

# THE NUGGETEER



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

Welcome members and guests. Its nice to be out hunting for gold and silver again. Good luck finding gold while you 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
2020	\$1,701.79	\$17.72	\$844.52	\$2013.75	\$7800.00
2021	\$1910.73	\$28.23	\$1206.52	\$2894.26	\$22,000.00

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## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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

# MEETING MINUTES



June 2, 2021



**Attendees: 17 in Person; 126 by e-mail**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney; and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim opened the floor for a discussion on the May 22d outing to Reynolds Landing on the South Platte River. We had 13 people participate that day with seven staying at Reynolds Landing and 6 people moving to Gold Strike Park in Arvada for prospecting on slower moving water on Clear Creek. Justin Harmon, our Outings Chairman, lead the group at Gold Strike Park and reported finding about a half gram of gold fines and pickers after a cleanup of his battery powered 6" high-banker. We will be going back to both locations on future outings, planned after the spring run-off ends. Our next outing will be a pure prospecting trip to the Puma Hills area which is northwest of Wilkerson Pass. Member Gary Mueller will lead this outing and we will rendezvous at his family cabin at 9:30 am, Saturday, 26 June 2021. The street address is 890 Gunnison Street, Lake George, CO. (See map on page 8).

The Chapter picnic will be held at the Salvation Army Building on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. The August meeting normally held on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> will be postponed to the 7<sup>th</sup> and conducted prior to the Picnic start. Details will be published in the July Nuggeteer.

Alton Oakes, Chapter Treasurer, provided a financial report and reminded members that the GPOC (Gold Prospectors of Colorado) meet next Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Hall on Southmoor Drive in Fountain.

The Colorado Gold Panning Championships will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 11 -13, 2021 at the Western Museum on Mining and Industry (WMMI). Daily events begin at 9:30 am. There is no admission cost, though some events have a participation fee. Also on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, WMMI has a family day with outdoor equipment demonstrations. See the steam shovel, air trammer and stamp mill operate. For details visit [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org).

After the door prize drawing, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next Chapter meeting will be July 7<sup>th</sup>.



# MORE MEETING NEWS

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS 2 June 2021

- |                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| • Silver Coin         | Joel Swisher   |
| • Silver Coin         | Kyle McIntyre  |
| • Gold                | Richard Logue  |
| • Gold                | Richard Logue  |
| • Gold                | Richard Logue  |
| • Gold                | Joel Swisher   |
| • Gold                | Gary Mueller   |
| • Garrett Pin Pointer | Theresa Bailey |
| • Gold Hog Flow Pan   | Tom Braidwood  |



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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 8:30pm*

#### MEETING DATES

July 7 2021

August 7 2021 Meeting & Picnic

September 1 2021

October 6 2021

November 3 2021

December 4 2021 Meeting & Christmas Party

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### OUTINGS AND EVENTS

*We started out at*

South Platte River, at the Reynolds Landing Park, on Brewery Lane, in Littleton.

*(Finding Gold in Colorado Site A-04A)*

*The water was flowing too much so we went to Gold Strike Park  
(Finding Gold in Colorado Site A-15)*



Gold found in Justin's a shovel full of dirt..



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The gold found by Justin Harmon 0.422 grams.

