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Happy New Year!

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER

CHAPTER XII

[Leaving the little party whose wanderings we have followed so closely, safely arrived in Los Angeles, their further history in California will be taken up later on, and this narrative will go back to points when the original party was broken up and trace the little bands in their varied experience. It will be remembered that the author and his friends, after a perilous voyage down Green River, halted at the camp of the Indian chief, Walker, and there separated, the Author and four companions striking for Salt Lake, while Mc Mahon and Field remained behind, fully determined to go on down the river.

The story of these two men is told by McMahan in the following interesting letter.]

Dear Manley:—

Yours requesting me to give you a synopsis of the history of incidents, experience, and observations of our mutual friend, Richard Field and myself, from the time you, John Rogers, Alfred Walton, and the Hazelrig brothers left us at the camp of the generous old chief Walker on the west bank of the river near the mouth of the "great seven days canyon" is at hand.

You no doubt distinctly, and with pleasure, remember that unbroken friendship which existed among us up to the time of our separation and that we parted warm and

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Updated Website

GoldFever Mining Supply has updated their website:

www.goldfeverminingsupply.com

Additional content & NWGPA info was added. Access to past 2018 *Nugget News* issues are available.

January Refreshment List

Bob & Mary Lowe, Wayne & Diane McCarroll, Norman Sabens

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"

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Supreme Court ruled that the US Dept. of Interior could not designate critical habitat for a species when that species does not currently live there.

In 2001 the US Fish and Wildlife Service declared the Dusky Gopher Frog endangered. After the service was sued by environmental groups, the agency identified critical habitat in 2012 that included 1544 acres in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, that the service identified as Conservation Unit 1. The frogs do not occupy this habitat and had not been seen in the state for 50 years.

Note that the property was rich in timber and the owner was leasing a portion of it to Weyerhaeuser.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals voted 4 to 1 against the landowner and denied the request for all seventeen judges to hear the case. The case was then appealed to the US Supreme Court who considered two questions:

An area is eligible for critical habitat only if it is habitat for the species. The Secretary's decision not to exclude an area from critical habitat is subject to judicial review.

The 5th Circuit Court decision was vacated and remanded for reconsideration in light of the US Supreme Court ruling. Furthermore, one other highlight states that the Secretary shall only designate critical habitat after taking into consideration the economic impact, the impact on national security, and any other relevant impact, of specifying any particular area as critical habitat.

Montana voters rejected a ballot initiative that would have required redevelopers to provide clear evidence in any hard rock mining proposal that the mine would not require perpetual treatment of polluted water after operations end.

Wildlife and environmental advocates backing the measure said it would have prevented mining companies from leaving permanent water pollution and saddling the state's taxpayers with the cost of clean up.

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Don't Lower the Bar



Dear Mr. Berko:

California wants to lower the minimum score needed to pass the bar exam. Passing scores on the ACT and the SAT have been lowered. Dayton, Ohio, lowered its requirements for the police exam. Colleges give courses online. States let applicants take physician licensing exams

in Spanish. Banks make auto and home loans to people with 550 credit scores. States have lowered requirements to become teachers. I could go on for pages. What do you think? — JS, Charlotte, N.C.

Dear JS:

Thanks for your very long letter. The following is a summary of a recent article by Chris Sperry, a prominent baseball consultant.

In 1996, one of the most storied high school and college baseball coaches, John Scolinos, spoke to a convention of more than 4,000 baseball coaches in Nashville, Tennessee. Scolinos, who had retired from coaching in 1991, shuffled to the stage and received a standing ovation. He wore a string around his neck, from which hung a full-size home plate.

Scolinos spoke for 25 minutes before referring to his home plate necklace. He was mindful of the snickering among some of the coaches and then reproachfully said, "You're probably all wondering why I'm wearing home plate on my neck." He continued, "I may be old, but I'm not crazy. The reason I stand before you today is to share with you baseball people ... what I've learned about home plate in my 78 years."

Then he asked: "Do you know how wide home plate is in Little League?"

After a pause, someone said, "17 inches."

Scolinos then asked, "How about in Babe Ruth's day?"

There was a long pause, and another reluctant coach said, "17 inches."

"Right," said Scolinos.

"Now, how many high school coaches do we have in the room?"

Hundreds of hands went up.

"How wide is home plate in high school baseball?"

