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Gold has shaped and destroyed civilizations. Since ancient times, gold has been endowed with innate value due to qualities including its resistance to corrosion and tarnishing. It is often attributed supernatural properties by several religious practices and folkloric belief. Despite the variance in culture, religion, or race, gold has always been attributed to certain deities, and was conferred specific deistic properties as embodied by the metals themselves. Even now, there is still a certain superstitious belief that deifies Gold, an explanation why its value is not only inherently monetary, but something deeper in the human psyche.

Gold had a significant role in legend, symbolism and folklore. For example Greece, India and China have myths and legends about gold. The myths and legends have survived. They have been adapted to the general superstitions of today. In ancient Greece gold was a metal that was precious

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Notice

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

Email: info@nwgoldprospectors.org

Website:
www.nwgoldprospectors.org

Crystal Gold Mine Outing

August 25, 2018 @ 10:00 am

*Directions from CDA
Take I-90 to exit 51
Turn left to Cameron Rd
Turn right go 1.25 miles*

Admission fee paid by NWGPA

Sign-up sheet will be sent around at meeting.

Life Flight

Renewals and new applicants due no later than **August 21, 2018.**

**Price for club is \$50.00
Make checks out to NWGPA**

A representative from Life Flight or information will be available at August 8th meeting.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER

After proceeding some distance the mule stopped and did not seem to wish to go any farther. I was pretty sure there was something in front of her that blocked the way, and so worked my way through the brush and carefully past her. I could partly see and partly hear something just ahead, and in a moment found it was our good faithful Cuff, and no frightful spook at all. The good fellow had discovered our approach and came out to meet us, and I am sure the mule was as glad as I was to see him. He crawled through the brush and smelled at the mule's load and then went forward in the trail, which we followed. It was a long time after midnight when we reached camp. There was a good fire burning, but all were asleep till I led the mule up to the fire and called out—"Wake Up," when they were most of them on their feet in a minute without stopping to dress, for all had slept a long time without taking off their clothes.

John took charge of the mule and unloaded it, telling me to get into his warm bed. I took off my wet clothes and told him to dry them, and then got between the dry, warm blankets in greatest comfort. Daylight came very quickly, it seemed to me, and 252 before I finally rose, the sun had been up some hours before me. Before I fell asleep I could hear the women say, as they cut off the pieces of meat to roast—"See the fat! Only see how nice it is!" Quickly roasted on the coals they ate the delicate

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August Refreshment List

Evelyn Clark; Marjorie Clark

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 10

By Virginia Hanks (aka Rockhunter)

We worked on that upper ledge for the next few days. It was a bit cloudy and cooler so we did the cleanup before we went in

for lunch. Worked out fine because then while Jeb napped I could shovel off a bunch of overburden for the next day's run.

One day while we were working I saw Jeb pointing off toward the road. There was Stan, taking the dozer from the pit up to work on the road to the quartz blow out. Then they took a front end loader and a dump truck up to get the big chunks they wanted.

Next day I put a elk stew in the crock pot before we went out to work. After clean up and when Jeb took his nap, I was just going out the door when in walked Big. He put a box of stuff in my hands and said it was stuff his Sister had picked out of her garden.

Good grief, He looked like death warmed over. He stood there a minute then I told him he looked tired and to go sit a while and I would make him a cup of tea. He went on in and collapsed in a recliner and leaned back. He said to me, "Sonny, Whatever you are cooking, sure smells good." I asked him why he didn't stay a while longer with his Sister but he told me, she fusses to much and it was wearing him out. Then He said to me, " Sonny, you know I ain't afraid of dying, but I sure do hate to feel sick and hurt." I felt so bad for him, I was almost ready to start bawling. I took him the hot tea and told I him I knew just what he meant. He closed his eyes, so I went back to the sink and checked out the box from his Sister, cleaned the stuff up and put it in the fridge. When I went back out to talk to Big, I found him sound asleep. When I took the cup from his hand, It was cold as ice so I went and got a couple of blankets and covered him up. Just then Jeb got up from his nap and came and sat at the table. I poured him some coffee, and he mentioned how bad Big looked. I put some chopped cabbage in the stew and started to make some CDQ bread. We would have hot biscuit's and cinnamon rolls for breakfast too. Jeb just sat there, smoked his pipe, drank coffee and went "mumpph" a few times. Then he said, " You planning on a real late

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Meeting Minutes July 11 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne McCarroll at 7:04 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 38 members and 5 guests.

