

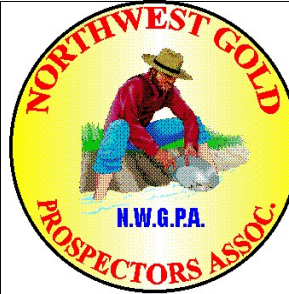
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Finally, we can say goodbye to 2023. And what a year it was! We now have 2024 to look forward to.

Gold is now \$2,045.80 (as of 1/4/24 @ 11:50am), that's a \$194.30 (10.51%) increase from this time last year. That's great for gold but, sucks for the economy.

We had a great year at Eagle City Park. At least we didn't have any fires in the area. The weather was good and a number of members found gold. We are looking forward to another good year, but that will depend on how much snow / rain we get before summer.

We are looking forward to another great Gold & Treasure Show on March 9th & 10th. Most of our vendor booths are spoken for. We are hoping to exceed our total number of attendees. Please spread the word about the show and we will have posters made for you to hang up at your place of business, bulletin boards, business windows, car windows, etc.

For our new members, we will have our claims tour for the first outing of the year in May. Outings are on the Saturday after the second Thursday (our monthly meeting) of each month. Please plan to attend as we only do the tour once a year.

Again, another Civil War Reenactment is planned for this September during the Annual Pig Roast Potluck Picnic at Eagle City Park. Don't miss out on this exciting event. It's FREE, but donations are greatly appreciated. It's not cheap to fire off the cannons and muskets.

Eagle City Park will be open for the season in time for the Claims Tour. Even if you are not planning to go on the tour, come up for the 4pm potluck that we have on the Saturday after the second Thursday (our monthly meeting) of each month.

An important reminder is that the [Idaho Small Scale Mining Authorization \(Letter Permit\)](#) is now on a calendar year basis. Your 2023 mining permit expired 12/31/2023. Time to get a new one for 2024. Unless something changes, Bob Lowe will have them available at Eagle City Park this year.

THE GOLD HUNTERS OF CALIFORNIA

This ended all attempts of the railroad to obtain state or county bonds in aid of their various schemes.

As before stated the Southern Pacific Railroad was built by the owners of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, who utilized the earnings of the completed road to construct the other. For as fast as a section of the Southern Pacific was built, it was leased to the Central Pacific, presumable for enough to build another section.

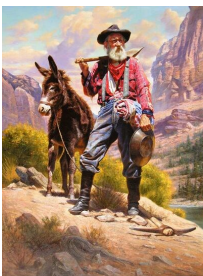
In this way the Southern Pacific was completed, without any bonded indebtedness, unless I am misinformed.

The building of the Central Pacific Railroad across the Sierra Nevada's, where the snowfall in winter is frequently twenty feet, was an herculean task; and that it should have been successfully accomplished by four men whose combined capital could not have been sufficient to complete ten miles of road over the most favorable ground on the proposed line, and without any previous experience in that kind of work, was a most remarkable and wonderful feat.

The men and their ability seemed to develop with the progress of the work. All became multi-millionaires, and all during their lives held high positions in the railroad world.

The rottenness of the "Credit Mobilier", which built the Union Pacific was exposed in the courts and in congress, as is well known to every one. But the secret workings of the Contract and Finance

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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



**Gold Prospecting
Letter Number 7
by Greenhorn Dick
August 21, 2023**

Took part of the summer off to seriously prospect for **Gold**. Been to Pritchard Creek areas, Vermilion River north of Trout Creek Montana in the Purcell Mountains, spent some time near Lincoln, Montana Stempel Pass area, time in Superior on Cedar Creek, checked out the old Yaak Mining District and in Washington State near the Sullivan Lake area. So far 2.75 ounces in 3 years which is okay for a hobby. Next month headed back to Idaho, Montana to Lincoln again and will recon the Goldcreek area too and in October Arizona here I come. The reason for this traveling is the need to conduct disciplined and ongoing prospecting sampling what you find and staying off patented land and gold claims if you want to find any Gold. The reason I say this is what a Drill Sergeant in 1966 told me in basic training, and that is **"WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE TOUGH GET GOING."** That quote applies to Gold Prospecting because it takes research, patience and you just got to grind it out and persevere and hopefully your hard work will be rewarded. Reading the monthly ICMJ magazine is worthwhile as is the GPA magazine that comes out every two months. There are a lot of experienced gold prospectors with good lessons learned ideas and comments worth reading I think. Reviewing your equipment and how it's used and You Tube and other internet comments about Gold Prospecting are all good ideas to learn to be efficient with your time and efforts. Stay informed, have good gear, thoroughly research your target prospecting areas and having a plan (**the 5 p's**) might help. Then, as **Jeff Williams** always says, "let's Go!" End.....

