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Important Notice!

We're Having A March Meeting!
Thursday March 11th @ 7pm

22nd Annual Gold & Treasure Show

March 13th & 14th

Kootenai County Fairgrounds

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as we maintain safe practices. Bring your masks!*



THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER GOLD PROSPECTOR

The first town I passed through was a newly discovered mining town called French Corral. Here I found an old Wisconsin friend Wm. Sublet, the foster father of the accomplished wife of Mayor S. W. Boring of San Jose. From here I went to Marysville. The storm had been raging high in the mountains for some days, and the Yuba river rising fast, overflowing its banks as I walked into town, and the next day the merchants were very busy piling their goods above high water mark. I went to

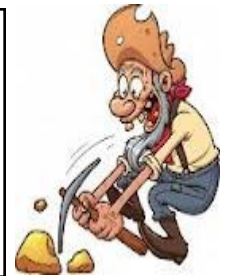
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The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets
at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the
Rathdrum Senior Center located at 8037 W Montana Street, Rathdrum, ID

Our regular outings are at Eagle City Park the weekend following the monthly meeting with a pot-luck at 4pm on Saturday. Other outings will be announced by the President and posted in the newsletter. November thru March members are invited to meet each Saturday morning at 8:00AM at Kootenai Medical Center Cafeteria in Coeur d'Alene to solve the world's problems.

Please join us.



Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe



(From The Wallace Miner newspaper, Thursday, April 11, 1907 quoting the Murray Sun newspaper)

The High Placers

*Much Dirt Is
Now Ready For
Hydraulic*

Quite a crowd of sightseers had collected in the dream Gulch placer pit last Saturday afternoon when the 500-pound powder blast was set off. It was a very successful explosion shattering and thoroughly disintegrating the huge gravel bank which slid forward about 100 feet. The drift was in 30 feet and at the South end of the great pit. But the weather during the week was still too cold for an ample supply of water to commence piping. What water there was flowing in the ditch day before yesterday, tumbled into the pit like a miniature cataract from the heights above and running through the sluices. The great pipe was firmly set, but the familiar faces of the placer miners we have seen for years in the diggings were still absent. The force, however, will no doubt begin to wrestle with the pebbles before the end of the coming week, as the water flow is increasing daily now and will not be cut off entirely again during the season.

What a splendid supply of water the company would have, however, if it had its Ravens flume connected with the present supply. There is a gap of three miles to be closed and two canyons to be crossed with pipe. Even if the big pipeline had originally filled the gap, it would have furnished sufficient water for placer mining nine months in the year. Now the season is seldom over two months long in the elevated field. It is merely getting a good ready on when the water flow gives out.

It was the dream of the early miners to bring the upper Prichard Creek water and the waters from the lakes to the high placers and

this dream was expected to be fulfilled when the present company bought up the placer territory, but so far, the people's expectations have not been realized. Yet it is absolutely essential to have a large and continuous flow of water for successful placer mining. Once properly installed, it is a revenue maker where other conditions are favorable. It will take a century with all the water flow available at the head of the Prichard and the two large lakes to wash the high placers alone, which ought to be a reasonable incentive for the investment of capital in a water enterprise that will perpetuate itself, almost free of expense after substantial installation.

(From The Wallace Miner newspaper, Thursday, May 2, 1907 quoting the Murray Sun newspaper)

AT GOLDEN CHEST

**Fine Shoot of Rich Ore
Struck in Cross-cut**

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In Katy and Dora Ledge

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**New Workings Give
Five Hundred Feet of Added
Depth—Twenty Stamps Will Start
Milling Soon**

One of the best, and what may turn out to be the richest, gold strikes ever made in the Coeur d'Alene's was made during the week in a cross drift from the long lower tunnel of the Golden Chest. The crosscut was started about 300 feet from the raise, and is now in some 20 feet, revealing a ledge 24 inches wide all the way of extraordinary fine quartz, seamed with telluride and bright metallic sulfides. While no free gold was visible in the lot of quartz ex-

hibited to us on Thursday by Manager Auerbach, its valuable nature is plainly apparent to those familiar with auriferous ores. And the entire ledge so far as developed is uniform in character. It is a gold mine in itself.

