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President's Message

By Frank Reed

Winter's crowding into our prospecting time and it will soon be time to service and put away all our mining equipment before it freezes hard. Winter is also the time you can build and develop new equipment to make it more profitable, and more efficient, also easier to recover Gold from your concentrates this coming year.

I'm looking forward to the vote for "the Helpful Prospector"! I wonder who it will be? There are several candidates for this prize, and I salute each and every one of them. I just told an old member the other day "You have done more for this club than anyone else in, who knows how many years". His answer was "I couldn't have done it without the help of half a dozen club members". Bravo! This is what I like to hear, people helping people. Which helps everyone in the long run. And makes this a better club in the long run!

Maybe, while the snow is piling up this winter, some of you more seasoned prospectors can whittle a new point on your old pencil, and share some tips and stories with the other club members, about all the wonderful years you have spent out in the wilderness looking for and finding Gold. A tip here and there, and some clues to your great success would surely

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2013/2014 Club Calendar

November 13	Meeting
December 11	Meeting
December 15	Christmas Potluck
January 8	Meeting
February 12	Meeting
February 22 & 23	WPMA Gold Show
March 12	Meeting
March 15 & 16	Gold & Treasure Show
April 9	Meeting
May 14	Meeting
May 17	Outing / Claim Tour
June 11	Meeting
June 14	Outing
July 9	Meeting
July 12	Outing

Remember the Canned Food Drive

This year we are again collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Morning Star Boys Ranch. Bring your donations and get a ticket for each item you bring. Tickets will be drawn for prizes.

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November Refreshment List

Diann Brillon, Liz Canady & Linda Shupp

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We need more volunteers. Would like to have at least 3 people per month. Sign up at the meeting.



Alfred T. Jackson The diary of a forty-niner. Edited by Chauncey L. Canfield

APRIL 6, 1851.

--Pard, the Madame and I are off for the Bay to-morrow. It was a question what we would do with our claim, as under mining law a day's work must be done every week to hold it. Finally Tom Gleason and Jack Fisk agreed to strip top dirt for us once a week, we to pay them an ounce apiece a day for their work. They are good friends of ours and will keep the jumpers off. Pard is the leader and the most popular man on the creek and we are not afraid of any of our neighbors, but some outsiders might take a

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The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Rathdrum Senior Center located at 8037 W Montana Street, Rathdrum, ID. Our outings will be announced by the President and posted in the newsletter. 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



Thoughts on the Mining Law of 1872

Today one of the oldest laws still in effect in America that impacts the mining industry is the 1872 Mining Law. President Ulysses S. Grant

signed this into law for several reasons. One was to protect the rights of miners and the other was to help the development of the public lands in the early frontier days of America. Contrary to popular political opinion the early prospectors and miners had reason to be concerned with environmental impact for their own safety. The 49ers and those that followed while different in many ways from the modern prospector or miner were not stupid people stumbling about the earth digging mines for no reason. In those days the population of the earth was much different, the amount of waste and toxins from humans and industry was much different thus the way people thought was different. The original mining law was the Mining Law of 1866 this law was updated in 1870 and then in 1872 made into the Mining law of 1872.

The mining laws and particularly the Mining Law of 1872 was used by the U.S. government as part of westward expansion, an incentive for settlers to go west. Today recreational prospectors as well as small and large scale mining companies face many challenges due to the changes in political opinion towards mining. Often lobbyist attempt to have large areas closed to mining because a certain plant grows in the area or certain animals live there. While being responsible is the right thing to do taking circumstances to the extreme can become ridiculous. Today government officials, miners, prospectors and environmentalist all

must coexist. Constant political controversy surrounds the Mining Law of 1872. Often those who most oppose the Mining Law of 1872 do not realize almost everything they use in their daily lives must be mined if it can't be grown.

Many today kneel down to street-wise religion as greed has been crowned the new king and take advantage of others by claiming huge tracts of land and then reselling them to unwary people who don't realize that the claims they are buying are almost devoid of any economic type of possible mineral extraction. Often these sales of mining claims are advertised along a very narrow and thin line that the mineral rights granted to the claimant by the 1872 law are real property. While the mineral rights are real property the ownership of land on unpatented mining claims remains in the hands of the federal government or other governing agency. Those who operate in this business state it is a legitimate business. I am taking a neutral stance and saying business is business and let the buyer beware. As always a fool and his money are soon parted regardless of loopholes in the law.

