

The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



October, 2021

Two gold nuggets worth \$350,000 found in Australia

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Brent Shannon and Ethan West found the nuggets while on TV show Aussie Gold Hunters

Two gold nuggets worth around A\$350,000 (£190,000; US\$250,000) have been discovered by a pair of diggers in southern Australia.

Brent Shannon and Ethan West found the nuggets near gold mining town Tarnagulla in Victoria state.

Their lucky find was shown on TV show Aussie Gold Hunters, which aired on Thursday.

The men dug up the ground and used metal detectors to detect gold in the area.

"These are definitely one of the most significant finds," Ethan West said, according to CNN.

"To have two large chunks in one day is quite amazing."

They found the nuggets, which have a combined weight of 3.5kg (7.7lb), in a number of hours with the help of Mr West's father, according to the Discovery Channel which airs the programme.

The nuggets weigh around 3.5kg in combined weightImage source, AussieGoldHunters/DiscoveryChannel

The show, which is also broadcast in the UK, follows teams of gold prospectors who dig in goldfields in remote parts of Australia.

"I reckoned we were in for a chance," Mr Shannon told Australian TV show Sunrise. "It was in a bit of virgin ground, which means it's untouched and hasn't been mined."

Mr West said that during four years of mining for gold, he is picked up "probably thousands" of pieces.

The Discovery Channel also said collectors could pay up to 30% more for the nuggets than their estimated value.

In 2019 an Australian man unearthed a 1.4kg (49oz) gold nugget worth an estimated A\$100,000 (£54,000; \$69,000) using a metal detector.

Gold mining in Australia began in the 1850s, and remains a significant industry in the country.

The town of Tarnagulla itself was founded during the Victoria Gold Rush and became very wealthy for a period of time when keen prospectors moved there to make their fortune, according to a local website.

Image source, AussieGoldHunters/DiscoveryChannel



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Secretary's Report September 19, 2021

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Milwaukie Grange Hall
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Meeting was called to order by
President Mike Lewis at 1:30
P.M. who also led The Pledge of
Allegiance.

Attendance - 24 attendees and no
guests.

Meeting Minutes - There were
no meeting minutes due to no
meeting last month.

Treasury Report - Mike read the
Treasury Report that Beverly had
printed up.

Future of Club - Unfortunately our
Club may be folding at the end of
the year if we don't start getting
more people to start volunteering
for different things. The same
people keep volunteering and
doing everything to keep this
chapter going and they are simply
getting burned out. I personally
would hate to see this happen!
Our attendance has been declining
since Covid hit and I'm hoping
that we can turn this around. If
the club does end up going under
Mike and Jerry will continue to
keep the TyRoy claims and they
will still be available for people to
prospect on but you will have to
pay \$100 to go mine up there. This
will help with the costs involving
the claims.

Volunteers - We need 2 people
to volunteer to do our monthly
raffles. This isn't a hard job we
just need someone to shop and
collect items to be raffled off and
then help with giving the prizes
away. This is one of our ways to
earn some money for the club
since we don't charge dues to be a
member.

Election - In October we will be
holding nominations for President,
Vice President, Treasurer,

Secretary and 8 Board Members.
Make sure that you come to the
meeting so you can make your
nominations. We will then hold
the election in November with
people starting their new positions
in January 2022.

Happy Valley Farmers Market

- We had a booth set up at the
Farmers Market on September
11th. There were panning
demonstrations and they talked to
people to get the word out about
our club to try and increase our
membership. The club made \$18
selling some stuff. We are going to
do it again on October 16th so if
anyone wants to volunteer make
sure you get signed up on the sign
up sheet. Hours are 9:00 A.M. to
2:00 P.M.

Chinook Winds Resort Raffle - We
started selling raffle tickets for the
Chinook Winds Gift Certificates.
They are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 of
them. This includes a 1 night stay
at the Chinook Winds Casino
Resort Hotel, dinner for 2 at Rogue
River Steakhouse, 18 hole round
of golf for 2 and a free breakfast,
lunch or dinner for 2 at Aces
Sports Bar and Grill. We will be
selling tickets for a few months
and then hold the Raffle and
announce the lucky winner.

