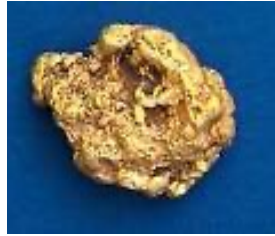


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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello members and Prospectors when classifying paydirt make sure you do not have a nugget in there before you discard your rocks.

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2021	\$1,910.73	\$28.23	\$1,206.52	\$2,894.26	\$22,000.00
2022	\$1,853.79	\$22.02	\$1006.50	\$2,058.63	\$13,850.00

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MEETING MINUTES



June 1, 2022

Attendees: 20 in person; 130 by e-mail



The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm, on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim talked about Chapter activities and outings during May and the forecast for activities in June. Members reported that Spring runoff has started, and it was decided that no outings would be scheduled this month due to safety concerns. Several members who attended the GPOC outing on May 7-8 said they had a good time and found color but had not yet completed their final cleanup.

Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the Chapter financial report and provided a summary of the May Newsletter from Public Lands for the People (PLP). Since our Chapter is a member of PLP, we will forward their newsletters and notices through our Hospitality Committee email account. This newsletter discussed remedies available to miners who are subject to illegal confiscations or interference by Forest Service personnel. PLP provides their members a wallet sized response card that contains instruction on how to respond when confronted by government authorities. A copy of the card appears on page 8 in this month's *Nuggeteer*. Alton reminded members of the PLP Annual Raffle drawing on July 14th. \$10 buys a book of 12 tickets. For tickets contact PLP at 844-757-1990, no later than July 11th. Alton also reviewed the June calendar for the Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI). Family Day with outdoor demonstrations is on 11 June, with no charge for outdoor activities. Farmers' Markets are on Mondays, 9:30 to 10:30 am, June 13th & 20th.

After a mid-meeting break, Member Cindy Swisher demonstrated cleanup using a Spiral Wheel, and answered members questions. After the presentation the door prize drawing was held, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. Thank you to member Phyllis Bray for providing cookies for the meeting. Also thank you to those members who assisted in setting up and tearing down the meeting displays.

MEETING MINUTES



June 1, 2022

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The next Chapter meeting will be held Wednesday, July 6, 2022, beginning at 7:00 pm, at the Salvation Army building, 208 Cunningham Drive, Security, CO.

FYI. The next monthly meeting for Gold Prospectors of Colorado (GPOC) is Wednesday June 8th, 7-8:45 pm, American Legion Post 38, 6685 Southmoor Dr, Fountain, CO.

Mile High Dowsers in Lakewood, CO, will hold their annual conference and training event on June 25th, beginning at 9:00 am. For more information visit their website: [Mile High Dowsers](#) or their Facebook page.

Pikes Peak Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show will be held June 10, 11 & 12 at the Norris-Penrose Event Center, 1045 Lower Gold Camp Road, Colorado Springs. Adults \$5/Multi Day \$8, 12 and under free.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS June 1, 2022

Silver Joel Swisher

Richard Logue

Silver Tim Pitney

Del Cox

Gold Stephen Kanatza

John Mischler

Gold Tom Braidwood

Jon Ray

Gold Kiel McIntyre

Lorraine Sirois

Side Wider Sluice Robert Oakland

77 Gold Prospecting Tips – How to Find Gold Like a Pro

Rare Gold Nuggets

May 5, 2017

Gold Prospecting, Recent Posts



There are few other hobbies where you can have fun outdoors and potentially make money at the same time.

The interest in gold prospecting is as strong now as it has ever been, but it's definitely getting harder to find the yellow stuff these days. With the right knowledge and skills there is no doubt that plenty is left for you to find.

In this article you will learn:

The best equipment to use depending on your area

How to find gold prospecting areas that others have missed

Tips on how to properly use your gear for the best gold recovery

How to locate historic mining areas where gold has been found



1. Look in Places Where Gold has been found before

The best way to start your search for gold is to look in the same areas that the “old timers” once looked. Yes, it’s possible that you might be able to find gold any random place that you look, but you will find that gold is much more abundant in places where it has already been found and there is historical documentation that it occurs there. Beginners often just go to the nearest river or creek to their home, do a bit of panning, don’t find any gold, and then assume that there is no gold left to be found.

The truth is, there are still TONS of gold out there waiting to be found by prospectors, but you have to know how to find it.

Do the Research

Research is the best way to find the places where gold occurs. You aren’t likely to find a brand new gold discovery, but what you are likely to find is an area within an existing gold rich area that still has some gold. Find the old mines, rivers, and creeks where the early miners were searching and you are much more likely to have success. Finding these places can take some experience. Some indicators are more obvious and others are somewhat subtle. An open mine adit is obvious, but a small creek that was hand-placered over 150 years ago might not be so noticeable. Finding historic mining sites is often dismissed by the beginners, but I assure you that experienced gold miners understand the importance of locating these places.

2. Geology and Contact Zones

You need to learn the geology of your particular mining area. There are some natural gold indicators that can be found in most major gold producing areas, but each area can be different. You should learn to spot the types of rock that are associated with gold in your area.