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Company were never made public.

Several attempts were made to bring the company to an accounting in the courts of California, but the suits were invariably settled or compromised in some quiet way.

I had a personal acquaintance with Governor Stanford, who left to his adopted state the Stanford University, a monument more lasting than brass, more durable than marble. One that through the centuries to come will perpetuate his munificence as a citizen and his virtues as a man. A man warm-hearted, generous and kind.

In the fall of 1868 I made the trip overland from San Francisco to New York. After leaving Sacramento City I traveled by passenger and construction train to Argenta, Nevada, thence by stage six days and nights to Salt Lake City, when, for the first time after leaving Sacramento I was privileged to undress and enjoy a good night's rest. I had been nine days on the way, the roads were bad and the stage-line without eating stations after leaving Austin, so I and two fellow travelers fared none too well. For three days before reaching Salt Lake City we averaged about a meal every fifteen hours, and then the greatest thing about them was the price, being never less than a dollar and a half per meal.

About three o'clock in the morning of the fifth day of this stage journey we reach a station. It was November and very cold. We sat an hour shivering over the poor fire, when a voice issuing from an unwashed, uncombed specimen of the pioneer invited us to breakfast by the announcement: "Yer grubs ready."

A very welcome sound as we had not tasted food for eighteen hours. We lost no time in approaching the table. This meal consisted of coffee or rather hot water barely colored with coffee bacon as thick as your hand and floating in grease; flour dough fried a little on the outside in this grease from the bacon, and nothing more. I ate one slice of the bacon and nibbled the outside of a ball of dough, which was sufficient for me. I had enough. That bacon must have been captured by Cornwallis at Yorktown and sent west for the consumption of just such unfortunates as we were. None but those almost starved could have eaten it.

Age had given it strength which even our hungry palates failed to make enjoyable.

Salt Lake City was at that time a city of ten thousand. Brigham Young owned and occupied a large block enclosed by a wall about fifteen feet high. Within the enclosure was the Lion house where lived seven or eight of his wives. In the block were numerous small houses, each having a door through the wall, which was securely locked on the outside. I was told that in each of these houses there lived one wife of the prophet and her children.

It seemed to be the custom of the Mormons living in the country to have a small house for each wife, rather than have the numerous wives of the same man live in one house.

The Tabernacle, built with a seating capacity of six thousand, was then complet-

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ed and contained one of the largest, most magnificent and best toned pipe organs I have ever seen or heard. This fine instrument was constructed entirely by Mormon mechanics.

In that his command was law Brigham Young was the controlling power among his followers. He was a great executive and as interesting a conversationalist as I ever met.

Among his people industry, temperance and thrift were strictly enjoined, and each man encouraged to take as many wives as he could support.

Brigham had a wire connecting his office with every Mormon settlement for miles around. Farmers were limited to small acreages; few farms were above twenty acres. The stores of the church were co-operative, so, also the flouring mills, the woolen mills and other manufacturing enterprises. The Mormons were self sustaining, so far as dependence of the outside world was concerned.

There was only one bar and billiard saloon in the city, and that was patronized exclusively by gentiles. The city had a theater; all the actors were Mormons. Admission to the theater was paid in poultry, cabbage, turnips and all kinds of produce, or whatever else the patrons had. I suppose that each article had its price, but I do not know how that was arranged. It was an orderly town and living was cheap as compared with that in any of the eastern cities.

Almost all the Mormons were from the Protestant countries of Europe. I was told there were no proselytes from the Catholic Church.