If anyone has any ideas of how to
increase our membership or ways
to better our club please let Mike
know by e-mail or phone as it will
be very heartbreaking to many of
us to see our chapter end at the
end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at
2:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

October, 2021

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NOW IS THE TIME FOR AS MANY PGPI MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO ATTEND A MEETING!!

THE OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021
AT 1:30pm AT THE MILWAUKIE GRANGE.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING: OFFICER AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and all 8 Board of Directors positions will occur at the October chapter meeting. We have people who are interested in being Vice President and Treasurer – however, we still need people to run for President and Secretary. We also have people who are interested in all 8 Board of Directors positions. That being said, we still need to hold nominations for all positions **with voting at the November chapter meeting**.

Thank you to everyone who attended the September chapter meeting. I apologize that there wasn't a general e-mail sent out to remind everyone about the meeting.

I know I sounded discouraged at the September meeting. That is because we need to have all Officer and Board of Directors positions filled in order to remain a viable GPAA chapter. While we have people interested in many of the positions, we still need the main position – President filled – along with Secretary.

I will help the new President as much as possible to make the transition as smooth as possible. I am sure the other officers will do the same. We don't want anyone to feel they are being thrown into the "deep end of the pool" without someone there to give them a helping hand.

Because of Covid, the Board of Directors approved the following election schedule - in order to realign some positions with the Chapter By-Laws:

President – 2-year term

Vice President – 1 year term – with election for a 2-year term in 2022

Treasurer – 1 year term – with election for a 2-year term in 2022

Secretary – 2-year term

Board Members – 2-year term (4 positions)

Board Members at Large – 1 year term – with election for a 2-year term in 2022 (4 positions)

Please think seriously about what you can do for the chapter. Besides elected positions, we still need 2 people to run the raffle - usually held at each meeting. There are people who have done this who can help you get started if you are interested. This is one of our sources of income, along with the sale of "Gold" bags.

Please remember that our other main source of income for the chapter comes from working at the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show, which is in Portland in 2022. Jerry Johns and Jim Erwin will be addressing this event at the October meeting.

There has also been some interest in participating in the Sportsman Show.

As stated previously, we still have to pay rent and insurance on the grange hall, along with other expenses incurred to hold outings, reimburse members for approved expenses, and to pay for the gold Richard Ruth acquires for the benefit of the chapter. ("Gold" bags, "nuggets" for the raffle and for the quarter drop, etc.)

I remain hopeful that the Covid scenario will improve and allow us to have more outing options, along with speakers and demonstrations going forward in 2022.

**PLEASE REMEMBER PGPI IS YOUR CLUB. WE CANNOT CONTINUE WITHOUT HELP FROM OUR MEMBERS – TO
MAKE SURE WE REMAIN A VIABLE CLUB AND CHAPTER OF GPAA.**

I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

Thank you and Happy Prospecting

Mike

Mike Lewis, President
Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

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From Jim Erwin

The first meeting to discuss the upcoming Gold and Treasure Show, will be held at the Vancouver Grange on Oct 24, 1PM.

The Vancouver Grange has been made available through the efforts of Debbie Whitcher and the Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors Association. (SWWGPA)

SWWGPA will provide snacks and refreshments. Masks and individual spacing will be required.

Tentative follow up meetings have been discussed for Jan 23 and March 27, 2022. The 2022 dates may change depending on what needs to be completed prior to the show and as set by attending group.

At the Oct 24 meeting we can discuss if we want to change meeting places.

The Grange address is 4905 NE St. Johns Blvd., Vancouver.

Since the show will be in Portland, our club has the responsibility to take the lead in organizing various parts of the show in conjunction with the SWWGPA. We will discuss this further at the October chapter meeting. Please contact Jim with any questions at: jimerwin233@gmail.com

Chinook Winds Raffle

Continuing with the October Chapter Meeting, we will be selling tickets for a Chinook Winds Raffle Package which includes:

- A gift certificate for a one (1) night stay for two in a standard room at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Maximum value is \$218.25.
- A gift certificate for one(1) dinner for two at the Rogue River Steakhouse. Maximum value is \$75.00 and does not include alcoholic beverages or gratuities.
- A gift certificate for one (1) 18-hole round of golf for two with cart at the Chinook Winds Golf Resort. Maximum value is \$138.00. Cart is subject to availability.
- A gift certificate for one (1) breakfast or lunch or dinner for two at Aces Sports Bar and Grill. Maximum value is \$40.00 and does not include alcoholic beverages or gratuities.