Wise Words from AA7AF:

You may not have lost all your marbles, but there's definitely a hole in the bag.

Many today wish that royalties be imposed on holders of mining claims and that the cost of a claim is far too low for the mineral potential. This statement is utterly ridiculous. It always seems someone wants a

piece of the pie even though they have no idea of where to find the minerals, how to extract the minerals or what to do once the minerals are extracted. Its an easy equation, follow the money. One thing we can be sure of is the 1872 Mining Law will remain a constant positive and negative for miners and prospectors in the U.S.

October 2013 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with 43 members and 1 guest. Treasurer report and minutes were read and approved.

Old Business:

Outings: Marc reported the Dig at Eagle City was

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A PAT ON THE BACK

from Diane McCarroll

Nettie Bird: In case you haven't noticed at the meetings Nettie is juggling several jobs at once. Not only is she running the raffles, she is also taking care of the Sergeant at Arms & Secretary jobs. Nettie volunteered to take

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Timely Quotes

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

-- Thomas Jefferson

notion to the ground. We live up to our home-made law strictly and it is understood that unless the specified amount of work is done the claim is open to location, even when the tools have been left in it. We have had one case on the creek of a young fellow from Maine, who has been laid up with the rheumatism pretty nearly all winter. He had a good claim and in order to hold it for him the boys have taken turns working it for him, putting in one day a week. We have taken out nearly enough to pay for his grub and now he is back working it himself and doing well.

Pard dug up his dust; it was under the chimney back of the cabin. I gave him two thousand five hundred dollars to go along with it and he has sent it down to the Bay by Freeman & Company's express. He says it will almost break his heart to part with "Jack," but Gleason has promised to take good care of both the dog and the horse. We have engaged seats and paid passage in Bower's stage to Sacramento and will take boat from there down.

APRIL 27, 1851.

--Back after a three weeks' trip. We have had a great time and it has been a holiday that both Pard and I have enjoyed. It was like getting back into civilization again, although San Francisco is not the same sort of place as most eastern cities. There is a rush of people going and coming, men from the mines with their pile and men from the States on their way to make it. We lived high while we were there; our meals averaged about two dollars each, but we did not begrudge it after a year's steady diet of pork and beans. The gambling houses were a sight and it was good for sore eyes to see so many well dressed and good looking women. Pard made his investment, buying about twenty fifty-vara lots about half a mile out on the Mission road and six over on North Beach. The madame insisted on putting in some money and took eight fifty-varas at four thousand dollars. I never had less faith in an investment. Our land is nothing but a pile of white sand and, while there is some chance for North Beach to grow, the city will never get out to our Mission lots in a hundred years.

The neighbors were all glad to see us back and Jack went wild. I don't know which was the happiest--Pard or the dog. Nobody had bothered our claims; Gleason and Fisk had kept their contract and we will begin work again to-morrow.

Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

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

Cedar Village Campground & RV Park at Prichard, ID offers the best in "ROUGHING IT". A full service campground that is near some of the best dining and nightlife on the Coeur d'Alene River. Call 208-682-9404 for reservations. (They have showers at reasonable rates for those who are really "roughing it")

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Visit the **Bedroom Gold Mine Bar** in Murray. Enjoy beer, wine and cocktails while playing darts or pool. See how it looked in the old days. They now have a kitchen with Pizza and deli sandwiches as well as dinner specials on the weekends, we also serve breakfast on weekends during the summer months and hunting season. Many great pictures to look at.

Prospector Pins (\$4.00) 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.

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MAY 4, 1851.

--Am not in the best of spirits. Things happened at the Bay that I did not tell Pard about and I have got a couple of letters from home that are not pleasant. Father writes that mother's health is failing and advises me to quit and come home. Believes my being there would do her more good than any medicine. If I thought it was anything serious I would go, but while I am doing so well here it does not seem right to drop the chance to make a fortune. Anyway, I will wait until I get another letter. Henry North's death has been a great shock to his folks, but it would be worse if they knew the truth. Hetty wrote me the meanest kind of a letter, blaming me for not looking out for her brother, while it was a fact that I never knew where he was until I hunted him up in Sacramento. His murderer has not been captured. I guess nobody tried very hard, as it was a gambling row anyhow. Hetty throws me over, says she can't trust her happiness to me. That's like a woman, but I don't know but it's for the best and I am not taking her decision very much to heart.

