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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER

The second, third, fourth, and fifth days came and went, and we were trudging on, up the Uinta, through a mostly very barren country, with some little rich and fertile land. We saw signs of Indians often, but no Indians. There was much cottonwood, but little other timber. We saw some fish in the river which we coveted, but could not get. The main course of this river is from north-west to south-east. We traveled most of the way to the fort on Indian trails, some of which were much worn, but mostly at some much earlier period. Of course we had plenty of good water, and food, such as it was. Field did not walk two miles during those five days, but seemed to be fattening fast. I sometimes thought he might be just a little lazy, but I never told him so, for I realized that he had recently had a severe tussle with death.

Early in the morning of the sixth day we arrived at the abandoned old fort. There were only three log buildings, and they were in the shape of three sides of a hollow square, with port-holes on the outer faces of them from the hollow square or court. Facing the vacant side of the court, the port-hole from which I shot the wolf on the night after we had killed the mule, would be on right hand side. We were unable to determine whether this fort had been constructed and occupied by Americans or Mexicans, but, from its apparent age, we were inclined to the opinion that it was

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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.

March Refreshment List

Wynn Perron, Frisque's & Bill Pease

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



Placer Gold

A placer deposit is a concentration of a natural material that has accumulated in unconsolidated sediments of a stream bed, beach, or residual deposit. Gold derived by weathering or other process from lode deposits is likely to accumulate in placer deposits because of its weight and resistance to corrosion. In addition, its characteristically sun-yellow color makes it easily and quickly recognizable even in very small quantities. The gold pan or miner's pan is a shallow sheet-iron vessel with sloping sides and flat bottom used to wash gold-bearing gravel or other material containing heavy minerals. The process of washing material in a pan, referred to as "panning," is the simplest and most commonly used and least expensive method for a prospector to separate gold from the silt, sand, and gravel of the stream deposits. It is a tedious, back-breaking job and only with practice does one become proficient in the operation.

Lode Gold

Lode gold occurs within the solid rock in which it was deposited. Areas likely to contain valuable lode deposits of gold have been explored so thoroughly that the inexperienced prospector without ample capital has little chance of discovering a new lode worth developing. Most future discoveries of workable lode gold ore probably will result from continued investigations in areas known to be productive in the past. The districts in which such new discoveries of gold may be possible are too numerous to be listed in detail in this pamphlet. Some of the famous districts are: in California, the Alleghany, Sierra City, Grass Valley, and Nevada City districts, and the Mother Lode belt; in Colorado, the Cripple Creek, Telluride, Silverton, and Ouray districts; in Nevada, the Goldfield, Tonopah, and Comstock districts; in South Dakota, the Lead district in the Black Hills; and in Alaska, the Juneau and Fairbanks districts. Deposits in these districts generally are gold-quartz lodes.

A Couple of Thoughts

By Harold Kirkemo

Anyone who pans for gold hopes to be rewarded by the glitter of colors in the fine material collected in

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Meeting Minutes February 13 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne McCarroll at 7:05 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 28 members and 4 guests.

Under Old Business Wayne reminded everyone the membership renewals begin at the April meeting as well as the general election of officers.

Diane McCarroll read a thank you note from the Post Falls Police thanking us for our contributions to the women's shelter at Christmas.

Under New Business Mark Cook provided an update on the gold show. Everything is on schedule and there are 46 booths paid and verbal so far. The Mining Journal's Scott Harm will be at the show to hand out magazines and answer questions. A sign up sheet is available for anyone who can volunteer to help at the show.

Under Legislative and Regulatory Updates multiple states now assert the right to ban mining as a use of specified federal lands categorically rather than provide a permit.

In Joshua Caleb Bomaker vs the State of Oregon miners argue that the State of Oregon is thumbing its collective nose at

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federal preemption under the property clause and the Supremacy clause of the US Constitution, Articles IV and VI, respectively.

This case differs from Rinehart vs the State of California in that Rinehart was cited for suction dredging without a permit, while Bomaker sued the State of Oregon for passing legislation that outlawed the use of motorized equipment on federal mining claims. The legislation

permanently prevents a miner from developing his mining claim on federal land.

The Galice Mining District intervened in this case and is asserting their rights under the 1872 Mining Act.

With Bomaker vs Oregon it provides an opportunity to see if the US Supreme Court will honor this relevant statute in this case and if the new makeup of the Supreme Court Justices are ready to take a hard look at federal preemption.

Andrew Wheeler has been the acting director of the EPA since June 2018 due to the resignation of Scott Pruitt and is expected to be confirmed shortly.