Tickets will be sold at the monthly Chapter Meetings for \$1.00/each or 6 for \$5.00.

This will help to raise money for the Chapter.

Happy Valley Farmers Market – Panning Demonstration

PGPI is holding a panning demonstration at the Happy Valley Farmers Market on October 16, 2021. The hours are 9AM to 2PM. The location is 13231 SE Sunnyside Road, Clackamas, OR.

◆ If you want to help, please contact Jim Erwin at jimerwin223@gmail.com.

Nugget News

September

2021

Official Newsletter of the
NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association

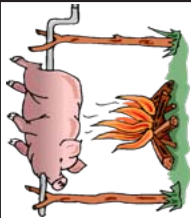


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18th Annual Eagle City Park Pig Roast & Potluck Picnic

Saturday, September 11th, 2021 at Eagle City Park
(pig served at 4 PM rain or shine)

Again, this year we are planning a Civil War Reenactment
by a group of people who do these types of events.

We will not have the usual activities (poker run, scavenger hunt, pie eating, etc.)
We still plan to have music in the evening and possibly
a surprise event at the reenactors campsite.

Bring a potluck dish or two and your favorite beverage(s).

Bringing chairs & card or folding tables would be helpful.

Pig & table service will be provided by Eagle City Mining Company, Ltd.

Hope to see you there.....



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*THIS is an excessively rare item of its kind,
and of vital importance, being the only
printed relation — aside from that by Mar-
shall himself — by an eye-witness of an
participant in the gold discovery.*

The following are some extracts from
letters received, showing the relation of
the writer to the gold discovery and
incidents of close connection to the
history as given in this work:—

ST. GEORGE, Utah, Dec. 20th, 1885.
DEAR BROTHER JAMES:—I have

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The **Northwest Gold Prospectors Association** meets
at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the
Rathdrum Senior Center located at 8037 W Montana Street, Rathdrum, ID
Our regular outings are at Eagle City Park the weekend following the monthly meeting with a pot-
luck at 4pm on Saturday. Other outings will be announced by the President and posted in the news-
letter. November thru March members are invited to meet each Saturday morning at 8:00AM at
Kootenai Medical Center Cafeteria in Coeur d'Alene to solve the world's problems.
Please join us.



Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe



Shoshone County Gold Production

By A. H. KOSCHMANN
and M. H. BERGEN-
DAHL - USGS 1968

The important mineral deposits of Shoshone County are in the Coeur d'Alene Mountains, along its northeast boundary. This mineralized area covers about 500 square miles and includes about eight mining districts, known collectively as the Coeur d'Alene region.

The county's gold production from 1881 through 1942 was 393,088 ounces (Staley, 1946, p. 27); from 1943 through 1959 it was 41,113 ounces a total of 434,201 ounces for 1881-1959.

COEUR D'ALENE REGION

The Coeur d'Alene region is in northeastern Shoshone County between lat 47°25' and 47°40' N. and long 115°40' and 116°10' W., and includes the districts of Beaver, Eagle, Evolution, Hunter or Mullan, Leland or Burke, Placer Center or Wallace, Summit, and Yreka. Wallace is its principal town.

The first mineral discoveries were lodes in 1878, but it was not until rich placers were discovered along Prichard and Eagle Creeks in the early 1880's that any concentrated interest was shown in the area. The town of Murray was founded in the placer area, and it soon became the county seat of Shoshone County. In 1885 rich deposits of lead and silver were discovered along the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River; at the same time the placers at Murray began to decline (Ransome and Calkins, 1908, p. 78-80).

A railway into the region was completed in 1887, and by that time many properties - among them the Bunker Hill and Sullivan, Mammoth, Tiger, Morning, Poorman, and Granite - were producing substantial amounts of ore. The succeeding decade was marked by strife between the miners' unions and the mine owners, and several times troops were called in to restore order (Ransome and Calkins, 1908, p. 81).

Meanwhile the Murray placers experienced a
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Meeting Minutes August 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Bill Izzard at 7:14 PM and everyone asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's report was read by Bill Izzard and it was moved and seconded to be approved as read.

The treasurer's report was read by Bill Izzard and it was moved and seconded to approve as read.

Bill welcomed 29 members and no guests.

