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Thars Gold in Them Thar Hills....

Annual Food & Personal Hygiene Drive

This year we are again collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items (combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, deodorant, etc.) to donate to the **Morning Star Boys Ranch**. Last year the socks and underwear were greatly appreciated as was the food. These are teenage boys and as most of you know, a teenager can eat a lot of food.

We are also taking donations for the **Women's Shelter**. Items such as clothes and personal hygiene products are in great demand. They are also needing your used cell phones, working or not.

Bring your donations and get a ticket for each item you bring. Tickets will be drawn for prizes at our **Annual Christmas Potluck** held at the Rathdrum Senior Center on Sunday, December 16th from 1pm to 5pm. (Setup at noon) We will hold a White Elephant Gift Exchange and have lots of FUN for the whole family.

Mark your calendar and bring your donations to the meetings!

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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER

Supper came, and it was so inviting. There was real bread and it looked so nice we smiled when it was offered to us. Mrs. Bennett broke pieces for the children and cautioned them not to eat too much. It did seem so good to be among friends we could talk with and be understood. After supper was over and the things cleared away we all sat down in a circle and Bennett told the story of where he had been these many days on the cut off that was to shorten the trail. Mr. Moody said he had about given the party up and intended to start up the coast to-morrow. The story was so long that they talked till they were sleepy and then began again after breakfast, keeping it up till they had a good outline of all our travels and tribulations. This Mr. R. G. Moody, his wife and daughter, Mrs. Quinby, and son, Charles, all lived in San Jose and are now dead. H. C. Skinner was a brother-in-law of Moody and also lived a long time in San Jose, but himself, son and one daughter, are now dead.

Rogers and I now took the pack-saddle we had borrowed of Mr. French to use on our trip to Death Valley and return,

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December Meeting Program

Pamela Root, a representative from AARP will be going over

**FRAUD PROTECTION
AND
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December Refreshment List

Bob & Mary Lowe; Earl & Kandy Weese;
Wayne & Diane McCarroll

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



Election Day Gold

Well it was early and we wanted to get out to the hills, but we had to wait. It was June 4th 2002, election day, and you know we had to wait so that we could do our patriotic duty and vote for the lessor of two evils. Voting done were off, course we forgot half the stuff that we normally take. We have talked about making a check list of things that we need every time we head for the hills. This particular day we are looking for a mine that we found on a map on the internet. Once in the hills we have no problem finding the site, as we are guided by a reference satellite photo and info from DEQ. After looking things over and making plans to come back we are off looking for other mine sites. We are following the road till we are at its highest point when we come around the corner and low and behold there is one snow drift (the only snow drift left on the mountain) about 40' in length, course back about 100 yards there is another road that goes around this spot. We stop to size it up and I says to Ralphy (my prospecting partner, name changed to protect his identity) hahaha, go for it Ralphy you can make it. He locks in the 4 wheel drive and off we go. Once we get a full pickup length into it I realize,,,, faster Ralphy faster. We get to about the middle, and oh dang, (I really said something else), there we stop , dead in the middle.

Now this is the only sight of snow left on the mountain, and we only

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Meeting Minutes November 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 29 members and 3 guests.

The evening's program to be presented by Bryan McKeehan was from a you tube site called Alaska Gold, originally a silent film by the US Mining and Smelting Company from 1949. Kuac Fairbanks added a sound track and narration.

Under Old Business Wayne reminded us that at the January meeting we will need three new directors, one one year position and two two year positions. A list was sent out to the attendees for volunteers for these positions that also included all outgoing officers positions, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant at arms. If no one steps up, these positions will be vacant. So, in order for the club to continue, these positions will need to be filled and, by signing up now, it will make the transition much easier if we can have some names on the ballots.

Under New Business, the annual food drive and personal hygiene drive has begun for the Morning Star Boys Ranch and the local women's shelter. Bring your donations and receive one ticket for each item you bring. The tickets will be drawn for prizes at our Christmas Potluck held at the Rathdrum Senior Center from 1:00 -5:00 with set up at noon, Sunday December 16 and includes a white elephant gift exchange.

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25th of the month preceding the
publication month.

Other new business brought up was who you would like to receive the honor of the most helpful prospector award. Provide nominees to Wayne by the December meeting.

