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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER

Our first work now was to kill an ox and get some meat to cook for those who were coming later. We got the kettle over boiling with some of the wheat in it, for the beans were all gone. We killed the ox saving the blood to cook. Cutting the meat all off the bones, we had it drying over a fire as soon as possible, except what we needed for this meal and the next. Then we made a smooth place in the soft sand on which to spread the blankets, the first good place we had found to sleep since leaving Death Valley.

The next job was to make moccasins for ourselves and for the oxen, for it was plain they could not go on another day barefooted. We kept busy indeed, attending the fires under the meat and under the kettle, besides our shoemaking, and were getting along nicely about sundown, when Old Christian Crump appeared in sight followed by the women and the rest of the party.

The women were just as tired as ever and dropped down on the blankets the first thing. "How many such days as this can we endure?"—they said. We had them count the days gone by, and

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Notice

The phone number for the NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association is
(208)262-6518

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March Refreshment List

We need more volunteers. Would like to have at least 3 people per month.
Sign up at the meeting.

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

Our regular outings (May thru October) 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. 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, Editor



So, Ya Wanna Be A Prospector.... Part 6

By Virginia Hanks (aka Rockhunter)

We went out to get into our rigs. Jeb went to this big old Dodge power wagon. Looked like a holdover from the army. I looked at it and asked Jeb if I needed a high clearance rig like that, mine is 4 wheel but not a beast like that. Jeb said, 'No sonny, your rig will make it. There's a good road to the mine now.'

We started out of town and turned up a street that looked like it was going to the gravel pit, by the signs on the side of the road. Met a huge truck coming down the roads toward us. A fork in the road we took led us up a long grade, then a wide switchback up to the top of the glacial moraine. We came to a fork in the road and took the fork that a sign said was the pit road. Jeb said to leave my rig here and come to the pit with him. I climbed up into the beast, and we went thru a gate and took a road along side the fence instead of the road heading down into the pit.

Jeb said, "this is the pit. The trucks come up here to load up then go out the bottom road. This all started because I needed a settling pond. This property was owned by a rancher who said it was more a pain to recover his cattle from the timber than it was worth so I made a deal with him and got it. I talked to The guy who owned the Blast pit. He mined the basalt lava pit up the road from town. I needed to rent a dozer to make the pond. We made a deal. He said for good fee cut and he would provide the dozer and some equipment to start mining the gravel. Worked out good for both of us. Then we hit a huge black sand layer. Had tons of it on our hands. Darcie suggested we put some in 100 pound bags, and she went on the net to find out the best way to market them. One worker at the pit tested the sand and found there was a bit of gold in it so he let it slip out. Soon we were selling bags to people who were too lazy to go out and find a place to pan. I finally added a giant trammel to wash the gravel. Recovers quit a bit of gold now and then depending where they are digging at the time. Well lets head on up to the cabin. I will make one other stop to show you something."

We went back to my rig and on up the road to another fence that had a solar powered gate, went thru and up the road another quarter mile or so where Jeb stopped again. There was a road here heading down to the creek. Down below us was a big dragline pulling massive boulders from the creek. Jeb said, 'this is

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Meeting Minutes February 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne McCarroll at 7:06 PM and Wayne led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Mary Lowe and were moved and seconded to approve as read.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Diane McCarroll and was moved and seconded to approve as read.

Wayne welcomed 32 members and 7 visitors.

The meeting program was all about various brands of metal detectors and their uses. The presentation was by representatives of Inland Empire Metal Detectors, Clay Soliday, Duncan Bell, and Tom Brown.

Under Old Business: Mark Cook presented a brief gold show update reminding everyone of the date scheduled for this 19th gold show to be held March 17 and 18 from 9 to 5 on Saturday and 9-4 on Sunday. Booths are still available at \$75 for a 10 x 10 booth. He is still looking for anyone who can provide a brief seminar on either day of the show or both, as of this time, we have two who have volunteered for a seminar, Dean Yongue and Skip Lindahl. Remember to work on your equipment display to enter the contest during the show. Advertising and promotion is a priority to get the word out and at this point, all of that is in place and on autopilot. There are fliers up front to be distributed for our show as well as the North Central WA show scheduled for April 14 and 15. There will be free vials of gold for the first 100 paid admissions each day. Representatives from the Prospecting Channel have two booths at show along with many other vendors displaying and selling many prospecting and rock hounding equipment, treasures, and gifts to appeal to all attendees. Noon is set up time for vendors and prior to that time on Friday morning Mark will with volunteers be measuring and marking out the booth spaces making preparations for our vendors'

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arrival. If you have access to Facebook, please share our event information to get the word out.

