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## President's Message

By Frank Reed

I hope everyone enjoyed last month's program on the incredible Khrysos Vortex Sluice Box!

I noticed that there was a lot of people standing around after the meeting talking about it, and how it appears to be the greatest gold recovery idea in recent history. By the time you read this Bob Weaver and I will have made a trip to David Petersons home in Montana to personally look and inspect his new ground breaking invention. I also will be ordering my own Khrysos sluice box parts I need to build my new gold mining device that I will unveil this spring that will have you all staring in awe when you realize what I have put together!

Along with the Khrysos sluice box and the other devices I will be including, this invention will be incredibly efficient at catching gold of all sizes! It will be of a size to move yards and yards of material per day with less effort by the operator. Check it out this coming spring.

We will be voting on the "Helpful"  
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## Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner & Food Drive

December 15th, 2013 @ 2:00 PM  
(setup starts @ 1:00pm) at the  
Rathdrum Senior Center  
*See Presidents Message for details.*



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

The claim pays regularly and it is almost certain that we will clean up ten or twelve thousand dollars apiece.

JUNE 8, 1851.

-After doing our washing yesterday, one flannel shirt and the dishes, and baking a batch of bread in the Dutch oven I went over to Selby Flat. There is a young fellow living there called MacCalkins, who has been to our claim several times until we got pretty well acquainted, and he told me what

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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 - March members are invited to meet each Saturday morning at 8:00AM at the 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



On Sunday, December 15th @ 2PM we will hold our annual Christmas "potluck" Dinner at the Rathdrum Senior Center in Rathdrum, ID. Setup is at 1:00PM.

Remember your table service. Meat dishes and beverages will again be provided by the club. Bring

enough to feed you and your guests. If anyone has any power strips, please bring them to plug in crock-pots, etc.

A "white elephant" gift exchange will be held following the dinner. Each person (including children) attending should bring a fun gift wrapped and marked male or female, uni-sex or child.. Each person bringing a gift will be given a numbered ticket. We will start by drawing a ticket and the person holding the ticket selects a gift and unwraps it in front of everyone. Then the next person drawn may chose a new gift from the pile or pick the one that was just unwrapped. This continues with each person, either picking from the pile or from any of the previously unwrapped gifts. A gift can only be held 3 times and then it can no longer be chosen and will then belong to the third person in possession. The person who started can chose to keep his or hers or exchange for anyone else's that is still fair game. Since we need to be out at 5PM, you will be rushed in your decisions.

**Remember the canned food drive.** This year we are again collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Morning Star Boys Ranch. Keep in mind, there are growing teenage boys with huge appetites. This year, items such as combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, batteries (AA, AAA & 9 volt) and most important, school supplies are also needed.

We are also taking donations for the Women's Shelter. Items such as clothes and personal

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## November 13, 2013 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with 57 members and 4 guest. Treasurer report and minutes were read and approved.

### Old Business

Frank called the names of people of the "Helpful Prospector" up front to give them a hand and great job well done.

### Committees

Dwight Suiter showed the signs the claims will be marked with going forward. Thank you Dwight for all your work.

Dwight received two radios, thank you to whomever donated them, they work great. We still need more. We appreciate the club members answering the needs when they are presented. Thank you to all the club members.

Steve spoke about we still need donations for East Fork Eagle Creek. He handed out the address, phone and website where to send donations and gather info. The government wants the woods closed, this is an ongoing and upwards battle.

Wayne McCarroll reported the Shoshone hearings need to know how much it cost us to go into woods, for camping, hiking, prospecting, or other hobbies. They're wanting to put together an expense report to show how much money is spent and put back in the economy. "Agenda 21" Bob Lowe commented that if an area is considered a "study area" (not wilderness) the public is block from entering into the area. This can tie property up for years until decision from the court is made.

## Wise Words from AA7AF:

I hate all this terrorist business. I used to love the days when you could look at an unattended bag on a train or bus and think to yourself, I'm going to take that.

Mike Fisher reported the bottom line turn in your expenses for the year before next meeting. Volunteers are needed to help with Sergeant of Arms, Food Drive, and etc. Bill Izzard will be helping with storing the food for the food drive.

Thank you!

Remember need help with people bringing in refreshments. A signup sheet for 2014 is ready to be filled with names.

Nettie was nominated to take over the minutes on a regular bases till elections again.

Question was raised if the club does anything with the youth, the answer is YES! We work with the Boy Scouts in the fall at Camp Easton and in the spring at the Fair Grounds and the summer up at the Eagle City Park. We show them how to pan and sometimes the classification process. All depends on how many helpers we have.

### Newsletter:

Stories are still needed please share! Looking for fiction or nonfiction your choice.

We enjoyed our wonderful break with cupcakes, turtles and banana bread just to name a few. We have some great bakers in our club....

