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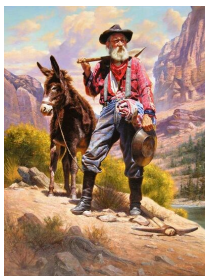
KIMBALL WEBSTER'S STORY

A pan full of pay dirt was dug and turned into the screen and water poured upon it freely, while the cradle was rocked vigorously. This separated the coarse gravel and small stones from the sand, which passed to the bottom of the machine and was carried away by the water, while the gold being much heavier than the sand and gravel, was left at the bottom of the cradle.

The cradles were from three to four feet in length, with two or three bars across the bottom. The miners at this place were making from \$10 to \$30 a day, and a great majority were immigrants that had just come in over the country, and consequently were new hands at mining, each learning by experience the knack of separating the gold from the sand as best he

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Years ago, a club member, Earl Hopkins made name badges for our members to purchase. They had our club logo and names on them. Earl has since passed away and I've just purchased his engraving equipment. I've got a bit of a learning curve to go through, but I hope to revive our old name badge availability in the near future. I'll bring some old samples to the next meeting. Call Bob Lowe @ 208-699-8128 to get your name on the list. I anticipate the cost to be \$10 each.



The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets
at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the
Rathdrum Community 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 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



Yesterday's News

Golden Chest's Latest Strike

The latest strike in the Golden Chest is said to be the best one yet made in that wonderful mine. It was struck in a crosscut from the Idaho tunnel at a point in only 250 feet (the previously reported strikes were in the neighborhood of 1,000 feet in) and showed a full face of shipping ore without either wall or the vein in sight. The ore shows much tellurium and copper sulphides, besides free gold. The crosscut had only been driven 30 feet when the ore body was broken into.

It is now the universal belief of Murray people that this new discovery entitles the Golden chest to rank as the richest gold mine in Idaho and probably in the United States. Manager Auerbach's theory of a great ore zone is fully substantiated. (The Wallace Miner-July 4, 1907)

Deal on for Golden Winnie

A Splendid showing is being made in the tunnel of the Golden Winnie Tungsten Mining company at Murray. At present there is 32 inches of solid gold-tungsten ore showing in the face carrying and average assay of \$17.86 in gold and good commercial values in tungsten. In addition to this there is a fine stringer of almost pure tungsten also exposed.

It is reported that a deal for the control of the property is pending and if this goes through extensive development will be started at once. In any case all arrangements have been completed by which a small mill will be erected in the spring and steady shipments from the mine started.

The property is located near Murray and is under the management E.M. Smith of that city. (The Wallace Miner-October 21, 1909)

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NWHC's 50th Annual Treasure Hunt

The Northwest Treasure Hunters Club announces their milestone treasure hunt, the 50th Annual Treasure Hunt on June 17th thru 19th, 2022

It will be held at the Scott Camp (off North Road) on the NW side of Farragut State Park east of Athol, Idaho. (See details below)

The NWGPA has an opportunity to man a gold panning booth during the hunt.

We are looking for volunteers to take turns running the booth.

Contact any board member to put your name in the hat.

Mary & I did this many years ago and had a great time.

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	*Pay Before June 1st	After June 1st	Times
Friday Opening Ceremonies/Hunts			
"First Texas" Opening Hunt	\$50.00	\$55.00	10:00A.M.
"Inland Empire Metal Detectors" and Eric Berman - Quarter Hunt	\$50.00	\$55.00	1:00 P.M.
"Minelab" Night Hunt	\$35.00	\$40.00	Near Dark
Saturday Hunt Events:			
"Goldbay" Open Hunt	\$50.00	\$55.00	9:00 A.M.
"Packrat" Hunt and Grunberg Schloss Collectors Cabinet (Mark Gruner)	\$50.00	\$55.00	11:00 A.M.
"Junior" Hunt \$7.00 (ages 6-11)	"Peewee" Hunt \$5.00 (ages 0-5)		1:30 P.M.
"Minelab" Open Hunt	\$50.00	\$55.00	3:00 P.M.
*Saturday Free Dinner			
"The Miners Cache" Evening Hunt	\$35.00	\$40.00	7:30 P.M.
Sunday Hunt Events:			
"Garrett" Old Coin Hunt	\$50.00	\$55.00	8:30 A.M.
*Kids Free Hunt			9:30 A.M.
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could. We had endeavored to gain some information in regard to the process before we commenced here, but had not succeed farther than what knowledge we could acquire by watching others do the work, and imitating the process as far as possible.