Bob Lowe mentioned that in our library we have several volumes of the magazine Popular Mining will many ideas for any mining equipment projects.

Steve Wright reminded everyone of the meeting of the CDA Mining District to be held on Monday, February 19 at the Avista Building in Kellogg at 12:00 noon.

Wayne reminded everyone that we need two members

to act on the nominating committee. Their job will be to approach members in good standing and to get volunteers for the following positions to be voted on in April. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant of Arms.

Under Legislative and Regulatory Updates: The US is heavily reliant on outsider sources for 50 key minerals. Approximately 27 are critical minerals are "At Risk" or "Strategical" & are necessary for a number of technologies of strategic importance.

The US is 100% dependent on these other countries for critical minerals, of which 97% comes from China.

On December 20, 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order regarding critical and strategic minerals and metals.

The goal is to "Reduce the Nations vulnerability to disruptions in the supply of critical minerals, which constitutes a strategic vulnerability for the security and property of the United States."

At present, it takes 10 years or more to permit a mine in the U.S., while Canada and Australia average 2 to 3 years.

The Interior Secretary has 180 days to issue a report covering a strategy to reduce our reliance on these minerals, an assessment of progress toward developing critical minerals recycling and reprocessing technologies, and

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Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

look around to see the roughest part of the road was now behind 226 them. They said that only five days had passed, and that two thirds of the distance still remained untraveled, and they knew they could never endure even another five day's work like the last. We told them to be brave, and be encouraged, for we had been over the road and knew what it was, and that we felt sure of being able to do it nicely. They were fed in bed as usual, and there they lay till morning. We men went to making moccasins from the green hide, and when we had cut out those for the men and women the balance of the hide was used in preparing some also for the oxen, particularly the worst ones, for if I remember correctly there was not enough to go round.

The morning came, bright and pleasant, as all of them were, and just warm enough for comfort in the part of the day. The women were as usual, and their appearance would remind one quite strongly of half-drowned hens which had not been long out of trouble. Hair snarled, eyes red, nose swollen, and out of fix generally. They did not sleep well so much fatigued, for they said they lived over their hard days in dreams at night, and when they would close their eyes and try to go to sleep, the visions would seem to come to them half waking and they could not rest.

There was now before us a particularly bad stretch of the country as it would probably take us four or five days to get over it, and there was only one water hole in the entire distance. This one was quite salt, so much so that on our return trip the horses refused to drink it, and the little white one died next day. Only water for one day's camp could be carried with us, and that was for ourselves alone and not for the animals.

When the moccasins were finished in the morning we began to get our cattle together when it was 227 discovered that Old Brigham was gone, and the general belief was that the Indians had made a quiet raid on us and got away with the old fellow. We circled around till we found his track and then Arcane followed it while we made ready the others. Arcane came in with the stray namesake of the polygamous saint about this time shouting:—"I've got him—No Indians." The ox had got into the wash ravine below camp and passed out of sight behind, in a short time. He had been as easily tracked as if he walked in snow. There was larger

Stop at the Sprag Pole Sports Bar & Museum for Great Food & Good Times in Murray, Idaho.

Cedar Village Campground & RV Park at Prichard, ID offers the best in "ROUGHING IT". A full service campground that is near some of the best dining and nightlife on the Coeur d'Alene River. Call 208-682-9404 for reservations. (They have showers at reasonable rates for those who are really "roughing it")

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Visit the **Bedroom Gold Mine Bar** in Murray. Enjoy beer, wine and cocktails while playing darts or pool. See how it looked in the old days. They now have a kitchen with Pizza and deli sandwiches as well as dinner specials on the weekends, we also serve breakfast on weekends during the summer months and hunting season. Many great pictures to look at.

Prospector Pins (\$5.00) are available for your own use or as gifts. See at meetings or call (208)699-8128

Wanted: Mining videos, books and pamphlets, old owners manuals for detectors, dredges, pumps, etc. for the NWGPA library. Call Bob Lowe @ (208)699-8128.

The Gold Sniper by Gold Fever Bob. Get this effective crevice tube for that hard to reach gold in the cracks of bedrock. Four models to chose from. From \$20 to \$75 Call 208-699-8128.