### Program

We watched a video that may change the way prospecting is done. A new prototype sluice box. It showed how the sluice runs and when the water is stopped nothing was lost, nothing moves not even the fines stay in the vortex ripples. No more cleaning mats - lift a lever everything runs down

and out now it's time to pan. Prospectors-dream.com

Raffle was enjoyed by all. The Split the Pot - member took home \$39. Meeting was adjourned.

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## Quote from the Past

To compel a man to furnish funds for the propagation of ideas he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.

Thomas Jefferson



## Check out the following Web Sites

www.youtube.com  
www.goldfeverminingsupply.com  
[www.bigskydetectors.com](http://www.bigskydetectors.com)

## Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

a jolly crowd he cabins with, what good times they have together and has asked me and Pard to come on a visit some Saturday evening. I coaxed Anderson to go along; said he did not feel like having a stag blow-out; rather have a pasear with Jack over on the river, but for me to make the trip and pick up some new friends, it might cure my melancholy. Pard gets sarcastic occasionally about my sweethearts.

Well, I went and stayed until three o'clock Sunday morning and it was a noisy old time if nothing else. There are six young fellows living together in a big log cabin they have built near the flat and all are working on Brush Creek. As I remember their names, there were John Dunn, MacCalkins, Charlie Barker, Henry Shively, Delos Calkins and John Hall. They have christened their cabin Saleratus Ranch and they are certainly the wildest bunch of boys on the creek. Barker had killed a buck down on Myers ravine and they prepared a regular blowout of a supper: Baltimore cove oysters, venison steak, fried potatoes and dried apple dumplings and it was well cooked. After supper we sat under an old oak tree, smoked our pipes and exchanged experiences. They were all doing well on their claims. There was not a foot of Brush Creek that was not rich and, like everybody else, they were working to make their pile and go back to the States. I could see in spite of all their joshing that some of them were lonesome and discontented. After a while they struck up some old songs. Barker had a sweet voice and sang Scotch airs: "The Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon," "Highland Mary" and "The Auld Wife of Alder Valley." The Calkins' swore these were too solemn and started a nigger song with the lively chorus:

Did you ever see a gin sling made out of brandy?  
Johnny am a lingo lay.  
Did you ever see a yaller gal suckin' lasses candy?  
Johnny am a lingo lay.

We joined in until the woods rang. The bottle circulated pretty freely, but I wouldn't drink--I have not tasted liquor since I left home; told stories, some of them pretty rocky, and along about eleven o'clock they proposed to serenade the folks up on Selby Flat. Each one took a gold pan and a stick. That was the band and the boys paraded around the flat singing a lot of verses they had made up. Every miner they could find was routed out of his cabin and it was not long before there was at least a hundred in

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

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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. Many great pictures to look at.

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the crowd, banging on the pans and shouting the chorus:

On Selby Flat we live in style;  
We'll stay right here till we make our pile.  
We're sure to do it after a while,  
Then good-bye to Californy.

Of course, the hotel barroom was doing a great business and some of the men got uproariously drunk. One big fellow by the name of Bob Odell began to pick on me because I would not drink and sneer at me on account of the French girl. By and by he called her a name I couldn't stand and I knocked him head over heels and would have hammered the life out of him had not the boys dragged me off, and that broke up the party. I went back to the cabin, bid them good-bye, went home, woke up Pard and told him about the things and he advised me to shake Selby Flat. Said they were good fellows, but lack of home ties and restraint made them reckless. I guess he is right--whiskey and devilry seem to go hand in hand.

Some rich diggings have been struck over on Blue Tent above Illinois bar, where the trail crosses the river. I hear that at Gopher Point they are taking out two and three ounces to the hand. We cleaned up last week forty-two ounces, but we keep it quiet. It's no good blowing your horn when there is nothing to gain.

### JUNE 15, 1851.

-I did some work last week that brought back old times. We have kept the horse I bought to ride to Sacramento and there is plenty of feed for him now. The hills are covered with grass, but later in the year it all burns up and then we have to provide fodder. There is a clearing up on the mountain of some dozen of acres where the grass grew pretty rank and we concluded we would cut it and stack it for fall and winter use. I had a dickens of a time finding a scythe and rake and had to ride down to a valley below Rough and Ready before I could get them. The

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owner would not sell, but agreed to loan them for a week provided I would pay ten dollars for their use and deposit thirty dollars for the safe return, which I did. It took Pard and me three days to mow and cure it and we stacked about three tons. Counting two days going and returning the scythe and rake and two men three days' cutting, Pard says our hay stack cost us about six hundred dollars. After all, we don't look at it that way; we both enjoyed the change of work, although it was harder than mining. We certainly do live an irresponsible, free and easy sort of a life. Every day on the claim counts for a hundred dollars, but we don't mind skipping a day, laying off for an afternoon, or quitting work sun two hours high. Pard says the claim is a treasure house and it doesn't make any difference whether we draw out our gold in one month or three, as long as we know it is there.