"Seventeen inches," they exclaimed in unison.

"And you college coaches, how wide is home plate in college?"

"Seventeen inches!"

"Any minor league coaches here? How wide is home plate in pro ball?"

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The meeting was called to order by President Wayne McCarroll at 7:11 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 27 members and 7 guests.

The evening's program presented by Pamela Root, a representative from AARP, was on fraud and identity theft.

Under Old Business Wayne said there were several people who signed up to run for positions in the upcoming elections, Vice President, Darin Faires; Sargent at Arms, Don Moyers; and sound system, Bryan McKeehan. With regard to the Board of Directors, two year term, Brian McKeehan and Ron Cowan; one year term, Bob Lowe.

Positions remaining open are President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please give some thought on filling these positions if the club is to continue operating, as these positions will be vacated after the April meeting.

The refreshment list was sent around again for anyone volunteering to provide a snack for one of the meeting nights.

We were also reminded of the Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange to be held December 16.

Also ballots for the Helpful Prospector nominees need to be turned in as soon as possible as the drawing will be held at the January meeting.

There was no new business noted at this meeting.

Under Legislative and Regulatory Updates noted in the ICMJ Miners News, on November 27, 2018 the US

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tried friends.

Well, after you and your companions had left us set to work to prepare the canvas for the continuation of the voyage down the river. We drilled holes through the sides of the "Pilot"—you, I have no doubt remember which that was, yours and mine, in which we took so many fearful risks, and "No. 2," so that we might in case of necessity lash the two together. After a day or two Field lost courage and finally determined to go no further down the river. Walker in the meantime had repeated his friendly warnings appertaining to the great danger in going further down the river. You will remember what he had told us about it before you left us.

You know that I was the biggest coward of the whole seven; but I assumed courage and told Field that I would go down the river alone; and, for a time, I thought I would do so; but after some reflection I concluded that, perhaps, discretion was the better part valour, and reluctantly gave it up. We now decided to follow you, or to take some other unknown route and try to make our escape out of this most perilous condition.

We then set about, as you had done, to trade with Walker for a pony or two, and after much dickering Field succeeded in getting the, afterwards famous, big, old, sore-backed mule. You may not remember him, but I do; and, notwithstanding his sore back, he made pretty good beef. I, with pins, needles, thread, a pocket-knife, a handkerchief, etc., succeeded in getting a very nice, round, three-year-old, iron-gray pony.

After making pack-saddles, and getting almost ready to start, we were, through Walker's kindness and persuasiveness, overcome, and consented to go with him, feeling confident that we would not starve to death while with him. We did not now have Manley with his long experience, and his old rusty, but always trusty, rifle as a sure defense against possible hunger and starvation.

The old chief, and, in fact, the whole tribe, seemed pleased when we consented to go with them. Preparations were now made, and all except the horses and four head of cattle, was conveyed across the river in the two canoes which were lashed together, while the horses and cattle were forced to swim to the other side where we camped for the night. Next morning the clever old chief had two good horses fitted up in good style for Field and I, which we rode all of the nine days that we remained with the band, while our own run with the herd. Our baggage was carried on some of the chief's pack-horses. We were, in fact, his honored guests, as will hereafter appear.

All were soon mounted and off to the buffalo fields, Walker having informed us that he intended going up into the buffalo country on the head-waters of Grand River where he would remain until snow fell, when he would go to Salt Lake City, or vicinity.

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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.

Leaving the river, we set out across a not entirely barren plain, for there was much sage-brush, and several varieties of cactus. Towards evening we came close up to the foot of a range of rugged, rocky mountains, where we found water and camped for the night. Field and I usually pitched our little muslin tent somewhere near our friends where we could sleep without fear of man or beast, for I think some one of the reds was always on guard.

All went well for four or five days, when we all got entirely out of food except a few ounces of flour which we had hidden away for a possible emergency. During the following two days and nights all were entirely without food except the two little children, whom you no doubt remember. We gave their mother a little flour now and then which she mixed with a little milk which one of the cows afforded, for the little ones. These Indians did not seem to suffer for want of food; even when we were starving, they appeared happy and contented; and one young fellow would sing all day long while we were starving. During the second day of starvation and hard traveling over hot and barren deserts, the Indians killed a wild-cat and two small rabbits. We got nothing. You will remember that all the arms of the seven men were lost in the river when the canoes were sunk, except your rifle and my double barreled shot-gun and revolver, so that Field and I had only the one gun, and neither of us knew anything about hunting. When we camped, one of the boys brought over to our tent a quarter of the cat, which was more than a fair share of the whole supply, as twenty-two of them had only the two little rabbits and three quarters of the unfortunate cat. We boiled and boiled and boiled that cat's hind leg, but never got it done. We waited as long as we possibly could, gave up in despair and put a little flour into the broth to thicken it, and drank it. It was not good, but much better the meat of the cat. That cat and the rabbits were all the twenty-four of us had to eat, after fasting two days, until late in the evening of the next day.