Everything in the mines is quiet, and although traders and others leave large quantities of gold dust entirely exposed, there is said to be almost no thefts committed. Many of the traders are also miners, and very many have not even a tent in which to store their goods, and have no safe or bank to deposit it in—not even a trunk to place their gold in to keep it from the sight of those who are easily tempted, or are devoid of principle.

I have seen quantities of several thousand dollars worth of gold dust lying in full sight, while the owner at the same time would be away at work at the river, a quarter or a half mile away.

If a person is so unfortunate as to be taken seriously sick here it seems almost an impossibility for him to recover and regain his former strength. This probably is owing much more to the manner of living, and to the poor quality of food, than to the climate.

Scurvy is very prevalent among the land immigrants, and in this country at this time is one of the most serious diseases we have among us. To cure the scurvy requires a vegetable diet, which cannot be had at any price in the mines at the present time.

The flour is almost all musty, having been shipped around Cape Horn in the hold of a vessel; pork is rusty, as it is called, some of it nearly spoiled. Flour and pork are the two principal articles of diet.

Sometimes beef can be had and that is of the best quality. California beef is just as good as any. Physician's charges are exorbitant, fifty or a hundred dollars not being considered at all high for a professional visit. This is certainly a very hard country for a sick man. It is often said that if a man is taken sick here that he is no better than dead.

There are some cases of recovery, however. Many die of scurvy, of fevers of different kinds, and other diseases. The sudden changes of climate probably may cause considerable sickness.

For the last two or three weeks before entering the valley, we had cool weather

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with frosty nights, being in the mountains at a high altitude, but here, although the nights are cool and very pleasant, the days are so very warm that the thermometer stands at 100° in the shade. Many whose food was largely salted provisions during the journey across the plains from Missouri to Sacramento valley, got their systems impregnated with salt and grease, and so became easy victims to the scurvy.

The miners generally appear to be in excellent spirits, and seem to enjoy life as well as the circumstances of their conditions will admit. A few of them have tents, some have brush shanties, but by far the larger portion camp in the open air, or under friendly trees, where they have a good opportunity to study astronomy after they lie down, by watching the moon and the stars. It is said by many, and it seems to be true, that for the moon to shine in a persons face while sleeping, is very injurious to the eyes. I have known some cases where persons have become almost blind, with no other good reason assigned. I believe it to be a safe plan for all persons who are accustomed to sleeping in the open air to always shade their face from the moon. From my own experience, I believe I have suffered with my eyes to a considerable degree from that cause. A person's eyes seem to become injured to a considerable extent before they are aware that anything wrong is taking place. What power, if any, the lunar rays have upon the human eye I am unprepared to explain.

The miners principally do their own cooking, and washing, if they have any done.

Their living is most commonly fried pork and flapjacks, or *flippers* as they are called, and fresh beef, which I believe is as good as any beef that can be found. One pound of this beef seems to be worth as much as several pounds of the miserable poor, cordy stuff that we called beef and ate for food on the journey to California. This is as fat and juicy as could be desired.

On Thursday, October 26, 1849, we commenced mining and set our cradle on the lower point of Bidwell's Bar, where we kept it running through the day, with the exception of a short time at noon.

As new miners we thought that the more and faster we washed the dirt, the more gold dust we should have to our credit at night, and consequently we kept the screen full all day and crowded it through as fast as it was possible. When night came we took it out of the cradle into a pan and tried to separate the black sand from the gold dust.

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But for us that was the most difficult operation of the whole process.

When we commenced we had nearly a pailful of the sand, and after a time we had succeeded in reducing it very materially in quantity, but could not separate the gold entirely from the sand, and consequently we were unable to ascertain the amount of gold that we had acquired for our day's work. However, we concluded that we were not doing as well as we desired and decided to look up another claim.