The Snake Pit (Enaville Resort), under new management in Kingston serves the best "Smoked Prime Rib" in the Northwest. They have a full menu with fast, courteous service.

sage brush in the wash than elsewhere, and no doubt Brigham had thought this a good place to seek for some extra blades of grass. Immediately south of this camp now known as Providence Springs, is the salt lake to which Rogers and I went on the first trip and were so sadly disappointed in finding the water unfit to use.

As soon as ready we started up the canyon, following the trail made by the Jayhawkers who had proceeded us, and by night had reached the summit, but passed beyond, a short distance down the western slope, where we camped in a valley that gave us good large sage brush for our fires, and quite a range for the oxen without their getting out of sight. This being at quite a high elevation we could see the foot as well as the top, of the great snow mountain, and had a general good view of the country.

This proved to be the easiest day's march we had experienced, and the women complained less than on any other night since our departure. Their path had been comparatively smooth, and with the new moccasins their feet had been well protected, they had come through pretty nicely. We told them they looked better, and if they would only keep up good courage they would succeed and come out all right 228 to the land where there was plenty of bread and water, and when safely out, they might make good resolutions never to get in such a trap again. Mrs. Bennett said such a trip could never be done over again, and but for the fact that Rogers and I had been over the road, and that she believed all we had said about it; she never would have had the courage to come thus far. Now, for the children's sake, she wished to live, and would put forth any effort to come through all right.

The next day we had a long canyon to go down, and in it passed the dead body of the beautiful white mare Rogers had taken such a fancy to. The body had not decomposed, nor had it been disturbed by any bird or beast. Below this point the bed of the canyon was filled with great boulders, over which it was very difficult to get the oxen along. Some of them had lost their moccasins and had to suffer terribly over the rocks.

Camp was made at the salt water hole, and our wheat and meat boiled in it did not soften and get tender as it did in fresh water. There was plenty of salt grass above; but the oxen did not eat it any more than the horses did, and wandered around cropping a bite of the bitter brush once in awhile, and looking very sorry. This was near the place where Rogers and I found the piece of ice which saved our lives. The wom-

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en did not seriously complain when we reached this camp, but little Charley Arcane broke out with a bad looking rash all over his body and as he cried most of the time it no doubt smarted and pained him like a mild burn. Neither his mother nor any one else could do anything for him to give him any relief. We had no medicines, and if he or any one should die, all we could do would be to roll the body in a blanket and cover it with a light covering 229 of sand.

From this camp to the next water holes at the base of the great snow mountain, it was at least 30 miles, level as to surface, and with a light ascending grade. The Jayhawkers had made a well marked trail, and it was quite good walking. The next camp was a dry one, both for ourselves and the oxen, nothing but dry brush for them, and a little dried meat for ourselves, but for all this the women did not complain so very much. They were getting use to the work and grew stronger with the exercise. They had followed Old Crump and the children every day with the canteens of water and a little dried meat to give them if they cried too much with hunger, and Arcane had led his ox day after day with a patience that was remarkable, and there was no bad temper shown by any one. This was the way to do, for if there were any differences, there was no tribunal to settle them by.

In all this desert travel I did not hear any discontent and serious complaint, except in one case, and that was at the Jayhawker's camp, where they burned their wagons at the end of the wagon road, in Death Valley. Some could not say words bad enough to express their contempt, and laid all the trouble of salt water to Lot's wife. Perhaps she was in a better position to stand the cursing than any of the party present.

The next day we reached the water holes at the place where Rogers and I stole up to camp fire in the evening, supposing it to be Indians, but finding there Capt. Doty and his mess, a

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Club T-Shirts Are Available

S, M, L & XL are \$14 each
2XL & 3XL are \$16 each

New caps & visors are available
See and purchase at the meetings and the outings
Makes Perfect Gifts

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), cartoons and ads are all welcome.

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

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

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

When I was young, I was scared of the dark. Now when I see my electric bill, I'm scared of the lights!

Gold is \$1,321.60 ounce! This time last year it was \$1,204.30 an ounce!

To get your copy of the Nugget News early via email, please send an email to: bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com with "Newsletter" in the subject box.

Prichard Tavern – Still home to its Famous Broasted Chicken also serving Alligator Bites, Frog Legs, Hand Formed Hamburgers and Ice Cold Beer! A great place to meet old friends and make new ones!
Editor's Note: Be sure to try their "Flat Iron Steak"

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 Wednesday of the month from May thru October, free of charge for day use. Overnight camping during this weekend is \$10 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 \$10 per family per day, \$20 per family per weekend (Friday thru Sunday), \$65 per family per week and \$250 per family per month.