Mr. Auerbach believes it is the Katy and Dora ledge proper. Where the cross drift was started it is 500 feet below the lowest upper Katy and Dora works, and as the Katy and Dora people, before they sold the property to the Chest, had explored and mined it for 1000 feet in length, it demonstrates that this ledge alone affords the Golden Chest company an enormous tract of stoping ground. As many other ledges run through the Chest's large holdings, the present strike is an encouraging incident of what may be expected in the course of further exploration, which has been made possible by the big tunnel at depth with minimum expense. Manager Auerbach is

to be congratulated for the splendid work he is doing for his company. He is bringing about results that not only enrich the company, but he is proving the magnificent values in our gold ledges that will make gold mining once more a prominent industry or the north side of the Coeur d'Alene's. The entrance to the big tunnel has been retimbered for 300 feet, and the tunnel is now in good order its entire length, for over 3000 feet, for extensive operations and the extraction of quartz for the next quarter of a century, without sinking, up to 100 stamp milling capacity. The present 20 stamp mill has been overhauled, and is ready to do its work as soon as orders are received from President Hayman of New York City, headquarters of the company. In the meantime a force of 20 men will be continued at development work. With the mill in operation this force would have to be increased to from 50 to 60 men.

Ledge Widens Out.

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a hotel and called for a bed. "Yes," says the landlord "Is your name John or Peter?" I told him William, which he set down in his book and we went up stairs to the best room which was fitted up with berths three tiers high on each side, and only one or two empty ones. He looked around for covers, but none could be found unoccupied, but one fellow who was sound asleep and snoring awfully, so he took the blanket off from him saying: "He wont know a thing about it till morning, be jabbers, so don't say a word."

Next morning the river was booming, its surface covered with all sorts of mining outfit such as flume timber, pieces, various qualities of lumber, pieces of trees as well as whole ones, water wheels and other traps. The river between Downieville and here must have been swept clean of all material that would float, including "long Toms." The water continued to rise till it covered the Plaza, and in two days a steamer came up and sailed across the public square. This looked like a wet season to me, and when the boat was ready to go down the river I went on board, bound for Sacramento. Here it was also getting terrible wet and muddy, and the rain kept pouring down. In the morning I worked my way up J street and saw a six-mule team wading up the streets the driver on foot, tramping through the sloppy mud, occasionally stepping in a hole and falling his whole length in the mud. On the street where so much trouble was met by the teamsters, a lot of idlers stood on the sidewalk, and when a driver would fall and go nearly out of sight, they would, like a set of loafers, laugh at him and blackguard him with much noise, and as they were numerous they feared nothing.

Suddenly a miner, who had lately arrived from the mountains, raised his room window in the second story of a house, put out one leg and then his body, as far as he could, and having nothing on but his night clothes, shouted to the noisy crowd below:—"Say, can't you d—d farmers plow now?"

At this he dodged back quickly into his window as if he expected something might be thrown at him. The rain continued, and the water rose gradually till it began to run slowly through the streets, and all the business stopped except gambling and drinking whisky, which were freely carried on in the saloons day and night.

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While here in Sacramento I was sufficiently prompted by curiosity to go around to the place on J street where the Legislature was in session. I stood sometime outside the enclosure listening to the members who were in earnest debate over a question concerning the size of mining claims. They wanted them uniform in size all over the state, but there was some opposition, and the debate on this occasion was between the members from the mining counties on one side and the "cow" counties on the other. The miners took the ground that the claims were of different richness in the different mining localities and that the miners themselves were the best judges of the proper size of claims, and were abundantly able to make their own laws as they had done under the present mining customs, and their laws had always been respected, making any further legislative action unnecessary.

While this wrangle was going on. Capt. Hunt, of San Bernardino (our guide from Salt Lake in 1849, came along and stopped where I stood, shaking me heartily by the hand, inquiring where I was from, and when I told him I was from the mines he said he thought the cow county fellows were trying to make the miners some trouble. I told him the present mining regulations suited us very well, and after he had talked with me a little he went inside and whispered to some of the silent members that the miners wanted no change, for he had just consulted a miner to that effect. When occasion offered he called for a vote which resulted in the defeat of the cow counties and a postponement of the measure indefinitely.