After three weeks' rest mining comes hard for a time, but we are both getting used to it again. We cleaned up the ground that Gleason and Fisk had sluiced off and took out fifty-four and one-half ounces. That more than pays our expenses for the trip.

MAY 11, 1851.

--Nevada is all built up again since the fire; better and more substantial than it was before. They have also built a Methodist Church on the hill west of the town and have a regular preacher. It was pleasant to notice eight or ten women in the congregation. The Legislature made a new county and called it Nevada, and an election was held while we were gone to the Bay. Caswell was elected judge and Johnny Gallagher sheriff, so that now we have a regular law outfit. Gallagher has appointed Anderson deputy for Rock Creek district and we have a peace officer here with legal authority. If we get along as peacefully as for the past year, Pard won't be very busy. Showed Pard Hetty's letter and he said, "Give her time; she don't mean it." He seemed to think

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I was not worried over it, which is true. I have got nothing to blame myself for and why should I let her play see-saw with me. I answered her letter and told her she was the best judge, and, although she had been very unjust, it was for her to decide. Pard don't know how matters stand between me and my French sweetheart. I have not told him that she wanted me to marry and go back to France with her and I was almost persuaded to do it, and that she finally decided to make a visit to her home and come back in the fall and then we should come to some agreement. I believe I would have made the jump had it not been for fear of what my folks would say and now I am half sorry that I did not go. She wrote me just before she left on the steamer, but it is in French and I can't read a word of it and am ashamed to ask Pard to translate it.

MAY 18, 1851.

--We put in a steady week's work and got forty-one and three-quarters ounces. It's like drawing money out of a bank and we have three months more ahead of us if it all pays. The bedrock is nearly level, but rises up on both sides of the flat and there is no gravel on the hill. The water has gone down in Deer Creek and the miners are getting back into the bed, but it was pretty well worked out last year and isn't paying very well. The best diggings are up on Nigger Hill and Manzanita Flat and there is another place called Gold Run and a flat at the head of it that is rich. Amos Laird & Co. have most of the flat and I heard that for the past month they have been taking out on an average of one thousand dollars per day. There are three or four companies on the head of Brush Creek that are doing well. They are working ground that is from thirty to fifty feet deep, coyoting and drifting. Kellogg is blasting out a rock cut fifteen or twenty feet through the solid granite to drain the channel. He and his partner have taken out over seventy thousand dollars in the past year. Good diggings have also been found on Shady Creek and Badger Hill and there are four or five hundred miners working in that vicinity. It seems as if there was no end to it; we hear of strikes every day and in every direction and we are sometimes tempted to go prospecting, but our claim is too good to quit just yet. The miners generally agree that one should be content with ounce diggings.

Club T-Shirts Are Available

S, M, L & XL are \$14 each
2XL & 3XL are \$16 each

New caps & visors are available
See and purchase at the meetings and the outings
Makes Perfect Gifts

Early in the week a miner came down from Sailor Ravine and told us that up on the ridge where the emigrant road comes through the mountains a party was camped and were in distress and that he was going into town to get relief for them. Pard, who is always first when aid for the sick or sore is wanted, volunteered to go with him and hurry along the supplies and suggested that I should take the horse, ride up where they were and hearten them up a bit by letting them know that a relief party was coming. I found them camped about eight miles up the ridge and they were certainly in a bad fix. There were three families, men and their wives and five children, one baby not a month old that had been born on the Humboldt desert. The mother was nothing but skin and bone, a young woman, and she could scarcely walk she was so weak and worn out. It was pitiful to see her cling to and try to nurse the baby, so forlorn that the sight would have melted a heart of stone. The rest of them did not look much better and one, a young girl fourteen years old, was sick to the point of death. They had four yoke of oxen, who were walking skeletons, and, to look at them, it was a miracle that they had succeeded in crossing the mountains, as they were in deep snow all the way until they reached their last camping ground, where they had got out of it and in a place where there was some grass feed for their cattle. Their grub had given out and they did not have enough provisions on hand for another meal. It was one of the saddest plights I ever saw, but I cheered them up and told them they need not worry any more as there would be plenty for them all before sundown. Sure enough, Pard, Lawyer Dunn and Tom Buckner rode into the camp before dark, driving a pack-mule loaded with all kinds of grub. It wasn't long before a

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Gold is \$1,282.70 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,735.30 an ounce!

