can fitly eulogize the man we have lost? What brush of artist, or pen of dramatist can depict the benefactions of his generous life, and the tragedy of his heroic death? His deeds speak for him in tones that sound like the blare of trumpets, his monuments rise from every rood of ground in your city. His eulogy is written on ten thousand hearts, commerce commemorates his deeds with her whitening sails and her laden

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wharves, philanthropy chimes the bells of all public charities in attestation of his liberality, patriotism sings peans for him, who in the hour of the nation s struggle, sent the ringing gold of mercy to chime with the flashing steel of valor. Unnumbered deeds of private generosity attest his secret charities, sorrow has found solace in his deeds, despair has been lifted into hope by his bounty, there are charities whose heaven-kissing spires chronicle his donations to the cause of religion, schools claim him as their patron, hospitals own him as their benefactor. Art has found in him a supporter, science leaned on him while her vision swept the infinite, the feet of progress have been sandaled with his silver. He has upheld invention while she wrestled with the dead forces of nature. He was the life of all enterprise, the vigor of all progress, the epitome and representative of all that is broadening, and expansive, and uplifting, in the life of California. Would you show honor and hospitality to travelers renowned in letters, arts or arms? Ralston was the princely host.

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To be continued.....

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Volunteers working the show:

- Tom Fealy
- Connie Jewett
- Jim Stephens
- Anne Stephens
- Bill Izzard
- Bob Lowe
- Mary Lowe
- Wayne McCarroll
- Diane McCarroll
- Bob Grammer
- Donna Smathers
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- Della James
- Dale James
- Amy James
- Thomas Szczeszinski
- Ruth Szczeszinski
- Lynne Becker
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- Jeremy Clausen

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- Stephanie Oliver
- Marc DeLoach
- Donnie Moen
- Mack DeYoung
- David McNeill
- Crystal McNeill
- Gene Hamersky
- Jim Peterson
- John Burkey



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.

Send to: bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com

Thanks.....Bob

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that something unusual happened. Somers and his colleagues have been working for a decade to show that sleep apnea is to blame.

1. If you take an aspirin or a baby aspirin once a day, take it at night. The Reason: Aspirin has a 24-hour "half-life"; therefore, if most heart attacks happen in the wee hours of the morning, the Aspirin would be strongest in your system.
2. Aspirin lasts a really long time in your medicine chest – years! (When it gets old, it smells like vinegar).

Please read on...Something that we can do to help ourselves - nice to know. Bayer is making crystal aspirin to dissolve instantly on the tongue. They work much faster than the tablets.

Why keep Aspirin by your bedside?

It's about Heart Attacks - There are other symptoms of a heart attack, besides the pain on the left arm. One must also be aware of an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating; however, these symptoms may also occur less frequently.

Note: There may be NO pain in the chest during a heart attack. The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep. If that happens, immediately dissolve two aspirins in your mouth and swallow them with a bit of water.

Afterwards: - Call 911. - Phone a neighbour or a family member who lives very close by. Say "Heart Attack!" - Say that you have taken 2 Aspirins. - Take a seat on a chair or sofa near the front door, and wait for their arrival and**DO NOT LIE DOWN!**

TEAMWORK

...means never having to take all the blame yourself.

Treasurers Report March 2024

Balance Forward	\$9,221.88
Income:	
Memberships Total Gold Show	\$3,225.00
Admissions, Gold Show Total	\$5,710.00
Raffle, Gold Show Total	\$1,747.00
Club Merchandise, Gold Show Total	\$1,063.00
Booths, Tables, Chairs: Gold Show Total	\$833.00
Interest: Checking Account	\$0.68
Total income	\$12,578.68
Disbursements:	
Consumer Cellular: Phone Bill	\$20.13
Northwest Offset Printing: Newsletter	\$291.26
Cash for 2024 Show Raffle Prize:	\$500.00
Elk Creek Gold: Club Raffle Items	\$80.00
Gary Sturgill Enterprises: Club Raffle Items	\$150.00
Nickel's Worth: 2024 Gold Show Advertising	\$513.48
Tidbits: 2024 Gold Show Advertising	\$230.00
Idaho State Fair: 2025 Show Deposit	\$250.00
Mountain Trader: 2024 Gold Show Advertising	\$160.65
Storage Unit Book Storage	\$200.30
Steve Waltman: Gold Show Equipment Award	\$75.00
Gene Hamersky: Gold Show Equipment Award	\$75.00
Credit Card Fees: Gold Show Total	\$16.33
Total Disbursements:	\$2,562.15
Summary:	
Balance Forward: February 29, 2024	\$9,221.88
Income:	\$12,578.68
Disbursements:	\$2,562.15
Ending Balance: March 31, 2024	\$19,238.41

