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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello to members and Prospectors. Be mindful when out prospecting to slow down and really look things over. Good luck in the future with this method.

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2022	\$1,973.61	\$25.38	\$1,087.17	\$2,700.94	\$18,500.00
2023	\$1,845.75	\$21.23	\$972.54	\$1,484.51	\$8,100.00

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COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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MEETING MINUTES



March 1, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 23 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 reported on his efforts to schedule a tour at the Cripple Creek & Victor Mine. Chapter Chair Lorraine Sirois reported that she had confirmed a tour at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden for a Saturday in April. A head count will be taken at the April 5th Chapter meeting when details are announced.

Member Gary Mueller announced that he would be testing his Gold Cube and Water Table to prepare for the coming season. Gary invited members to bring their winter concentrates over and he would process them or teach them how to use the equipment and allow them to do their own processing. Activities begin at 10am, Saturday, March 25th, at 2738 Wren Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80909. Gary also invited members to come over and watch and ask questions about prospecting, equipment and places to go. Those expecting to be there after noon were asked to bring their own lunch. In the event of snow or extreme cold the event will be postponed. If you have questions or to confirm the event, call Gary at (719)216-4602.

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Member Joey Baker said he had a prospecting opportunity for the Chapter on a private claim on Clear Creek off I-70 in Idaho Springs. The outing in the July to September time frame would allow motorized equipment and dredging and possibly camping on the claim. Joey will confirm with the claim owner and keep us informed.

Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the monthly financial report and discussed necessary changes to the Chapter's website, www.cosgpaa.org. The consensus of those present was that the site could eliminate the pages that have been inactive. It was also suggested that we open a You-Tube channel for outing and training videos which would only require adding a link on the website. Member Joey Baker said he would research the You-Tube option. Alton said that he would postpone the website update process until Wednesday, March 15th to allow time for additional member input.

Alton announced that the Chapter had received an offer from a retiring LDMA member to sell his membership for \$700 plus the LDMA transfer fee of \$800. A new LDMA membership sells for \$4,750. A transferred membership is good for the life of the

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purchaser, but cannot be transferred again, without paying an additional transferability fee of \$1,250. Someone buying this person's membership (\$700) and paying both fees (\$800 + \$1,250) would have the equivalent benefits of a new membership for \$2,750. LDMA was contacted and confirmed that this is an active, valid membership, and confirmed their fee schedule on March 1st. LDMA memberships also have a monthly maintenance fee of \$10. If you are interested, please contact Jon at stelhrse@comcast.net. LDMA Membership can be contacted at (951) 699-4749.

After a mid-meeting break, Tim gave a presentation on reading terrain when prospecting and treasure hunting. Old mining, milling and tailings sites as well as supply trails and wagon roads can still be identified a century later. Safety also requires observance. Precariously positioned boulders whether created by erosion or booby trap can be life threatening. Old river benches are a good source of placer gold but may be hundreds of feet from current water ways and stories higher. Unnatural rock and terrain formations, petroglyphs, and tree carvings may be markers for old trails or treasure locations.

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After the regular door prize drawing, a special name tag drawing was held. Of the 23 members and guests present, 20 participated in the special draw. Thank you to members Lorraine Sirois and Teresa Bailey for providing snacks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

The next Chapter meeting will be Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at the Salvation Army building, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, weather permitting. Cancellations will be announced by e-mail and posted on the website if time permits. There are no outings or events scheduled prior to the next meeting.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS March 1, 2023

Gold: Adam Killey, Joey Baker, John Mischler, Joel Swisher, Richard Logue, Lorraine Sirois, Bear Barnett

Silver: Sherrie Ogle x2, Lorraine Sirois, Bear Barnett, Del Cox, Joel Swisher

Special Draw Tent: TeresaBailey

Name Tag Draw Gold: John Wood

From the GPAA Written by Kevin Hoagland

Guest on GPAA Claims and Leases

Your active GPAA Membership benefits includes spouse or significant other and all children under the age of 18 residing within the household.

As a GPAA Member and to preserve your GPAA Membership benefits, you may invite up to 4 guests while you are prospecting on a GPAA claim or lease. Your guest must be accompanied by you as a GPAA Member and understand that as a nonmember they cannot return to the site without you.

Your guests are limited to gold panning or they may assist you in limited prospecting and must help in the federally required reclamation. Guests are not allowed to operate their own equipment or any members additional equipment.

GPAA Code of Ethics shall be adhered to by all GPAA Member and their guest. These Code of Ethics have been in place since 1970.

