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A Message from the President

GREETINGS FELLOW PROSPECTORS,

**Another year has come and gone. I wish you all health and happiness in the new year.
May we all find lots of gold.**

We had another grand Christmas party. The food was outstanding, and there were lots of surprises. If you missed it, we hope you can make it next year. We hope to see a better turnout for this event.

Well, it looks like old man winter will be keeping us out of the mountains for a few months. We will be trying to have another outing at the Western Mining Museum in February or March. We will be taking a vote on this. We need at least 10 to 12 people to get a discount. We will be able to do a little panning there. It is interesting for our new people who have never been.

We will see you all on January 7th. Hope you all have a great New Years. Maybe bring a friend. Try out the food. It is really good. Until then, Alberta and I wish you and yours lots of luck in finding gold in the new year. Get out there and find lots of yellow gold!

Happy Holidays,

Ron Woods

President, Colorado Springs GPAA Chapter



**Let's get
some Gold!!!**

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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



18 Adult Attendees

- The meeting was called to order December 3rd at 7:20 pm with Ron leading the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.
- Once again the weather did not cooperate with travelers and it reflected our attendance with only 18 adults. But we did have Bud and Judy Grey from Sugar City near La Junta as guests. Bud worked in the lead mines on the western slope. Thanks for stopping by.
- Ron had Bob Fensler stand up and talk about the booth we're going to have at the Denver Gold Show. There is no cost to the club for the booth if we have volunteers to help setup on Friday from 8:00 am to noon and tear down on Sunday after 5:00 pm. We need the volunteers to commit to helping within the next 60 days.
- Ron wants us to send him our Colorado outing pictures to be placed on the table of the booth.
- Skip found a new place to pan and sluice. He was in the water panning for 2 1/2 hours and showed us the 1/4 vial of gold he found. The water was extremely cold, so this promising site will have to wait for spring.
- Skip had two gold books on Colorado – “The Weekend Gold miner” by AH Ryan and “Colorado Placers” by Ben Parker which is a reprint for the Geological Survey Bulletin #33. He found six spots that have pretty good access – two will need 4x4. One place is near Climax mine on Clinton Creek – just below the claim.
- Skip reiterated that we're a club, not just officers. So he wants members to bring up suggestions on places to go for a weekend. He mentioned a 2-3 day scouting mission this spring, or a spot panning long weekend in Utah or Wyoming. He's researching a lot of places in Wyoming, and knows someone with a claim in the Black Hills. He showed us his ring made with gold from his Alaskan trips and talked about how much experience he gained from watching and talking with the old timers – specifically “Fluff” who's Tundra mine has given up over \$2 million in metal.
- The LDMA claim in Leadville was mentioned for an outing. It's altitude is 12,000 feet and Randy Horton says he has oxygen tanks to borrow for people in need.
- Teddy mentioned he has done ministry work in the Black Hills and knows a lot of people up there.

- Teddy showed us his latest version of the “Super Trap” sluice for \$125. It’s a bigger custom model at 5.5 pounds. It has a mini deep V in front and a unique type of carpet he recently found. Teddy said he has owned four Keene model sluices but they just couldn’t catch the fine Colorado gold. He got tired of watching the gold bounce along and out of these sluices so he sold them and designed his own. This customized Super Trap was sold on the spot to Bill Zisser.

- After the break Ron talked about the Lost Dutchman’s Mine. He said the hike is definitely for the 50 years and under club. Four hours in – four hours out, which doesn’t leave much day time for prospecting.

- Next month’s meeting Ron will talk about 540 pounds of gold bars buried only 40 feet down.

- \$10.00 for the 50/50 split was won by the editor and donated back to the club.

- Motion to Adjourn and second at 8:55 pm.

- Don’t forget our next meeting is on **Wednesday, January 7th, 2009** at Las Palmitas Mexican Restaurant.

- Thank you all for braving the weather to attend, drive safe, we want to see you next time – and bring your friends!





MORE MEETING NEWS

RAFFLE WINNERS FROM DECEMBER MEETING

•Gold	Lucy Anderson, Donovan Green
•Gold Sand	Pat Waters
•Digital Camera	Brian Barnes
•Gold Leather Pouch	Brian Barnes, Bud Grey Lucy Anderson - twice
•Pry Bar	Skip Tortoriello
•Pocket Knife	Dave Tickle
•Tape Measure	Gene Gardner, Teddy Martin
•Mini Tire Gauge	Dave Tickle, Pat Waters
•Flash Light	Pat Waters, Donovan Green
•Dust Masks	Lucy Anderson
•Snuffer Bottle	Teddy Martin

The \$5 raffle for the “Big Nugget” was won by Pat Oakes at the Christmas party. Congratulations Pat – nice find!!

EVENTS & OUTINGS

December: 29th - 31st Stanton AZ

January: TBD

February: Possibly the Western Mining Museum

COLORADO SPRINGS GPAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Jan 7th – Las Palmitas Mexican Restaurant



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