There was no program presented so a break was called for at 7:30 and the meeting reconvened at 7:45.

Wayne asked for any old or new business and receiving no responses, the raffles were held and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Mary Lowe
Secretary

Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

Mexicans. It had not been occupied for, probably, three or four years. Some little farming had been done immediately around the fort. Surrounding the fort is a large body of fine, fertile land which I have no doubt has long since been occupied by Mormons, or other enterprising people.

Having no means of subsistence here we soon decided to push on towards Fort Bridger, and, after resting a few hours set out following the larger fork of the river which comes almost directly from the north. We now believed that we were almost, if not exactly, due south of Fort Bridger. The river is small, and very crooked; we crossed it many times within three days, and, at the end of that time, found ourselves in the mouth of a rocky canyon, and after struggling for one whole day, we came to where the steep, high, stone walls closed the little river in on both sides, rendering it impossible for us to proceed any further.

We were now nearly out of food; the jerk was almost gone. A council was held, and it was decided that we should return to the fort and take chances of being rescued, or scalped by some roving band of reds, or starving to death. We at once set out on our return, full of disappointment and melancholy forebodings.

The next day found us without food: and now came into use the long, narrow strip of rawhide which first bound together the old, rotting logs of which the raft was made, then to secure the mule of nights. It was now almost as hard as bone, and nearly round, having been dragged through the hot sand while it was yet green and wet, closed up like a hollow tube with sand inside. Two or three yards of it at a time, was cut into pieces about five inches long, the hair singed off, the sand scratched out, and these pieces were dropped into our camp kettle and cooked until the whole formed one mass of jelly or gluten which was, to us, quite palatable. When the lasso had all been thus prepared and eaten, the broad girth which had served so well in holding the pack-saddle on the mule's back, was cleaned, cooked, and eaten. These substitutes for jerk sustained us very well till we again arrived at the fort.

Another consultation was now held, and the question was—what shall we do now? We were again, apparently, at the starting point of another long, enforced fast. Our path seemed hedged in. The prospect was, indeed, very gloomy. Our only reasonable hope for even the temporary prolongation of our lives was centered in our ever faithful, and always reliable old mule. We revolted at the idea of killing and eating him, but the last bit of the girth was gone. After canvassing the whole situation over and over, again and again, we finally, but most reluctantly decided to kill the mule, and preserve all the soft parts, even the skin with all of its old scars, and then gather in whatever else we could find, and stay here until spring, or until good fortune might afford us some means escape; till some Moses might come and lead us out of this wilderness, notwithstanding the fact that we had not borrowed any

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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jewelry which we had failed to return.

There were signs of wolves in that vicinity, and it was decided that the mule be slain about ten paces distant and directly in front of one of the port-holes of the fort. with the idea that wolves might smell the blood and come there and subject themselves to being shot, and thereby afford us a chance to increase our stock of winter supplies in the form of wolf steak, or jerk. Accordingly the victim was lead to the spot indicated, and there slain in the same manner, and with quite as much reluctance on the part of the slayer, as on the occasion of the sacrifice of the little horse, more than three weeks before. The body was skinned, cut up, and all taken within the building, nothing being left except the blood which had been spilled on the ground, and which was intended to attract wolves or, possibly, bears or other animals.

My now only living associate ridiculed the idea of killing wolves, and insisted that the flesh could not be eaten, stating the fact that even hogs would not eat the dead body of a dog, and insisted that a dog was only a tamed wolf. I reminded him of a cat which had been eaten. He finally agreed that, if I killed a wolf, he would get up and dress it, but said most emphatically that he would not sit up and watch for it; so he went to bed, that is, rolled himself up in a blanket on the ground in front of a good fire inside of the fort, and went to sleep, while I sat with my rather untrustworthy double barreled shot-gun protruding through the port-hole in full view of the spot before indicated. The night was clear, and the moon was shining in full splendor. It was probably eleven o'clock; Field had been snoring for a long time, when I heard something in the tall, dry grass, and soon a large, brownish-gray wolf came into full view, with head up, apparently sniffing, or smelling, and cautiously approaching the fatal spot. When he reached it, and began to lick up the blood which was still on the surface of the ground, standing with his left side toward the fort, and in full view, I took deliberate aim, and fired, and he fell upon the ground without making any considerable noise.