My people were religious, and when I was young the family was wont to observe fast days, but never did we have any such long fasts as these were. In the afternoon of the next day the old chief left the caravan and went on ahead of the train toward a chain of mountains, first giving some directions to the band, and taking one son with him. When we arrived in a small canyon in the edge of the mountains we found them with a fine mountain sheep which they had killed and brought down to the dim, little-used trail where we camped; and after we had set up our little tent as usual, a short distance away from our friends, one of the young men brought to us about one fourth of the sheep, while the twenty-two Indians had the rest.

You know that a good-sized mountain sheep would make a fair supper for twenty-four people, even though they had been starving three or four days; but this was a small one, and I think Field and I ate about half of the quarter. The twenty-two Indians soon devoured the three-fourths and all of the soft viscera, including the stomach and intestines, after which some of the boys came to our tent while we were stuffing our, what had been for several days empty, stomachs. We offered them part of our bounteous supply of mutton, having much more than we could eat; but no, they would not touch it until we were filled full, when they accepted what was left, and soon stowed it away. All were now pretty well filled up once more.

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The next day was spent without food, traveling over rough mountains. Within a pass, late in the afternoon, we crossed the fresh trail of some other band of roving red-skins, and Walker suspected who they were, and went into camp early. The Indians had killed nothing that day, but I had killed a small rabbit which, unfortunately for it, came in my way during the day. This we offered to the women for themselves and the little children; but they positively refused to accept it, insisting that they did not want it or need it, and that the small supply of milk from the cow was quite sufficient for the little ones, and the others spurned the offer to divide so little a thing, so we had it all to ourselves.

It appeared that these people were accustomed to go for long periods without food, and with little apparent inconvenience; but Field and I began to feel as I suppose Dr. Tanner felt after a few days' fasting, and began to wish that the old chief would get hungry and kill one of his large, fat steers, but he still held them in reserve.

Early the next morning, now nine days from the time we had left the river, the old chief took two of the young men and left camp, as we afterwards learned, to go in search of the Indians whose trail we had crossed the evening before. Some time in the early part of the night, one of the young men returned and informed us that they had found the wandering tribe, and that we were to go back to their trail and follow it to their camp up in a Southeast direction, Walker and one of the young men having remained with their new-found friends.

Field and I both felt greatly disappointed in not being able to proceed north; and in the meantime we had become very tired of the society of these people, notwithstanding the fact that they were exceedingly clever; but we were almost starved to death, and had about come to the conclusion that we would be obliged to make some change. We were still on the east side of, and considerable distance from the river, and probably not more than one hundred, and twenty miles from the place where we parted from you.

The chief had sent particular instructions for us to go with the tribe; but, after canvassing the whole situation, we decided to part company with our good friends, proceed northward, and try to reach Fort Bridger or some other settlement in the northwest, and so informed them, and requested the boys to bring in our mule and horse, which

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Editor's Note

We are always looking for stories to fill our pages.

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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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they did after failing to induce us to go with them.

Bright and early the next morning, they all, even the polygamous wives and little children, in apparent sorrow, bade us good-bye, and were off, leaving us alone with our two poor, lonely, four-footed companions, who were very anxious to follow the band of horses. After the rather melancholy parting we arranged our packs, and about ten o'clock started out on what then seemed, and afterwards proved, to be a perilous voyage through deserts, and over rough mountains. To avoid a high range of mountains, our course was for a time northeast but, after passing that range we bore to the northwest.

The days were quite warm, but the nights were cold. During the first day we killed and ate one small rabbit, and this, with a few seed buds gathered from wild rose bushes, constituted two days' rations. On the third we did not have even the rabbit or rose seed buds, but late in the afternoon we found some small red berries, similar in appearance to what I, in my childhood, knew and relished as Solomon's seal berries. I being a natural coward, and fearing that they might poison me, did not eat any of them, but generously allowed my good friend to eat them all.

