

THE NUGGETEER



April 2023

Vol.3 No.4

A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello members and Prospectors one of the tricks to get more gold is moving more dirt.

Here is the link to Treasure Mountain that Tim talked about.

<https://www.legendsofamerica.com/treasure-mountain/>

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

Web address: <http://cosgpaa.org>

Facebook address closed <https://www.facebook.com/groups/733783243720768/members/>

Facebook address open <https://www.facebook.com/cosgpaa>

Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2022	\$1,938.00	\$24.68	\$971.15	\$2,282.66	\$18,150.00
2023	\$2,025.75	\$25.10	\$1018.82	\$1,474.27	\$6,650.00

4/8/23

1

GPAA

COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



GPAA OFFICERS Colorado Springs Chapter

President	Tim Pitney		
Vice President	Joel Swisher	719-622-8693	joelswisher1@gmail.com
Treasurer	Alton Oakes	719-439-3590	aoakessprint1@earthlink.net
Secretary	Pat Oakes	719-339-0486	patoakes@centurylink.net
Membership Chairperson	Lorraine Sirois	719 391-8545	grainmax@msn.com
Claims Chairman	Alton Oakes	719-439-3590.	aoakessprint1@earthlink.net
Nuggeteer Editor	Del Cox	719-591-1282	coxd@mac.com
Outings Chairman	Alton Oakes	719-439-3590.	aoakessprint1@earthlink.net
Webmaster	Paul Covington	719-310-7542	Paul@covingtoncomputers.com
Facebook editor	Cindy Swisher	719-661-7542	cslactrn@gmail.com
Hospitality Committee	Position Open		

Renewals, multi-year discounts and life memberships available on-line at www.Goldprospectors.org , or call 800-551-9707 , and Please mention that you want to be part of the COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER.

MEETING MINUTES



April 5, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 24 in person; 143 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 and informed members that the Gold Prospectors of Colorado (GPOC) will hold a prospectors Poker Run on Saturday, May 13th. This event is open to the public, see the flyer later in this *Nuggeteer*.

Chapter Chair Lorraine Sirois reported on available Saturday dates for a tour at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. After some discussion, it was decided to table the event till May for reconsideration. Lorraine informed the Chapter that Tim's birthday was this month and presented him with an embroidered GPAA shirt. Those present sang the birthday song and Secretary Pat Oakes provided a birthday cake. Happy Birthday Tim and thank you for serving as Chapter President since February 2018.

Member Gary Mueller reported that the event scheduled at his home last month was cancelled because road construction in his neighborhood made access impossible. Gary has rescheduled for Saturday, April 22nd. Activities begin at 10am, at 2738 Wren Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80909. Gary will be testing his Gold

MEETING MINUTES



April 5, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes Continued

Cube and Water Table to prepare for the coming season & invites members to bring their winter concentrates over for him to process them, or alternatively, he will instruct on use of the equipment and allow members to do their own processing. Gary also invited members to come over and watch and ask questions about prospecting, equipment, and places to go. Attendees should bring their own lunch. If you have questions or to confirm the event, call Gary at (719)216-4602.

Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the monthly financial report and advised that the annual contract with the Salvation Army for use of our meeting room had been renewed. Member input for updating our website has been forwarded to the web master for incorporation and the membership will be notified when the new site is up.

The annual raffle supporting the Public Lands for the People (PLP) is underway. A book of 12 tickets costs \$10 and can be ordered from their website: www.publiclandsforthepeople.org, or by phone: (844) 757-1990. Drawing is August 13th. See the website for details and a list of prizes and donors. Prizes range from an

MEETING MINUTES



April 5, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes Continued

ounce of silver (current spot \$25.16) to a 20-acre placer claim valued at \$5,000.

After a mid-meeting break, Tim spoke about legends of lost treasure and gave hints on where to look and metal detect. Members were reminded that water flows are still low ahead of spring runoff, so weather permitting, now is a good time to access rivers and streams like the Railroad Bridge claims on the Arkansas. With heavy snow accumulations this year runoff may include flooding or last into the summer restricting stream access. Members are cautioned to be prepared for atypical conditions this year. Tim discussed our last outing to the Country Boy Mine in Breckenridge and said he would plan for a return trip this summer that may include overnight camping on site.

After the regular door prize drawing, a special name tag drawing was held. Of the 24 members and guests present, 24 participated in the special draw. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

The next Chapter meeting will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at the Salvation Army building, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS April 5, 2023

Gold: Richard Logue times 2, Steven Sprague, Nancy Wood times 2, Tom Braidwood times 2, Richard Cook

Silver: Tim Pitney, Del Cox, Loraine Sirois, Stephen Kanatzar, Theresa Bailey

Camping Gear: Tim Pitney, Steven Sprague, Tom Braidwood, Theresa Bailey, Patrese Vorwerk, Del Cox, Lorraine Sirios, John Wood, John Mischler

Doug Kast won the Name Badge drawing and received a container of pay dirt.



WESTERN MUSEUM OF MINING & INDUSTRY

Events for April

Easter Egg Hunt April 1 - 8

This is a fun way to explore the museum---go on a "Scavenger Hunt" style Egg Hunt throughout the museum and win a prize. Our egg hunt is designed for those 12 and under (but everyone has fun looking!!) Regular Admission rate (Members are FREE) For full details please call 719-488-0880 or email [Lauren](#).

Looking ahead to May...

Our first [Family Day](#) with outdoor machine demonstrations will be Saturday, May 13. Annual favorite, ["Picnic and Planes"](#) returns May 24--watch the Thunderbirds from our vantage point as they perform for USAFA graduation
See the full [calendar of events](#) for your [Western Museum of Mining and Industry](#).