The tired, sleeping man was aroused by the report of the gun, and rushed into the room where I was in great excitement, thinking, perhaps, that some enemy had appeared, and had just then commenced to bombard the fort; but when I explained to him that I had simply killed a wolf, he ran out towards it, and, arriving close to it, the wounded creature rose up on its hind feet and growled quite vigorously, which seemed to frighten Field as much as did the noise of the gun. He dashed back to the fort, and, after having time to recover from his speechless condition, abused me most fearfully for having told him that I had killed a wolf. I then went out and put a load of shot into the wolf's head, and found that my first charge had passed through and broke both of its fore legs near the body. Field was so thoroughly frightened that I could not induce him to approach the dead animal for some time, and I do believe that that wolf haunted him as long as I knew him, for he seemed never to forget it.

After dressing it by the light of the moon assisted by a torch, we retired. On viewing the plump body next morning Field exclaimed, "That's another God-send!" and notwithstanding his opinion that wolf could not be eaten, he found that wolf to be the best food we had eaten since we had assisted Walker and his tribe in eating the mountain sheep.

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The French may eat their horses, but I do not want more horse flesh. The old mule made fair but quite coarse beef. While out on this little pleasure(?) excursion we ate horse, mule, wolf, wild-cat, mountain sheep, rose seed buds, raw-hide, a squirrel, fatty matter from the sockets of the mule's eyes and the marrow from his bones; but that ham of wild-cat was certainly the most detestable thing that I ever undertook to eat. The marrow from the mule's bones was a real luxury. We now had a pretty good stock of food, such as it was, but not enough to carry us through the winter on full rations; therefore we determined to try to add to it by hunting. One was to go out and hunt while the other would remain at home: we now had undisputed possession of the fort and it was our home. Field took the first day's outing while I occupied my time in drying and smoking meat. Late in the evening he returned, tired and worn out, having seen nothing worth shooting.

Next day came my turn to hunt. I took a lunch, as he had done, consisting of jerked mule. I did not tell him so, but I had determined to make an excursion up the river to a point where we had seen some fresh trails and deer tracks some days before. When I was putting up my lunch my friend intimated that I was taking a very large amount for one lunch, but I told him that I might stay out late and that I did not intend to starve. I went, stayed all day, all night, and part of the next day, and returned as he had done, tired and discouraged, not having seen anything worth bringing in. In the evening of the first day out I found a trail which appeared to have been used daily by deer going to and from the river.

It occurred to me that they might go out early in the morning, so I secreted myself within gun shot of the trail behind an old, moss-covered log where I slept comfortably; and when it was light enough in the morning to see a deer, I leveled my gun across the log in a position commanding the trail and waited and watched until nine o'clock, but nothing came upon that pathway that morning. After getting tired of watching and waiting I went down to the trail where, to my astonishment, I found the fresh tracks of a large bear which must have passed by that way while I was sleeping. As a rule I do not like to be treated discourteously, but in this instance I felt glad that this stranger had passed me by.

On arriving at the fort late in the evening I found my friend in a terrible state of mental excitement. He said that he had not slept a minute

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Please take a minute to jot down a story (fact or fiction) and send it into me.

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Letters to the editor, pictures, jokes (clean, of course), cartoons and ads are all welcome.

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Editor's Note: Be sure to try their "Flat Iron Steak"

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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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during the whole of the night before. He had filled the door of his room with rails, and sharpened one end of a long stick which he intended to use if necessary as a weapon of defense. When I arrived he was again filling the door with rails. I had the gun, pistol and big knife with me so this was his only means of defense. He said he would not stay alone another night for all the gold in California.

I was much discouraged by our failures in hunting, and after a lengthy discussion we decided to make another attempt to cross the mountains and escape from what then seemed to us certain starvation. This was Thursday night and we set Monday as the time for starting. By Saturday night everything was in readiness for the start and Sunday we devoted to Bible reading, for we each still had a pocket Bible. As much of the flesh of the wolf and the lamented mule as we thought we could carry had been thoroughly jerked, and finding that we would not be overburdened by it, we economized by roasting and eating little scraps of flesh, the marrow from the bones, and even the head of the mule was roasted, the fragments of flesh scraped off and eaten, and Field found a rich fatty substance in behind the eyes, which he ate. We had a canteen in which our powder was carried, but the powder was nearly all gone so we emptied it and used the canteen to carry water in. Early Monday morning we loaded ourselves, mostly with jerked mule and wolf, leaving many useful things behind, bid adieu to Fort Uinta and took up our line of march rather reluctantly.

My companion was not strong and we soon found it expedient for me to take on part of his burden. We rested often and yet long before night he became so tired that we had to go into camp.