We had now been almost entirely without water for two days and nights. When night came on we picketed our animals in a grass plot and lay down near them to see that they did not get tangled in the ropes and hurt, or that some red skin, not having the fear of the Lord in his heart, did not come and take them away. About ten o'clock my companion began to complain of pain in his stomach and bowels, and was soon vomiting at a fearful rate; so violently, indeed, that I was apprehensive that he might die. If I had had an emetic I would have given it to him to have assisted nature in pumping those devilish little red berries out of him, for I felt quite sure that they were the cause of his illness. Perhaps it was fortunate that there was no medicine at hand, for if there had been I might have killed him with it.

He suffered most intensely, and soon became very thirsty, and, there being no water within many miles of us, he appealed to me to bleed one of the animals and let him drink the blood; I refused: he insisted; I again refused: he commanded; I still refused. He swore, and called me almost everything except a good Christian; he even expressed the wish that I, his friend, might be sent to a certain place where the heat is most intense, and the fire is never quenched.

At about eleven o'clock, when his pains were most severe, a dark cloud, the first we had seen for months, came over us, and a little rain began to fall, when I at once opened our little camp kettle and turned the lid upside down, and into both kettle and lid there fell perhaps two or three teaspoonfuls of pure water, every drop of which I gave to the sufferer, whereupon he expressed thanks for another God-send, and at once apologized for bestowing unmerited abuse on me. He afterwards often asserted that he believed that the little rain-cloud was sent by God for his special benefit, and that the water caught from that cloud was the sweetest and best that he had ever tasted. I did not doubt the latter half of the above statement, but I did have some doubt about the truth of the former half when I called to mind the scene which followed my refusal to bleed the horse. Whether the small quantity of water gave him much relief, or not, I do not know, but I do know that he soon became better and slept some while I watched. He was quite feeble next morning when I put him on the old sore-backed mule, where he rode most of the time for the next four days, while the little horse carried our baggage, and I led the way as usual, on foot.

For four days from the time Field ate the little red berries we did not have a drop of water except the two or three teaspoonfuls which the stingy cloud left to save the life of the "berry-eater." We were still on the desert, or in the mountains east of the river, traveling hard during the day, and burning up with fever in the night. There was plenty of drying grass in places, but our poor animals could not eat it any longer, for they, too, were burning up for want of water. Oh, how much I did wish that we had some camels from Arabia, which

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"Seventeen inches!"

"Right!" Scolinos said. And then he asked about the major leagues, confirming that it's 17 inches there, too.

"And what do they do with a big-league pitcher who can't throw the ball over 17 inches?"

After a pause, he answered himself: "They send him to Pocatello!"

The coaches laughed.

"What they don't do is ... say, 'Ah, that's OK, Jimmy. You can't hit a 17-inch target? ... We'll make it 20 inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can't hit that, let us know so we can make it wider still, say 25 inches.'"

He continued: "Coaches, what do we do when our best player shows up late to practice? When our team rules forbid facial hair and a guy shows up unshaven? ... Do we hold him accountable? Or do we change the rules to fit him? Do we widen home plate?"

The laughter faded as Scolinos' message became clear.

Scolinos made a drawing of a house on the home plate around his neck with a marker.

"This is the problem in our homes today, with our marriages, with the way we parent our kids, with our discipline. We don't teach accountability to our kids, and there is no consequence for failing to meet standards. We widen the plate."

Then he drew an American flag on top of the house. "This is the problem in our schools today. The quality of our education is going downhill fast, and teachers have been stripped of the tools they need to be successful. ... We are allowing others to widen home plate."

Scolinos concluded: "If I am lucky, you will remember one thing from this old coach today. It is this: If we fail to hold ourselves to a higher standard, a standard of what we know to be right, if we fail to hold our spouses and our children to the same standards, if we are unwilling or unable to provide a consequence when they do not meet the standard and if our schools and churches and our government fail to hold themselves accountable to those they serve, there is but one thing to look forward to."

He held home plate in front of his chest and presented its black backside. "Dark days ahead." This is what our country has become, and it's wrong. Go out there and fix it. Don't widen the plate.

John Scolinos passed away in 2009 at the age of 91.