Please call 208-699-8128 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 Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. GPS is 47°38'51"N & 115°54'37"W

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technological alternatives to critical minerals, options for access and developing these minerals, a plan to improve topographic, geologic, and geophysical mapping of the U.S., and recommendations to streamline permitting and review process related to developing leases.

Also, the order instructs agencies to comply regarding the reduction of regulations and regulatory costs.

Environmental Groups as Foreign Agents?

Pressure is mounting to require some environmental groups to register as "Foreign Agents". This pressure is coming from Representative Lamar Smith (R Texas), Chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and his colleagues have called on the U.S. Treasury Department to conduct an investigation into allegations of Russian Collusion with U.S. Environmental Groups.

Environmentalists have been against fracking and further development of U.S. supplies of oil and natural gas. Recently, it has been found that some of the funding for these efforts was coming from Russia.

Klein Ltd. is a Bermuda-based Shell Company with strong ties to Leonid Reiman, a long-time friend of Vladimir Putin, and the Firebird New Russia fund. Klein Ltd. Reportedly funneled \$23 million to the sea change foundation, who redistributed those funds to the U.S. based "Keep it in the Ground" campaign to fight fracking, pipeline expansion projects, and oil and gas development.

The "Keep it in the Ground" campaign includes Sierra Club, Earthworks, and the Center for Biological Diversity.

California Legal Update

After a decade of litigations, the District Court in San Bernardino has dismissed all of the New 49'ers claims.

California Courts "Argument is that losing the right to develop" a gold deposit that you have located is really not a "Taking", (seeking compensation from the U.S. Government under the 5th Amendment for the government taking their property) because you still have the opportunity to locate and perhaps develop another gold deposit on your claim.

The program was presented with the break following. Anyone interested in metal detecting or purchasing a metal detector, please contact any one of these individuals at 509-990-1568. They have a store front in the Pine Street Market at 12107 E Sprague Avenue in Spokane WA located at the corner of Sprague and Pines. As a footnote, they will have a total of three booths at our show along with the NorthWest Treasure Hunters.

Under new business, Dean Yongue spoke briefly about the controversy in the Newport area going on now regarding the Canadian company's proposal to open a silica smelter in that area. There is much opposition from environmental groups as Pend O'Reille County is considered a retirement community. The controversy continues.....

With no further business, the raffles were held and the meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Mary Lowe
Secretary

I found this note when I came home late one night:

"Your dinner's in the recipe book on page 32 and the ingredients are at the grocery store."

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where I spent the first two years up here. Came up with an old dude I met in Wallace, Idaho. He told me about the place and how good the gold was, so we came up the next spring. There was an old abandoned gold mine way up in the canyon, but the road up there was so overgrown there was no way we could get past the top of the mound where the pit is. We had to pack in the rest of the way. Had a couple of wheelbarrows and made a number of trips to get here and set up camp. The old timer had been up here about 5 years earlier with another guy who mined with him and told him all about the mine and so forth. He crushed a hand and they had to leave before they had got no more than 7 ounces of gold. Old guy wouldn't go back again, so I took a chance and came up with him a few years later. We found a lot of gold just up from the water in an old gravel bar. I got one nugget weighed 8 ounces, shaped like a babies fist. and another fan shaped one of 3 ounces. We cleared about twenty grand, not counting my big nuggets. The gold was good all right but I damn near killed myself getting it. All this happened around six ago. The next spring when we came, we were more prepared to get the rigs closer to camp. Had a chainsaw and cut a road almost down to the creek. We brought materials for a long tom, and corrugated metal for making a sluice. We worked like crazy and got the long tom set up. The old timer and I took turns shoveling and working the long tom for rocks and removing tailing build up. The gravel bar petered out but I found a high bar bench groove about ten feet above where we were working. We use some of the metal to flume the gravel down to the long tom. Had a devil of a time getting a wheelbarrow up there though. We got a few big nuggets but none as big as the ones from the year before. The gold was good but was getting harder and harder to get to because of all the huge boulders. We never once found bedrock. We wanted to see the mine, so we cut a trail along the side of the creek up higher on the bank. Mine was about a mile on up the creek. We had claimed the creek almost up to the mine boundary. When we got up to the top, I was flabbergasted at the sight. As we stepped out of the timber, there was this huge bowl carved out by an ancient glacier. Here was an old glacier lake bottom with just a small portion of the lake left. Big meadow with a few blue spruce in it. and the remains of a couple of old buildings. One of the most beautiful spots on earth I thought at the time. The mine was on up the canyon farther. The old door to the mine had almost rotted apart. We took our lamps and went in. It opened up to a huge room. They had mined it out and all the side veins as well. I had a good flash light with me and shined it around as well. On the sidewall i caught sight of a sparkle. I picked off a chunk. This was some of the same material like the rock I gave you. .