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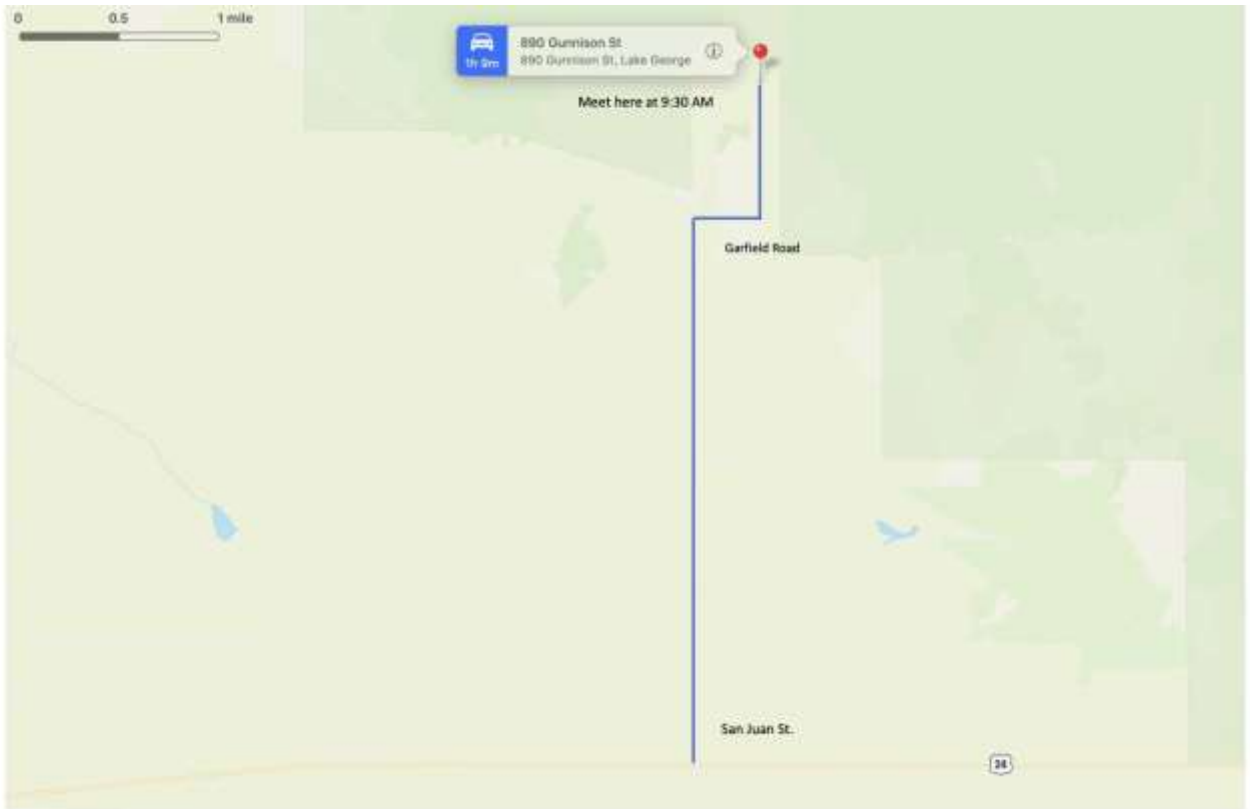
26 June 2021

Meet at 890 Gunnison St. at 9:30 AM

Turn right off US 24 West of Wilkerson Pass onto Road 23 (San Juan Street)

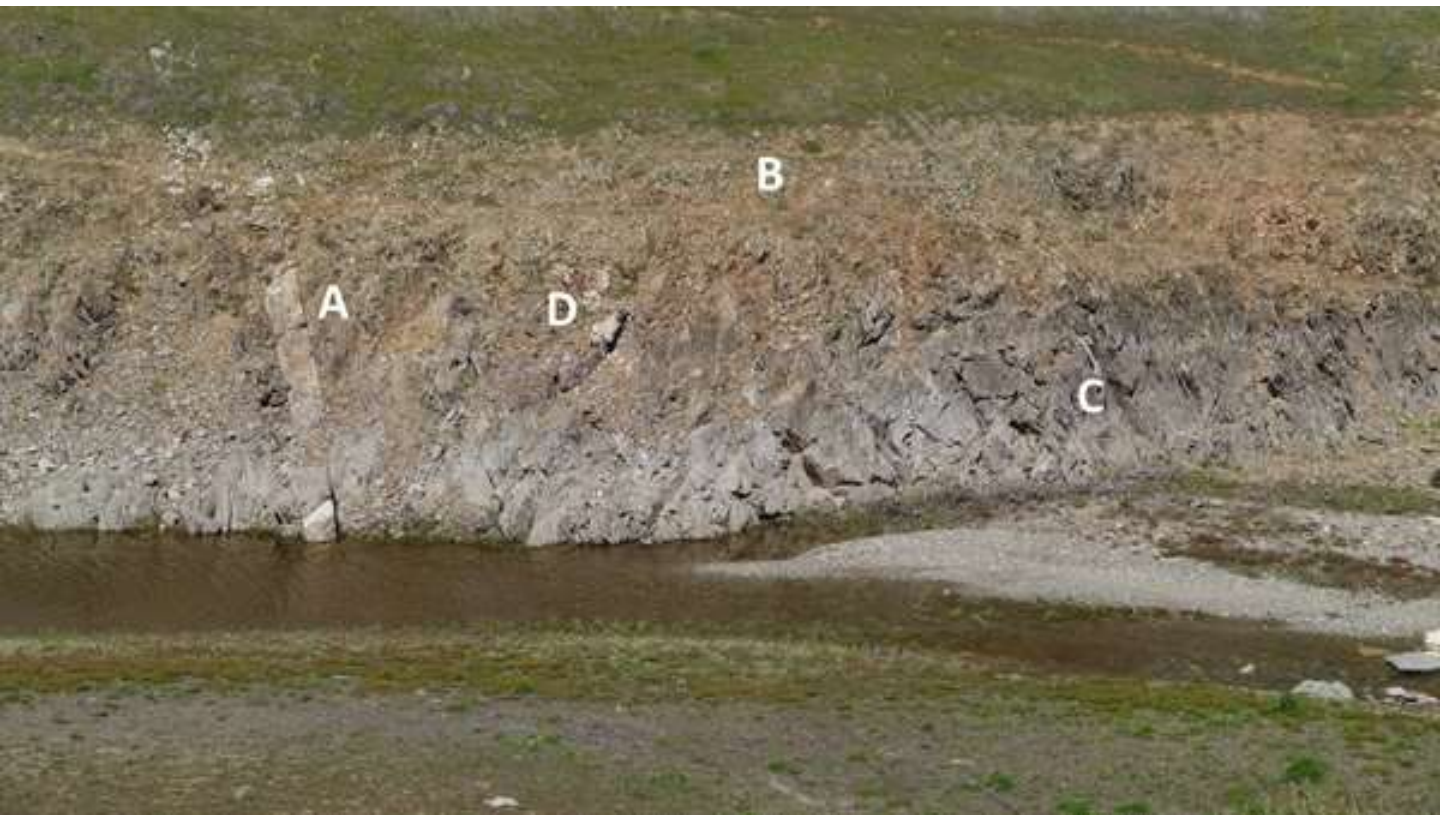
Turn right onto Garfield Road, the Left onto Gunnison Street