I took stage from Salt Lake City for Bryan City, the end of the Union Pacific, traveling two days and nights. Only a few days before my arrival Bryan City had indulged in a lynching in which several men were hung and quite a number of rough characters driven out of town. From this city I traveled as far as Cheyenne on a caboose attached to a construction train, when we entered a sleeping car and enjoyed the luxury of a good night's rest. For four hundred miles along this road there were no permanent settlers. Cheyenne was a town of tents. Gambling seemed to be the chief industry. From Cheyenne it was good traveling all the rest of the way to New York City.

On this trip Mr. Hutchinson, of the firm

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of Hutchinson, Kohl Co., was a fellow passenger. This firm was connected with the Alaska Commercial Company, which for thirty years held a monopoly of the fur-seal trade, and to a large extent, still controls the fur trade of Alaska.

Alaska, as all know, was purchased by Secretary Seward under Johnson's administration in 1867. Seward's attention was first directed to this territory by a man who had been killing seals in the Arctic, and wanted to obtain from Russia a concession through the state department to extend his business.

After several conversations with his party Seward, being convinced of the value of Alaska by reason of its furs and seals, its forests and its fisheries, entered into negotiations for its purchase. The Russian Fur Company for many years had been established there on a firm basis, and on the transfer of Alaska to our sovereignty was anxious to close out.

Hutchinson, Kohl Co. formed a company in San Francisco under the name of the Alaska Commercial Company to take over their property. I think there were originally ten men who formed this company, each paying into the fund the sum of ten thousand dollars. Four of these men I knew in San Francisco. They were John Livingston, Louis Sloss, Louis Gerstle and A. Wasserman. The American Company bought out the stores and other property of the Russian company. By shipping silks, wines, brandies and other articles on which there was an extreme tariff to San Francisco, where they were admitted free of duty, the company reimbursed itself four-fold, and had money in its treasury with which to lobby in Washington. Sloss, who was the brains of the enterprise, became a Grant elector in California. In 1869 they had a bill introduced in congress to lease the fur-seal rookeries of Alaska, which failed at that session on account of the determined opposition of representative Johnson of California.

Grant was inaugurated president in 1869, and he appointed General Miller, an old army comrade, a collector of customs for San Francisco.

After a short time Miller resigned that office and became president of the Alaska Commercial Company.

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At the ensuing session of congress the bill to lease the fur-seal islands was passed and became a law. Under the provisions of the bill the Secretary of the Treasury advertised for bids, and the lease was to go to the party offering the most advantageous terms to the government; but the lessees were to be familiar with the mode of killing seals, etc. The latter clause was evidently inserted purposely to exclude all bidders except the Commercial company.

When the time came for the opening of the bids, General Miller was on the ground. All the bids were rejected, except two, because the parties presenting them had no experience in the business. The bid of the Alaska Commercial Company was much lower than the competing bids, but the company was given the lease at the price of the competing bid, which gave it a franchise for twenty-five years. A contract that was worth millions annually.

I knew Louis Sloss intimately. He died about 1902.

He was a man of many noble traits of character generous and charitable. He was highly esteemed and respected; not only by his business associates, but by all citizens of San Francisco.

CHAPTER X

Of those who followed mining in California in the early days very few became the subsequent millionaires of the state. The large fortunes were made through investments in land and business enterprises.

James Lick came to California in 1848 and settled in San Jose. He invested in country and city property. The hundred vara lot, 275x275 feet, on which is built the Lick House, he bought in 1848 for sixteen ounces of gold dust, or \$256. When he died this property alone was worth several millions of dollars.

He founded the Lick flouring mills at San Jose, the first, I think, in the state, and which paid handsomely. He invested his accumulations in real estate, and at the time of his death, in 1877, he left an estate of about \$8,000,000. He was by trade a piano-maker; and, I have heard, owing to some domestic trou-

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ble, left his wife in New York, emigrated to Buenos Ayres, thence to San Francisco shortly after the discovery of gold.

Lick was a woman-hater. If a woman entered one door of his office he would disappear through another. He would never speak to a woman, or have any transactions with them whatever.

