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A Message from the President

Greetings Prospectors,

It won't be long before spring will be here, and we can again get out and start finding gold!!! Please sign up, so we will know how many to expect. Make sure we have your phone numbers and or emails, so we can notify you of any changes due to this crazy weather.

If you missed the February meeting, it went very well. Our treasurer, Don Briere did a bang up job. Lets try to bring up our attendance to 40-60 people. Bring your friends, neighbors, kids, etc. You may go home with a nice piece of gold for your troubles.

The Stanton experience was just great. We had a good turnout of club chapters, and officers. They came from as far away as Oregon, California, Arizona, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming, Ohio and Virginia, and of course, Colorado, two clubs. There were 15 clubs in all represented. Lectures and dealer demonstrations were held every morning, then a break for lunch, and then to the field to either dig or work on repairing some of the old buildings and cabins so they can be used later on by the many clubs to come.

We ran two gold grabbers at the same time. This machine is the best I have ever seen. We feed them with buckets, and it takes the dirt as fast as you can pour it in the top. No gold can get out, as it slips to the bottom, and we did very well in the recovery. If you haven't bought tickets for this machine, I urge you to do so. It is awesome!!! And if you have, buy some more!!! It is worth it. You might win, so hurry and get yours. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

The seminar went very well with our Colorado State Director, Wayne Petersen, and Ken Rucker running it. The last day, they had a drawing where everyone in attendance could win something. There was a gold grabber, two metal detectors, and a portable drywasher, as well as shovels, picks, gold pans, etc. About 60 items in all were given away. It was so everyone could bring something home. Perry Massie, showed up on Friday to say hello, and wish us well. He lives in Prescott,Az, which isn't too far away.

Don't forget to attend the March meeting on the 7th. at 7pm at Las Palmitas Restaurant. Come see the new gold we just acquired, and try to take some home.

Ron Woods
President



Let's get some Gold!!!

GPAA OFFICERS

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Door Prize Coordinator.....Alberta Woods
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 Ron Jordan
 JR Llewellyn
 Outings Chairman.....Open
 Hospitality Committee.....Open
 Membership Chairman.....Roy Heath

NEW MEMBERS OF GPAA

NOTE:

Our club needs your support. If you are interested in filling one of the Open positions listed to the left, please contact one of the Officers or Committee members. Your help is needed to make our club a success. We hope you'll be an active participant.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER.....SIMPLY PRINT AND COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND EITHER BRING TO THE NEXT MEETING OR SEND IT IN TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED.

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MEETING MINUTES



21 Attendees

- Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Don Briere, Treasurer standing in for Ron Woods, President who was at the Stanton Meeting.
- Discussed how the snow has affected outings, however, one of the members did get out to Point Bar and said that he was able to find some gold despite the weather. Looks like it will be April until some real prospecting will be able to occur.
- More discussion on the website (www.cosgpaa.org). Don asked for members to send him emails letting him know when/where they would be going to prospect to add to the site in case other members wished to join. Also, pictures will be uploaded of outings taken by individuals as well. Email addresses are available for \$10/yr. (see site for more details). Member Swap Meet page is available for members to sell items.
- A question was raised regarding the new Claims Guides.
- The Horton's extended an invitation to their property to test out equipment and search for gold. It was proposed to hold an outing there and/or meeting as well.
- The meeting was turned over to Bob Fensler who spoke about batteries and trinity pans. In his opinion, the trinity pans are not much better than the regular pans. Another member said that he likes the trinity pans, but they take some getting used to. It was suggested that a demonstration on how to properly use these types of pans be held. Bob also discussed and brought with him a riffle box and a "sucker". Bob likes the Buena Vista area. The river wanders and loops. Best area is if you go "left" when entering the property. Better color North than South. The claim is called "Arkansas". Good place for an outing. There are a couple of Gold Mines in that area and Bob is working on getting permission to go onto the property. It was suggested that members buy paydirt during the winter to keep up on their panning skills. Good results from Felix.
- After break, Roy Heath discussed building your own spiral gold panning machine. Desert Fox is no longer selling the whole units, but you can buy the spiral pans in the GPAA magazine. Roy is building his own. A .pdf file about this should be on the website soon.
- Gold drawing began at 8:06pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm



MORE MEETING NEWS

GOLD WINNERS from JAN 3, 2007 MEETING

- Dennis Rains
- Donovan Greene (three times)
- Jay Schreiber
- Martin (Restaurant Owner)
- Glenn Landry
- Pat Watters
- Dee Westfall (Garnets)

COLORADO SPRINGS GPAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

All General Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 8:30pm

Board Meeting will follow General Meeting from 08:30pm to 08:45pm

MARCH

- 7 – Las Palmitas Mexican Restaurant
6805 Corporate Drive; Col Spgs
Cross Streets = Woodmen / Corporate Dr.

APRIL

- 4 – Las Palmitas Mexican Restaurant

BOARD MEETING OUTLINE

- NO BOARD MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY DUE TO PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND CLAIMS CHAIRMAN IN STANTON, AZ FOR MEETING

EVENTS & OUTINGS

FEBRUARY

- 05 - 09 – Stanton, Arizona
For elected officers and spouses only

MARCH

- TBA – Possibly end of March.
More info at March General Meeting.

OUTINGS REPORT

Due to weather, there were no outings to report on.

COS GPAA HAS A WEBSITE!!!

Although still under construction, please visit

www.cosgpaa.org

to check out the Club's New Website

NOTE: New content will be added constantly, however, we do ask for your patience as the Webmaster currently works 14 hour days

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