Granite, Schist, and Gneiss are 3 types of rocks that are present in most of the places where gold is found.

When these geological masses contact each other, pressure and high temperatures would cause fissures that would result in gold formation. Gold would be pushed to the surface, making it accessible to prospectors without needing to tunnel deep into the ground.

Identifying the general direction of the geology in your mining area is important. In most of the western U.S., mountains range are in a general northwest-southeast trend. Look for contact areas where some other rock type enters at a different trend to the general geological mass. Many of the richest gold bearing areas will have intrusions that are at a 90 degrees trend to the prevailing geology.

While granite, schist, and gneiss are usually the main rock types, that isn't always the case. It can potentially be any combination of rocks, although they usually made up of at least one of them in gold-rich contact zones.

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!

could have gone so much longer without water, and traveled so much faster.

On the morning of the third day of starvation, we determined to change our course, and, if possible, reach the river once more. Bearing to the left over a high, barren range of rocky mountains, and down into a plain of sand, sage brush, and cactus. During the afternoon I shot a small rabbit, not much larger than a rat, which we carried until night, then broiled and tried to eat it, not because our appetites craved it, but hoping that it might strengthen and sustain us, at least a little while longer. We were, however, so nearly burned up that there was not a sufficient flow of saliva to moisten the little bits of broiled meat in the mouth. Late that afternoon we fancied that our fast failing brute companions scented water, or that they instinctively knew that it was not far away. They would raise their heads, and extend their noses as if smelling, while their physical force and energy seemed renewed, and they certainly traveled faster.

To be continued.....

Number of Members Attended: 27
Number of Guests Attended: 7

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Diane McCarroll, Treasurer

The most productive gold areas will often have intrusions of vertical schist as outcrops or intrusions to igneous rocks. These are contact zones that are definitely worth further prospecting if you notice them.

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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The program was presented, a break was called for and the meeting then reconvened at 8:15.

Wayne asked for any old or new business and receiving no responses, the raffles were held and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Mary Lowe
Secretary

Inside bends of a river where water slows is the best known place to find gold deposits in paystreaks, but they also form in concentrations behind boulders, logjams, under waterfalls, or anywhere that the velocity of water slows.

Remember, that an area is never truly "mined out." Even places that once had thousands of men searching for gold will still produce gold today. They simply did not find it all. When the gold started to get depleted, the miners moved on. They didn't get every last piece.

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Gold Show (Applications) \$168 + \$75)	243.00
Memberships (\$125 + \$30)	155.00
Raffles: 50/50: \$18.50 Club Raffle: \$48.00	66.50
Club Sales: (4 gold cups, 1 pin, 1 patch)	<u>22.00</u>

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

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When gold mining on public land in the United States, it is every prospectors responsibility to know if they are in an area that they can legally search for gold. While there are many areas that area open and available for legal prospecting on public land, you must also understand that much of the best gold-bearing ground out there has already been claimed.

To learn if an area that you want to prospect is open to prospecting, there is a tool called the LR2000 that can help you in your search. Learning how to use the LR2000 is beyond the scope of this article, but the Bureau of Land Management has some good guides that can help you understand how to re-search active and recently closed mining claims in your area.

Don't be careless about this step. It is your job as a responsible prospector to understand where you can legally search for gold. Claim markers can get torn down and stolen, but it does not mean that you are not on an active claim just because you don't see claim posts. Regardless of where you live, it is your job to learn where you are allowed to prospect.

For Sale

1993 Chevy Geo Tracker

Black Soft-Top

\$2,500

Call Linda @ 208-667-0162

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ANY CLUB MEMBERS ARE WORKING A LODE CLAIM OR A MINE THAT THEY OWN - PLEASE TELEPHONE ME AT

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Internet Website: Bill Izzard

Programs:

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2019 Club Calendar

Jan 10	Meeting
Feb 14	Meeting
Mar 9-10	Rock, Gem & Mineral Show, Kalispell, MT
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.

In Memoriam Nelly Belle

The Eagle City Park security dog succumbed to lymphoma on December 26th. She has been cremated and a celebration of life will be held this summer where her ashes will join those of her owner, Don Rower.

Notice

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

Email: info@nwgoldprospectors.org

Website:

www.nwgoldprospectors.org

For Sale

2005 Class C Sunseeker Motor Home
Cab air, roof air, 4000 watt generator, 3 holding tanks
w/ heaters, TV and almost new tires.