The evening's program was postponed until the September meeting and instead extra time will be taken for members to visit and share information with those who recently travelled to the new Warren claim.

At this point Wayne McCarroll was asked to give the Legislative and Regulatory Updates, a copy of which you can read and review if you receive your newsletter via email.

Under Old Business if you have any address or email address changes, please advise Mary or Bob Lowe. Those who receive the newsletter via email get the most current and up to date information in a more timely manner and can quickly receive important or special notifications.

As mentioned previously, bring any ideas or suggestions for program material you would like to see addressed at one of the meetings.

Both Bill Izzard and Mark Cook received denials of discharge permits. For any questions regarding their experience, please talk to them about their experiences. It is important to remember not to discharge back into a main stream at anytime.

As discussed at our previous meeting, we are joining the Northwest Treasurer Hunters for three times of metal detecting at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds to clear metals

from the arena in exchange for a discount on our fees for our 2022 gold show. A sign up sheet is at the meeting for review and sign up. The plan is that there will be a drawing each time with a chance at gold nuggets and silver coins and a barbecue after the last night of detecting.

Under New Business today's gold price is \$1753.64.

Bob Lowe introduced Jim Jacobs as Eagle City Park's new camp host. Due to the Prichard and Deceitful active fires, the August 14 and 15 outing is cancelled and nothing formal is planned for that weekend since a majority of the roads are closed in that area where a number of our claims are located.

All claim fees have been paid and we are in good standing with the BLM for another year.

A break was called for and after reconvening the raffles were held. Bill asked for any other old or new business, having none, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Mary Lowe, Secretary

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just received a letter from John S. Hittell, San Francisco, Cal., an entire stranger to me. He wishes to get all the information he can in relation to the discovery of gold at Sutter & Marshall's sawmill, in 1848, and if any of the mill hands knew of a man by the name of Humphry, who claims to have been the first person who introduced the Rocker there and taught the mill hands how to wash gold. I have answered his letter, saying there may have been a man there by that name, but as for introducing a Rocker and showing us how to wash the Platter was something I have no knowledge about. The tin pan was used, and they were scarce. A wooden tray, made by Alex. Stephens to knead dough in, was used by me, and as for Rockers, up to the time we left, in '48, there was none that I saw or heard of at Marshall's mill, or anywhere else in Cal. And again, he says he wants the exact date of the discovery. I have told him that my journal has the discovery on the afternoon of January 24th, 1848, and he says he has corroborative evidence that such was the fact, instead of the 19th of January, as Marshall has it in his history, and he wishes to establish that fact—that Marshall was mistaken in his date—and Mr. Hittell wants the address of yourself, E. Stephen, and others who may have been present at the sawmill when the precious metal was discovered. I shall, today, write and send him your address, as he wishes to write 127 19 to you, also to Stephens, but I have not his address. Please tell me where Alex. lives by giving me his post office address. I think I will tell Hittell he can write to Alex. and send it to your address or care, and you will forward it to him. Can you give me Barger's and Azariah Smith's post office address? I write this that you may understand more fully, should you receive a letter from Mr. Hittell. He has written to me two letters, and it appears he is a person of prominence, is an author, and is writing the History of Cal. and its resources.

Yours truly,
HENRY W. BIGLER.

**1025 HYDE STREET,
SAN FRANCISCO,
Dec. 26, 1885.
JAMES S. BROWN,**

DEAR SIR:—I mail to you to-day a copy of an address delivered by me before the Pioneer Society, of this city, in

Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

Stop at the Sprag Pole Sports Bar & Museum for Great Food & Good Times in Murray, Idaho.

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Prospector Pins (\$5.00) are available for your own use or as gifts. See at meetings or call (208)699-8128

Wanted: Mining videos, books and pamphlets, old owners manuals for detectors, dredges, pumps, etc. for the NWGPA library. Call Bob Lowe @ (208)699-8128.

The Gold Sniper by Gold Fever Bob. Get this effective crevice tube for that hard to reach gold in the cracks of bedrock. Four models to chose from. From \$25 to \$75 Call 208-699-8128.

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Prichard Tavern – Still home to its Famous Broasted Chicken also serving Alligator Bites, Frog Legs, Hand Formed Hamburgers and Ice Cold Beer! A great place to meet old friends and make new ones! **Editor's Note: Be sure to try their "Flat Iron Steak"**

reference to the gold discovery. I have recently heard from Henry W. Bigler that you are living and are in Salt Lake City, and as I am in want of some information, I write to you.