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Are You Afraid?

*I was once asked by a lady visiting if I had a gun in the house.
I said I did. She said, "Well I certainly hope it isn't loaded!"*

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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 Wednesday 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 as long as prior arrangements are made and the Daily Lease Fee of \$20 per family per day (\$30 per family per weekend) is paid. You must follow all the rules as posted and park outside the gate and to the left the road.

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 Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. Look for red pump house with a prospector on wall. GPS is 47°38'51"N & 115°54'37"W

good hot meal was prepared; there were willing cooks, and we assured the emigrants that their troubles were over. The poor girl was too sick to eat; in fact, was almost unconscious. Her sufferings were too much for Buckner and he swore he would have a doctor there by midnight, if he had to bind him hand and foot and bring him by main force. Buckner is a good fellow if he is a gambler and we knew he would keep his word. The girl's mother coaxed her to swallow a couple of spoonfuls of brandy--Frank Dunn luckily had brought a flask along--and that seemed to revive her. They all felt better after the meal and we built up a big camp fire and set around it listening to the story of their adventures and hardships until Tom got back. Sure enough, he brought Dr. Hunt along with him, who after examining the girl said that it was a case of exhaustion and prostration for want of proper nourishment and that the brandy we had given her was exactly what she needed. Her father broke down completely and sobbed like a child when the doctor told him there was a chance for her recovery. We left them in good spirits, promising to send them up some more grub the next day. Pard advised them to stay where they were for two or three days, until their oxen recruited, and then to come into town and we would see that they got a fair start. This is a land of plenty, but the snowline and starvation is not very far away. We all thought about the Donner party, and it was a coincidence that not half a mile from where these emigrants were camped was the grave of a young girl who was brought out from Starvation Camp by one of the rescuing parties that went to the relief of the Donners, and who died and was buried on the ridge. A pen of logs has been piled around it and it is known as the "Lost Grave.

"MAY 25, 1851.

--On Thursday last a fellow rode up post haste to the claim and inquired if one of us was an officer, and when Pard answered that he was a deputy sheriff the man said he was coming in on the trail from Kanaka Creek and just after crossing the river found two men dead; both shot and evidently murdered that morning as they were not stiff yet. Pard left me to clean up while he went down the creek to summon a posse, and the man went on to town to inform the sheriff. By the time he got back with his men, five beside me, I was ready and we started for the place. When we got to Blue Tent we learned that a party horseback--two Mexicans and a white man--had been seen before noon skirting the hill and making through the woods for the ridge. It was five o'clock in the afternoon before we got to where the men lay and there was everything to prove that they had been murdered. One was shot through the head and the other three times in the back. They were Americans, and as there were no arms or money on them there was no doubt they had been robbed. The sheriff arrived about dusk, but there was nothing to do except set a watch to guard the bodies from the coyotes and send a man up the trail to find out who the murdered men were. Our party tramped back to the creek tired out, but we were lucky enough on the way to get some grub and coffee from the miners at Blue Tent. We learned a couple of days later that the men were miners from New Orleans Camp; that they had cleaned up about seven thousand dollars between them and were on their way to Nevada and the Bay when they were killed. We buried them down on the bank of the river, as it was impossible to pack their bodies in to town. Pard with my horse is off with the sheriff hunting the murderers and has been away since Friday. I cleaned up yesterday afternoon and got twenty-seven ounces. Have not been able to read my letter yet; tried to get a French dictionary in town and found that books were as scarce as hens' teeth, so had to send to San Francisco for it. Think I will study French. Pard would help me out, but I hardly like to ask him as I do not exactly know how he would look at it. If I can screw up my courage I think I will tell him all about the madame. What with the starving emigrants and the murderers we have had an

exciting week.

JUNE 1, 1851.

