

# THE NUGGETEER



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## *A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits*

Hello members and Prospectors let's make big plans for this new year to find big new gold and happy holidays.

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### Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2020	\$1,775.76	\$22.48	\$949.37	\$1,812.22	\$12,850.00
2022	\$1,806.47	\$23.36	\$1,033.50	\$1,948.00	\$12,100.00

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# MEETING MINUTES



December 3, 2022, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 47 in person; 140 by e-mail

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, on Saturday, December 3, 2022, in the main dining room at the Airplane Restaurant in Colorado Springs, by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Tim welcomed members and guests to the last Chapter meeting for the year and the Chapter Christmas Party. Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the financial report and said that all Chapter expenses for the year had been paid and that the Chapter had operated within its budget projections for the year. With no other Chapter business pending, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm and the party began with members ordering lunch. Thank you to the members who provided pies and cookies for dessert. Thank you also to the restaurant owners and their staff; the food was great and the service was excellent.

Following the meal, members Nancy and John Wood coordinated the White Elephant gift exchange. Several of the gifts were very popular and circulated between several hands before being stolen by their final recipients. The door prize drawing and member-to-member gift exchange followed. The party ended at 4:00 pm.

The Angel Tree Christmas gifts donated by members were collected by John and Nancy for delivery to the Fountain Valley Salvation Army.

The next Chapter meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Salvation Army building, 208 Cunningham Drive, Security, CO 80911.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS December 3, 2022

2 grams of Gold Steven Kanatzar, Silver Bar Sherrie Ogle, 1 Ounce Silver Richard Cook, Water Table Tim Pitney, 2 Grams of Gold Richard Logue, Gram of Gold Sherrie Ogle, Gram of Gold Joey Baker, Silver Coin Tom Braidwood, Gold Picker Joey Baker

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# WHERE'S THE GOLD?

BY KEVIN HOAGLAND

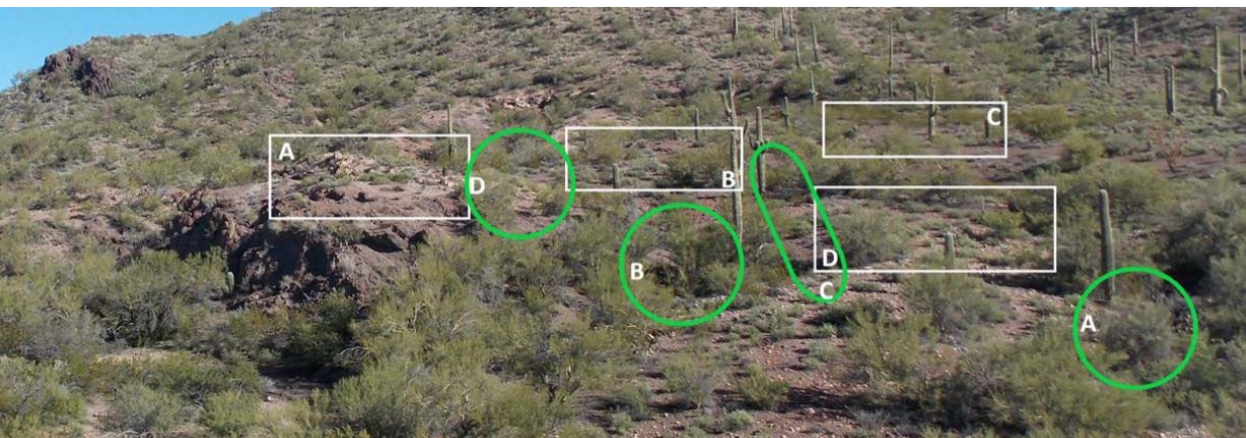
Without going through a long story of how I ended up at this location after a few wrong turns, I was more than happy to have stumbled on this site. You may recognize this spot as the background from a detector field test a while back. I wanted to wait until WTG switched from summer water prospecting to winter desert prospecting to roll this one out.

I walked right to a nugget patch after visually prospecting this view for 30 minutes while breaking out my detector gear and my favorite dry pan to do some additional testing. Why a pan? Look closely and you will find what I thought could be an old hard rock mine, which it turned out it was. And with that, I will always look for broken-out disseminated

residual material hoping to find some gold.

The mine is the cornerstone of this WTG. You are seeing this from the same view I saw it from, and nothing really jumps out, but it is all there. I had to convince myself that there was a mine adit in the view.

This is a two-part WTG search; the first one is for the nugget patch (white outline) and the second is for the spot that I ultimately dry-washed (green outline) after dry panning a good amount of gold on my first trip while I was field testing the detector. The patch and the fines are indirectly connected, and if you find one it leads to the other.



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## **NUGGET PATCH**

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*If you found the adit (right above the green circle D)  
then you are on the right track.*

## **DRYWASHFINDS**

I'll skip all the non-gold sites and jump right to the answer. B) Green.

D (green) did not look right from the beginning, and you can see why to some extent. That gold loves gravity thing that I mentioned earlier, yeah it plays a major role here. The light-colored rock that is running horizontally through the green D, and just about in line with the D, is a small ridge that then runs up toward the saguaro in white B and channeled all of the material into B from most likely over a century of rain, leaving B green as the runoff point. The bedrock that you can see next to B green stopped almost all of the gold, and over the years as floodwaters hit the bedrock, it deposited flood layer after flood layer of gold down almost three feet.

## **OVERALL**

The end result was a pocket of flood-layered gold at the bed- rock point (B green) and flood gold layers from the bottom center of B white. The nugget patch gave up a few very nice nuggets. Total finds: nuggets, 8.3gm total, and 6gm of dry- wash gold. That included a few pickers I gave away as presents with 4.6gm 20-100 mesh left.

*-Kevin*

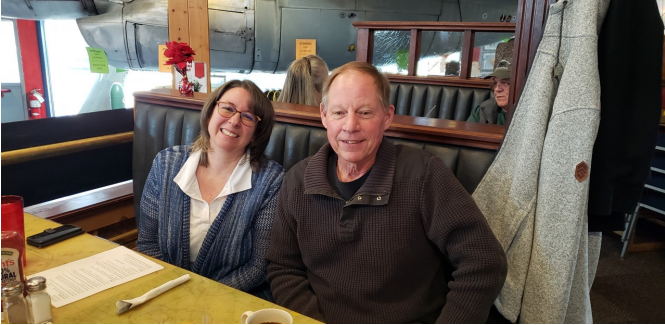
- A.** Is a ridge that is clearly visible from my view of the area. Gold will do a lot of things, but since it loves gravity so much going uphill is not really an option.
- B.** This spot drew me into it as soon as I saw it. Pretty flat with the land contour favoring a left-to-right draw. The first nugget came out of the left side just above the top of the saguaro in the photo.
- C.** Interesting looking flat, which turned out to be where the miners were camped. Lots of rusted cans and a few spikes. In the long run, I raked and dragged a magnet around the area to make sure they had not set up camp on a patch without having to dig every piece of trash on the site.
- D.** I didn't have a lot of hope for this spot coming into it, and as I expected, nothing but a few hot rocks and some old trash.

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### OUTINGS & EVENTS

Pictures from Christmas Party 3 December 2022. Thanks to Pat Oakes for the pictures



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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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm*

#### MEETING DATES

January 4, 2023

February 1, 1023

March 1, 2023

April 5, 2023

May 3, 2023

June 7, 2023

July 5, 2023

August 2, 2023 Picnic

September 6, 2023

October 4, 2023

November 1, 2023

December 6 , 2023

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