Mark Cook provided an update to the March gold show. Gold will be given out to the first 100 paid admissions both Saturday and Sunday. Last year we had 1200 paid attendees. Currently we have 10 vendors signed up. Also, a reminder to work on your mining equipment for display and re-member all exhib-

its need to be able to be set up inside the building prior to the show's opening.

Under Legislative and Regulatory Updates there will be some mining claim fee increases for some of the filing fees associated with mining claims. Effective October 1, 2018 the BLM increased the fees for filing an amendment, transfer of interest, notice of intent to hold and affidavit of labor.

Claim holders need to file a notarized and recorded affidavit of labor with the BLM by December 30 2018 if a small miner waiver was filed last year. A new \$15 fee will be required for this filing. If you have already filed your affidavit and submitted the old \$10 fee, contact the BLM and find out if another \$5 is required to comply.

Oregon miners filed an appeal on September 12, 2018 that seeks to overturn Oregon's ban on all motorized in stream mining designated as Essential Salmon Habitat. Previously a three judge panel with the US 9th Court of Appeals ruled against the miners in Bohmaker vs Oregon.

In a 2-1 decision the Court concluded that Oregon Senate Bill 3 was not preempted by federal law. N.R. Smith, in a dissenting opinion, stated Senate Bill 3 restricts a particular

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and carried it to the saloon on the east side of the plaza, where we were to place it if we got back safely, and delivered it to the man in charge, with many thanks to Mr. French for his favors to us, and sent him word that we would always remember him and be ready to do him a similar or equal favor if ever we were able. We considered him a good benevolent man, and such he proved to be when he offered us fat oxen, good beans, and any other thing we needed. He told the people in the house who we were, which no doubt influenced them kindly in our favor when we arrived.

At the saloon there was a large room with tables in it and gambling going on actively. Money changed hands very rapidly, drinks at the bar were frequent, and the whole affair moved forward with the same regularity as any mercantile business. The door stood wide open and any one could come and go at his pleasure. Quite a number of black-eyed, fair looking women circulated among the crowd, and this, to us, seemed quite out of place, for we had never seen women in saloons before. We watched the game awhile to see some losing and some gaining, the result being quite exciting; but as neither of us had any money, we could not have joined in the game had we been so disposed; so we looked on awhile and then took a seat on the ground outside of the house.

Here we talked over our chances of getting to the mines. All the clothes we had were on our backs and feet and those were the poorest of the poor. We had no money. I had the little black-eyed mule, and Rogers had the watch Arcane had given him. Mr. Moody had said it was 500 miles to San Francisco, and 150 miles further to the mines, so that after the hard travel of a year we were still a long way off from the place we started for.

We could not see any way to make a living here. There was no land cultivated, not a fence, nothing to require labor of any kind. The valley was rich enough and produced great crops of grass, and the cattle and horses we had seen grazing seemed to be about all the use they put it to. It looked as if the people must live principally on meat. I thought if we could manage to get a little provision together, such as flour and beans, that I could pack there on the mule, and I was pretty sure I could find game that would be better meat

Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

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

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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.

than we had lived on during the last two months on the desert.

We looked around to see if we could find something to do to earn a little for a start, but were not successful. In our walk about this city of mud we saw many things that seemed strange to us. There were more women than men, and more children than grown-up people, while the dogs were plenty. At the edge of the town, near the river were some grape vines fenced in with living willows, interlaced in some places with dry vines. The Indians moved very moderately around and no doubt had plenty of beef to eat, with very few wants to provide for. We noticed some few people paying for small things at the stores with small money. The women all dressed much alike. The dress was of some cheap material, sandals on feet, and a kind of long shawl worn over the head and thrown over the shoulder. There seemed to be neither hoops nor corsets in their fashions. The men wore trousers of white cotton or linen, with a calico shirt, sandals, and a broad rimmed snuff colored hat. The Indians and their wives went bareheaded.

Near the end of the street we came to a boarding house and went in and sat down in the empty room. Soon a man came in, better dressed than ourselves, and much to our surprise it was one of the old Death Valley travelers, the Rev. J. W. Brier whom I last saw in his lone camp in the desert, discoursing to his young sons on the benefits of an early education. I know the situation struck me very strangely, with death staring them in the face and he preaching.