The evening's program was a video presentation on Liberty Gold and its relationship to the Yellowstone Hot Spot.

Under Old Business discussed was sending a list around for the Crystal Gold Mine outing to get an approximate number wanting to attend and set a firm date and time.

Wayne also thanked Ms. Wahdan for her presentation regarding Islam from its beginning to the radical groups of today, that was held on July 30. And a big thank you to the Sprag Pole for allowing us to use their facility during the inclement weather that evening.

Under New Business the club received a new rental agreement from the Rathdrum Senior Center in which our monthly fee for its use increased to \$80 per meeting and since we are keeping the facility clean and remove our garbage, we are not charged a deposit and have been approved to receive our own key. We appreciate your help in cleaning up at the end of the

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meetings.

Life Flight renewals are due in August. The fee is \$50 and payment is due prior to August 21st for us to finalize all applications and renewals. New members need to complete an application and make checks payable to **NWGPA**, renewals need only make a check payable to **NWGPA**.

Remember only people living in your household that you claim on your taxes are

eligible in your membership for the \$50. Also, complete a new application if any of your information has changed since your last application was completed.

Bunker Hill is scheduled to reopen as noted in our local paper recently.

Under Legislative and Regulatory Updates it was noted that environmental agencies were involved in an approximate one year delay for our border patrol to obtain necessary approval to fill a 2500 foot tunnel that was being used to smuggle drugs and illegal immigrants. Interesting to note that the responsible parties did not apply for any permits or approval to build the tunnel.

The National Environmental Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Migratory Bird Act are three environmental policies the US Border Patrol must contend with when attempting to fill the tunnels.

Critical minerals obtain National Security status when the National Defense Authorization Act passed the Senate on June 18 and there was at least one amendment that defined strategic and critical minerals as a national security

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Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

morsels with a relish and, most of all, praised the sweet fat. "We like to have it all fat," said they, showing how their system craved the nourishment the poor starved beef could not give. No one went to bed after I came, but all sat and roasted meat and ate till they were satisfied.

This sporting trip was quite different from deer hunting in Wisconsin, and nothing like looking for game in Death Valley where nothing lived. It was the hardest night's work that ever came to me in many a day, and not the wild sport I generally looked for when on the chase. I felt pretty well when I got up, and a chunk of my last night's prize which had been roasted for me was eaten with a relish, for it was the best of meat and I, of course, had a first class appetite. I had to tell them my last hunting story, and was much praised as a lucky boy.

We would not be compelled to kill any more of our poor oxen in order to live. So far we had killed six of them, and there were five left. Our present situation was much appreciated, compared with that of a few days ago when we were crawling slowly over the desert, hungry, sore-footed and dry, when to lie was far easier than to take steps forward. We felt like rejoicing at our deliverance and there was no mourning now for us. The surrounding hills and higher mountains seemed more beautiful to us. They were covered with green trees and brush, not a desert place in sight. The clear little singing brook ran merrily on its way, the happiest, brightest stream in all my memory. Wild birds came near us without 253 fear, and seemed very friendly. All was calm, and the bright sunshine exactly warm enough so that no one could complain of heat or cold.

When ready to move it was announced that I had lost my saddle blanket in my adventure, so they substituted another one and I took the back track to the place where the mule slipped down the bank, and there I found it. I soon overtook them again just as they were going to camp on Mrs. Bennett's account, as she had been suddenly taken sick with severe pain and vomiting, something as Rogers and I had been after eating our first California corn meal. The rich, fat meat was too strong for her weak stomach.

