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HAPPY HOLLIDAYS!



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OLD BUSINESS

- Dennis thanked the cabinet for all their hard work to make the **MPA** the amazing and vibrant club we are today.
 - Chris and Eric informed the club about the theft of one of the table prizes at the November meeting. So from now on, the smaller prizes will be kept behind the tables until the start of the meeting.
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NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We welcome Chris Martin as the 2019 President, and Becky Spurr as 2019 Vice-President
- Chris explained some of the future plans for the club
- Chris reminded the members about the upcoming Show and Tell at the Lake Havasu Library, and asked members to pitch in and help.
- Please us the Facebook page. It's the fastest way to get information out the other members
- Chris and Eric informed the members about the theft of one of the table prizes at last month's meeting
- Eric showed the members the new "Gold Claw" pan, and that he is now a distributor. The club will be able to purchase one of these amazing new pans at a discount for MPA Members.

FROM THE EDITOR

As I was looking out at the crowd, I thought back to how far this club has come in 12 short months, and all the hard work that got us all here.

And I say ALL of us. The cabinet couldn't do it without all of you behind us, giving us your trust and faith that we're doing the best we possibly can to make the MPA the best club in the area.

We're at almost 250 members, and the club is known in Japan, Austria, Germany, Poland, China, Australia, Canada, Italy and even Holland and Switzerland.

On behalf of the Cabinet, I want to humbly thank all of you for your support and trust. Here's to a prosperous and successful 2019!

Bryan Murphy



RAFFLE WINNERS

- **Bruan B**
- **Dan S**
- **Bonnie N**
- **Wayne L**
- **Scott D**
- **Jim M**
- **Rich D**
- **Wendy H**
- **Heather G**
- **Jane W**
- **Hlm B**
- **Gayle W**
- **Brian B**
- **Lynn D**
- **Doug D**
- **Dennis M**
- **Chris M**
- **Dean C**
- **Nicholas H**
- **Lynn D**
- **Richard M**
- **Eric S**

LOSING TICKETS

- **Gold Buddy - Heather G**
- **Smelter - Eric S**
- **Dry Washer - Jane W**
- **Trailer - Eric**
- **El Dorado - Cathy B**



NOLAN MORRIS



COIN - EDDIE W



GOLD NUGGET - JIM B



50/50 - ERIC S



VOLUNTEER TICKET - HEATHER G

MEET YOUR CABINET



BECKY SPURR
2019 VICE PRESIDENT

- Born and raised in the Faribault, MN area.
- Married Eric Spurr on July 7th, 2007.
- Together we have 2 children, Abigail and Parker.
- Graduated South Central College with an AAS Degree in Office Administration and an AS Degree in Office Management.
- Moved to Kingman in August 2016. Started coming to the MPA meetings with Eric and gradually got more interested
- My other hobbies include photography and couponing!



The Gold Claw pan is a true gold panning breakthrough! The average person spends 5-10 minutes panning one pan full of material. The Gold Claw pan takes **less than 30 seconds!**

Improve your panning skills with the Gold Claw!

Gold Claw's new technology overcomes the common pitfalls associated with gold panning. This pan enables anyone to out-pan a pro by panning faster and catching more gold! 30-day satisfaction guarantee offered by manufacturer. Available in several colors or clear. Pan measures 12 inches wide x 10 inches tall x 2.75 inches deep.

The Gold Claw pan is specially engineered from Tritan, the most highly-rated plastic for outdoor use. It's rugged, made in the **USA**, and is especially ideal for beginners because this revolutionary **NEW** gold pan makes it easier than ever to get to the gold without technical training or experience. Here's why:

WASHING

Panning the conventional way involves repeated cycles of washing. As the water retreats, it pulls lighter materials out of the pan producing a "waves of the ocean" effect. Because gold naturally has a high surface tension, fine or flat gold will actually float. Experienced prospectors know to protect fine gold by keeping it safely at the bottom. However, beginner panners are unaware of this effect and often allow the fine and flat gold to be picked up and floated right out of the pan.

With conventional panning, a panner aggressively shakes the material in the pan to create liquefaction. The material then begins to stratify or form layers by weight. In other words, the lighter material works its way up and the gold works its way down into the riffles at the bottom. At this point in the process, panners typically will stop shaking and wash away some of the top layer of lighter material and then repeat. However, inexperienced panners may be too gentle to get the gold down or are overly aggressive and shake the gold back up or wash away too much of the top layer and lose the gold. Experienced panners know not to shake the pan while washing since shaking can suspend the fine gold and be wash it out with the gravel. Clear as mud right? Let's just say it's hard to get it right. The Gold Claw pan solves this problem by placing gold trapping riffles outside the pan, ensuring effective contact with all the material. A beginner only has to know to gently shake and pour the material in a thin layer over the riffles keeping it under water.



- In conventional pans, large rocks often upset the process of panning. Because surface tension is required to wash out the lighter material, the particle surface area to volume ratio becomes important. Smaller particles have a higher ratio and are more easily suspended. When gravel is mixed with fine gold it requires fairly aggressive washing to remove the larger rocks, but the fine gold is easily lost. The conventional solution to address this problem is to classify or screen away the larger gravel, but this takes time and additional equipment. With the Gold Claw pan, heavier materials flow like liquid into the gold traps, and regardless of size, lighter materials are displaced and flow over the edges and out of the pan. Separation is no longer dependent on the effects of surface tension and size is no longer a pitfall. With our pan, you can process the large gravel along with the fine sands and fine gold. This not only makes the process simple and effortless, it greatly increases the ability to trap superfine gold.

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