Members of the Gold Prospectors Association of America, (GPAA) shall adhere to the following Code of Ethics:

I will:

follow all all local, state, and federal laws and regulations,

respect private property and will not enter property without the owner's permission,

reclaim my excavations and prospecting holes in accordance with Federal and State laws,

use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times,

remove and properly dispose of trash that I find I will not litter,

leave gates as found,

not destroy property, buildings or what remains of ghost towns and deserted structures,

not tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment,

respect other prospectors' claims and will not work those claims without their owners' permission,

appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and fisheries,

respect all laws or ordinances governing prospecting and mining,

only build fires in designated or safe places and in accordance with current Federal, state, and local guidelines,

be careful with fuels and motor oils and be cognizant of their potential destructive effect on the environment,

have on site all necessary permits and licenses,

not remove stream bank material, destroy natural vegetation or woody debris dams, nor discharge excess silt into the waterways,

not refuel motorized equipment in streams,

not allow oil from motorized equipment to drip onto the ground or into the water,

not prospect in areas closed to prospecting and mining,

All prospectors will be judged by your actions as the example of a GPAA Member.

GPAA Claims and leases are for the express use of prospecting and Mining under the GPAA Member Code of ethics and all local, state, and federal laws.

I am 53 years old and I dig harder than ever. After a day in the desert Drywashing a guy can get some really bad CRAMPS in the legs, arms, hands, back, and neck.

Well I travel about 100 miles each way to my desert GPAA claims and when I drive home there is always some stop and go traffic and that can be a real pain in the butt having to be on the brake on again and off again getting through traffic. that's when the LEG CRAMPS and FOOT CRAMPS kick in BAD!!!!

In many cases I have had to pull over and stand up straight to stop the CRAMPING....OMG IT'S EVEN PAINFUL TO THINK AND TALK ABOUT...LOL

well I have come across a few things that WORK to stop CRAMPS RIGHT NOW!!!

here are the top 2 I have now used with GREAT SUCCESS!

1. Pickle Juice!

Yes you heard that right PICKLE JUICE! my prospecting partner is Joe. Joe owns a Landscaping business and he told me it is well know to Landscapers that PICKLE JUICE prevents and stops CRAMPING. Well believe it or not 2-3 Table Spoons of Pickle juice will do the trick. I even found they sell in a small 3 pack 2oz or so bottles of PICKLE JUICE BRINE. my wife bought me a few packs, I gave some to Joe and we took them with us to the desert. when we finished up prospecting for the day we each took a shot or two of the PICKLE JUICE and NO MORE CRAMPS. when we get home we take a few more table spoons from the Pickle Jar and you are good for the night. Take it as needed if more is needed.

2. TONIC WATER (QUININE IS THE INGREDIENT THAT STOPS CRAMPS)

I was at Bible Study one Friday and my uncle leads it and started talking to a lady in the group and I heard him tell her " Well if you want to stop CRAMPS OR LEG CRAMPS OR ANY CRAMPS IN YOUR BODY JUST DRINK QUININE WATER AND NO MORE CRAMPS! STOPS THEM PRONTO!"

I had to ask " what kind of water?" " Quinine Water - it's in Tonic Water!"

well I bought a six pack of mini Tonic Water Cans by Schwepps and or Canada dry. I did not care much for the taste so I cut a half of lime and squeezed it in there. Makes it taste better to me. But, to my surprise ALL MY CRAMPS DISAPEARED BEFORE I EVEN GOT IN THE TRUCK and the drives home so far have been problem free even with bad traffic. NO MORE ANKLE, FOOT, OR LEG CRAMPS. Drink it for the cramps but do not over due the Tonic Water as TOO MUCH can make you feel nauseated and stomach bloating or cramping. I do not drink more than 2 of the MINI cans. Works beautifully.

Ultimately, Hydration is needed to PREVENT CRAMPS so HYDRATING PRIOR TO PROSPECTING is the best solution to keep the CRAMPS from starting in the first place so always drink plenty of water when prospecting and prior.

this is the kind of information you only can get from anther person who has experienced it first hand. "SO FROM ONE PROSPECTOR TO ANOTHER.....DRINK PICKLE JUICE OR TONIC WATER TO STOP CRAMPING AFTER A HARD DAY PROSPECTING!"

YOU CAN THANK ME LATER OR WHEN YOU SEE ME OUT ON THE CLAIMS.....CHEERS!

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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

April 5, 2023

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)

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