We had a long talk about the hard journey we had each experienced. As his party had not waited they had come through ahead of us. He said himself and Mr. Granger had started a boarding house when they arrived, and had been doing a good business. He said that as long as the emigrants continued to come he could get along very well. We asked him if there was any chance for us to work and get money to get some provisions to help us on the way to the mines. He said he could give work to one of us hauling water for the house with oxen and cart, and the one who could manage oxen was the man. I was an ox driver and so told him I would take his team and cart and set out with the work. He said he could pay fifty dollars a month, and I accepted the offer quickly as I saw it was a good chance to build up my exhausted strength and flesh.

I turned the little mule out in the hills near by, and began my work. It was not hard,

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for the boarders were thinning out. The natives did not patronize this hotel very much, but grub disappeared pretty fast at my corner of the table, for my appetite began to be ravenous. There was not much variety to the food and very few luxuries or delicacies, which were hard to obtain on such a bare market, but all seemed satisfied with the food, and to me it tasted extra good.

Rogers went back to the old camp and helped them there, and I often went over after dark, when my work was done. Moody and Skinner had been active in trying to get Mr. Bennett ready to go up the coast with them. Bennett had sold his repeating rifle and with the proceeds and the help of his friends had got another ox, making two yoke for him. They fixed up a wagon for him, and yokes enough could be found where people had traded off their oxen for horses. Provisions enough had been gathered by Moody and Skinner for them all, and Rogers would go along with the party to help them with the teams.

I was left alone after they started, and it was my idea to quit when I had worked a month, and if my mule staid with me, to start for the mines even if I went alone. The majority of the male inhabitants of this town had gone to the mines, and this accounted for the unusual proportion of women. We learned that they would return in November, and then the gambling houses would start up in full blast, for these native Californians seemed to have a great natural desire to indulge in games of chance, and while playing their favorite game of monte would lay down their last reale (12 1/2 cents) in the hope of winning the money in sight before them on the table.

As the boarding house business got dull I was taken over to a vineyard and set to work, in place of hauling water. The entire patch was as green as a meadow with weeds, and I was ex-

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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
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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.

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.

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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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pected to clean them out. I inquired of Brier how he came to get hold of this nice property, and he said that during the war the soldiers had taken possession of this piece of ground, and had their camp here, so he considered it was government land, and therefore had squatted on it and was going to hold it, and pay for it as regular government land, and that he already considered it his own, for said he, "I am an American, and this is a part of the public domain." "All right," said I, "I will kill weeds for you, if you wish, when I have time to spare, and you don't want the oxen worked at any other work".

I could see every day that I was improving in health and weight and would soon become myself again, able to take the road to the mines. When about two weeks of my time had expired two oldish men came to the house to stop for a few days and reported themselves as from Sacramento, buying up some horses for that market. Thus far they had purchased only six or eight, as they had found the price too high to buy and then drive so far to a market to sell again. They had about decided to go back with what they had and undertake some other kind of business. I thought this would be a pretty good chance for me to go, as I would have company, and so went to Brier and Granger and told them what I would like to do, and that with their permission I would quit and go on with them. They readily consented, for their money was coming in rather slow, and they paid me twenty five dollars for half a month's work. This made me feel pretty rich and I thought this would give me food enough to reach the mines.

Having two or three days to get ready in, I began doing the best I could. I found an old saddle tree which had been thrown away, and managed to fix it up so I could use it. I also found an old gun some traveler had left, and with a little work I fitted the breech of that to my own gun which was broken, and had been roughly tied together with strips of raw-hide. I now had a good sound gun if it was not very handsome. I bought a Spanish blanket, not so wide as ours, but coarse and strong, and having a hole in the center through which to put the head and wear it as a garment in case of storm, or at night. I went to a native store and bought a supply of carne seca (dried beef) and some crackers, put some salt in my pocket and was now provisioned for another trip. I found my mule in the hills back of town, not far from where I left her, and the rest and good feed had made her look better and feel better, as well as myself.

The drovers had found two other men who wanted to go with them and help drive the horses for their board. I put my blanket on under the saddle, packed my little sack of meat and crackers on behind, and when I was in the saddle with my gun before me I considered I was pretty well fixed and able to make my way against almost anything. I said to myself that the only way now to keep me from getting to the gold mines was to kill me. I felt that there was not a mountain so high I could not climb, and no desert so wide and dry that I could not cross it. I had walked and starved and choked and lived through it, and now I felt so strong and brave I could do it again—any way to reach the gold mines and get some of the "dust."

