

THE NUGGETEER



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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hi there to members and Prospectors be mindful the water will be rising, and the Bears are out.

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2022	\$1,910.83	\$23.43	\$1017.28	\$2,337.67	\$15,750.00
2023	\$2,034.19	\$25.61	\$1065.49	\$1,478.86	\$6,900.00

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COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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MEETING MINUTES



May 3, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes Attendees: 22 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 reminded 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 provided an update on the proposed tour at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. Lorraine reported that a paid group tour can be scheduled but would add no value to the experience for our members over the museum's existing public access available during normal business hours without a reservation. After some discussion, it was decided to table the event till Fall/Winter for reconsideration. Tim informed the Chapter that Lorraine's birthday was this month. Tim provided a birthday cake and led the membership in singing the birthday song.

Tim opened a discussion on future outings by suggesting a public tour at the Mollie Kathleen Mine in Cripple Creek, since his efforts to arrange a private, special access tour were unsuccessful. Only two members were interested. There was more interest in a return trip to the Country Boy Mine in Breckenridge which included panning and possible metal detecting and limited self-contained camping. Tim will look for a July opportunity. Newsletter Editor Del Cox will contact Vick's Gold Panning, a pay-to-dig operation in Blackhawk, for dates and costs for a group outing. Vick's also offers limited camping options. Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes volunteered to lead an outing to the Arkansas Claims at the Railroad Bridge Campground for Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21. Activities begin at 9:30 am each morning with a sign-in in the Campground parking lot. A separate outing notice will be sent out on Monday, May 8th.

Alton gave the Treasurer's report and commented on the volatility of precious metals prices recently. Alton answered questions about our membership in PLP

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(Public Lands for the People) and their annual raffle. For the past two years our chapter has received ten books of tickets with our annual membership dues, and we won an ounce of silver in the 2022 raffle. (It was subsequently used as a door prize last fall). Also, several years ago one of our members won a Keene 3” combo-highbanker/dredge. The PLP raffle flier is included in this month’s newsletter.

Alton reported that the Chapter’s Webmaster has received all our input and is working on the website re-make. We still need to select a suitable picture for the website homepage and members were asked to review any photos they may have and to forward their recommendations to Alton for consideration.

Members are reminded about the dangers of prospecting during Springtime in the Rockies. Weather changes rapidly when warm sunny days become nighttime blizzards. Hibernating animals are awake and hungry. Ticks and sandfleas begin appearing along with blossoming poisonous plants. Snowmelt and thunderstorms raise water levels and cause flash flooding. Please be safe by being prepared and paying attention to your surroundings and weather conditions. Stay hydrated and protect against over exposure to the sun. If you are on the water all day, you get the sun from above and reflected from below.

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.

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After the regular door prize drawing, a special name tag drawing was held. For the second consecutive month everyone attending participated in the special draw. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the unexpected setup and teardown required for this meeting.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS April 5, 2023

Gold: Lorraine Siros, Jon Ray, John Mischler, Sherrie Ogle, Stephen Kanatzer, Bear Barnett, John King

Silver: John King X4 Theresa Bailey

Camping Gear: Steven Kanatzer, Sherrie Ogle, Steven Kanatzer, Steven Sprague, Tom Braidwood, Theresa Bailey, Del Cox, John Mischler, Sherrie Ogle.

Tom Braidwood won the Name Badge drawing.

New California Gold Rush Coming As Record Snowpack Melts

BY TYLER DURDEN

SUNDAY, APR 30, 2023 - 03:30 PM

Authored by Jill McLaughlin via The Epoch Times (emphasis ours),

Gold isn't raining from the sky in California, but it might be flooding into the rivers by summer.

“Nugget Nick” Prebalick expects the record snowpack in northern California to deposit even more gold in Woods Creek in Tuolumne County, where he shares a claim with his father and son near Jamestown. The family has been offering tours to those who want to experience gold mining and learn about the history of the gold rush in the state.

“I'm already finding more gold,” Prebalick told The Epoch Times. “I've been finding gold every tour.”