Arcane all along had an idea that Rogers and I meant to surprise them by leading them to believe the house we had visited was quite a distance off, and then to so manage it that it should appear upon their sight suddenly. We assured them it would take two or more camps before we could get there, and if Mrs. Bennett did not soon recover, even more than that. Our camp here was under a great live oak, the ground deep covered with dry leaves, and near by a beautiful meadow where our cattle and mule ate, drank and rested, the oxen chewing their cud with such an air of comfort as had not come to them since leaving their far-off eastern pastures. They seemed as much pleased as any one. They would lie down and rest and eat at the same time in perfectly enjoyable laziness.

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

Here we all rested and washed such clothes as we could do without long enough to dry, and washed our faces and hands over and over again to remove the dirt which had been burned and sweated in so completely as not to come off readily. We sat on the bank of the brook with our feet dangling in the water, a most refreshing bath, and they too began to look 254 clean again. We often saw tracks of the grizzly bear about, but in our ignorance had no fear of them, for we did not know they were a dangerous animal. An owl came and hooted in the night, but that was the only challenge any wild beast or bird gave to our peaceful and restful camp. We were out of the dreadful sands and shadows of Death Valley, its exhausting phantoms, its salty columns bitter lakes and wild, dreary sunken desolation. If the waves of the sea could flow in and cover its barren nakedness, as we now know they might if a few sandy barriers were swept away, it would be indeed, a blessing, for in it there is naught of good, comfort or satisfaction, but ever in the minds of those who braved its heat and sands, a thought of a horrid Charnel house, a corner of the earth so dreary that it requires an exercise of strongest faith to believe that the great Creator ever smiled upon it as a portion of his work and pronounced it "Very good." We had crossed the great North American Continent, from a land of plenty, over great barren hills and plains, to another mild and beautiful region, where, though still in winter months, we were basking in the warmth and luxuriance of early summer. We thought not of the gold we had come to win. We were dead almost, and now we lived. We were parched with thirst, and now the brightest of crystal streams invited us to stoop and drink. We were starved so that we had looked at each other with maniac thoughts, and now we placed in our mouth the very fat of the land. We had seen our cattle almost perishing; seen them grow gaunt and tottering; seen them slowly plod along with hanging heads and only the supremacy of human will over animal instinct had kept them from lying down never to rise again. Now they were in pastures of sweet grass, chewing the cud of content and satisfaction. 255 Life which had been a burden grew sweet to us, and though it may be that our words of praise to Him, whose will was to deliver us out of the jaws of death, were not set nor formal, yet His all-seeing eye saw the truth in our hearts, and saw there the fullest expression of our gratitude and thankfulness. Who shall say the thanks that arose were less acceptable, because not given on bended knees before gilded altars?

Though across the desert and evidently in the long promised land our troubles and trials were not through by any means, but evidently we were out of danger. Our lives seemed to be secure, and we were soon to meet with settlers who would no doubt extend to us the hand of human sympathy. Many long miles yet remained between us and the rivers in whose sands were hidden the tiny grains of gold we came to seek.

The rest in the lovely camp had answered to cause Mrs. Bennett to feel quite well again by the next morning, and we made ready to proceed. We had the trail of the Jayhawkers to follow, so the vines, brambles and tangles which had perplexed Rogers and myself in our first passage were now somewhat broken down, and we could get along very well without further clearing of the road until the hills came down so close on both sides that there was no room except in

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the very bed of the stream. There was no other way, so we waded along after the oxen as best we could. Sometimes the women fell down, for a rawhide mocassin soaked soft in water was not a very comfortable or convenient shoe, however it might be adapted to hot, dry sands. The creek was shaded and the water quite cool. The trail, such as it was, crossed the creek often and generally was nothing else than the stream itself. The constant wading, and 256 wet, cold clothing caused the women to give out soon and we selected the first dry suitable place which offered food for the oxen, as a place to camp.

Wood was plenty and dry, so a good fire was soon burning, and the poor women, wet to the waist and even higher, were standing before it, turning round and round to get warm and dry. Someone remarked that they resembled geese hanging before the fire to roast, as they slowly revolved, and it was all owing to their fatigue that the suggestor did not receive merited punishment then and there at their hands. As they got a little dry and comfortable they remarked that even an excess of water like this was better than the desert where there was none at all, and as to their looks, there were no society people about to point their fingers at them, and when they reached a settled country they hoped to have a chance to change their clothes, and get two dresses apiece, and that these would be long enough to hide their knees which these poor tatters quite failed to do. One remarked that she was sure she had been down in the brook a dozen times and that she did not consider cold water baths so frequently repeated were good for the health.

