

THE NUGGETEER



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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello members and Prospectors with the new year let's have new adventures and find new gold.

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2023	\$1,843.12	\$21.92	\$1,012.55	\$1,750.00	\$11,250.00
2024	\$2,076.32	\$23.83	\$999.57	\$1,135.25	\$4,150.00

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MEETING MINUTES



January 3, 2024, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 17 in person; 146 by e-mail

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Tim opened a discussion on chapter outings for the coming season and talked about an early spring return to the Railroad Bridge claims in Buena Vista. An outing was scheduled for the weekend of April 27-28, which would allow members time to make reservations at the RR Bridge Campground. We will finalize plans at the April 3d chapter meeting or reschedule depending on weather conditions. For those who make early reservations through Colorado Parks and Wildlife they will have time to cancel and receive a full refund after the meeting. Tim reviewed the claim boundaries and reminded members that the claim included a large area between the riverbanks and the dirt road (Chaffee County Road 371) that could be prospected with metal detectors and dry-washers. Tim also talked about the gold nugget that was found during the GPAA outing last September. The nugget was found in shallow sand and had rough edges indicating that it had not travelled far and was likely a recent deposit from the flooding in August. Tim suggested prospecting for the possible source of the nugget in the river drainages on BLM land to the northeast of the bridge. While the nugget could have also come from the west banks of the river, much of that land is privately owned and posted.

The March 6th meeting will be a “Show-and-Tell” opportunity. Members

MEETING MINUTES



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are encouraged to bring in their “finds” and tell us about their experiences. We would also like to see your equipment designs or modifications. The chapter will provide pizza and soft drinks.

Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the monthly and end-of-year financial reports. The Christmas Party, our last event for 2023, was attended by 47 members and guests, for a net cost to the Chapter of \$875. Total Chapter expenses for 2023 were within budget expectations for the year. The proposed budget for 2024 will be presented for approval at the February 7th Chapter meeting. A discussion was held on the use of GPAA Chapter Points for 2024. The consensus of those present was that until the chapter can appoint someone as our Equipment Manager, we will limit point exchanges to items under a \$200 retail equivalent for use as door prizes. Chapter members may also order a specific item from the point exchange catalog for an equivalent donation, provided the chapter has sufficient points accumulated and available. A catalog will be available at chapter meetings. After the door prize drawing, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm. Thank you to members Lorraine Sirois and Jon Ray for providing refreshments. There are no outings or events scheduled prior to the February 7th meeting.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS January 3, 2024

Gold: John King 2 times, John Michler 2 times, Steven Sprague, Richard Logue, Scott Leidenberger, John Wood

Silver: Tim Pitney, Bob Oakland, Richard Logue 2 times

Name tag winner Tim Pitney Gold nugget.

GPAA Guidelines for Active Members with Guest & GPAA Member Code of Ethics

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- Your active GPAA Membership benefits includes spouse or significant other and all children under the age of 18 residing within the household.

As a GPAA Member and to preserve your GPAA Membership benefits, you may invite up to 4 guests while you are prospecting on a GPAA claim or lease. Your guest must be accompanied by you as a GPAA Member and understand that as a nonmember they cannot return to the site without you.

Your guests are limited to gold panning or they may assist you in limited prospecting and must help in the federally required reclamation. Guests are not allowed to operate their own equipment or any members additional equipment.

GPAA Code of Ethics shall be adhered to by all GPAA Member and their guest. These Code of Ethics have been in place since 1970.

- Members of the Gold Prospectors Association of America, (GPAA) shall adhere to the following Code of Ethics:

I will:

follow all all local, state, and federal laws and regulations,

respect private property and will not enter property without the owner's permission, reclaim my excavations and prospecting holes in accordance with Federal and State laws,

use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times,

remove and properly dispose of trash that I find I will not litter,

leave gates as found,

not destroy property, buildings or what remains of ghost towns and deserted structures,

not tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment,

respect other prospectors' claims and will not work those claims without their owners' permission,

appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and fisheries,

respect all laws or ordinances governing prospecting and mining,

only build tires in designated or safe places and in accordance with current Federal, state, and local guidelines,

be careful with fuels and motor oils and be cognizant of their potential destructive effect on the environment,

have on site all necessary permits and licenses,

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- not remove stream bank material, destroy natural vegetation or woody debris dams, nor discharge excess silt into the waterways,

not refuel motorized equipment in streams,

not allow oil from motorized equipment to drip onto the ground or into the water,

not prospect in areas closed to prospecting and mining,

All prospectors will be judged by your actions as the example of a GPAA Member.

GPAA Claims and leases are for the express use of prospecting and Mining under the GPAA Member Code of ethics and all local, state, and federal laws.

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COLORADO SPRINGS GPAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month

From 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at:

The Salvation Army building:

208 Cunningham Drive

Security, CO 80911

All General Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm

MEETING DATES

February 7 2024

March 6 2024

April 3 2024

May 1 2024

June 5 2024

July 3 2024

August 7 2024

September 4 2024

October 2 2024

November 6 2024

December 4, 2024

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