My next move was to try to find a dryer place so I took a boat for Benicia, then for Stockton, where I found a sea of mud, so that a man needed stilts or a boat to cross the street.

Here in a livery stable I found my old Platte River boss, Chas. Dallas, for whom I drove in 1849, but he did not seem to know me and took no notice of me, but talked "horse" and horse-racing to bystanders very loudly. I suppose that Dallas had made money and did not care for a poor ox driver, and on my part I did not care very much for his friendship, so I walked away and left him without a word.

Every way I looked was a sea of black, sticky mud; dogs mired in the streets and died, and teams and animals had forsaken the usual route of travel. The gambling houses

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and saloon were crowded, gum boots in demand, and the only way to get out of town was by water. I took this way out, and on the same boat by which I came, going to San Francisco. This was high and dry enough to be above the highest floods of Yuba, Sacramento or San Joaquin, but all business except the saloons was dull. Fronting on Portsmouth Square was the Hall of Corruption. Inside was a magnificently furnished bar, more than one keeper and various gambling tables, most of them with soiled doves in attendance. The room was thronged with players and spectators, and coin and dust were plenty. The dealers drew off their cards carefully, and seemed to have the largest pile of coin on their side.

I climbed Russian Hill and to take a look over the city. It seemed poorly built, but the portion that had been burned in July 1852, had been built up again. The business part was near the beach and north of Market street.

I had never lived in a town and did not know its ways, so I strolled around alone, for without acquaintance I did not know where to go nor what to look for. I therefore thought I would see some other part of the country. I found that a schooner was about to sail for San Pedro, near Los Angeles. I took hold of a rope to help myself on board, when it gave way and I found myself floundering in the water. They helped me out and the Captain gave me a dry suit to put on, I was profoundly grateful for the favor, and found him a generous man.

We sailed away and stopped at Monterey for 24 hours which gave me a good chance for a good look at the old Capitol houses, which were of adobe, and to find that this city was also liberally supplied with gambling, card and billiard tables. The majority of the people were Spanish and fond of gaming, and the general appearance of the place was old and without good improvements, though there were more two-story houses than in most places in California.

Some houses were of stone, but more of adobe, and there seemed to be no fertile country round, and the hills about had small pines on them.

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Some of the sailors went out and gathered a large bag of mussels and clams, from which they made a liberal allowance of chowder for the table. After seven or eight days we arrived in San Pedro, and found the town to consist of one long adobe house. The beach was low and sandy, and we were wet somewhat in wading through a light surf to get on shore. We had on board a Mr. Baylis, who we afterward learned came down with Capt. Lackey on a big speculation which was to capture all the wild goats they could on Catalina Island, and take them to San Francisco for slaughtering.

The goats were easily captured and taken on board the schooner, and thence to shore but many were drowned in the transit, and when driven to San Francisco the dead were scattered all along the route. Although wild they seemed to lack the vitality that tame goats possess. The speculation proved a disappointment to the projectors.

At the adobe house, kept by a Spaniard we had breakfast, then shouldered our packs for the march of ten leagues to Los Angeles for there was no chance to ride. It was night before we reached the City of Angels, and here I staid a day to take a look at the first city I saw in California in March 1850.

I inquired for my mining companion, W. M. Stockton who worked with Bennett and myself near Georgetown in 1850, and found he lived near the old mission of San Gabriel nine

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Gold is \$1,738.30 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,589.10 an ounce!

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ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH FOR
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!***

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**

miles away, whither I walked and found him and family well and glad to see me. He had jumped an old pear orchard which was not claimed by the Mission Fathers, although it was only three-fourths of a mile away. The trees were all seedlings and very large, probably 50 or more years old. Some of the Mission buildings were falling down since they had been abandoned, and the Americans would go to these houses and remove the tile flooring from the porches and from the pillars that supported them. These tiles were of hard burned clay, in pieces about a foot square, and were very convenient to make fire places and pavements before the doors of their new houses. Out-side the enclosed orange and fig orchard at this place were some large olive and fig trees, apparently as old as the mission, being a foot or more in diameter and about 50 feet high. I had never seen olives, and when I saw these trees covered with plenty of fruit about the size of damson plums I took the liberty of tasting it and found it very disagreeable, and wondered of what use such fruit could be.