I had not much idea how the gold from the mines looked. Everybody

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have one shovel (his) hehehe. After diggin for awhile we find out the wheels don't touch the ground, they just go round and round, Were high centered. After getting some wood and rocks and filling in the space between the tires and the ground and after a few tries we did make it out. To pooped to go far so it was time for lunch.

A little later after touring around and looking at old mine sites we set our sites on a dig hole and drag out the detectors, lots of old square nails and positive hot rocks. I'm using the GB2 with 6" coil and Ralphy is using the GM4 with regular coil. .After a few nails and hot rocks there's this nice Zippp zipppp and flipping to iron ID it sounds good, (so do the big nails) and after thinking it's another nail out pops this Little Dinker a 4.5 gm. Hey this is alright. I rake some more dirt down and tells my partner, you've got a bigger coil, check this now see if there anything left. Out comes a couple more nails and he moves to the right and continues detecting , so I go back in and then ZZZZZIIIPPPPPP ZZIIPP. ya another nail, right!. Dig a little more, run the magnet through the dirt looking for the nail, still nothing ZZZZZIIIPPPPPP ZZIIPP sounds good, grab a hand full of dirt, check the hole nothing, got it in my hand, Hey Ralph look at this, is this what I think it is, Yup, where'd you find it, In the hole. hehehehe. Anyway out pops this Little Dinker. 30.6 gms. Hey this is even better. Not bad for election day

Allen C



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!

called it gold dust, and that conveyed an idea to me that it was fine as flour, but how to catch it I did not know. I knew other people found a way to get it, and I knew I could learn if any body could. It was a great longing that came to me to see some of the yellow dust in its native state, before it had been through the mint.

At the last meal I took at the house there were only a few at the table. Among them was a well dressed Californian who evidently did not greatly fancy American cooking, but got along very well till Mrs. Brier brought around the dessert, a sort of duff. This the Californian tasted a few times and then laid down his spoon saying it was no bueno and some other words I did not then understand, but afterward learned that they meant "too much grease." The fellow left the table not well pleased with what we generally consider the best end of a Yankee dinner, the last plate.

While here I had slept in a small store room, where I made my pallet out of old rags and blankets. While I was looking round for material to make my bed I came across a bag partly full of sugar, brought from Chili. It was in very coarse crystals, some as large as corn. There were some other treasures and luxuries there that perhaps I was expected guard. I however had a sweet tooth and a handful or so of the sweet crystals found their way into my pocket. I bade Mr. Brier and the rest good bye and rode away to join my company.

To be continued.....

We have started our 8am Saturday morning coffee / breakfast get together in the cafeteria at **Kootenai Medical Center** in Coeur d'Alene. These meetings will last till the last Saturday in March.

Hope to see you there!

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use of federal land and is preempted by federal law.

The miners have filed an appeal requesting an "En Banc" hearing before all 11 judges of the 9th Circuit. An adverse ruling by the 9th Circuit can be appealed to the US Supreme Court which is the plan.

On September 21, 2018 the Trump Administration stripped law enforcement authority from fish and wildlife employees working as refuge managers. Full time law enforcement officers within the agency will remain, only those who have dual roles will lose their law enforcement authority and this change will take place January 1, 2019.

The program was presented, a break was called for and the meeting then 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 8:47 PM.

Mary Lowe, Secretary

Number of Members Attended: 27
Number of Guests Attended: 3

Income: Club Raffle: \$ 87.00
50/50: = \$29 Payout: \$ 14.50
TOTAL \$ 101.50

DOOR PRIZE

ITEM
Raspberry/Cherry Jam
4 Paper Plate Holders
Silver Dime
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November Treasurer's Report

Balance forwarded October 31, 2018	\$ 14,519.07
<i>Income</i>	
Interest ((Paid 10/31/18	.50
Gold Show (Applications) (\$75.00 + \$508.50)	583.50
Raffles: 50/50: \$14.50 Club Raffle: \$87.00	101.50
Club Sales: (Pin)	<u>5.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 690.50

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We now accept major credit & debit cards for membership renewals and purchases of club merchandise.