This will be an exploration outing to see if there is any gold here.



Map to site.





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Friday, May 28, 2021

**Where's the Gold? (May/June '21 GPM)**

HARD ROCK & RESIDUAL MINERS EDITION

by [KEVIN HOAGLAND](#)

RESIDUAL MINERS EDITION

*Over the last few months of “Where’s the Gold?”, I’ve been told that some of the editions were “too easy.” That said, let’s take your education up a notch or two. Let’s see how you do in locating the residual placer coming out of the lode material.*

**Just a refresher**, the residual is the first placer deposit that breaks away from the lode. In this area there are five active lode mines within a stone’s throw of where this photo was taken.

**Locations Descriptions:**

- A. Is an eroding bull quartz (white with very little to no mineralization) on the vertical.
- B. Is a crushed slate, dirt and vegetated material, that is moving down the bedrock from the upper elevation.
- C. Historically called “green stone” that contains only trace amounts of iron and other metallic minerals.
- D. Is a green stone and quartz contact layer running on the horizontal plane through the area.

**THERE IS ONE WORD THAT EXPLAINS ALL OF THIS AREA AND THE MATERIAL THAT IS BEING PROCESSED BY THE SURROUNDING MINES...**

**(Answers)**

If you chose A, then you are using the tool that the old-timers used to locate an area. Surface bull quartz stands have been used in almost every mining state as locators, mainly because they are easy to see from a distance. Miners would head to these areas then use them as the jumping off spots to get on the right material that carried the gold.

If you chose B, you're placer mining and this is all about the residual placer as it moves from the lode.

If you chose D, you fell into the mindset that all gold is associated with quartz material. The oldest saying about gold is that it is where you find it. I will assure that D is a spot that almost every miner looked at first then moved on.

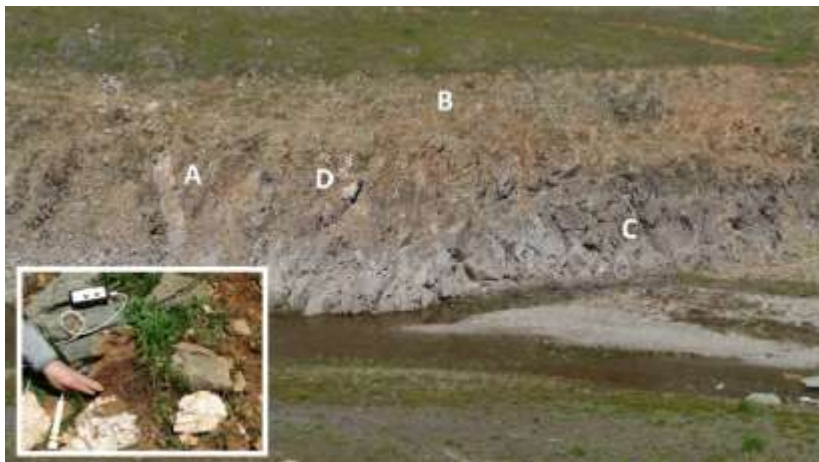
If you chose C, you are a lode miner who understands the importance of research before boots on the ground. I said that there was one word that explains all of this area and that word is "historically."

When this area was located in the early 1900s, the mining reports from the mining operations listed the green stone as the lode material with high values coming from all of the mines. Many of these mines are still in operation today, working the same material that first started the strikes.

As a modern placer miner there are a lot of great opportunities in these locations. All of the mines in the surrounding area were founded in the same way that most lode mines have been found since the beginning of mining — locate the placer and move up to the lode.

By the way, the green stone is geologically identified as amphibolite schist.

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Let's support our local prospecting business.

Gold Prospectors of Colorado

<https://gpoc.club>

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Meeting location has changed to:

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

The Rock Doc

<http://www.therockdoc.net>

Public Lands for the People

<https://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org>

Western Museum of Mining and Industry

<https://wmmi.org>