That winter I went to the BLM and found the mine had been patented and had no tax payment made in years. I bought the patent for ten grand. Six hundred and forty acres. Found there was an easement for a road through forest service land. The old timer said he couldn't take another trip up there again, so I was looking for a new partner. Trouble is, I wasn't going back to prospect, I was going back to get up to the mine with a road.. I came back next spring and hired a couple of guys to help me

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**Due to the confidentiality of my job,
I don't know what I'm doing!**

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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part of the Jayhawker's band. By dipping carefully from these holes they filled again, and thus, although there was no flow from them we gradually secured what water we needed for the camp, which was a small amount after so long a time without. There was some low brush 230 here called greasewood, which grew about as high as currant bushes, and some distance up the mountain the oxen could find some scattered bunch grass, which, on the whole, made this camp a pretty good one. The women, however, were pretty nearly exhausted, and little Charley Arcane cried bitterly all day and almost all night. All began to talk more and feel more hopeful of getting through. The women began to say that every step brought them so much nearer to the house we had told them about on the other side and often said the work was not so very hard after all. Really it was not so bad travelling as we had at first. We were now nine days from the wagons. "Are we half way?" was the question they began to ask. We had to answer them that more than one half the hard days were over, if one half the distance had not been traveled, and with the better walking and getting hardened to the work, they would get over the last half better than the first. One thing was a little hard. All of our beans and flour had been used up, and now the wheat was about gone also. We had cooked it, and it seemed best, trying to build up our strength, where it was most needed for the greatest trials, and now we thought they would be able to get along on the meat. We had reached the base of the great snow mountain. It seems strange with the mass of snow resting above, and which must be continually thawing more or less, no ravines or large streams of water were produced flowing down this side. It seemed dry all around its base, which is very singular, with the snow near.

We had now our barren canyon to go down, and right here

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**February 14, 2018
RAFFLE**

Number of Members Attended: 32
 Number of Guests Attended: 7
 Income: Raffle: \$ 108.00
 50/50: = \$ 34.00 Payout= \$ 17.00
 Gold Show Presale Raffle \$ 26.00
TOTAL \$ 151.00

DOOR PRIZE

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 Cooking Fork
 Rock Frame
 Rock Candle
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS - Diane McCarroll,

What do you call a person who is happy on Mondays?

Retired!

Treasurer's Report February 2018

Balance forwarded January 31, 2017	\$13,951.86
Income	
Membership	\$ 70.00
Interest (Paid on 1/31/18)	.45
Gold Show (Booths \$253 + \$679)	932.00
Club Sales (Gold Cups) 50 decals for Gold Show Packets=N/C)	42.00
Raffles	
50/50 = \$17	
Gold Show Pre-sale = \$31	
Raffle = \$108	156.00
Total Income	\$ 1,200.45
Disbursements	
Banners (Gold Show) The Log Barn Custom Sign	\$ 468.60
Bidwell Graphics (Design)	120.00
The Fairgrounds (incl 7 extra reader board days)	2,055.00
Advertisement (Gold Show)	
Nickel's Worth= \$102.90	
Huckleberry Press=\$224.00	
The Mountain Trader (Classified Ads)=\$36.40	363.30
Gold Cups & Lids (\$2.76 + 6.26)	9.02
Eagle City Mining (288 Vials for Gold Show)	76.32
Progressive Printing	
Flyers for Gold Show=\$30.21	
Vendor Package Documents = \$68.37	
250 Claims Maps = \$215.45	
February Newsletter = \$218.07	532.10
Rathdrum Senior Center (February Meeting)	65.00
Supplies for Gold Show (ink pad, stapler & staples)	12.03
Large Raffle Drum (to be used at show & meetings)	78.08
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,779.45
Balance in checking as of February 28, 2018	\$11,372.86

Diane McCarroll, Treasurer

Wanted:

Gold Claim close to Noxon, Mt. Have up to \$2500 to spend.
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clear out the old road to the mine. We were cutting down deadfall and clearing it out when a couple of forest service guys came up and wanted to know what we were up to. I explained I bought the old mine patent. One of them said that was impossible because the forest service owned it by default and was going to cut the timber on it that year., We went around and around about it and they threatened to call the sheriff. I told them to go ahead, because I had proof I had bought and paid for the patent. One of them finally called their office, and got set straight. I had bought the patent just in the nick of time.