He employed his son and nephew for many years as managers of his estate, at nominal salaries, always assuring them that their reward would come after his death. Then in his will he divided his estate in a most eccentric manner. First, he left a large sum to fund the Lick Observatory, an equal amount for the establishment of an academy of arts and sciences; quite a large sum to the Pioneer Society of California; a sum for the erection of a monument to the memory of Francis Barton Key, author of The Star Spangled Banner another for a monument to his own ancestors; and various other bequests, but overlooking his son and nephew entirely. His son was paid by the trustees of the estate, if I remember rightly, \$300,000 in order to avoid litigation, but the nephew received nothing.

Horace Hawes was another strange character, whose fortune was made in San Francisco real estate.

Hawes was a lawyer.

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Gold is \$2,056.10 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,867.26 an ounce!

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***We will continue having lots of meetings
until we find out why no work is getting
done!***

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 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), \$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**

Under the old Mexican law the Pueblo of San Francisco was given almost all the land on the peninsula for the benefit of the citizens of the pueblo to graze or cultivate at will. With the advent of Americans came squatters on all these pueblo and outside lands. The titles to these were subsequently confirmed to those in possession, by act of the legislature, and now cover much of the most desirable residence and business property of the city.

Horace Hawes held a large tract of this land, which formed the foundation for the millions of dollars he left at his demise in the early seventies. He was a very penurious man, vain and ambitious.

Hawes represented San Francisco in the state senate in 1863 to 1867; and besides passing a bill giving himself and others titles to their pueblo lands, bore a leading part in all the legislation of the two sessions. He was a man of conceded ability, but very eccentric and very vindictive. He introduced and passed the first registry law of the state, a cumbersome and intricate law, puzzling to the most astute of lawyers. But no doubt it suited the author, for when it was under discussion in the senate and a brother senator called attention to some of its defects, Hawes declared that it was about as perfect as human ingenuity could make it.

He conceived a great animosity to his colleague, Senator Dodge, which he made no effort to conceal either in public or private. In a debate upon some measure, where, as usual, they opposed each other Hawes once said: "Mr. President: I have traveled a great deal during my life, not only in my own country, but in the British Isles and Europe. Among other places I have visited the 'Eternal City.' While in Rome I saw the art gallery of the Vatican, and I was delighted with the many beautiful paintings of the old masters there exhibited. One in particular commanded my attention. It was Christ and His Disciples at the Last Supper; and had I not known, Mr. President, from the antiquity of the picture, that such a thing was impossible, I should have thought that Senator Dodge sat for the portrait of Judas Iscariot."

At another time Nap. Broughton, the great lobbyist of his day, presented a bill to Hawes and urged him to support it in the senate, when the following conversation occurred "Is this a strictly honest bill, Mr. Broughton?"

"Yes, Senator, else I should not ask you to support it."

"No little thieving clauses in it, Mr. Broughton?"

"None, whatever, Senator."

"I am sorry for you, Mr. Broughton. No honest bill can pass this session. I would advise you to revise it, Mr. Broughton; put in a few little stealing clauses, give it to Senator Dodge, and it will pass without a doubt."

Lord Erskine said, "lawyers worked hard, lived well and died poor." Horace Hawes reversed this rule. He worked hard, lived poor and died rich. At his death his will in which he disinherited his wife, was set aside, and the property divided between his wife and son.

Michael Rees, James Phelan, John Center, Sam Merritt and Jack Hayes were among those who made millions from the advance in real estate in San Francisco and Oakland.

Colonel John C. Hayes, or as he was more familiarly known, Jack Hayes, the Mexican war veteran, was the first sheriff of San Francisco.

Upon his retirement from political life he bought a

Spanish land grant, a large portion of which is comprised within the present city of Oakland. For many years he had constant litigation with those who squatted upon this land. Some time in 1864 or 1865, all legal contests having been decided in his favor, he finally perfected the title to his property, and the land in the interval had so appreciated in value that he found himself a millionaire. Had it been so he could have disposed of it when he wished, the probabilities are that he never would have been numbered among the rich men of the state.

Colonel Hayes was about five feet eleven inches in height, thin and spare, weighing about one hundred and fifty pounds. He was modest and retiring with nothing to indicate the dare-devil soldier that he was. In private life he was a kind, generous and hospitable neighbor.