Do you know on what day gold was discovered at Coloma?

Do you know when the first rocker was used in gold mining, at or near Coloma?

Do you know who used it?

Do you know whether anyone at Coloma, except H. W. Bigler, kept a diary about the time of the gold discovery?

What is the post office address of Alexander Stephens? Could he probably tell me anything more than you can tell me?

Any corrections of my statements in the pamphlet, or remarks upon them, will be welcome. I inclose an envelope for your reply if you favor me with one.

Yours, JOHN S. HITTELL.
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THE WORKS OF HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT THE HISTORY COMPANY, No. 607 Market Street, N. J. STONE, MANAGER. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20, 1886. MR. JAMES S. BROWN, Salt Lake City, Utah.

DEAR SIR:—We have received and read with very great interest some notes of yourself given to Mr. L. H. Nichols, and especially that part of your experience in which you tell of the discovery of gold in California. The information you have given is important. We are not aware at this moment whether Mr. Bancroft has all his data bearing upon the point that you bring out, or not; we regret that we had not found you out earlier, as to enable us to present your notes to Mr. Bancroft before his text had gone on so far, but even to-day what you contribute to his material on the gold discovery

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will be of greater or less value, and we shall forward it to his library at once.

You have had a very unusual and evidently a very useful experience, altogether—one that is pleasant to remember, and one in which a man at your time of life can well feel satisfaction. Your missionary work among the Indians, whose language you seem to have a most remarkable facility for acquiring, is a piece of history itself, and it would seem that with the information about the language, habits, customs, and domestic relations of the number of tribes that you have gone among in the way you have, would make a most interesting volume alone. We very much appreciate your kindness in giving these items to Mr. Nichols, and you may accept from us the kindest acknowledgment from the author himself.

We are gratified to know that Mr. Nicholas has had a chance to meet you and know you, and we sincerely trust that, as he promises us, you will take hold and assist him in promoting his work among your good people. We remain, dear sir,

Sincerely yours,
THE HISTORY COMPANY,
D. S. SESSIONS.
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While much more might be said quite as correct, I have deemed this account sufficient for the ordinary inquiring mind, therefore I respectfully submit it to be filed away as a true history, feeling that it is only just to give honor to whom honor is due:—

Signed, JAMES S. BROWN,
31 North, 1st West Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

We, the undersigned, know the foregoing to be a true and correct statement of the first discovery of gold in California:—
Witnesses,

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2XL & 3XL are \$16 each**

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ORIN HATCH,
Woods Cross, Davis County, Utah.

GEORGE W. BOYD,
Salt Lake City.

H. D. MERRILL,
427 N. 2d W., Salt Lake City.

WILLIAM S. MUIR,
Woods Cross, Davis County, Utah.

ISRAEL EVANS,
Lehi, Utah County, Utah.

End of story!

I'm searching for a new story to start next month.

**I'm very open to stories from our members/readers.
Please feel free to submit a story about your experience or
adventure. Now is your chance to get published!**

**Send to:
bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com**

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bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com
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***My bed is a magical place, where I
suddenly remember everything
I forgot to do!***

Notice

Eagle City Park is privately owned and operated and is for the exclusive use of Eagle City Park Members and their guests and is open to all NWGPA members the weekend after the second Thursday of the month from May thru October, free of charge for day use. Overnight camping during this weekend is \$20 per family for the whole weekend (Friday thru Sunday). Potluck picnic is at 4pm on Saturday that weekend.

You are welcome to come and prospect and / or camp at other times. The fees are \$20 per family per day, \$30 per family per weekend (Friday thru Sunday), \$100 per family per week and \$300 per family per month.
Please call 208-699-8128 or 208-682-4661 for reservations.

To get to Eagle City Park take I-90 to Kingston (Exit 43), then take the Coeur d'Alene River Road to Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (Mile Post 23), take Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (2.6 miles) to Eagle Creek Road, take Eagle Creek Road (1/2 mile) to **439 Eagle Creek Road**, the Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. **GPS is 47°38'51"N & 115°54'37"W**

CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

-SECOND WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER-

LOCATED AT EAGLE CITY PARK

439 Eagle Creek Road Wallace, Idaho

(Located 25 miles off I-90, between Prichard and Murray. Eagle City is an unincorporated community of the nearby town of Wallace.)