--We are certainly having glorious weather. The days are getting a little warm, but the nights are cool and one, to be comfortable, has to sleep under a blanket. We gather up the fresh pine needles occasionally and renew our mattress filling, and the pine smell is not only very pleasant but also seems to be a regular sleeping tonic. The longer one lives here the more the country grows on one. When I was at San Francisco, where it was foggy, windy and disagreeable, my thoughts turned to the mountains and I longed to get back to Rock Creek again. Pard has his theory about it and in his learned way says the main charm is that we go back to nature, where we belong; throw off our artificial civilization and turn Pagans, and that the closer we get to Mother Earth the more we are in accord with what the Great Cause intended for us. This all may be, but pork and beans get monotonous just the same as having none but the society of men makes one wish for the sight of and companionship with a woman. Still, I am afraid I am getting spoiled for I do not feel as if I could take up again the drudgery and hard work of my old life, and if it was not for the old folks I should care very little about going back to New England again.

We heard from our emigrants and they are all right. Two of the men have hired out to the boss of the saw mill on Deer Creek and with the oxen are going to snake logs this summer for the mill. The family with the sick girl came over to Blue Tent and have settled down there. The miners in that vicinity have done everything to make them comfortable and are putting on airs because a white family is living there. The sick girl is well again and as lively as a kitten.

I have made a clean breast of it to Pard and showed him Marie's letter. He read it carefully and before translating it to me said that it was written by a good woman. There was not very much to it and some parts of it made me blush, although it was all very simple and nothing to be ashamed of. Said she was first attracted by my fresh young face and her wonder that anyone so innocent looking could be a gambler, and when she found out her mistake and heard about me buying the crippled dog and packing him home she was interested. There was a lot more and I guess I must have been pretty soft when we were together at the city. I don't believe she will ever come back, but Pard insists that I don't know anything about women, their whims and inclinations, and I can make up my mind that she has come into my life and will not go out without a struggle. The "old boy" was mighty good, did not laugh or make fun of me or Marie, but said I would have to choose between her and Hetty and that I better quit mooning around like a sick calf and when the crisis came make my choice like a man. He does not know that the engagement with Hetty is off. Pard says it is a romance of the pines, although there is nothing very romantic in a hero in a flannel shirt and overalls.

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To which I said, "Of course it is loaded, it can't work without bullets!" She then asked, "Are you that afraid of someone evil coming into your house?" My reply was, "No, not at all. I am not afraid of the house catching fire either, but I have fire extinguishers around, and they are all loaded too."

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good! Didn't get much but that is how it is with prospecting. Win some and lose some. Still a great day to be with everyone.

Committees:

Outings: Marc will be heading/helping Frank with organizing more outings for 2014. To finish the year Marc made a motion to have Outing at Eagle City Park and hire a back hoe, back hoe cost \$225 - \$250 for the October 19th outing. Motion seconded and passed. There will be no dredging at the park or metal detectors on the pile. There will be a Chili Feed potluck at 4 pm, let's see who can make the best Chili!

Trailer: Were still looking!

Claims: Dwight Switter stated winter will be very busy, he will be looking for claims on the St. Joe, East Bonners Ferry, Smith Creek, Hayden Creek, etc. With our members all over the area, it seems like a great idea. Gold has been found in all these areas.

Claim committee is in the need of some radio's when going out and testing the claim. People get separated and finding ways back can be difficult or if someone falls need that communication. Example on a recent jaunt someone got hurt, it was difficult to find him.

Newsletter: Were looking for some story from our member to reflect on how their 2013 year went. (their best outing, time, experience, etc) Refreshments: Thank you for everyone that has volunteered, the goodies have been marvelous and the donations have helped as well. We need a few volunteers to finish out the year with yummy treats.

New Business:

A past member came to the board and stated she quit the club because no talked to her at the meetings or helped her with panning. This is what we would like to change.

Sharing your knowledge is huge! There are lots of old timers that have learned through trial and error, what equipment works best or which is a waste of money. We need your experience.

A questionnaire will be sent out to all the members, please be honest. We want to know what you would like to see in your club. (meeting, outings, socializing, common digs, etc) What needs to be different or what direction you would like to see. Also we would like to know how were doing, good, bad, otherwise this is how we learn and grow into a better club.