We all went back to town to get it all straightened out. What a waste of time I thought. We went to the BLM office and finally made a deal. They could have certain species of trees from the patent if the put a good road in to the place. A few days later the bull dozers came and pushed a good wide road in. Put culverts in places where the old road had been completely washed out. Two weeks later I was ready to start clearing out the old buildings from the meadow. That was where I wanted to build my self. The timber cruisers were working at getting the trees marked. They wouldn't start cutting until late fall and winter.

I put the two guys I hired to work cleaning up and digging the holes for the foundations. I had the concrete poured. and then got a crew to build my cabin. I was ready to star putting stuff into the place getting ready to start looking for more gold the following spring. Really needed to because I had almost spent my last dime setting this up. Next spring I had to get more gold or else..he said. We got back in the rigs and went on up the road. When we came out of the timber, I gasped. Cabin my aunt fanny, here was a big house..

To be continued.....

THANK YOU!

I would like to give a shout out and a BIG thank you to Anita from The American Digger Magazine and Steve from The Western/ Eastern Treasure Magazine. They have both donated a gift subscription to their magazines and some magazines for our Gold & Treasure Show. Thanks again and think GOLD!

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2018 / 2019 Club Calendar

2018

Mar 10-11	NWMPGA Gold Show (Kalispell)
Mar 14	Meeting
Mar 17-18	NWMPGA Gold Show
Apr 11	Meeting (Dues are Due)
Apr 14-15	NCWMPGA Gold Show (Cashmere)
May 5-6	GPAA Gold Show (Boise)
May 9	Meeting
May 12	Outing
Jun 1-4	Snake River Invitational (LDMA)
Jun 13	Meeting
Jun 16	Outing
Jul 11	Meeting
Jul 14	Outing
Aug 8	Meeting
Aug 11	Outing
Sept 8	Eagle City Park Pig Roast Potluck
Sept 12	Meeting
Sept 15	Outing
Oct 10	Meeting
Oct 13	Outing—Chili Feed
Nov 3	Saturday Morning Breakfast Starts
Nov 14	Meeting
Dec 12	Meeting
Dec ?	Christmas Potluck

2019

Jan 10	Meeting
Feb 14	Meeting

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

WHO WE ARE!

We are the NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to promote the hobby of recreational gold prospecting and small scale mining.

We organized February 1996 and are 350+ members strong and growing by the month. We helped start a Clearwater Chapter in the Lewiston-Orofino Area.

Please take time to review our Membership Application, Standing Rules and Code of Ethics. We would like to WELCOME you as a new member.

We hold monthly meetings throughout the year and have monthly outings between May and October. We share knowledge and experience and have a great time in doing so.

We have 12 claims that are open to the members and are actively pursuing the acquisition of additional claims. Some of our members open their personal claims to the membership.

Eagle City Park is available to us for our outings at no charge (unless you plan to camp overnight). The fee to camp overnight on outing weekends is \$10 per family for the whole weekend including Friday to setup. The fee for non-outing days is \$10 per family per day or \$20 per family per weekend which includes Friday setup.

Unless otherwise noted, the NorthWest Gold Prospectors meet at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Rathdrum Senior Center located at 8037 W Montana Street in Rathdrum, Idaho. It's on the SW corner of Montana Street & Highway 41 (across the street from Zips). Refreshments are donated by the members and are served at the meetings. Exciting and informative programs are presented by members and guest speakers.

The members bring and donate items for our raffles. Items range from a can of beans to gold nuggets. Raffle tickets are \$1 each (6 for \$5). Every person who signs in will be given a ticket for a surprise door prize drawing.

Outings are held at Eagle City Park the weekend following the monthly meetings between May and October unless otherwise announced at the meeting and in the Nugget News. A potluck dinner is held on Saturday afternoon at 4:00PM during the outing. Bring your table service, beverage and a dish or two. You do not have to participate in the outing to attend the potluck.