\$25,000

Call Ron @ 208-659-3760

**1996 Polaris Pioneer ATV \$999
plus utility trailer \$349.**

Call John @ 208-215-1574

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Two inch Prospectors Plus dredge, 79 c.c. Predator engine, two inch pump and nine foot of hose, two four foot pontoons. All in excellent condition. 3 1/2 foot of riffles, 7inch x 10 inch crash box. \$800.00
Also - sluice.. 32 inch screen, 48 inches over-all. \$40.00

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!

Refreshment Volunteers

Let's sign up for this 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.

2019 Refreshment Volunteers

Jan:	Bob & Mary Lowe, Wayne & Diane McCarroll, Norman Sabens
Feb:	Norman Sabens & Julia McCormack
Mar:	Frisque's & Bill Pease
Apr:	John Ohlson , Mike & Dee Ferry
May:	Mike Fisher, Mike & Dee Ferry & Steve Goodman
Jun:	Julia McCormack
Jul:	Bob & Pat Beck
Aug:	Julia McCormack
Sep:	Wayne & Diane McCarroll, Mike & Dee Ferry & 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!

Field Guide to Recreational Prospecting in Montana

55 detailed maps
local advice
regulations
89 pages
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big nuggets
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www.goldpannersguide.com

Tom Bohmker (503)606-9895

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Total Income	\$ 486.99
Disbursements	
Consumer Cellular (Club Phone)	17.72
Dollar Tree (Utensils for Christmas Party)	10.60
ProPrint (Newsletter)	229.09
Rathdrum Senior Center (December Meeting)	80.00
Rathdrum Senior Center (Christmas Party)	80.00
Mary Lowe (Reimb for Turkey for Christmas Party)	22.84
Pat Beck (Reimb for Hams for Christmas Party)	36.49
Idaho State Tax Commission (6% of Club Sales 7-1-18 thru 12/31/81)	<u>7.20</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 483.94
Balance in checking as of December 31, 2018	\$ 14,200.70

Diane McCarroll, Treasurer

Gold is about the heaviest substance that you will find in a creek or river, and because of this, it is somewhat predictable in the way that it deposits itself in a waterway. It will form in what is known as "paystreaks," or lines of gold.

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

NWGPA Membership

Being a member of club and participating in its activities has enormous rewards. We get to share our passion with others who have the same passion. We learn new things all the time and make new and lasting friendships. We get to do good deeds, strengthening our communities and the environment, and building bonds with other communities, sometimes across the country.

Participating & volunteering in club activities bring new ideas & passion to the membership. A club is as strong as its members and their involvement in the operation of the club.

At a typical club or association:

- 5% of members run the club and show up for almost every event;
- Another 15% of members regularly participate;
- Another 20% occasionally participate;
- The remaining 60% never show up for anything!

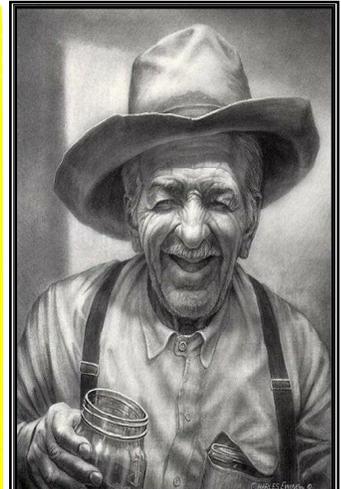
What group of members do you fall into?

We are always looking for volunteers throughout the year to help with a variety of club activities. Election of officers is coming up in a very short time (April) and a couple of members currently holding positions, will not be able to accept another term. If you have a desire to be one of the 5% and put your ideas into action, please contact any of the officers listed on page 7.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're PRICELESS!

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!



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

Recipe(s) of the Month

One Egg Cake

- 1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter a 9 inch round pan and line the bottom with parchment paper.

Cream butter and sugar; beat in the egg. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Stir into the butter mixture, alternating with the milk. Stir in vanilla.

Bake for about 30 minutes or until risen and just pulling away from the sides of the pan. Makes one 9 inch round cake.

Editors Note: Oh, did I mention, it's VERY GOOD!

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

People who wonder if the glass is empty or half full, are missing the point. The glass is refillable!

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Black Soft-Top
\$2500
Call Linda @ 208-667-0162

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