There was discussion what to do in the upcoming months. Mike Fisher brought up to meet somewhere and have a Tailgate party where we could shoot the breeze, play with panning and have lunch.

Linda Kraft reported that she has 2 claims that were filed over. She has just won her 1st court case on her 1st claim - cost her over \$40K, and now she is headed to court again on her 2nd claim. There is nothing in place to help people that have claims and having people file over them. She is starting the NI Mining District, to help with this issue.

Commissioners Meetings: Bob reported that Forest Service has an update plan to shut down roads. We have 60 days to report on the plan. All groups are brought together from timber, atv, mining, etc. Shoshone County will be getting all other counties. Next meeting in 10/22 6 p.m.

Russ commented we all play in the wilderness. All our groups we belong too, or hobbies we have, with friends, family such as ATV, Motorcycle, Horseback riding, mineral hunting, prospecting, etc. If we the public all come together to fight the Forest Service for closing roads etc. "United together divided we fall" . We the public will win....

With all this info we deserved a break! Refreshments here we come!

Program:

Dean Young gave a talk on how to place a claim. Need to do the research first, some things that can be used is Google earth, books (Antique Mining Equipment), maps and scales.

Wayne McCarroll gave a talk on where to find gold in the creek. One place to look is bedrock, the crevices makes a great catching place.

Steve Burris talked about starting conversations with the old timers and doing your research. Books are a great resource. "Fist full of Gold" by Chris Ralf is an excellent how to book. Shows how to build equipment and how it works. It explains how to hard rock mine and what you're looking for in rock formation. Look for these in a bend and the formation turns back on itself and has lots of cracks, is a great place to find gold.

Bob commented that Chris Ralf writes articles for the Mining Journal, another great resource. There are a 5 steps to remember. 1) Know how to read maps 2) Do your research 3) Don't believe everything you read or hear 4) Remember try try again 5) Have fun and happy gold hunting.

Raffle was held. Remember we need donations. The Split the pot a member went home with \$19. Meeting was adjourned till next time.

CAN THE USA SURVIVE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING?

The folks who are getting free stuff, don't like the folks who are paying for the free stuff, because the folks who are paying for the free stuff can no longer afford to pay for both the free stuff and their own stuff.

The folks who are paying for the free stuff want the free stuff to stop, and the folks who are getting the free stuff want even more free stuff on top of the free stuff they are already getting!

Now... The people who are forcing the people to pay for the free stuff have told the people who are RECEIVING the free stuff, that the people who are PAYING for the free stuff, are being mean, prejudiced, and racist.

So... The people who are GETTING the free stuff have been

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Miner Extra's
Wayne McCarroll (208) 262-6837



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There are a few prospectors who would like to go prospecting, but for one reason or another needs or would like a partner to accompany them. If you are interested in being a partner or would like to find a partner, let me know and I will include you in our new Prospecting Partners column in the Nugget News.

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Some always pay their dues ahead; Some behind for months instead.

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convinced they need to hate the people who are paying for the free stuff by the people who are forcing some people to pay for their free stuff, and giving them the free stuff in the first place.

We have let the free stuff giving go on for so long that there are now more people getting free stuff than paying for the free stuff.

Now understand this. All great democracies have committed financial suicide somewhere between 200 and 250 years after being founded. The reason? The voters figured out they could vote themselves money from the treasury by electing people who promised to give them money from the treasury in exchange for electing them.

Thomas Jefferson said it best: "The democracy (Republic) will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

The United States officially became a Republic in 1776, 235 years ago.

The number of people now getting free stuff outnumber the people paying for the free stuff.

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care of the raffle job, which she is doing a wonderful job, but the elected officers of Sergeant at Arms and Secretary don't show up and she digs right in to make sure these jobs are taken care of. She types out the Minutes and makes sure they get to our Editor for the Newsletter. She also reads the Minutes at the meeting (which she doesn't feel real comfortable doing, but does it anyway). Great job Nettie!

Jackson Connolly: Volunteered to help Nettie out on the Sergeant at Arms position making sure people sign in and get that drawing ticket in their hand. He took over the job at the September meeting. By the way, thanks for taking care of the Refreshment table. He also helps out with the raffles. This is also the job of the Sergeant at Arms position. Also, a great job.