Hayes was a born soldier and leader of men, but indifferent and careless as to the rules governing military life. The following anecdote, which was told to me by General Wood, will illustrate this, so I give it here: "When the fight was the thickest around the City of Mexico, 'Padre Juan' with his guerrillas, proved a serious menace to the invading army, lariatting and killing all stragglers.

General Scott ordered Hayes, then promoted to be a colonel in the regular army, to pursue and punish the Padre. Hayes made the expedition and after about a week or ten days returned to camp, but made no report to his superior officer. General Scott, after a few days, learned that Hayes command was in camp, and that they had had a brush with the Padre, so sent for Colonel Hayes.

It should be borne in mind that General Scott was a veritable Martinet in enforcing military discipline. After Hayes was seated in the commanders headquarters, Scott said: "Colonel Hayes, I have received no report of your expedition against the 'Padre'"

"I did not think it worth while", said Hayes.

"Every officer of the army is required to make a full report of everything to his superior officer. Please make your report verbally."

Hayes began by saying that he struck the Padres trail on a certain day, followed it for two days, and on the third day, while his command was resting at noon and taking their siesta, the old Padre came down on them. That the boys gathered themselves together and whipped the Mexicans off, killing quite a number of the Padre's command. His own loss being insignificant; one killed and three wounded.

"Surprised you, eh?" queried Scott.

"Yes, we were not expecting him."

"Where were your pickets?"

"Did not have any."

"What! A colonel in the regular army of the United States go into camp in the heart of the enemy's country and never place a picket on guard? What would you do if surprised while asleep?"

"Shoot the first man that waked me up," was the cool reply.

Scott said that Hayes was simply incorrigible.

Hayes never drilled his command; with him it was "Come on boys", and they followed where he led.

After the battle of Monterey in which his gallantry was conspicuous, a number of young lieutenants, graduates of West

Treasurers Report December 2023

Balance Forward \$12,892.69

Income

Interest: Checking Account \$0.58
Interest: Checking Account \$0.52
Total income **\$1.10**

Disbursements

Costco: 2023 Christmas Party \$65.03
Harbor Freight: 2023 Christmas Party \$85.82
North 40: 2023 Christmas Party \$601.58
Consumer Cellular: Phone Bill \$20.12
Northwest Offset Printing: Newsletter \$175.77
Eagles #4080: December Rent \$80.00
Total Disbursements: **\$1,028.32**

Summary

Balance Forward: **\$12,892.69**
Income: **\$1.10**
Disbursements: **\$1,028.32**
Ending Balance: **\$11,865.47**

By Mark Cook

Volunteers Needed!

We need a committee to start working the small street sign effort for the Gold Show.

We're looking for a group of 2-3 and a crew of 2 (minimum) to set them up throughout the county and take them down at the end of the show.

Committee would also do the following:

- Design & Order Signs. 50-Signs. Double Sided with wire stands. These are the small political type plastic corrugated signs. Bill Izzard has great Graphics Experience.

- Signs should read: ***Gold Prospecting & Treasure Show This Weekend, Kootenai Fairgrounds.***

Need to get a hold of County on placement Regulations: Contact Kelly Setters, Deputy City Clerk, 710 E Mullan Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID ksetters@cdaid.org, 208-769-2229. We may need a permit which I think is \$25.00.

Once Committee established, we have lots of notes and input from Rock & Gem Show folks on their placement strategies and their success with these signs.

Please, step up and volunteer.

Most of our annual income comes from the attendees at our Gold & Treasure Shows

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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Point, visited his camp to pay their compliments to 'Fighting Jack'. They found him frying bacon, surrounded by soldiers, with nothing to distinguish him from those about him.

"Where can we find Colonel Hayes?" inquired the spokesman.

I think you will find him over yonder, pointing to a group of men about a hundred yards away.

Riding over to the group indicated the young men made the same inquiry. To their surprise and chagrin they were informed that the man with the frying-pan was the officer they were in search of.

They rode back to their headquarters without further effort to make his acquaintance.

Here is an anecdote told me by Hayes himself: Hayes said that on entering the City of Mexico very strict orders had been issued against pillaging, but that he discovered one of his men, John Garvin, coming out of a church with a gold crucifix in his hand.