Mr. Stockton fenced his orchard by setting posts and tying sycamore poles to them to keep the stock away, built an adobe house on the claim and called the property his. I went to work for him at once, pruning the trees, which improved their appearance, and then turned on a little stream of water which ran through the place, and on down to the mission. With this treatment the trees did well without cultivation.

I bought one half the stock consisting of some Spanish cows, one yoke of oxen and some horses, worked enough to pay my board, watched the stock and still had plenty of time to ride around over the adjoining country.

When the pears were ripe the Spanish men, women and children eagerly bought them at 25 cents per dozen and some Sundays the receipts for fruit sold would be as high as \$100. That taken to town would bring from \$5. to \$8. per box, the boxes being a little larger than those in present use. An Indian woman, widow of a Mr. Reed, claimed a vineyard near the orchard, and laid claim to the whole property, so Stockton gave her \$1000 for a quit claim deed.

Near by was a small artificial lake made by a dam of cobble stones, laid in cement across a ravine, which was built perhaps 50 years before, and yet the tracks of a child who had walked across before the cement was dry, were plainly seen.

Stockton and I visited Mr. Roland, an old settler who lived south of San Gabriel river, and staid all night with him, finding him very sociable and hospitable. All his work was done by Indians who lived near by, and had been there as long as he. He had a small vineyard, and raised corn, squashes, melons and all that are necessary for his table, having also a small mill near by for grinding corn and wheat without bolting. The Indi-

ans made his wine by tramping the grapes with their feet in a rawhide vat hung between four poles set in the ground. The workmen were paid off every Saturday night, and during Sunday he would generally sell them wine enough to get about all the money back again. This had been his practice for many years, and no doubt suited Mr. Roland as well as the red men.

Roland was an old Rocky Mountain trapper who came to California long before gold was discovered, and during the evening the talk naturally ran to the subject of early days.

Mr. Roland related that while his party were in camp in the upper Colorado they were visited by a small band of Indians who professed friendship and seated themselves around the fire. Suddenly they made an attack and each trapper had an Indian to contend with, except Mr. Roland who was left to be dispatched afterwards. But as he ran, a squaw among them followed him, and after a while overtook him and showed friendship. He had neither gun or knife and so concluded to put faith in the woman who safely guided him in a long tramp across the desert where they both came near starving, but finally reached Los Angeles Valley, when the brave squaw mingled with her own people and he lost sight of her forever.

No white man could alone have traversed that desert waste and found food enough to last him half the journey.

He gradually learned to speak Spanish, and was granted the piece of land he applied for, and where he then lived; married a Spanish girl, with whom he had a happy home and raised a large family, and grew rich, for they were both industrious and economical. The first wife died, and he was persuaded to marry a Texas widow, and now had to buy the first carriage he ever owned, and furnish a fine turn-out and driver for the lady, who wore much jewelry and fine clothes, and spent money freely. Roland was not a society man, his thoughts and habits were different from his wife, and he staid at home, better contented there.

There were many other pioneers in the neighborhood, Dan Sexton, Col. Williams, of Chino ranch, Workman, B. D. Wilson, Abel Stearns, Temple, Wolfskill and many others, Scott and Granger were lawyers. Granger was the same man who read the preamble and resolutions that were to govern our big train as we were about to start from Utah Lake.

Scott was quite a noted member of the bar, and when Gen. Winfield Scott ran for President, some wide awake politicians caused the uneducated Spaniards to vote for their favorite lawyer instead of the redoubtable general, and they did this with a good will for they thought the famous avocado was the best man, and thus the manipulators lost many votes to the real candidate. Scott was afterward retained by many of the Spaniards to present their claims for their land to the U. S. Government and was considered a very able man.