Most of the day we had traveled on an old deserted trail. The nights being cold we were under the necessity of keeping up a fire as we had left our blankets at the fort. The next morning we made an early start and rested often. At about noon we found good shade and water, and the sun being quite hot we stopped and rested in the shade for more than three hours, then trudged on till nearly night when we found water, and plenty of old dry timber for fuel and camped. Field expressed a wish that he had his old mule again, and I reminded him that he had a portion of it left in his knapsack, and that turn about was fair play: as the mule had carried him for a long time when he was unable to walk he should not object to carrying a portion of the mule now; whereupon he again plainly intimated that he thought I was a d—d fool. I kept up the fire and he slept until morning.

Another day was passed without any unusual occurrence; we traveled and ate at the same time as usual. Another day of pretty hard travel over sandy plains and rocky hills brought us to the foot of the mountain where we had plenty of good water and an abundance of fuel. A little sprinkle of rain early in the evening was the first we had seen since the memorable night after Field had eaten the little red berries.

To be continued.....

March Meeting Program

Dan Hurd will present a two part program about the **ICON i150** centrifugal, gold recovery machine.

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Part 2 will be an actual demonstration.

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the bottom of the pan. Although the exercise and outdoor activity experienced in prospecting are rewarding, there are few thrills comparable to finding gold. Even an assay report showing an appreciable content of gold in a sample obtained from a lode deposit is exciting. The would-be prospector hoping for financial gain, however, should carefully consider all the pertinent facts before deciding on a prospecting venture.

One who contemplates prospecting for gold should realize that a successful venture does not necessarily mean large profits even if the discovery is developed into a producing mine. Although the price of gold has increased significantly since 1967 when the fixed price of \$35 an ounce was terminated, the increases in the cost of virtually every supply and service item needed in prospecting and mining ventures have kept profit margins at moderate levels, particularly for the small mine operator. In general, wide fluctuations in the price of gold are not uncommon, whereas inflationary pressures are more persistent. The producer of gold, therefore, faces uncertain economic problems and should be aware of their effects on his operation.

There are still areas where you may prospect, and if a discovery of a valuable, locatable mineral is made, you may stake a claim. These areas are mainly in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Such areas are mainly unreserved, unappropriated Federal public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the U.S. Department of the Interior and in national forests administered by the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Public land records in the proper BLM State Office will show you which lands are closed to mineral entry under the mining laws. These offices keep up-to-date land status plats that are available to the public for inspection. BLM is publishing a series of surface and mineral ownership maps that depict the general ownership pattern of public lands. These maps may be purchased at most BLM Offices. For a specific tract of land, it is advisable to check the official land records at the proper BLM State Office.

Editors Note: I recommend you to study the whole article which is assessible at the URL at the end of this story. Mr. Kirkemo highlighted a lot of issues facing the modern day prospector. As I tell everyone who visits the Park, “Don’t quit your day job.” There are many things to know & consider before you set out to seek your fortune. Just know that like wanting to be a professional athlete, unless you have incredible ability, complete knowledge of the rules of the game and financial backing (endorsements), most all of us will never make it in the big league. Not that we don’t want to, but the reality of it all, means we can only set around and dream that we could have succeeded where Todd Hoffman failed.

[U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey](https://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/prospect2/prospectgip.html)
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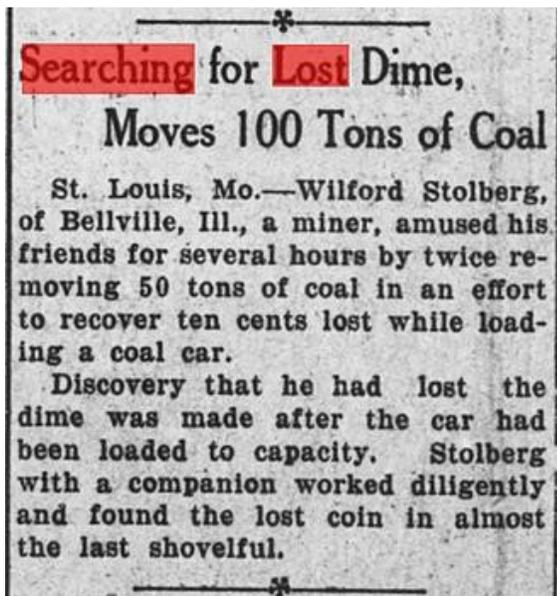
A number of us meet at Zips, across the highway from the Senior Center for dinner at 4:30pm on the day of the meeting. Come join us!

IN MEMORIAM

DEAN EDWARD YONGUE

passed away on February 13th 2019. Dean was a long time member of the NWGPA (#1628) and was a program staple at our gold & treasure shows. His wit and wisdom will be missed by all who knew him.