Our claim was at the extreme point of the Bar and would soon run out, or become exhausted, as it is called by the miners.

The next morning we found a claim a short distance below on the opposite side of the river that had been worked for a considerable distance into the bank. There was an old rocker in the hole that was made from a tree, it having been dug out. Probably this was left here for the purpose of holding the claim if that should be desirable.

We learned that the men who had been working the claim had gone up the river and were engaged in building a log cabin.

We thought they were not entitled to hold a claim here and one in the mountains at the same time, so we moved the old machine out the hole where it would not trouble us and went to work.

We worked five days before we separated the gold from the black sand and did not know how well we were doing, but on making the separation we found we had averaged very nearly one ounce each per day, with which we were fairly well satisfied as a beginning.

Could we have continued indefinitely to make as good pay, it would have been better than we had dared to hope. The weather continued warm and dry until Tuesday, October 30, when it became cloudy and presented a very strong appearance of rain.

It did not storm, however, before night, when the rain began to descend and it continued to fall nearly all night. This was not

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very agreeable to us as we were sleeping without shelter on the ground, which soon began to grow damp and cold. Our situation was no worse than that of hundreds of others who were caught in a similar condition.

Very few of the miners had any shelter and the best equipped had nothing but tents. A few days previous we had been warned by an old Californian that when the rainy season should begin the rain would descend in torrents. He said the miners were sure to be caught in a bad and unfortunate situation.

The first shower of the rainy season might be expected to continue for about four weeks. We afterwards learned to our sorrow that his statement was nearly correct.

The rain commenced on the evening of the 30th day of October, and until November 21st it rained more or less 19 days out of the 23. The greater part of the time it was so very wet that it was useless to undertake to work.

The river was swollen to such an extent that the bars along its shores were covered with water and could not be worked. The natural roads down the valley to Sacramento City became so very soft and muddy that pack mules could not travel them with packs, and provisions were boated up the river as far as possible, and then carried upon the miners' backs.

The limited stock of provisions in the mines at the beginning

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— 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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of the rainy season was soon exhausted, and consequently food soon became very scarce and extremely high. Flour advanced from 40 cents to \$1.50 per pound, and much of it that was sold at that exorbitant price was so badly hurt that it required the use of a hatchet to cut it in pieces to remove it from the barrel. Other provisions became equally as expensive in proportion, and were difficult to procure at any price.

When the rainy season commenced a great number began to prepare some protection or shelter. Some built themselves small cloth or canvas tents, others constructed small log huts, while a few dug holes in the ground and covered them over Indian fashion. Not a few left the mines for the city, where provisions could be had at a lower price. Gage, Pinney and myself, when the rains commenced, procured a shelter in a large tent that belonged to some New Yorkers, and which stood near where we had been camping.

We paid two dollars each per week for the privilege of sleeping in the tent, and found our own blankets, and we considered ourselves very fortunate in obtaining so good a shelter.

About the 10th of November, Mr. Gage being somewhat indisposed, left us and went down and joined the Pelham company, about two miles above Long's Bar. They were engaged in building a log cabin and making other preparations for the long rainy season. Pinney and myself bought a claim in the bank of the river, for which we paid \$40. It had formerly been quite productive, but had been worked back into the bank considerably. We found it to be very little, if any better, than our old claim where we began mining.

From the 30th of October to the 21st of November we labored as much as the state of the weather and the high stage of the water would admit, but owing to the large proportion of rainy weather and the many other discouragements under which we labored, and also to the high prices of provisions, we could no more than earn our expenses, and we were doing far better than the average of the miners about Bidwell's at that time. Finally we concluded to leave the mines, for a time at least, to explore the valley and see if we could find anything to do. Accordingly we started on the afternoon of the 22nd of November and traveled down the river about 13 miles to Mayhew's ranch, or rather tent, near the foothills.

Here we tried to procure something for supper, but all that could be bought in the line of provisions of any kind was some raw venison.

We started a fire under a tree and roasted our meat on a forked stick, and ate it without salt. This we found quite dry and not the best of living, but it was the best, and all, that our money would buy, consequently we were compelled to make the best of it. We slept under a large oak tree, and in the morning roasted and ate some more of our venison, after which we proceeded on our way down the valley.