Young Charley Arcane had been getting better for some days. No medicine had been given him, and it was no doubt the change of air and water that had begun to effect a cure. Arcane had a hard time of it to keep the brush from pulling George and Melissa off of Old Crump into the water. It was indeed one of the hardest day's work of the whole journey, but no one was low spirited, and all felt very well. The camping place was in a deep cañon, surrounded by thick brush, so that no wind came in to chill us. Everybody was cook and nobody was boss. Not a cent of money among us, nor any chance to use any if we had possessed it. We had nice, sweet, fat meat, 257 cooked rare or well done as each one preferred, and no complaints about the waiters. The conditions were so favorable, compared with the terrible Death Valley and its surroundings that every one remarked about it, and no one felt in the least like finding fault with the little inconveniences we were forced to put up with. It might cure an inveterate fault-finder to take a course of training in the desert.

To be continued.....

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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.

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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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issue. This opens up the the path for additional mining related amendments in the future and will allow some mining projects to be designated as infrastructure projects qualifying them for expedited permitting and streamlined environmental reviews. This will allow some mining projects on some forest service lands to be exempt from regulations that prohibit tree cutting and road construction.

Idaho will take over regulating pollution discharge into the state's lakes and rivers from the federal government under an agreement signed June 5th by the head of the US Environmental Protection Agency. This agreement shifts control of permitting and enforcement aspects under the Federal Clean Water Act to the state starting July 1st.

Idaho was one of only four states where federal authorities managed pollution discharge into surface waters. The others are New Mexico, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. However, note that Idaho cannot write permits that are less stringent than the EPA permits and the EPA retains oversight of the program.

The program was presented and after the program, a break was called for and the meeting reconvened at 8:30. After the meeting reconvened, Wayne asked for any old or new business and receiving no responses, the raffles were held and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Mary Lowe Secretary

Wal-Mart Interview

Jennifer, a manager at Walmart had the task of hiring someone to fill a job opening. After sorting through a stack of resumes she found four people who were equally qualified. Jennifer decided to call the four in and ask them only one question. Their answer would determine which of them would get the job. The day came and as the four sat around the conference room table, Jennifer asked, "What is the fastest thing you know of?"

The first man replied, "A THOUGHT. It just pops into your head. There's no warning." "That's very good!" replied Jennifer.

"And, now you sir," she asked the second man. "Hmmm, let me see, A BLINK. It comes and goes and you don't know that it ever happened. A BLINK is the fastest thing I know of." "Excellent!" said Jennifer. "The blink of an eye, that's a very popular cliché for speed."

She then turned to the third man, who was contemplating his reply. "Well, out at my dad's ranch, you step out of the house and on the wall there's a light switch. When you flip that switch, way out across the pasture the light on the barn comes on in less than an instant. Yep, TURNING ON A LIGHT is the fastest thing I can think of." Jennifer was very impressed with the third answer and thought she had found her man. "It's hard to beat the speed of light," she said.

Turning to Earnest, the fourth and final man, Jennifer posed the same question. Old Ernest replied, "After hearing the previous three answers, it's obvious to me that the fastest thing known is DIARRHEA." "WHAT?" said Jennifer, stunned by the response. "Oh sure," said Ernest. "You see, the other day I wasn't feeling so good, and I ran for the bathroom, but before I could THINK, BLINK, or TURN ON THE LIGHT, I had already shit my pants." Ernest is the new greeter at the Wal-mart near you!

*You probably will think of this every time
you enter a Wal-Mart from now on.*

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supper?" I said, " No, same time as usual, why do you ask? Then he say's, " cause you are just now starting bread." " Oh ye of little faith. My Grandma gave me this recipe and it will be ready on time, you'll see." " Hey, is that can milk you are pouring on those rolls? How come you ain't pouring it on the other pan too? I said just wait, and you will find out everything." I put some frozen peas in with the stew, put one pan of cinnamon rolls in the fridge, and sat down with Jeb and had a cup of coffee.