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Treasurer's Report February 2021

1/31/21 Balance Forward from January 31, 2020	\$10,620.98
2/3/21 Club Membership:	60.00
2/3/21 Gold Show Booths:	2,464.50
2/28/21 Interest:	0.08
Total income	\$2,524.58

2/3/21 Consumer Cellular:	17.95
2/3/21 Advanced Marketing Concept:	300.00
2/3/21 Top O' Deep: (Gold)	1,588.00
2/13/21 Northwest Offset Printing: (Feb. Newsletter)	171.73
2/26/21 Mark Cook: (Gold Show Expenses)	129.32
2/26/21 Walmart: (Gold Show Expenses)	2.62
2/26/21 Target: (Gold Show Expenses)	10.59
Total Disbursements	\$2,220.21

Summary

Starting Balance: January 31, 2021	\$10,620.98
Total February, 2021 Income:	\$2,524.58
Total February, 2021 Disbursements:	\$2,220.21
Ending Balance: February 28, 2021	\$10,925.35

**I believe all politicians should have to
wear a shock collar so that every time
they tell a lie, we all know it!**

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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Since the above was clipped from the Murray Sun, word comes from Murray that the new ledge has widened to seven feet, said to be all good milling ore. It has two rich pay streaks.

**(From The Wallace Miner newspaper
 Thursday, May 30, 1907 quoting
 the Murray Sun newspaper)**

Cleaning Up at Dream Gulch Placers

The placer clean-up at the Dream Gulch pit has been in progress during the week under the foremanship of Mike Melley. John Dockter resigned the foremanship last week. Manager John F. Murphy is overseeing the work. A large amount of bedrock is being scraped, and some of it is directly in the main old channel. The bedrock is seamed with small quartz veins, which course in every direction. They undoubtedly come from some parent ledge, but its proximity is not apparent. The clean-up will be finished next week.

Murray Sun Changes Hands

Adam Aulbach, the pioneer publisher of the Coeur 'Alene's, has sold to J. T. Ellarson of Wautoma, Wis., the entire plant and good will of the Murray Sun. Mr. Aulbach's retirement from journalism after something like 23 years' service in the Coeur d'Alene's, removes a notable figure, but it is a matter of satisfaction to his friends that his large property interests will necessitate his continued residence in the district. The Miner wishes his successor the best of good fortune in his new venture.

**(From The Daily Independent newspaper
 Helena, Thursday Morning, April 21, 1892)**

The Murray Placers

At Murray, placer work is well under way. In referring to this class of mining there, it is always understood that the Coeur d'Alene Gold Mining company, under the management of Sid Mills, stands at the head. In fact, far in advance of any other placer operations in North Idaho. He pushes work every day and night in each year, when not so cold as to form ice in his sluice boxes, with two giants and two lines

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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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of pipes for hydraulic work. His present operations are on Fancy gulch, a tributary of Eagle creek, three miles northwest of the town of Murray. Every side gulch above and below Murray, where water in sufficient quantity can be had for hydraulic operations, is being worked. The ochre-colored water discharged into Pritchard creek, carrying earthy matter and oxide of iron, giving it this unnatural color, goes into the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene river, and these coloring ingredients are not precipitated until they mingle with the leaden colored waters discharged by the South Fork, seventy-five to one hundred miles down its winding channel.

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2021 Club Calendar

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

March 11
March 13th & 14th
May 15th
June 12th
July 10th or 17th
August 14th
September 11th
October 16th

Meeting
Gold & Treasure Show
First Outing & Claims Tour
Outing
Outing
Outing
Outing & Pig Roast
Last Outing & Chili Feed

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

22nd Annual Gold & Treasure Show List of Vendors to Date

Mineral Club Members, Ed & Teresa Premus, Grunberg Schloss Collectors Cabinet, Remains To Be Seen, Rustic Rose Leatherworks, Damsel In Defense, Ted Aiken, Northwest Treasure Hunters, Inland Empire Metal Detectors, CS Treasure Recovery, Jabbit Sluice Stand, Vibration Heartstones, Prospecting Channel, Elk Creek Gold, Residential Home Solutions, Crystal Ridge Designs, Tupperware, Wyoming Mines, Civil War Reenactment Group, Dandy Lion Crystals & Jewelry, Montana Flea Sales, My Sweet Babycakes, KGB Mining, Mountain West Mining, Mountain West Mining #2 La Vita Bella Olive Oil, Pacific Northwest Massage by Christina, Prospectors Dream, Rock Cabin Farm, Mike Conklin, ICCU, Sheena Nelson, Gold Claw, Allan Trees, Pam's Jams, Zip Wax-Anti Fog, Gold Grabber Products, Misc. Mining Equipment, Bill Ross, Gold Fever Mining Company/Eagle City Park/Eagle City Mining Company, Golden Ridge Mining, CDA Mining District and Placer Gold Mining Supplies

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of any changes of your email address or home address to ensure delivery of your newsletter each month!