After traveling about ten miles we came to the ranch of Charles H. Burch, where we found a boat ready to leave for Sacramento City early the next morning, and we concluded to engage a passage for that place. However, upon making application, we learned that the seats were all engaged. The boat was owned by Mr. Burch and was only a whaleboat which would seat about twenty persons. Thomas D. Bonner was captain. Captain Bonner was for-

merly president of the New Hampshire Temperance Society, but had resided in Massachusetts. Some time previous to his embarkation for California he was said to be quite a poet in his way and composed many of the songs used at the temperance meetings, etc. He was formerly, according to his own account of his previous life, a real street drunkard—a mere sot. He called himself a reformed drunkard now.

After learning that we could not procure passage aboard the boat, we thought we would construct a raft on which we could float to Sacramento at our leisure.

However, we could not find any suitable timber with which to build a raft, and further, Mr. Burch said he was well acquainted with the river between here and Sacramento, and that he should advise no person to attempt to make the passage on a raft—that by doing so they most probably would lose their lives, unless they were good swimmers. He had known of two or three parties that had attempted it, but all were shipwrecked and lost all they had with them. He said the river was full of snags and sand bars, and that it was as much as he could do to pilot a good boat through safely.

His graphic account of the river below exploded our calculations in regard to attempting a passage by raft to the city. At this time it was almost impossible to travel to Sacramento by land, the road being very muddy with numerous slough crossings, which were full of water with neither bridges nor ferries. At some places the Sacramento had already overflowed its low bottom lands.

Burch was an old Californian who came to Oregon by way of the overland route in 1842 or 1843. He remained in that territory two or three years, when he came to California, then Mexico, and had since resided here, where he was in the army of Col. John C. Fremont in the Mexican war, 1847. He was formerly from Maryland and has no family. He was rough in his address and extremely profane.

He had taken a claim on the bank of Feather River, upon which he was intending to construct a house the following winter. He made a proposition to give us employment until he should complete his house at a salary of \$4.50 each per day and board.

This, considering the high prices of provisions, and the large proportion of wet weather, was as well as we would be likely to do at that time, and consequently we agreed to work for him until such time as we could do better, or as long a time as we all should be satisfied.

Mr. Burch contemplated the construction of a house by putting hewn posts into the ground and nailing on to them weather boards which were riven from oak logs.

A house of this kind would not answer a very good purpose in a cold climate, but was tight enough to be free from leakage and would be a very good shelter for California.

This point was about twenty miles above the junction of the Feather and Yuba rivers, and 80 or 90 miles above the mouth of the Feather, where it intersects the Sacramento River. The surrounding country was nearly level, and was covered with a growth of large, scattering, branching oak trees. The soil was of a sandy nature, and was not as fertile as it was in some other localities. Some of the oak trees were very large but were low and branching.

I measured one that was eleven feet in diameter near the ground—"a sturdy old oak" surely, that had stood the storms, the winds and the fires of many centuries.

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Treasurers Report May 2022

Balance Forward from March 31, 2022 **\$20,058.73**

Income:

April Interest:	\$0.17
Memberships:	\$1,300.00
Raffle Sales:	\$188.00
Merchandise Sales:	\$119.00
May Interest:	\$0.17
Total income	\$1,607.34

Disbursements:

Consumer Cellular: Phone Bill	\$17.79
Idaho Youth Ranch: Member Donation	\$80.00
H&R Block: Income Tax Return	\$50.00
Top O' Deep: Gold Purchase	\$937.50
Rathdrum Community Center: Rent	\$80.00
Northwest Offset Printing: Newsletter	\$207.72
Memberships Office Supplies & Postage	\$44.96
Credit Card Charges: Square	\$1.50
Allen Precision Equipment: Hip Chain	\$152.45
Ace Hardware: PVC Fittings	\$3.37
U.S. Government: 501(c) (3) Status Maintenance Fee	\$275.00
Total Disbursements:	\$1,850.29

Balance Summary:

Balance Forward: April 30, 2022	\$20,058.73
Total May 2022 Income:	\$1,607.34
Total May, 2022 Disbursements:	\$1,850.29
Ending Balance: May 31, 2022	\$19,815.78

By Mark Cook

BASE CAMP

Coffee

Is now open! It is in Kingston, just as you start up the Coeur d'Alene River, just off the freeway. Give them a try!