Why not join us and have fun?

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May Irish angels rest their wings right beside your door.

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Lead to happiest heights
And the highway you travel
Be lined with green lights.

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Someone to love,
Some work to do,
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A bit o' cheer,
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2018 Refreshment Volunteers

Jan:	Bill Pease, Mike & Dee Ferry, Liz Canady
Feb:	Greg Mertens, Diane McCarroll, Jan See
Mar:	Norm Sabens, Pat & Bob Beck, Julia McCormick
Apr:	Joe & BJ Scheckler,
May:	Karen & Forest Pulis, Mike & Dee Ferry
Jun:	Julia McCormick, Jone Nielsen, Bob Karlan
Jul:	
Aug:	Evelyn Clark
Sept:	Pat & Bob Beck, Julia McCormick
Oct:	Christopher Custer, Mary Lowe, Ed & Kandy Weese
Nov:	Russ Brown, Steve Burris & Mike & Dee Ferry
Dec:	

We need more volunteers.

Would like to have at least 3 people per month.

Sign up at the meeting.

Thanks to all who have signed up!

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was the big trail coming down from the north, which we took and followed. We said all these good things about the road, and encouraged the people all we could to keep in good spirits and keep moving. 231 We told them we thought we knew how to manage to get them safe over the road if they only fully endeavored to do it. We were all quite young, and not in the decline of life as were most of them who had perished by the way. No reader can fully realize how much we had to say and do to keep up courage, and it is to this more than anything else that we did which kept up the lagging energies and inspired the best exertion. I don't know but we painted some things a little brighter than they were, and tried to hide some of the most disheartening points of the prospects ahead, for we found the mind had most to do with it after all. We have no doubt that if we had not done all we could to keep up good courage, the women would have pined away and died before reaching this far. Whenever we stopped talking encouragingly, they seemed to get melancholy and blue.

There was some pretty good management to be exercised still. The oxen were gradually growing weaker, and we had to kill the weakest one every time, for if the transportation of our food failed, we should yet be open to the danger of starvation. As it was, the meat on their frames was very scarce, and we had to use the greatest economy to make it last and waste nothing. We should now have to kill one of our oxen every few days, as our other means of subsistence had been so completely used up. The women contracted a strange dislike to this region and said they never wanted to see any part of it again.

To be continued.....

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 carat?

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

24K = 100% Pure Gold
18K = 75% Pure Gold
14K = 58% Pure Gold
10K = 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

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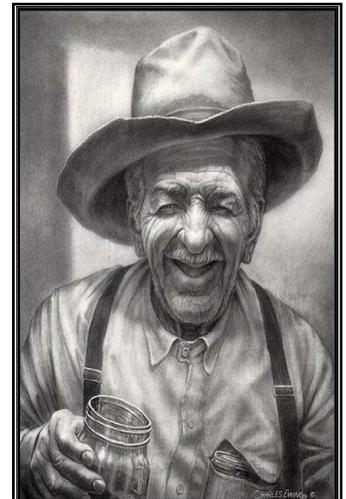
2018 Refreshment Sign-Up

Need at least 3 volunteers to bring refreshments to each months meeting. Please signup at the meeting and do your part to help out. See page 8 to find dates we need to fill. Thanks!

BREAKING NEWS

Local police reports their toilet was stolen during a break-in at police headquarters last night.

Police chief worried as they have nothing to go on!



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

Recipe(s) of the Month

Pork & Hominy Stew

- 1½ lb boneless pork, trimmed & cut into 1½” chunks
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp canola oil
- 1 (14 ½ oz) can low sodium chicken broth
- 1 (14 ½ oz) can diced fire-roasted tomatoes
- 1 large onion chopped
- 3 garlic cloves minced
- 2 tbspc chipotle chile powder or a couple of dashes Chipotle
- Tabasco sauce to taste
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp coriander or sage
- 1 (15 oz) can hominy, rinsed & drained (white or yellow)

Sprinkle pork with salt. Heat oil in non stick pan over medium high heat. Cook pork in batches if need be until browned, about 5 min. Transfer to 5-6 quart slow cooker.

Stir broth, tomatoes, onion, garlic, spices into slow cooker. Top with hominy. Cover and cook until fork tender, 4-5 hours on high or 8-10 hours on low.

Editors note: Mary made this a week or two ago and I couldn't get enough. But doctor imposed portion control made it possible for me to enjoy this for a few days as leftovers!

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong!

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