Cost: Free

Camps open: Saturday 9 am-4 pm; Sunday 9 am-12 pm.

Battles: Saturday 11 am and 3 pm; Sunday 11 am.

Our intent is to provide an accurate impression of military and civilian life during the American historical period known as the "War Between the States, 1861-1865."

The Washington Civil War Association is composed of interested individuals and families who share an interest in providing a rich historical experience to the general public. As a recreational entity, the club has no political or military role in current affairs.

For more information, visit www.wcwa.net
or contact Sheena Black (509)238-2978

Treasurers Report August 2021

Balance Forward **\$19,756.25**

Income:

Interest:	\$0.17
Monthly Meeting Raffle Sales:	\$145.00
Monthly Meeting Merchandise Sales:	\$37.00
Club & Life Flight Memberships:	\$1,933.00
Total Income	\$2,115.17

Disbursements:

BLM: (2021 Claims Maintenance Fees)	\$2,970.00
Consumer Cellular: (Phone Bill)	\$17.95
Harbor Freight: (Raffle Items)	\$26.76
Mark Cook: (Raffle Items & Office Supplies)	\$7.66
Office Max: (Copies)	\$0.51
USPS: (Mailing Charges)	\$1.40
Rathdrum Senior Center: Monthly Rental	\$80.00
PLP: (Annual Membership)	\$150.00
USPS: (Mailing Charges)	\$1.40
Costco: (BBQ Supplies)	\$81.68
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USPS: (Mailing Charges)	\$1.60
Life Flight: (2021 Memberships)	\$2,124.00
Total Disbursements:	\$5,515.58

Summary

Balance Forward:	\$19,756.25
Total Income:	\$2,115.17
Total Disbursements:	\$5,515.58
Ending Balance:	\$16,355.84

Submitted by Mark Cook

Important!

If you have any digital photos of any prospecting / mining activities, outings, meetings, wildlife, etc., that you would be willing to share, please email or send copies of them to me to be included in a digital photo slideshow.

Also, I would be interested in getting future photos covering the same topics as above. Slideshows are a great draw at meetings and gold shows. Also, I can use them in the Nugget News.

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revival. The bench gravels were worked, and several new lode properties began producing. By 1911 the lead-zinc mines at Murray reached their peak, and many continued operating until 1933, when all of them closed (Shenon, 1938, p. 15). The region became slightly active again in the mid-1930's and remained so through 1959.

Most of the early gold production of the region was from placers and gold-quartz veins near Murray; the lead-zinc ores at Murray contained only negligible amounts of gold. A total of 227,890 ounces of gold was produced in the region from 1884 to 1905 (Ransome and Calkins, 1908, p. 82). From 1906 through 1934 the Murray area produced 66,092 ounces of placer and 3,154 ounces of lode gold (Shenon, 1938, p. 17), and from 1935 through 1951 a total of 16,275 ounces of placer and lode gold was produced (Hosterman, 1956, p. 740).

Mines in the Coeur d'Alene region, including the Murray district, produced a total of \$7,180,151 (348,550 ounces) in gold from 1884 through 1931 (Ross, 1941, p. 85). Total gold production of the region through 1960 was about 439,000 ounces (Shenon, 1961, p. 1).

The geology of the region was described in detail by Ransome and Calkins (1908, p. 23-77), and the following was abstracted from their report. The oldest and most abundant rocks underlying the district are Precambrian sedimentary rocks of the Belt Series. These are subdivided into six formations, from the oldest to youngest: Prichard Formation, Burke Formation, Revett Quartzite, St. Regis Formation, Wallace Formation, and Striped Peak Formation.

All these formations, except the Striped Peak, are intruded along a northeast-trending belt by bodies of quartz monzonite. The intruded rocks, especially the calcareous types, are metamorphosed extensively along the contacts. In addition to quartz monzonite, other igneous rocks of the district are dikes of diabase and lamprophyre.

The age of the intrusions and deformation is not clearly revealed. The rocks were folded and then faulted, but the intrusions may have occurred at any time during or prior to the faulting, as some faults cut the monzonite.