A hour and a half later I took the bread out of the oven and Big woke up. He said he had a bit of trouble keeping food down, but for first time since his treatment, he really felt hungry. He was glad he came home. We had hot rolls with supper and gooey cinnamon rolls for desert.

During the next few days we got the upper ledge cleaned off and went to work on the clay filled gravel in front of the big rocks. I had removed the big wedges and let the one big rock fall forward into the hole in front of it. We almost had it all cleaned up now. Time to move the sluice up stream.

I told Jeb, I had to go back to town and catch up on my rent and get some more work clothes and boots. Jeb told me to pick up my check at the office, and then he told me, " why don't you think about moving up to the house. No rent, and then I could kinda keep an eye on Big too.. I told him I would consider it while I was in town.

I took some frozen huckleberries and went on down to the office. Darcie gave me the check, and I was flabbergasted at the amount. I said, " are you sure this is right? She said, "Yep, your share less expenses., but still have funds outstanding from the crystals, white quartz boulders, and the guy wants the huge blue grey boulder that's big as a Volkswagon up by the drag line and another big mottled brown one up there too. Those will be as spendy as the white quartz boulders." It pays to be a prospector, don't it?"

In town I told Marge I was going to move on up to the mine. I cleaned out my apartment, got new clothes, went to the bank then headed on back to Montana

Yep I was going home. When I got there, Jeb said he was glad I was going to stay. He told me he hates winter and his old bones hated snow mobile riding, he liked working with our gold processor in the winter, and with all the flour gold in with the white quartz sand he had kept seperate from the rest, they would be hard pressed to get it all cleaned up. this winter.

Yep! I guess I was really a prospector now. I had worked harder in these past few months, than I ever had before, but I loved every minute of it

The End..

*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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to the gods to the extent that they were dressed in gold. Gold is mentioned in Greek mythology for examples as varied as King Midas, the Golden Fleece stolen by Jason who possessed the power of resurrection through to the Golden Apples of Hesperidins. The Golden Apples were guarded by the hundred-headed dragon Ladon. The dragon conferred immortality on whoever ate them. Gold has always been associated with the eternal, the unending, incorruptible and embracing powers of the divine. The colour and lustre of gold continues to be associated with the sun and the sacred masculine. Mythological and legendary mentions of gold cover are referenced in all ancient literature. The Bible itself at least four hundred times references!

The belief in the powers of Gold not only confirms its general worth as currency. It also demonstrates the liquidity of Gold. Belief reflects Gold's cultural worth. Is this an attribute worth more than all the Gold in the world combined?

Why has this yellow metal captured the imagination and even obsessed throughout the ages? Gold is a unique metal. Gold has a constant luster. Moreover, Gold will not tarnish, corrode or oxidise. Gold is malleable as it can be hammered paper thin and it will not shatter. The precious metal can be easily molded to fit upon, or create, almost any Statue or work of art. To that measure Gold is a Symbol for indestructible, eternal, and adaptable. The colour of Gold does not fade due to the effects of time or the elements of Nature. A Gold coin, or a Golden object, which has been excavated after a thousand years, will come out of the ground in the same untainted condition today as when it was first buried either centuries, or millennia, ago. Because Gold will not tarnish, corrode, or fade in colour. The metal is not only a Symbol for Immortality. It is a Symbol for any incorruptible Quest, Ambition, or Purpose. Gold is also a Symbol for ultimate Wisdom and ultimate Truth.

Although the Symbolism of Gold appears throughout mythology, legend, and folklore, we even find excellent examples of Gold's Sym-

bolism the Tarot deck. The card of "The Fool", along with several other cards, contains a Golden Sky. The Quest, or the Purpose, Symbolized by these particular cards is taking place under the Shining Wisdom of the Eternal Heavens, and that spiritual perfection and superiority are the Lesson contained within that card.

If we look at the financial myths of gold, some of the myths have spawned volumes of detailed analysis.

Is Gold is a protection from a recession? While Gold has been a financial source of refuge, the maxim only holds true while the price of Gold increases to maintain the main (or myth).