The Prebalicks, who own California Gold Panning, usually find about an ounce of gold a day when they take guests to pan for nuggets on their claim. **The most he and his father have found was 127 ounces in one day.**

As this year's snow melts from the Sierra Nevada and other mountains, the runoff will wash away silt and deposit more gold in rivers and streams, prompting some to predict a modern-day gold rush this summer.

California's first gold rush in 1848 brought fortune seekers from all over the world. More than 300,000 came to the territory, and gold was worth \$20.67 per ounce, according to the National Museum of American History.

Today, each ounce is worth about \$2,000.



Tourists are seen panning gold during a tour with the California Gold Panning. (Courtesy of Nick Prebalick)

“I think this summer. I’m going to be swamped,” he said. “We’ll probably get 10 groups a day.”

Mark Keene, who owns the mining equipment company Keene Engineering in Chatsworth—about 30 miles northwest of the city of Los Angeles—with his brother, told The Epoch Times he also anticipates a big increase in gold mining activities when the snow starts to melt.

“In my lifetime, I don’t remember this much snowpack in the mountains,” Keene said, adding that he expects to see a superflood. Keene sells gold pans, sluice boxes, and other tools used by armatures and professionals.

“When you have a catastrophic flood like that all the riverbanks and the mountainsides wash down in the river and you see a lot of gold,” he said. “It could be one of the best years in decades for mining.”

Keene and his family have a secret mining spot and they visit on the weekends, he said.



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.

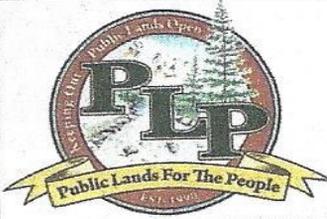
Cost: \$10/score sheet. No limit to how many cards can be purchase. The more the better chance of winning. Prizes for the best scores at the final point.

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!



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The PLP Annual Raffle is BACK!!
ORDER YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY, SUPPORT PLP, AND BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN ONE (OR MORE) OF THE PRIZES BELOW. MORE PRIZES WILL BE ADDED.

NEW RAFFLE!! 2023 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Drawing to be held August 13, 2023!

LIST OF PRIZES & DONORS

VALUE

-33 ONE OUNCE Silver Rounds (one for each year of PLP Fighting for your rights) Donated by PLP	\$726
-20 Acre Mother Lode Placer Claim – Ron Kliewer	\$5,000
-1 Week Skookum Camp Alaska Gold Mining Trip- Blake Harmon www.skookumgoldcamp.com	\$2,500
-Gold Quartz specimens donated by meetingofthemines7@gmail.com	
-Gold Cube 4 stack www.goldcube.net	\$480
-Mad Mining Drywasher www.madmining.com Donated by Mad Mining	\$895
-New 49ers Lifetime Membership – Donated by PLP Member Value	\$2,500
-Lost Dutchman's Mining Assoc. Lifetime Membership Donated by PLP Member	\$3,500
-2 Year ICMJ Subscription Donated by the Mining Journal www.icmj.com	\$84.90
-Reinke Mining Adventures 1 Year Membership www.reinkegoldmining.com ...	\$160
-Gold Nugget donated by Miner's Keepers www.minerskeepers.com	\$450
-PLP Lifetime Membership www.publiclandsforthepeople.org	\$1000
-3 or 4 Day Stay at Roaring Camp www.roaringcampgold.com	\$450

Winners are responsible for taxes due on prizes.

HURRY! Don't miss out on our 2023 RAFFLE, which includes several great prizes Mining Equipment, Metal Detectors, Precious Metals, a Mining Claim & MORE!

THREE WAYS TO ORDER:

1. Phone: (844) 757-1990 Toll Free or (844) PLP-1990
 Leave a message and we will call you back.
 Last day to order by phone is August 9, 2023.
2. Buy tickets in person at the
 Downieville Gold Rush Days August 13, 2023
3. Send a check by mail to PLP at P.O. Box 1660
 Inyokern, CA 93527

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 Drawing is August 13!**

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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

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)

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