Wayne McCarroll: Although, Wayne is my husband,

I'm giving him a pat on the back also. He is the Vice-President this year, but also digs in with the raffles. He also, goes beyond his elected position and researches and gives reports of what is happening with the government pertaining to our clubs activity. He also helps our members and visitors at Eagle City Park with teaching them how to pan, answers questions regarding their equipment and even takes phone calls at home with concerns.

I would like to also thank all the people that bring items for the raffle and sign up for refreshments. I know there are more people that help out and take on more responsibility than they signed up for or really have to and/or volunteer, but **THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.** Because of all of you, this all helps the club run smoothly and keep updated on current actions by the government.

AN AT-A-BOY from Wayne McCarroll

Unsung Hero:

Here is to one of our unsung heroes. Always staying in the background, but is the epitome of why the NWGPA was formed. He enjoys prospecting, building his equipment, and is part of the camaraderie we all enjoy. But he goes that extra mile to make the prospecting experience more enjoyable for others. He always seems to be around to show newcomers the way to the creek, answer questions about prospecting and prospecting equipment, teach people how to pan, and he even loans equipment to get people started. Then he helps his friend, Richard Hubbard, get out and the prospecting experience. Richard doesn't get around as well as everyone else, but with the help of his friend, his own enthusiasm and hard work, "digs" right in with the rest of us.

Who is this masked man....Mike Fisher! Thanks Mike and Hi-Yo Silver!

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be appreciated! What? You say you haven't had any great success? Well don't worry, I'm sure someone will write a story for the newsletter that will enlighten us all.

November's program is one you don't want to miss! It will include a short video of the greatest new Gold recovering piece of equipment ever to be invented in your life time! I predict it will completely make all sluices, high bankers, and dredges obsolete within a few years!!!! I myself will have one of these before spring, come Hell or High water. It will be obvious to everyone, that the inventor of this new mining equipment is a absolute genius. I know, it takes one to know one! So don't miss this meeting, for this video will probably never be shown again. Watch out Keene! There's a new game in town. PS. It uses no riffles, carpet or miners moss. It cannot be overloaded, and it can be cleaned without any dismantling, while you keep on feeding it! No need to stop and clean up! It can run 24-7 and it will be usable for the new prospector, all the way up to the largest of the large mining companies!

Frank Reed ...the luckiest man alive!

George Berg, prospectors lost big time when George passed away!

Long time member of NWGPA as well as GPAA, he had several types of gold fever, the enduring one was his passion to help others new to looking for that yellow shine that entrances us all. On his first trip to Alaska, he so impressed Tom at Cripple river, he was invited back for free on the opening and wood crew. They wanted him back the second time for getting camp ready for the season. Only loss of a leg prevented a fourth trip to the Nome beaches.

Loss of leg did nothing to cure his fever tho, even to buying bags of panning gravel, showing pics of his wanderings alooking for yellow stuff.

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Treasurer's Report

Balance forward	\$ 14,993.87
Incoming Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$ 92.00
Raffles	\$ 154.00
Bank Interest (August)	\$.59
Hospitality	\$ 14.65
Panning gravel	\$ -
Patches	\$ 15.00
NWGPA badge	\$ -
NWGPA hat/visor	\$ 24.00
Magnets	\$ -
Shirts	\$ 28.00
Total Receipts	\$ 328.24
Disbursements	
Post Office (Postage)	\$ 86.46
Rathdrum Senior Center)	\$ 65.00
Diane McCarroll (Raffle Prizes)	\$ 50.00
Prairie Schooner Mini Storage	\$ 60.00
Office Supplies	\$ 46.95
Dwight Suttter (Claims)	\$ 76.62
Progressive Printing	\$ 286.62
Total Disbursements	\$ 595.03
Balance in checking	\$ 14,727.08

Diane McCarroll, Treasurer October 31, 2013

The October Raffle Donors were:

NWGPA, Diane McCarroll, Steve Burriss, Mike Fisher, Clyde Cram, Ron Morse, Linda Kraft, John Scribner, Tom Clarkson, Dean Yongue and Linda Shupp. The 50/50 drawing was for \$19 and total raffle donations were \$135.