Looking for a place to volunteer?

Give back or Pay it Forward--we have LOTS of opportunities for you to make friends and help your community when you [volunteer at WMMI](#).



Gold Prospectors of Colorado

3rd Annual Poker Run / Fund Raiser

Who: Gold Prospectors of Colorado (GPOC) A local non-profit club that teaches about Colorado gold history, prospecting, gold panning, and other fun and interesting things in the great Colorado outdoors.

When: Saturday, May 13th (Mother's Day Weekend)

Where: River Front Park, Florence, CO will be the registration and starting point. Five stops along the Arkansas river with the final point at the GPOC claim near Salida, CO.

Cost: \$10/score sheet. No limit to how many cards can be purchase. The more the better chance of winning. Prizes for the best scores at the final point.

Why: Why not !? Turn off the TV and electronics off and get outdoors! Learn some local history, learn something new and just enjoy a day in the great Colorado outdoors on the Arkansas River.



Check points:

- #1 - Starting Point: River Front Park, Florence CO. New member sign-up, Poker run registration (\$10 per score sheet), and draw first two cards per score sheet.
- #2 - AHRA Parkdale Recreation Site. Draw one card per score sheet.
- #3 - AHRA Pinnacle Rock. Draw one card per score sheet.
- #4 - Vallie Bridge Camp Ground. Draw one card per score sheet.
- #5 - GPOC Woody's Claim. Ending Point and draw two cards per score sheet. Prizes for best scoring sheets!

Stash of £4m gold bars 'belonging to South American drug lords' are finally seized by UK authorities after they were intercepted at Heathrow Airport four years ago

- NCA obtained a civil recovery order for about 80 per cent of the seized gold
- Gold was headed to to Switzerland from the Cayman Islands when it was seized

By [NATASHA ANDERSON](#)

PUBLISHED: 22:54 EDT, 20 March 2023 | UPDATED: 03:23 EDT, 21 March 2023

Investigators are now able to recover £4million worth of gold belonging to South American drugs cartels that was seized at [Heathrow](#) Airport nearly four years ago.

The gold, weighing around 104 kilograms, was on its way to Switzerland from the Cayman Islands when it was intercepted by UK Border Force agents in June 2019.

It had previously arrived in the Caymans from Venezuela on a private jet.

The gold has been held under the Proceeds of [Crime](#) Act. But now the National Crime Agency (NCA) has obtained a recovery order that will allow investigators to take possession of it, [The Mirror](#) reported.



Investigators are now able to recover £4million worth of gold belonging to South American drugs cartels that was seized at Heathrow Airport nearly four years ago. The gold, weighing around 104 kilograms, was on its way to Switzerland from the Cayman Islands when it was seized by Border Force agents in June 2019



Now, following settlement discussions and an application to the High Court, the NCA has now obtained a civil recovery order for about 80 per cent of the seized gold. The remainder of the gold will reportedly be returned to 'companies with a financial interest' in it.

Officers from Border Force, acting on intelligence from the NCA, moved in to detain the shipment at Heathrow Airport on June 1, 2019.

The gold, found in the cargo section of the plane, then became the subject of a money laundering investigation being run by the Cayman authorities, with the assistance of the NCA.

Investigators worked closely together to prove that suspected cartel members had created a fake paperwork trail to hide the true origin of the gold.

The officers also determined that the individuals involved in the gold's movement were linked to organized crime.

Now, following settlement discussions and an application to the High Court, the NCA has now obtained a civil recovery order for about 80 per cent of the seized gold.

The remainder of the gold will reportedly be returned to 'companies with a financial interest' in it.

NCA Branch Commander Andy Noyes told the newspaper that criminals looking to move drugs money are 'attracted to gold due to the high value contained in relatively small amounts.'

He argued that the seizure 'disrupted the criminal network' and stopped the drugs cartels from 'reinvesting in further criminality that causes harm to our communities.'

MailOnline has approached the NCA for comment.



Officers from Border Force, acting on intelligence from the NCA, moved in to detain the shipment at Heathrow Airport on June 1, 2019



The gold, found in the cargo section of the plane, then became the subject of a money laundering investigation being run by the Cayman authorities, with the assistance of the NCA



Investigators worked closely together to prove that suspected cartel members had created a fake paperwork trail to hide the true origin of the gold

GPAA

COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

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

May 3, 2023

June 7, 2023

July 5, 2023

August 5, 2023 Picnic (Saturday)

September 6, 2023

October 4, 2023

November 1, 2023

December 9 , 2023 Christmas Party (Saturday)

The Nuggeteer is published monthly following the regularly scheduled chapter meetings. It will be distributed by email and posted to the Chapter web site. To be added to or removed from our email list, please send your request to cosgpaahospitalitycommittee@gmail.com. To add an article please submit it to the editor at cosgpaahospitalitycommittee@gmail.com.

GPAA

Colorado Springs Chapter Links

Gold Prospectors of Colorado

<https://gpoc.club>

[\(20+\) Gold Prospectors of Colorado | Groups | Facebook](#)

- American Legion Post 38
- 6685 Southmoor Dr,
Fountain, CO 80817

The Rock Doc

17897 US Hwy. 285
Nathrop, Colorado 81236

(between Buena Vista & Salida, 5 miles south of Nathrop)

<http://www.therockdoc.net>

Public Lands for the People

<https://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org>

- Public Lands For The People
- PO Box 1660
- Inyokern, CA 93527
- 1-844-757-1990

- Here is the link to Treasure Mountain that Tim talked about.
<https://www.legendsofamerica.com/treasure-mountain/>