Submitted by Mark Cook



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Refreshment List

<i>Diane McCarroll</i> 208-262-6477	January 11th <i>Mary Lowe</i> 208-651-8318	
<i>Bob Grammer</i> 208-755-1919	February 8th <i>Jim Peterson</i> 831-578-2172	
<i>Mike Phillips</i>	March 14th <i>Dan Boss</i>	<i>Bill Pease</i>
<i>Patty Siebert</i> 208-719-1321	April 11th <i>Marc DeLoach</i> 952-212-0218	
<i>Jeanette Jauron</i> 775-722-8560	May 9th <i>Jacob Schmidt</i> 509-720-7302	
<i>Rick Scott</i> 509-220-6365	June 13th <i>Jim Peterson</i>	
<i>Thomas Szczeszinski</i> 562-447-5044	July 11th	
<i>Jim Peterson</i> 831-578-2172	August 8th	
<i>Heather Barber</i> 208-659-5553	September 12th <i>Diane McCarroll</i> 208-262-6477	
<i>Donni Moen</i> 208-512-1208	October 10th	
<i>Thomas Szczeszinski</i> 562-447-5044	November 14th	
<i>Bill Izzard</i> 206-510-4111	December 12th <i>Mary Lowe</i> 208-651-8318	

We would like get at least two (2), (three would be great) volunteers to signup to bring goodies to each meeting for the group to enjoy during our breaks. Please put your name down at the meetings for the date(s) you would like to signup for. If you find that you can't make it to the meeting you signed up for, please call one of the other volunteers for your week to make arrangements.

Thanks for your help!

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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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Recipe of the Month

Butterbeer

1/2 cup heavy cream
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon or pumpkin pie spice
1 pinch salt
2 tablespoons butterscotch topping
1 to 2 teaspoons lemon juice
6 (12 ounce) bottles cream soda
Freeze 6 mugs or pint glasses until icy, at least 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, for whipped topping, beat together cream, cinnamon, and salt in a medium bowl with an electric mixer at medium speed until stiff peaks form.

Add butterscotch topping and lemon juice; beat again until soft peaks form.

For each butterbeer, pour 1 can cream soda into a mug; top with about 2 tablespoons whipped topping. Serve immediately.

Start with 1 teaspoon lemon juice in the whipped topping; add up to 1 teaspoon more for a less sweet sipper.

For a boozy version, sub out butterscotch topping for 1-ounce butterscotch schnapps and add 1 1/2 ounces gold or spiced rum to each glass with the cream soda.

(Editors Note: The boozy version is GREAT! We used canned whipping cream)

Winner of the free booth for 2025, Crystal Ridge Designs

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Trekking pole set from Placer Gold Mining, Jordan Hancock
Hand saw art from Ed Premus, Paul Ruhe
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Dream Matte Thermal Form, Doug Oson
Purple gold wheel from Ted Aiken, Doug Nash
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2.61 gram gold nugget from NWGPA, Mike Kuhlman
SR2 high banker assembly w/ crash box from Placer Gold Mining, Alvina Jesse
\$500 cash from NWGPA, Ken Lynch



Doug Oson



Jordan Hancock



Ken Lynch
Alvina Jesse
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Doug Nash

Congratulations to our WINNERS!

**Tony & Suzanne Bamonte's book
"The Coeur d'Alenes Gold Rush and its Last Legacy"
will be available at the meetings for \$45.
See Mary or Bob Lowe to purchase one.**

2024 Club Calendar

April 11th Meeting
April 13th & 14th NCWGPA Gold Show in Cashmere, WA
May 9th Meeting
May 11th & 12th Outing - Claims Tour - Potluck
June 13th Meeting
June 15th & 16th Outing & Potluck
July 11th Meeting
July 13 & 14th Outing & Potluck
August 8th Meeting
August 10th & 11th Outing & Potluck
September 7th & 8th Pig Roast Potluck & Civil War Re-enactment
September 12th Meeting
September 14th & 15th Last Outing of the Year - Chili Feed Potluck
October 10th Meeting
November 14th Meeting
December 12th Meeting
December 15th Christmas Potluck

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Meeting
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Meeting
Meeting
Christmas Potluck

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

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She responded, "16 years".

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Reminders

Refreshments and goodies for the meetings are always a big hit. Please signup at the next couple of meetings for your turn to volunteer to bring items in. We would like at least three people to commit to some month during the year to cover the bases.

Looking for volunteers who would like to participate in the operation of the NWGPA to contact one of the current board members. We could sure use some fresh ideas and leadership help. There are couple of us who have been participating since the Club began 27 years ago. Please step up and volunteer! The Club needs you!

Please cut out & post the "Calendar of Events" just in case I am unable to publish the Nugget News in a timely manner. Sometimes, "Life Happens".

Speaking of volunteers, please check out the following link:
https://www.clubexpress.com/dldocs/Building_Strong_Clubs_Dan_Ehrmann.pdf and read about building and maintaining a strong club.

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.

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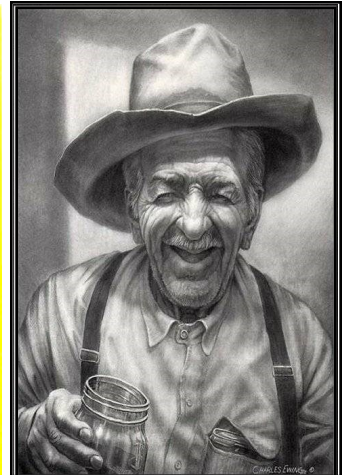


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light comes on.**

Attention All Members

Since we were not able to get our preverbal crap together for a week in Nome Alaska at the Alaska Gold Resort during the 2024 season, we are looking at another route. How about a two (2) week trip in July or August of 2025? This will give us plenty of time to pick the weeks we want and get booked early and put a little more planning in it. If you are interested, please contact Bob Lowe at 208-699-8128 or email me at bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com (see page 2 for info about the resort.

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