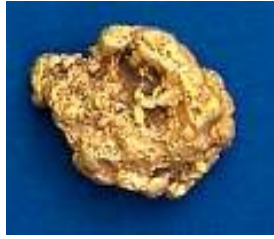


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A message from the president

Holiday Greetings Fellow Prospectors,

- This year, the club had a general meeting on December 2nd, as well as the annual Christmas party. A lot of our members couldn't make the December 12th party, so we decided to hold our regular meeting as well. We plan to repeat this next year.
- The 23 members who attended our party had a lot of fun. The food was excellent, as it is every year. Our thanks again to Martin and Maria for their wonderful food and hospitality. They are marvelous people.
- We had our white elephant, and regular Christmas gift exchange. We will try to think of new things for next year.
- This past year has been one of the most productive for our club. Cache Creek produced a goodly amount of gold for a lot of our members. We will also be trying out Fairplay, with our new friend Boyd, by going on his property. It is his so, we might be able to get a lot of digging and perhaps some good gold out of there. We also have our own four claims on the Delores River in Gateway, near Grand Junction this year. For our people who are not able to get there, we are planning on providing bags of gold bearing sand that they can work. We will talk more about this at the meetings this year.
- Coming up in 2010, we are planning a February outing to the Western Mining Museum. For those of you who have never gone, please do. It is a very interesting and enlightening adventure into the ways of mining in the past. There will also be trips to Cache Creek, Grand Junction, Phantom Canyon, and anywhere else we want to try. We will also have our summer picnic around the fourth of July.
- We are also going to be having more bake sales, and panning demonstrations, and any other demos that the members are interested in. If you have any suggestions, contact Alberta, Alton, or me. We will be happy to hear what you guys want, and will try to make everyone happy.
- Come join in on the fun. If you want to know anything about panning, sluicing, mining or detecting, please ask. We are here for you. That is what this club is about. Helping everyone who wants to enjoy this hobby. We are here to show you how to get your share of \$1200.00 per ounce gold!!! Come to the meetings, and get involved. We need volunteers to help us make this the best year ever for our club.
- Best of luck in 2010. With all of your help we will make this club the best ever.
- Don't forget next meeting is Wednesday, January 6th. See you there.

Ron Woods,
President COSGPAA



Let's get
some Gold!!!

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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 will be an active participant.*

NEW MEMBERS OF GPAA

Interested in becoming a member??.....Simply print and complete the information below and either bring to the next meeting or send to the GPAA address provided.

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MEETING MINUTES



28 Adult Attendees

- The December 2nd meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm with Ron leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- New people attending were Dennis and Debbie Mollen who signed up to be GPAA member that night!
- Maps of Boyd's property in Fairplay and \$10 coupons for the Western Sportsman were handed out.
- Alton gave the treasury report stating the club has \$726 in the General, Savings and Claims funds.
- Alton received confirmation that claims 1, 2, and 3 near Grand Junction are now ours! Each claim is 160 acres and one of the claims backs up to an established GPAA claim. We needed one more volunteer on claim 4 and James Blake stepped up, thanks James! Hopefully we'll have confirmation on claim 4 by January's meeting.
- Any prospecting to be done requires a notification of placer mining activity. It's free and needs to be registered in Grand Junction. You must list your activity: panning, dredging, and so on. Dredges are limited to 4" and a 5 HP engine.
- Alton will be meeting with BLM at our claims to show them our plans on clearing areas and access roads.
- The club will be producing official club ID's to have with you while on these claims. This will be helpful if anybody challenges your right to be there. The claims are free to club members with non-members paying a \$25 access fee. This should help keep the river open to us.
- People were saving their money for the Australian nugget as only one person bought into the 50/50 split until it was noticed. Members anteed up and then the split of \$6 was won by Tom Braidwood and donated back to the club. Thanks Tom.
- Congratulations to Alberta on purchasing the winning ticket for the 4.6 gram Australian Nugget! The first item she's won in the raffle since the club started. That day gold closed at just over \$1200 per ounce. Nice pick Alberta!





MORE MEETING NEWS

The meeting was called to close with a second at 8:30 pm. Thank you all for gathering twice this month and don't forget to bring your friends next time

Next meeting is on **January 6th 2009** at Las Palmitas Mexican Restaurant.

RAFFLE WINNERS FROM DECEMBER'S MEETING

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| •Gold | Dee Westfall, Patsy Grigsby |
| •Bag of Gold Sand | Tom Braidwood |
| •Bucket Handle Snappy Grips | Mark Conrad |
| •Sun Glasses | Jamie Braidwood |
| •Flash light | Roy Flegel, Donovan Green,
Ronnie Martin |
| •Tape Measure | Jamie Braidwood |
| •Poly Rope | Pat Waters |
| •Snuffer Bottle | Patsy Grigsby |
| •Tent Stakes | Gene Gardner |
| •Dirt Scoop | James Blake |

EVENTS & OUTINGS

January: none planned

February: Mining Museum

COLORADO SPRINGS GPAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

*January 6th – Las Palmitas Mexican
Restaurant*



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