The rocks are thrown into several large asymmetrical folds which trend west-northwest, north, or northeast. Complicating the structure are smaller folds superimposed on the limbs of the major ones. The rocks are extensively dislocated by normal and reverse faults, the main group of which strikes nearly east and a smaller group, north to slightly west of north. The Osburn, Placer Creek, Big Creek, and White Ledge faults are examples of the first group; the Dobson Pass, Carpenter Gulch, and O'Neil Gulch faults are typical of the second.

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Mineral deposits in the Coeur d'Alene region primarily contain silver-lead-zinc ores, and some copper and gold are recovered as byproducts. Gold lodes have been mined near Murray. The silver-lead-zinc ores are mostly in the main part of the region, between Mullan and Kellogg. They are in veins and in tabular replacement bodies most of which are in the Revett and Burke Formations (Ransome and Calkins, 1908, p. 106).

Argentiferous galena, pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, and local tetrahedrite are the most abundant metallic minerals; siderite and locally occurring quartz are the dominant gangue minerals (Ransome and Calkins, 1908, p. 107-111).

Gold deposits occur in four different structural environments: (1) mineralized shear zones with steep dips, (2) quartz veins along bedding planes, (3) quartz veins along low-angle thrust faults, and (4) placers (Shenon, 1938, p. 18). Of these, the placers were the most productive, followed by the bedding-plane veins, then by the mineralized shear zones and thrust-fault deposits. All the gold lodes occur in beds of the Prichard Formation. Bedding-plane veins usually are found in argillite. They contain quartz and some ankerite, sericite, albite, chlorite, and apatite.

The ore minerals, which form as much as 5 percent of the vein material, are arsenopyrite, pyrite, galena, chalcopyrite, specularite, scheelite, and gold. Selenium is sparse (Shenon, 1938, p. 20). The shear-zone deposits are mineralogically similar to the bedding-plane veins except that they also contain pyrrhotite and sphalerite but no scheelite or specularite (Shenon, 1938, p. 19). The minable thrust-fault deposits are restricted to only one mine, the Wakeup Jim. The mineralogy also is similar to that of the bedding-plane veins.

Although copper deposits in this region are classified as a distinct type occupying an area in the southeast part of the district, they were worked by only one mine, and it was closed in 1915. The ores are disseminations of bornite, chalcocite, and chalcopyrite in the Revett Quartzite (Ransome and Calkins, 1908, p. 150). Gold is a minor constituent.

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Members of the NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association and the Northwest Treasure Hunters Club spent time over 3 days cleaning up metal debris from the Demolition Derby at the North Idaho Fairgrounds.

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In return for our work, the fairgrounds is discounting \$1,000 from our fee for next years Gold & Treasure Show. Big Thanks to All! See pictures below:



2021 Club Calendar

Look to this calendar for any changes in meeting dates, times and other activities. Stay safe and try to enjoy yourselves.

September 9th
September 11th

Meeting
Outing, Pig Roast & Civil War Reenactment

October 14th
October 16th

Meeting
Last Outing & Chili Feed

November 11th
December 9th
December 12th

Meeting
Meeting
Christmas Potluck (Tentative)

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That in 1966 all the refined gold in the world would make a cube 50 feet
on a side?

What is gold?

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What is a karat/carat?

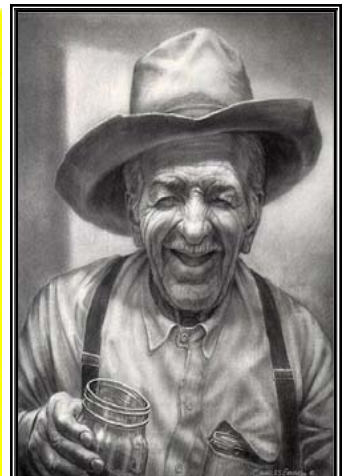
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Recipe(s) of the Month

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1 1/2 cups sugar
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 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1 1/2 cups flour
 3 large very ripe bananas, mashed
 1/2 cup nuts, chopped
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Blend together sugar, butter, and eggs.

Add dry ingredients, which have been sifted together.

Add mashed bananas, chopped nuts, and vanilla extract.

Pour into a greased loaf pan.

Bake at 375°F degrees for 1 hour.

Brush top with melted butter or glaze with confectioners icing, if desired, while loaf is still warm.

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

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