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Our favorite memories of him and wife Virginia are a two week trip to Burnt River LDMA'S large camp in Oregon. Temps in that canyon went into triple digits, The only shade in our camp was one lone pine which was struggling to cast shadows! We would start dredging before sunup go for shade and breakfast around 8:00 am, then flop into chairs chasing that itty-bitty shade till 5:pm and back to the hot water of the river. O, George was motivated all right. We miss you from our lives, our association and wish you gold speed. Dwight and Mabel Suttter and all he helped infect with gold fever.....

Interesting Websites

- <http://www.nwma.org/wp-content/uploads/2ndRegBrochure.pdf>
- <http://michaelpollan.com/articles-archive/power-steer/>
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THE JUG

My friend's Dad used to keep a huge jar of liquid in the refrigerator, and just take pulls off it all day. He would pour whatever was leftover liquid in there after every meal. So, "THE JUG" could contain any kind of juice, leftover coffee, tea, beer, wine, soda, soup, sauces, gravies, literally anything liquid. He added and added to it for YEARS. He said it was always a new taste experience and surprise, because the proportions of ingredients were always changing.

We would joke that, because he never let "THE JUG" go completely empty, potentially there could be one molecule left in there from the original coffee that started it off, but that it was highly unlikely after so many years.

This story reminded me of when I worked in the Zinc Plant at Bunker Hill years ago. We had a soup pot (very large Lab Beaker) in the break room that everyone who ate from it would bring a can of Campbell's Soup (any type) and add to the pot. It too, was interesting in that the flavor & texture changed each day. I never saw it empty or cleaned out in all the time I worked there. I had many bowls of "soup" from it and survived. Actually, it was quite good.

I would like to nominate Frank Reed for the club mining helper of the year.

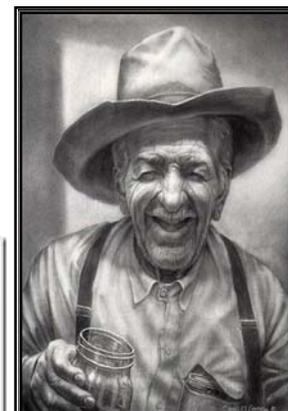
He has shown on many occasions the generosity of his time and equipment to any club member who asked for help.

Bob Weaver

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We are also taking donations for the Women's Shelter. Items such as clothes and personal hygiene products are needed for both groups.

They also requested used cell phones working or not. **Thank You!**



Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Does anybody have a recipe for "I don't know" or "I don't care"? It's what my family requested for supper and I can't seem to find any recipes.



RIOTTENCARDS

Recipe(s) of the Month

Homemade Irish Cream #1

- 1 cup whiskey (inexpensive middle of the road is okay)
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 4 eggs
- 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup
- 2 teaspoons instant coffee granules
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon almond extract or Torani brand almond syrup

In blender, combine all ingredients; blend until smooth. Store tightly covered in refrigerator up to one month. (It won't last that long!) Shake bottle well before serving, and return remaining liqueur to refrigerator.

Homemade Irish Cream #2

- 1 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups evaporated milk
- 13 ounces whole milk
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 13 ounces rye whiskey (to taste)
- 50 g chocolate candy bars, melted
- 6 drops vanilla extract or 6 drops almond extract

Melt chocolate. Slowly add to condensed milk. Then add rest of ingredients. Bottle and store in refrigerator.

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

If stupidity was painful and Obamacare was the only cure, would Congress clamor to enroll in it?

Short Survey

Wayne McCarroll, Dwight Switter and I are involved in a committee putting together objections to the Proposed Forest Plan and are looking for information about our usage of the National Forest. Please email, call or snail mail your responses ASAP.

1. About how many times did you visit a National Forest this year?
2. About how much did you spend on fuel, food, fees, mining equipment, camping equipment, etc. to visit the National Forest?
3. Which NWGPA claims did you visit and how many times?
4. Do you plan to visit more or less next year?
5. How do forest road closures affect your visits?

Please submit any comments on club issues or the proposed forest plan to bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com or give me a call 208-699-8128. Thank you.....

If you get this newsletter by email, please feel free to forward it to everyone in your address book.

Notice
Please check around to see if you happen to have a guest gate key for Eagle City Park. Please bring to a meeting or send to Bob Lowe.

Refreshment List
December = Mike Fisher, Tom & Lori Matteson and Frank Reed



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