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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello to members and Prospectors lets start thinking about where to go this summer as a group and what you guys want to do. Stay safe and see you guys at the next meeting thank you.

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President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2020	\$1,701.25	\$15.13	\$774.35	\$1880.70	\$6300.00
2021	\$1796.70	\$26.62	\$1231.92	\$3004.13	\$26,600.00

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MEETING MINUTES



May 5, 2021



- Attendees: 18 in person; 126 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. There were 18 members and guests present. Member David Vigil, owner of Sunny Mountain Prospecting in Colorado Springs, reported on his business acquisition of Gold & Detectors in Golden. Dave also provided a dry demonstration of a new sluice he is manufacturing and selling named the Grizzly Gold Trap. It uses fluid bed design, is light weight and compact, and comes in three models, Motherload, Explorer and Nugget, selling for \$320, \$270, and \$165, respectively. Details are available on his website: www.sunnymountain.net.

- Tim opened the meeting for a discussion on future outings. Treasurer Alton Oakes stated that the proposed pre-Memorial Day weekend outing to the Railroad Bridge claims in Buena Vista would not happen as there were no reservations available for the month; and water levels were reportedly running high already. Member Justin Harman, elected as Outings Chairman at the April meeting, talked about his frequent trips to the Denver area to the sites listed in the book *Finding Gold in Colorado*. Member Gary Mueller who has also been to many of those locations reported that few of them are suitable for a group outing as they lack adequate parking, toilet facilities or acceptable access. Gary recommended Site A-04A, at the Reynolds Landing Park, on Brewery Lane, in Littleton. After much discussion, it was decided to hold our next outing there. We will rendezvous with Justin in the Reynolds Landing parking lot at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 22d.

- Alton provided the Chapter Financial Report and updated the membership on the recent successes of the PLP organization on restoring dredging access in California. Details on the update are on the PLP website: www.publiclandsforthepeople.org. Alton updated the members on the Colorado Governor's extension of the COVID mask mandate and the exception for indoor meetings where 80% of attendees have been verified to be vaccinated. Following a lively discussion, the membership was asked to vote on whether the Chapter should hold a cookout this summer. The vote was unanimous for holding the club picnic in August. Details will be finalized at the July 7th regular Chapter meeting.

- After the door prize drawing, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next Chapter meeting will be June 2d.



MORE MEETING NEWS

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS April 7 2021

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| • Silver Coin | Justin Harman |
| • Silver Coin | Pat Oakes |
| • Gold | Lorraine Sirois |
| • Gold | Justin Harmon |
| • Gold | Tim Pitney |
| • Gold Paydirt | Justin Harman |
| • Gold | John Mischler |
| • Gold | Gary Muller |
| • Pin Pointer | Jon Ray |



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I am doing this Nuggeteer with a different app. Hopefully it will be easier to use. Now any link to email or web address will be active. Just mouse over link and click and the web page will open.

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 8:30pm

MEETING DATES

June 2 2021

July 7 2021

August 4 2021

Picnic August 7 2021

September 1 2021

October 6 2021

November 3 2021

December 1 2021 Christmas Party

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OUTINGS AND EVENTS

9:00 AM, Saturday, May 22, 2021

South Platte River, at the Reynolds Landing Park, on
Brewery Lane, in Littleton. We will rendezvous with
Justin in the Reynolds Landing parking lot

(Finding Gold in Colorado Site A-04A)



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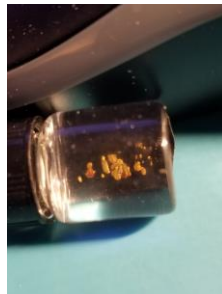
OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Here are some pictures from the Frog Hollow Park outing April 10 2021.

Every one had a good time and every one found some gold.



These pictures thanks to Richard Stockton.



This is the gold that Richard Logue found at Frog Hollow Park.

• Thursday, April 8, 2021

• **Where's the Gold (March/April 2021 GPM)**

• **FLOOD GOLD: PART II**

by [KEVIN HOAGLAND](#)



- Nature is amazing, especially during spring thaws that create high water events. So, what happens when your gold-bearing gravel bar becomes a resting place for migrating fish?
- Simple: everything changes in how you prospect the area. This is almost the same photo as the last Where's the Gold, but with an addition courtesy of Fish and Game. This is not a one-off addition; these are being installed in a lot of rivers in a lot of states because they work.
- In the last WTG I pointed out four places that all contained gold values and where to mine to recover dollars-per-yard over specks in a pan. Well since the time when that photo was taken two fish rests were created using timbers. The idea behind this is that just a bit upstream from this location the water is very fast and these were placed to allow a spot for fish to rest before that last battle upstream to spawning areas.
- If you have the January-February 2021 GPAA Magazine handy, grab it and open up to the last WTG. If you don't have your magazine handy, log on to the GPAA website and go to the Learn tab, open up the magazine and follow along with this. Go ahead, I'll wait.
- Now, in January-February I gave you four options of where there is gold, and it was up to you to figure out where the highest values are. Your task now is to figure out where they are going to be after the 2021 winter thaws and runoff happens. You'll be using the same A-B-C-D layout from January-February.
- **Here are your clues:**
- Upstream from this spot there is another one of these barriers. Both are designed with one intention in mind: slow the water. During winter rains and spring thaw runoff, this will be completely underwater.

ANSWERS

A) Will remain the same or be worse for recovery. The water course now will be more directed leaving this area with few new values being deposited.

B) With the diversion of the water, the ridge will be flattened out. This will carry your largest gold values and be flat across the entire area.

C) Is where the highest values were. In this new flow pattern of water, this will no longer exist. It will be nothing more than the outer edge of B and values will slowly drop off after the first winter season.

D) Will have higher values being the top end now of B. The deciding factor on whether to work this for real values will come only after testing and sampling to figure out if the water's cubic feet per minute post-winter storms and melt was fast enough to keep concentrating B or slow enough to concentrate all the way from D to B.

I really wanted to do this Part Two for the simple fact that you have a great view of how a single diversion will change everything in where the gold will settle out, waiting for you to find.

Kevin



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Let's support our local prospecting business.

Gold Prospectors of Colorado

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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

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