**I can't wait until I'm old enough
to pretend I can't hear!**

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.

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Send to: bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com

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A little farther away from the river the soil was more of a clayey nature and there was considerable live oak growth. Some of the soil was red—a kind of red clay—and seemed to New Hampshire people as being almost worthless for cultivation.

The live oak was small and scrubby, an evergreen almost worthless for timber.

The white oak produces large quantities of acorns which made good, nourishing food for swine. Fremont, I believe, stated that he had seen acorns grown from a single tree to cover the ground under its branches four inches in thickness. This I believe to be an exaggeration in keeping with many others made by that illustrious pathfinder.

Mr. Pinney and myself commenced work for Mr. C. H. Burch on Monday, November 26. A few days later, James M. Butler, one of our party of Pelham boys, came down from the mines in search of employment, and engaged himself to work for Mr. Burch, commencing to work with us at a uniform salary.

Robert Thom, another of our Pelham friends, was at this time working for his board about one mile up the valley from the Burch ranch at a place known as the "Hole in the Ground." This resort derived its name from the fact that it was a mere hole excavated in the ground and covered with mud, etc., so as to shed the rain. It was owned by a fellow known as "Ned," and one or two others, all from Sidney. It was conducted as a tavern or a stopping place for travelers.

Mr. Thom was expected to get and prepare wood, cook, and do other work. We went up to visit him one evening and gave him an invitation to go to work with us at \$4.50, as Mr. Burch desired to employ one more man, for a few weeks at least.

To this proposition Robert replied, that in all probability Mr. Burch would not have work for a man much more than one month, and in case he should begin work for him, he was afraid he would lose his place with Ned. He said his labor was not very hard and he thought he would remain for the present and make sure of his board.

It seemed to me that if a man was afraid of losing his place when he was at work for his board only in California, he certainly could have very little ambition. I thought he had better have remained at home with his family, and saved the long and tedious journey across the plains; but he was firm and decided and remained there until spring.

Mr. Burch desired to contract a ditch to be dug to enclose a

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Lacasse Dredge Starts Work

Reports from Cedar Creek (*across the Cda River from where Marmon Road intersects Coeur d'Alene River Road*) state that the big dredge of the Lacasse Placer Claims has just been started on its trial run and that the machinery is working in perfect order although a number of minor adjustments will still have to be made. All the road building and haulage has been completed and a large number of men who were employed on this work have been laid off.

The dredge is operated by an electric plant generating about 350 horsepower and is constructed in such a way that work is stopped automatically if any obstruction is encountered such

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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!

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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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field containing ten acres on the river bank, and Pinney contracted to do the work at the price of two dollars per rod, with the understanding that Mr. Burch should board him, and that the ditch should be four feet deep and four feet wide at the top and twenty inches wide at the bottom, and that it was not to be commenced until we had finished the other job. About 120 rods of ditch were to be dug. After Pinney had made the contract to dig the ditch he thought the price was too low and he wished me to promise to do a part of it. I thought as he did, that the price was low for excavating so large a ditch, but I promised to help him to do it, and also Mr. Butler desired to do a portion of it.

After working for Mr. Burch about three weeks, he asked us to go to Sacramento with his boat after a load of provisions, for which he agreed to pay us five dollars per day each.

CHAPTER VI ADVENTURES BY FLOOD.

We started down the river on the 22nd of December. Our crew consisted of Thomas D. Bonner, captain, Austin W. Pinney and myself. We carried down two or three passengers. The river being very much swollen by the recent heavy rains, we went down the river as far as Fremont the first day.

Fremont is a small town named for the "Pathfinder" and is situated on the west bank of the Sacramento River at its junction with Feather River.

We remained at Fremont until the morning of the 23rd, when we again started and reached Sacramento City before night.

To be continued.....