Volunteers Needed

We again are looking for club members to step forward and volunteer to help out at our 22nd Annual Gold & Treasure Show on March 13th & 14th, 2021. We have a need for help at the following positions:

Admissions: Take money for admission, handout door prize tickets & homemade equipment ballots.
Also gold vials to the first 100 attendees each day.

Rovers: Assist vendors, answer questions about the club/prospecting, monitor homemade equipment contest and assist where needed. Also help with setup & tear down.

Panning Tub: Teach attendees how to pan for gold.

Club Booth: Sell raffle tickets, help with new memberships & renewals, sell club merchandise & answer questions.

The times are 8:30 to 11:30, 11:30 to 2:00, 2:00 to 5:00 (4:00 on Sunday)

Call Mark Cook @ 208-755-8853 or email: mark2697301@gmail.com to volunteer and sign up for the timeslot of your choice. Thanks for Volunteering!

Homemade / Modified Equipment Contest

It's that time of the year where we hold our annual homemade/modified equipment contest. This is a chance where you can show off your ideas and skills in perfecting the best in gold prospecting/recovery equipment. There probably isn't a commercially available piece of equipment or tool that wasn't born in a shop or garage out of an idea to build a BETTER "mouse trap". Who knows, your idea could be the winner of one of three prizes offered by the Club. \$75 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd place & \$25 for 3rd place.

Ballots are handed out at the door to attendees who will vote for what they think are the best of the best. Ballots will be counted after the show and prizes will be awarded at the following meeting. Good Luck to ALL!

Even if you are not going to enter in the homemade/modified contest, you are more than welcome to bring in the equipment you currently use, to show-off to the public.

This would be a great opportunity to get all your parts and pieces together to get ready for the upcoming season.

You are also welcome to bring in a FEW of your no longer used items for sale or trade. Bring in your own folding table and chairs. Please limit your items or you could be charged for booth rate (\$75).

A bulletin board will be available to post items you want to sell or trade. Please utilize this FREE service.

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That 1 oz. of pure gold is approx. the size of a cube of sugar? That 1 oz. of gold can be flattened out to 300 sq. ft.? That a mixture of one part nitric acid and 3 parts hydrochloric acid (*aqua regia*) will dissolve gold? That in 1966 all the refined gold in the world would make a cube 50 feet on a side?

What is gold?

Symbol: AU
Atomic Weight: 196.967
Atomic Number: 79
Melting Point: 1063° C (1945° F)
Boiling Point: 2966° C ()
Specific Gravity: 19.2
MOH's Scale of Hardness: 2.5 - 3

What is a carat?

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

24K 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.

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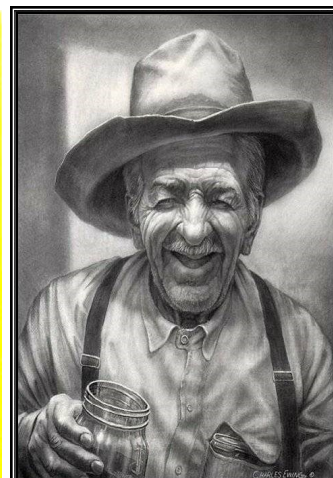
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Recipe(s) of the Month

Lemon Cobbler

½ cup 1 stick butter
 1 cup flour
 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 1 cup sugar
 1 cup buttermilk
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 teaspoon lemon extract
 21 ounce can lemon pie filling

Preheat the oven to 350F.

Place the stick of butter in a 9x9-inch square baking dish and place it in the oven to melt for 3-4 minutes until fully melted. Remove from the oven and set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Add the sugar and whisk to combine.

Pour in the buttermilk, vanilla extract, and lemon extract and whisk just until combined.

Pour the batter evenly over the melted butter in the pan (do not stir).

Spoon the lemon pie filling over the batter.

Bake at 350F for 45-55 minutes until the edges of the cobbler are golden brown. Cool slightly before serving.

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

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 ounces of gold under the.....”**

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