Is Gold is a protection from hyper-inflation? All commodities increase in price during a time of in hyper-inflation- the reason why it is called hyper-inflation. Gold may or may not perform any better than any other commodity.

Is Gold is a currency? Gold is not a currency nor will it ever be unless a jurisdiction decrees that it will. Gold coins are not legal tender. You cannot go into a supermarket and buy groceries with gold dust.

Does Gold holds its value in times of war? Examination of the price performance of Gold
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RAFFLE July 11, 2018

Number of Members Attended: 39
Number of Guests Attended: 5

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July Treasurer's Report		
Balance forwarded June 30, 2018	\$	18,960.87
Income		
Interest (Paid 8/1/18)		.63
Membership: \$255.00 + \$28.80 Credit Card		283.80
Life Flight		250.00
Raffles: 50/50: \$27.00 Club Raffle: \$90.00		117.00
Club Sales: (Pins=\$15 T-Shirt=\$30 Hat=\$12)		57.00
Total Income	\$	708.43
Disbursements		
Rathdrum Senior Center (July Meeting)		80.00
Progressive Printing (30 copies life flight applications)		6.36
Consumer Cellular (club phone)		17.69
Idaho State Tax Commission (6% interest on sales)		32.34
Nickel's Worth (Notice of yard sale)		39.13
Eagle City Mining (Sale #320 Prizes for club raffle)		413.59
Total Disbursements	\$	589.11
Balance in checking as of August 1, 2018	\$	19,080.19
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The first test is simple. Hold the suspected material close to your nose and smell it. If it smells of sulphur, it's probably not real gold.

Secondly, look closely at the sample. Pyrite forms in cube shaped crystals so if your sample has a lot of sharply angled edges; it's probably Pyrite instead of Gold.

The third test checks for malleability. The old school prospector would bite down on a suspected material. If the bite left indentations in the metal, then it was real gold. The modern prospector may be a little squeamish about just stuffing rocks in their mouth straight off the ground. Instead, bring a hammer with you on your gold hunting trips and give suspected items a good solid hit. If the sample shatters, it is Pyrite. If it flattens or expands, it is gold.

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2018 / 2019 Club Calendar

2018

Jun 13	Meeting
Jun 16	Outing— Yard Sale
Jun 30	Ghada Wahdan Presentation
Jul 11	Meeting
Jul 14	Outing
Aug 8	Meeting
Aug 11	Outing
Aug 17-19	Molly b' Damn Days / Murray, Idaho
Sept 8	Eagle City Park Pig Roast Potluck
Sept 12	Meeting
Sept 15	Outing
Oct 10	Meeting
Oct 13	Outing—Chili Feed Potluck
Oct 20-21	Bedrock Prospectors Gold Show, Puyallup, WA
Nov 3	Saturday Morning Breakfast Starts
Nov 14	Meeting—Annual Food Drive Begins
Dec 12	Meeting
Dec ?	Christmas Potluck

2019

Jan 10	Meeting
Feb 14	Meeting
Mar 13	Meeting
Mar 16-17	NWGPA's 20th Annual Gold & Treasure Show
Mar 30	Saturday Morning Breakfast Ends
Apr 10	Meeting
May 8	Meeting
May 11	Outing—Claims Tour
Jun 12	Meeting
Jun 15	Outing
Jul 10	Meeting
Jul 13	Outing
Aug 14	Meeting
Aug 17	Outing
Sep 11	Meeting
Sep 14	Outing & Eagle City Park Pig Roast
Oct 9	Meeting
Oct 12	Outing—Chili Feed Potluck
Nov 13	Meeting—Annual Food Drive Begins
Dec 11	Meeting
Dec ?	Christmas Potluck

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

Remember

The Saturday after the Labor Day weekend is the annual **Eagle City Park Pig Roast Potluck**

September 8, 2018

All day events include: ATV poker run, treasure hunt, metal detecting hunt, gold panning & music. The pork is served @ 4pm
Bring a potluck dish and join us!

Please email bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com of any changes of your email address or home address to ensure delivery of your newsletter each month!