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as would be likely to injure the machinery. (The Wallace Miner-October 21, 1909)

Ed Pulaski, (1910 Fire hero) ranger in charge of the local district of the Coeur d'Alene Forest, left Thursday morning for Detroit. He will spend his annual vacation of six weeks in Detroit and other cities in the east and will be accompanied by Mrs. Pulaski and little daughter Elsie. (The Wallace Miner-September 12, 1912).

Patients Taken to Asylum

Daldo Miller, Michael Fellman and Peter Angrel, three unfortunates who have recently been adjudged insane, were taken on Thursday afternoon to the state institution at Orofino by attendants who came for them. A fourth man to be committed is C.A. Anderson, whose physical condition was such that he could not stand the trip at this time. He is receiving attention at a local hospital and will be taken as soon as he is able to travel. (The Wallace Miner-September 12, 1912).

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Draham have left the city for a visit of several months, Mr. Draham in California and Mrs. Draham in Massachusetts. (The Wallace Miner-September 12, 1912).

Sylvester Jarvey, victim of the shooting at Enaville a few days ago has been discharged from Providence hospital, where he underwent an operation, having his right arm removed. (The Wallace Miner-September 12, 1912).

**If someone asks
"Are you crazy?"
Simply reply "YES"
Boom, End of Discussion!**

2022 Club Calendar

<i>June 9th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>June 11th</i>	<i>Outing</i>
<i>June 17th, 18th & 19th</i>	<i>NWTHC—50th Annual Treasure Hunt</i>
<i>July 14th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>July 16th</i>	<i>Outing</i>
<i>August 11th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>August 13th</i>	<i>Outing</i>
<i>September 8th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>September 10th</i>	<i>Outing & Eagle City Park Pig Roast</i>
<i>September 10th</i>	<i>3rd Annual Civil War Reenactment</i>
<i>September 12th</i>	<i>Eagle City Park Closes for season</i>
<i>October 13th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>October 15th</i>	<i>Chili Feed @ Eagle City Park</i>
<i>November 10th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>December 8th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>December 11th</i>	<i>Annual Christmas Potluck (tentative)</i>

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

This Months Tip

Gold prospecting is a lot of fun even if you don't find any gold. But we can almost assuredly help you with these tips from an seasoned prospector as well as a few fresh ones

1. Choose an area that has been productive with gold in the past – chances are there still is some gold there
2. Study geology and mining records. Many lightly explored places exist in the back country. In fact this is when the real fun comes with adventure. If you are prepared to do some backcountry searching a prospecting trip can be rewarding and you might find some gold.
3. Placer deposit is a concentration of natural material that has accumulated in the unconsolidated sediments of a stream bed. Heaviness and resistance to corrosion make gold an ideal substance to accumulate in placer deposits.
4. Panning is the simplest method of separating the gold from the silt, sand, and gravel of the stream deposits. It is the method most commonly used by the beginning prospector.

Most importantly, go out and have fun. Enjoy the great outdoors and what nature gives you, in gold, or in adventure.

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 26 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

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.

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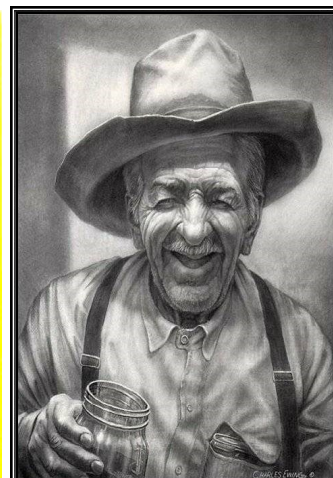
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Recipe(s) of the Month

RHUBARB CRISP

2 cups granulated sugar
 4 tablespoons cornstarch
 2 cups water
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 8 cups rhubarb, thinly sliced
 1 cup brown sugar
 ¾ cup uncooked oatmeal
 1 cup flour
 ½ cup melted butter or margarine
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 ½ teaspoon nutmeg

Cook sugar, cornstarch, and water over medium heat, stirring constantly until smooth and transparent. Add vanilla and pour over rhubarb in a 9 X 13 inch baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients and sprinkle over rhubarb. Bake 60 minutes in a 350 degree oven.

From the cookbook:
 "Season With Love", by Mary Lowe

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