Gold is difficult to find, but learning about the types of rock that it is generally associated with (as well as the types that it is not associated with) will help you find the best areas to focus your efforts. Contact zones (also called a dykes or intrusion) are places where two major rock types come together. This is a natural geological process that happened millions of years ago. These events would result in rapid heating and cooling, and this often created the conditions needed for gold to form. Learning to identify the zones can be difficult, but it is something that will become more apparent as you learn to look for it. There are certain rock types that are better from a gold mining perspective. 3 important rock types worth noting are granite, schist, and gneiss. I have found these 3 types of rock to be present in most of the places where I have found gold.

When these geological masses would contact each other, pressure and high temperatures would cause fissures that would result in gold formation. Gold would be pushed to the surface, making it accessible to prospectors without needing to tunnel deep into the ground.

Identifying the general direction of the geology in your mining area is important. In most of the western U.S., the mountains range in a general northwest-southeast trend. Look for contact areas where some other rock type enters at a different trend to the general geological mass. Many of the richest gold bearing areas will have a intrusions that are at a 90 degree trend to the prevailing geology.

While granite, schist, and gneiss are usually the main rock types, that isn't always the case. It can potentially be any combination of rocks, although they usually make up at least one of them at gold-rich contact zones.



This roadcut exposed a great example of a contact zone (dyke, intrusion, etc.) where a newer rock pushed up through an older existing rock type. Sometimes gold forms in these locations if the conditions are right.

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OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Due to high water conditions caused by spring run-off and storms, no outings are scheduled for June. Prospecting in and around fast moving water is very dangerous. Thunder storms upstream can cause flash flooding on top of already high water levels. When prospecting or recreating near water under these conditions, life jackets are recommended and keep watch of other members of your group, especially children.

This is the PLP Challenge Card referenced in the meeting minutes, a copy in pdf format will be sent separately at an e-mail attachment

Suggested Challenge Procedure

While pursuing your outdoor endeavor of work, play, recreation or sport and you are challenged by a representative of a governmental Agency or Public Servant regarding the legality of your legal activity in their area, you should **do the following**:

1. It is wise to politely ask if you are breaking any laws. If you are informed that you are breaking the law, then ask for an explanation of the law and any municipal code that may pertain to the law.
2. You should do as you are asked by the government representative, then ask for their name, badge number, position and the agency and district they represent. Record this information along with the date, time and location of the area you are in.
3. If you have a pleasant response from any of the agents, such as being informative, cooperative or helpful, we would like to hear about them.
4. Give this information to your local PLP office or representative and he or she will advise you of the appropriate procedure to follow.

... Preserving Public Land Use for the People ...

Name _____

Badge # _____ Position _____

Agency & District
Represented _____

Date _____ Time _____ : _____ PM

Location Details: _____

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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

July 6 2022

August 13 2022 Picnic Saturday

September 7 2022

October 5 2022

November 2 2022

December 7 2022 Christmas Party

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Colorado Springs Chapter Links

Sunny Mountain Prospectors

Golden

802 N. Washington St.

Golden, CO 80401

(303) 529-0060

Hours:

Thursday - Saturday: 11 am to 5 pm

Closed Sunday - Wednesday

<https://sunnymountain.net>

Colorado Springs (temporarily closed)

3007 N. El Paso Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

(719) 722-3998

Gold Prospectors of Colorado

<https://gpoc.club>

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•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>

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•PO Box 1660

•Inyokern, CA 93527

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Concentrating equipment includes a hand sluice, complete sieve kit and a 'Blue bowl' system with levelers, tub, 12 volt battery and circulating pump.

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Contact:

Ken Bond at 719-573-0452 to leave message

Kennethbond2@comcast.net

Public Lands For the People fund raising raffle information



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"TO REPRESENT AND ASSIST OUTDOOR USER GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN KEEPING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS OPEN TO PROSPECTING, MINING, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION, SCIENTIFIC DATA, AND LEGAL MEANS."

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Drawing to be held July 14, 2022!

LIST OF PRIZES & DONORS

	VALUE
(32) One-ounce silver rounds - 32 WINNERS! (PLP Board)	Market
20-acre Placer Claim in California Mother Lode (Ron Kliewer)	\$5,000
New '49ers Lifetime Membership (PLP member Richard Haynes)	\$3,500
New! 1-Week Stay at Skookum AK Gold Camp (www.skookumgoldcamp.com)	>\$1,999
Single-head Blasting System, 50 charges & booster* (SierraBlaster.com)	\$ 950
Fisher Gold Bug 2 Metal Detector (www.fisherlab.com)	\$ 899
Minelab Equinox 800 (theminerscache.com)	\$ 899
Thompson II Puffer Mini-Drywasher (madmining.com)	\$ 890
New! Gold/Quartz Specimens (meetingofthemines7@gmail.com)	\$ 600
New! 7-Day Camp/Outing near Quartzsite, AZ (Gold Fever Adventures Campground)	\$ 500
Gold Cube 4-Stack Deluxe (www.GoldCube.net)	\$ 480
New! 5-dwt Gold Nugget (www.MinersKeepers.com)	\$ 575**
3 or 4 Day Stay at Roaring Camp (roaringcampgold.com)	\$311 / \$415
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(2) Reinke Mining Adventures & Svcs 1-yr membership (reinkegoldmining.com)	\$ 150 ea.
Razer Snake Gaiters (goldrushtradingpost.com)	\$ 64

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