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RAFFLE February, 2019

Number of Members Attended: 33
Number of Guests Attended: 4

Income: Club Raffle: \$ 118.00
50/50: = \$35.00 Payout: \$ 17.50
TOTAL \$ 135.00

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Income	
Gold Show	763.50
Membership	120.00
Raffle (50/50 \$17.50 – Club \$118.00)	135.50
Interest (February)	<u>42</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,019.42
Disbursements	
Consumer Cellular (Club Phone)	17.71
Nickel's Worth (Add 1-11 & 1-18)	73.00
The Mountain Trader (Line Ad 2 weeks)	36.40
Eagle City Mining (288 Vials – Gold Show)	72.03
Rathdrum Senior Center (February Meeting)	80.00
Pro-Print – Newsletter = \$247.57	
Gold Show = \$103.13	
Claims Maps 250 = \$215.35	
Membership Applications = \$31.80	597.85

Margie Yongue (Reimburse for Gold Show Booth)	84.00
Advanced Marketing Concept (Tidbits)	300.00
Eagle City Mining (Reimburse for recovery software for Newsletter Files)	86.89
Kootenai County Fairgrounds (Incl 10 extra days on billboard)	<u>2,947.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 4,294.88

Balance in checking as of February 28, 2019 \$ 10,038.61

Diane McCarroll, Treasurer

GOLD

As we all know, gold much heavier than the sands and gravels in area streams, and that makes it's movement predictable. You need to dig down thru the overlying sands and gravels, to the cracks and crevices in bedrock to find it.

During the spring runoff, the gold bearing gravels in a stream acts

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Crunch Time Is Here

The April 10th meeting is officer election time and we still need candidates for President, Secretary and Treasurer. I know that out of 269 active members, we should have three qualified members. Don't procrastinate too long as the stability and strength of the club is at stake.

JUNE 7-10, 2019

Snake River Invitational

Multi-Chapter Prospecting Outing
At Kirtley Creek- Salmon, Idaho

Our goal is to assist other rural chapters in the education of their members while strengthening the chapters through the workshops and vendors provided at the outing. We will also have seasoned prospectors on site to assist with any technical help to improve your recovery! Come enjoy the fun prospecting and edify your members.

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2019 Club Calendar

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.

Just an early reminder, April is membership renewal time. Memberships, car tags & driver's licenses are a few items that require a little reminder along the way. As usual, you can sign up early at the gold show March 16-17.

Notice

The phone number for the NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association is
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Website:

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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 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.

2019 Refreshment Volunteers

Mar:	Wynn Perron, Frisque's & Bill Pease
Apr:	John Ohlson , Mike & Dee Ferry, Jim & Anne Stephens
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:	Jim & Anne Stephens, Russ Brown & Steve Burris
Nov:	Mike Fisher, 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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in the same way that it does in your gold pan. The gravel is being agitated and stratified as the heavier gold is worked downward until it hits bed-rock.

Greenhorn prospectors commonly make the mistake of not digging deep enough to get to the gold. It may be right below their feet, but it is often covered by significant overburden that contains little or no gold. It's a lot of work to get down to the bedrock, but if you want to find gold, that is where you need to be.

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.)
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12 troy oz. = 1 troy pound

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2019 Refreshment Sign-Up

Need at least 3 volunteers to bring refreshments to each months meeting. Please sign up 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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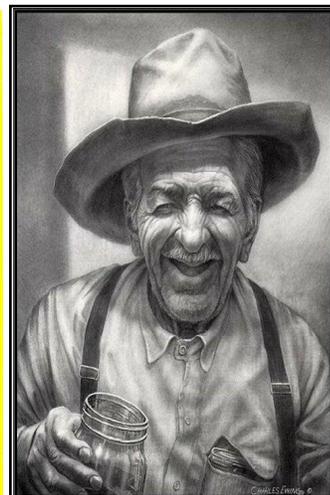
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Recipe(s) of the Month

Shrimp Chowder

Ingredients

- 1 cup sliced celery
- 2/3 cup finely diced onion
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, diced
- 4 cup milk
- 3 cups cubed potatoes or lightly mashed cauliflower
- 1 pound frozen cooked salad shrimp, thawed and drained
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons bacon bits
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon Old Bay seasoning

Directions

In a large stock pot sauté celery and onions in butter. Add cream cheese and milk; and stir over low heat until cream cheese is completely melted. Add cooked potatoes (cauliflower), shrimp, bacon bits, Old Bay seasoning and salt. Heat thorough, stirring occasionally and then serve.

Editors note: This is **VERY GOOD!**

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

I've reached that age where my brain goes from "You probably shouldn't say that." To "What the hell, let's see what happens!"

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