Let's get started signing up for next years refreshment volunteers list. Pick a month that you will be willing to bring snacks to the monthly meeting. Make note of the month you choose so if by some chance you can't make it to the meeting on that date, you can give us a call to find someone to fill in for you. We would like to get at least three volunteers for each month for variety.

2018 Refreshment Volunteers

Aug: Evelyn Clark; Marjorie Clark
 Sep: Pat & Bob Beck; Julia McCormick
 Oct: Christopher Culter; Mary Lowe; Earl & Kandy Weese
 Nov: Russ Brown; Steve Burriss; Mike & Nadene Ferry
 Dec: Bob & Mary Lowe; Earl & Kandy Weese; Wayne & Diane McCarroll

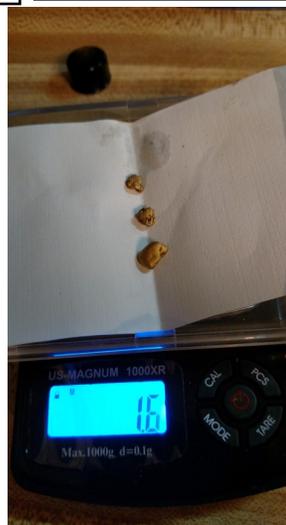
2019 Refreshment Volunteers

Jan:
 Feb:
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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!



Gold found over two weekends by a couple at Eagle City Park!



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during wars y has proved gold does not hold its value in times of war. Indeed, people who have held Gold during times of war have been targets for robbery and murder.

Shares in goldmines have not performed as well as the metal. Mining companies hedge their selling prices and sell the metal on future contracts. If they thought the metal was going to continue to go up, why sell so soon? Mining companies clearly believe the price of the metal may go down at some stage in the future and "a bird in the hand, is worth two in the bush?"

Gold is similar to almost all other asset classes in terms of investor response to events. If Gold does not perform well over time, investors feel they are not getting any dividends or interest and look elsewhere for a better return. Periods occur where lower and middle end of the gold jewelry market is not doing much business. Business is flat. The upper end of the jewelry market is not affected, as the rich will always buy whatever they want no matter the price, but that is only a small section of the jewelry market. Without a lower end market, prices could not keep going up and, like the housing market, the bubble bursts.

By Robert McDowall

G&G Riverstop at Babin’s Junction, now has **NEW** gasoline & diesel pumps. Good prices, too. Dave Gates & family has remodeled the inside of the now fully stocked store. Lots of work is being done to dress-up the outside also. They still have the BEST hard ice cream cones around. Try their milkshakes! Fantastic!!

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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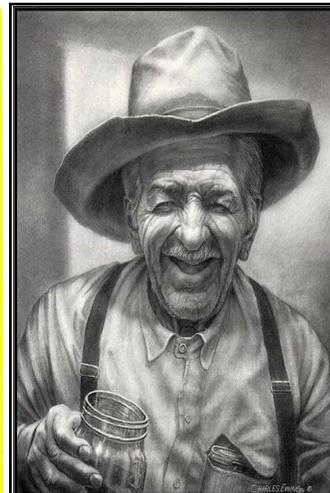
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2018 Refreshment Sign-Up

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!



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

Recipe(s) of the Month

Grilled Corn Salad

Vegetable oil (for grill)
 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
 ¼ teaspoon hot sauce (such as Frank's)
 Kosher salt
 4 ears of corn, in husk
 2 small poblano chilis
 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
 2 scallions chopped

Prepare a grill for medium heat; oil grate. Whisk lime juice and hot sauce in a medium bowl; season with salt. Set dressing aside.

Grill corn (still in husks) and chilis, turning occasionally, until corn is charred all over (husks will be nicely blackened and some of the kernels will become deeply browned in spots) and chilis are blackened in spots and crisp-tender, 10–12 minutes for corn and 8–10 minutes for chilis. Transfer to a platter and let cool slightly before shucking corn.

Slather corn with butter, then cut kernels from cobs into bowl with reserved dressing. Remove seeds from chilis and chop. Add to corn along with scallions. Toss to combine; season corn salad with salt.

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

Be careful when you follow the masses.

Sometimes the M is silent.

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