"I ordered him to take it back," said Hayes in the relation to me, the man hesitated and replied: Now, Colonel, I have got a wife and three children back in Texas, and this little Jesus will do us a power of good. I reiterated my command, peremptorily, to take it back, and rode away, continued Hayes, but I am satisfied that for the first and perhaps the last time in his life John stuck to his Jesus.

At the outset of the Civil War Jefferson Davis, who knew Colonel Hayes record, offered him the command of all the cavalry forces in the Mississippi Valley. In order to accept this offer Hayes tried to borrow \$25,000 to leave with his wife and family, but failing to do so, remained in California, Which, as the results proved, was much better for both himself and those dependent upon him. He became a very rich man by remaining in the Golden State.

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Sharing!

An elderly couple entered a McDonald's and sat next to a table where some young people were having dinner.

The old man walked over and placed an order. He walked back to the table with his order, unwrapped a burger, cut it in half and put the other half next to his wife. He carefully counted out the fries and gave her half. He put two straws into a soda and put it between himself and his wife. The old lady began to eat her half of the burger, while people stared at them compassionately.

A young man approached them and offered to buy them another meal. The old woman replied, "Don't bother, we are used to sharing everything."

Everyone realized the old man had not eaten; he only watched as his wife ate. The young man approached and offered again.

This time it was the old man who explained, "It's okay, we are used to sharing everything." The young man then asked the old man, "What are you waiting for then?"

He said, "She has the teeth."



Some tools of a Prospector!

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	July 11th	
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<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	
	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

Old Pecan Cheesecake Pie Recipe

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Great Fudge Recipes I Use!

Combine one 16 ounce jar of peanut butter (creamy or crunchy) with one 16 ounce can of chocolate frosting in a microwaveable bowl. Heat in one minute intervals stirring until well combined. Pour into a parchment paper lined pan and let cool. Cut into bite size pieces. Enjoy!

I also combine a bag of Cinnamon Chips with a can of Vanilla Frosting or a bag of White Chocolate Chips with a can of Vanilla Frosting.
Add nuts, etc., if you want

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January 11th
February 8th
March 14th
March 9th & 10th
April 11th
April 13th & 14th
May 9th
May 11th & 12th
June 13th
June 15th & 16th
July 11th
July 13 & 14th
August 8th
August 10th & 11th
September 7th
September 12th
September 14th & 15th
October 10th
November 14th
December 12th
December 15th

Meeting
Meeting
Meeting
NWGPA Gold & Treasure Show (see above).
Meeting
NCWGPA Gold Show in Cashmere, WA
Meeting
Outing - Claims Tour - Potluck
Meeting
Outing & Potluck
Meeting
Outing & Potluck
Meeting
Outing & Potluck
Pig Roast Potluck & Civil War Re-enactment
Meeting
Last Outing of the Year - Chili Feed Potluck
Meeting
Meeting
Meeting
Christmas Potluck

All dates are subject to change & other events
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Reminders

Refreshments and goodies for the meetings are always a big hit. Please sign up 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/Build-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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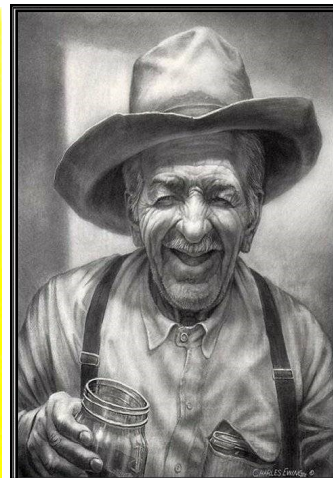
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severity of the coming storm!

Our 25th Annual Gold & Treasure Show on March 9th & 10th, 2024 is filling up FAST! If you plan to be a vendor, you need to get your application in ASAP to get a booth or two. Application for vendor booths can be found at

<https://nwgoldprospectors.org/gold-show>

Also, a notice to all DIY members who like to tinker, build or modify your equipment, now is the time to get started on your project for the Annual Homemade / Modified Equipment Contest

Don't wait till the last minute, get started NOW!

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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