Letters from home came yesterday. Dad says he doesn't blame me for wanting to stay while I am making so much money. He writes that mother is better and that since I sent the thousand dollars they are playing rich folks. He is bossing the two farms and mother has a hired girl. She has bought a new black silk dress for church and he a new buggy, and that is all they have used of it. Bless them! I suppose they think that is awful extravagant. Hetty has not been to see them but once since she heard of her brother's death, but he thinks she will come out all right. There are wonderful tales going round old Norfolk about my getting rich and half the town is California crazy. I would not have believed a year ago that Hetty's thoughts or actions would be of so little interest to me.

I rode over to Nevada yesterday and bought a revolver from Zeno Davis. I hear that the fellow I had a fight with at Selby Flat has threatened to do me up when he meets me and Pard says that a good pistol is a great peace persuader. I won't hunt any trouble and I won't run from it. Last week was an off week, but we are going now to put in steady work until we clean up our ground.

**JUNE 22, 1851.**

-We put in good licks all the week and took out thirty-eight ounces. It's astonishing how steadily the claim yields. Another thing that makes it pleasant is the change in Pard's disposition. Instead of moping around and sulking, as he used to, he has brightened up and is as cheerful as a

## Club T-Shirts Are Available

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Makes Perfect Gifts**

robin. Then he doesn't get into the dumps when he gets letters from home, and they come regularly. He got one last night and after reading it he said: "It may not be so in Hetty's case, but there are instances when absence makes the heart grow fonder." Then he whistled to Jack and they went out under the big pine and had a great romp. He's a good fellow and I suppose some time he will tell me more about his life. I know he went through college and hung out his shingle as a lawyer. He can recite poetry by the yard and quote from all sorts of books. We both went down on the Yuba River today and we have about agreed to try river mining when the water gets low. We will form a company of ten men, each putting in three hundred dollars or more, if necessary. We have got to look around for somebody to whipsaw out a lot of lumber, as we cannot haul any from the mills and it will have to be cut on the river banks near the claims.

**JUNE 29, 1851.**

--They are going to have a Fourth of July celebration and barbecue at Selby Flat in opposition to Nevada. Half a dozen more families have settled there in the last month. Both of the Missouri girls are married; women can't stay single long in this country. Anderson has been asked to deliver the oration and although he bucked at first he finally accepted. It's astonishing how everybody looks up to Pard: he seems to be a born leader. I hear the Saleratus crowd are going to have a burlesque entertainment in the evening. Pard asked me to spend the day in Nevada, as if I would consent to stay away and he making a speech. He is afraid I will have trouble with Odell. Delos

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**Gold is \$1,239.10 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,701.50 an ounce !**

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email, please send an email to  
bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com  
with "Newsletter" in the subject box.*

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

### 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

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Calkins was over here last week and said the fellow was only a big bully and that the ranch would stay with me. I told him I would look out for No. One and did not need any backers, although, of course, I was pleased that they sided with me.

Another letter from Marie. Pard read it for me, although I have been studying French with his aid, an Ollendorf grammar and French dictionary. If any one should hear us around the cabin he would think we had both gone crazy. Of all the fool questions and answers that grammar takes the prize. Pard asks me in French if "I have the tree of my Uncle's garden?" and I say "No, Jai ne pas; but I have the rosebush of my cousin," and we keep up this lingo for an hour. I don't believe I will ever learn to speak it. I thought I was getting along fine and couple of Sundays ago I went into the Hotel de Paris at Nevada. I told the French waiter what I wanted for dinner and in his own language. I repeated it to him twice and then he shrugged his shoulders and said: "I talk ze French and ze Italian and speak of ze English a leetle, but ze Dutch I do not understand." I was so hot that I walked out without my dinner. I told Pard and he said he must have been an homme de la campagne and did not catch on to my Parisian accent. I think Pard was joshing me, but he kept a sober face and maybe that was the reason. Marie says she bought a chateau --that's a house--just outside of Paris, but that she is coming back on a visit to California this winter. It makes my heart jump when I think of seeing her again.