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Our Christmas Potluck is Sunday, December 16th. Set Up time is 12:00 noon. Dinner will be served at 1:00. Please bring a potluck item to share (Salads, Potatoes, Casseroles, Breads or Dessert). Turkey and ham, along with coffee and punch will be provided.

We will hold drawings for prizes for your donations to the Morning Star Boys Ranch and the Woman's Shelter and door prizes. A "White Elephant" gift exchange will follow. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift for each person in your party. Indicate that the gift is for MALE, FEMALE OR UNISEX. If you bring children, bring a gift marked CHILD for each one. Rules of the gift exchange will be announced at the dinner.



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Nomination:

Law and Regulations: Wayne McCarroll

Legislation Liaison:

Internet Website: Bill Izzard

Programs:

Financial Audit:

2018 / 2019 Club Calendar

2018

Dec 12 Meeting—Annual Food Drive
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.

Strange as it may seem,
my life is based on a true story!

Notice

The phone number for the NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association is
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Email: info@nwgoldprospectors.org

Website:

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Call Bill @ 509-884-9343 OR Doug @ 509-669-0993

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 he 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

Dec: Bob & Mary Lowe; Earl & Kandy Weese; Wayne & Diane McCarroll

2019 Refreshment Volunteers

Jan: Bob & Mary Lowe, Wayne & Diane McCarroll, Norman Sabens
Feb:
Mar: Frisque's & Bill Pense
Apr: John Ohlson
May: Mike Fisher
Jun:
Jul: Bob & Pat Beck
Aug:
Sep: Wayne & Diane McCarroll & Bob & Pat Beck
Oct: Russ Brown & Steve Burris
Nov: Bob & Mary Lowe, Mark Cook
Dec: Christopher Custer

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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Disbursements

Rathdrum Senior Center (November Meeting)	\$	80.00	
Consumer Cellular (Club Phone)		17.72	
Raffle Prizes		206.21	
Blacksheep	\$	51.88}	
N. 40		23.30}	
Harbor Freight		59.48}	
Walmart		71.55}	
Christmas Party (Gifts & Supplies)		295.94	
Costco	\$	24.36}	
Walmart		60.63}	
Walmart		47.82}	
TJ Maxx		64.61}	
Ross		33.87}	
Shopko		42.37}	
Dollar Tree		22.26}	
ProPrint (Newsletter)		229.09	265.66
(Applications, Booth Maps & Flyers)		36.57	
Gold Show – Mark Cook (Reimb. for Websites)			<u>146.39</u>
Host Gator	\$	131.40	
Go Daddy		14.99	
Total Disbursements	\$		1,011.92
Balance in checking as of November 30, 2018	\$		14,197.65

Diane McCarroll, Treasurer

Mining for Words

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picker
ounce
pennyweight
gram
grain

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?

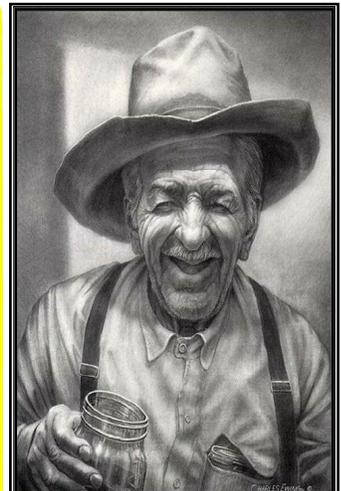
0.0648 grams = 1 grain
24 grains = 1 pennyweight (dwt.)
20 pennyweight (dwt.) = 1 troy oz.
12 troy oz. = 1 troy pound

2019 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!



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Recipe(s) of the Month

SLUICE BOX STEAK

Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1/3 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped onions
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 tablespoons water

Directions

Combine ground beef, bread crumbs, chopped onion, egg, salt, and black pepper in a bowl until evenly mixed. Shape beef mixture into 4 patties, about 3/4 inch thick.

Fry patties in a large skillet over medium heat until browned on both sides, about 10 minutes. Add beef broth, onion, and mushrooms; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer until patties are no longer pink in the center, about 10 minutes more. Transfer patties to a platter and keep warm.

Bring onion mixture to a boil. Mix cornstarch and water in a small bowl; stir into onion mixture. Cook and stir until onion gravy is thickened, about 1 minute. Pour over patties to serve.

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

On my dad's birthday, I gave him \$100 with a note to "buy something to make your life easier." So he went out and bought a present for my mother!

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