#### **JULY 6, 1851.**

--I have had an exciting time this week. Everybody in the neighborhood went over to Selby Flat for the Fourth. Kellogg read the Declaration of Independence and Pard made one of the best speeches I ever listened to. The crowd went wild over it and I was mighty proud of him. There was at least a thousand people on hand. Along toward evening the barbecue came off, an ox roasted whole and a half a dozen sheep. The Saleratus Ranchers and their friends organized a company called the "Rag, Tag and Bobtail Rangers," dressed up and paraded in the most ridiculous costumes they could invent and marched around the flat, singing, yelling and shouting until they were so hoarse they could not whisper. I was looking on peaceably, not interfering with anybody, when I heard a shot and felt a sting in my shoulder. I whirled around and saw Pard wrestling with Odell. He wrenched a pistol away from him and beat him over the head until he was insensible. then he ran to me and said: "Boy, are you hurt?" but I wasn't--just a little graze on my collarbone. I never saw anybody quite as excited as Pard until he found out that there was no harm done. The fellow came to by this time and the crowd wanted to hang him, but Pard interfered, saying it would be a disgrace to the camp, so they agreed to banish him, giving him twenty-four hours to pack up and leave with penalty of hanging if he ever came back. That was enough Fourth of July for Pard and me and we went back to the creek and I got lectured all the way home about getting into scrapes. I didn't kick back for I knew he was making believe so I wouldn't think he cared much and was trying to hide his real feelings. When we got to the cabin we let Jack out and sat under the tree, the moon shining, the wind sighing through the pine boughs, the dog at our feet, and we got as sentimental as two old maids. He told me what a lonely man he had been until we began cabining together and how luck had turned and fortune had favored him in many ways since then. He looks on me as a sort of younger brother and I am sure I could not like an own brother any better. Jack wagged his tail as if he understood it all, and I enjoyed the evening better than the celebration; but Selby Flats knocked the spots off of Nevada all the same.

#### **JULY 13, 1851.**

--It was Pard who got a surprise this week. We had a special invita-

tion to come over to Selby Flat Wednesday night and, although Pard did not want to go, a delegation came over for us and we could not very well refuse. We did not know what was up and they would not let on, but when we got there we found a crowd of about a hundred miners gathered at the hotel. Of course, it was drinks all around; you can't do anything in this country without setting 'em up first, and then Henry Shively made a talk. Said that the miners of Brush and Rock Creeks and the residents of Selby Flats were proud of the fact that they had a man among them who, as an orator, laid over anything that the town of Nevada could produce as was demonstrated by his Fourth of July speech and that the Nevada City lawyers were not to be mentioned in the same class as Anderson. Then he produced a big gold watch that weighed about a pound and presented it to Pard as a token of the boys' appreciation. Pard was so taken back that for a while he couldn't speak, but he finally caught on and gave them a nice talk. Then he set up the drinks again and we left for the cabin. When we got there we looked over the watch by candle light; it certainly was a stunner and must have cost three or four hundred dollars. There was an inscription:

"Presented to L. T. Anderson, July Fourth, 1851, by his admiring friends and miners of Brush and Rock Creeks. He made the eagle scream." For some reason Pard did not seem to be very chippy and when I asked him what ailed him he said: "Alf, I've been playing it pretty low down on you boys. My name ain't Anderson and I never can wear this watch where I am known."

I nearly fell off the bench, but he kept on talking: "There is nothing wrong, Alf; I am as straight as a shoe string. There were reasons that when I came here made me change my name, but matters are coming out different than I expected and it won't be long before I will be the man I was before I left Syracuse. When the right time comes I will tell you the whole story and you will not be ashamed of your pard."

Then, as usual, when he got to feeling off, he whistled to the dog and they went out into the dark. You could have knocked me down with a feather, but I had sense enough not to follow. It's a puzzle, but I'll bet my pile there is nothing wrong about Pard.

#### **JULY 20, 1851.**

--We formed our river company; eight of us, and we let a contract to a couple of Maine men to whipsaw out twenty thousand feet of lumber at one hundred dollars per thousand. Pard is engineering the scheme and says that about the last of August it will be low water and then we will do some lively work wingdamming the stream. He is sure that the bed of the river will pay big if we can get at it and stay in it long enough to clean up a good sized strip of it. I don't know a thing about it except that it does seem reasonable that with gold all along the banks and in every creek and gulch that runs into it the gold ought to find its way into the trough of the river. That's the way it is along Deer Creek, and we were told by some miners who came down from the North Yuba, which seems to be a branch of our river, that in the fall of '50 they managed to get into it in a half-dozen places and that two or three of the companies cleaned up fortunes. One thing sure, all our old theories about gold don't amount to much. Instead of the deposits petering out, the miners are striking it richer in every direction and in places where we did not think of looking for it a year ago. On Selby Hill there is a deep channel running into the mountain and there is more gold in it than there was on Brush Creek. On the other side of Sugar Loaf, way up on the hill, there is another big streak that seems to run in the same direction as Deer Creek, only it is five hundred feet higher up. Then down at Grass Valley they are taking out chunks of gold from quartz. Since this discovery the miners have got it into their heads that these rocks are the most likely source of the gold and some parties have built a crushing machine which pounds up the rock and leaves the gold free to catch in sluices.

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# Treasurer's Report

JULY 27, 1851.

--Our claim is pretty nearly played out. There may be a month's more work, but the bed-rock raises up on each side of the flat along the hill and there is no gravel in that direction. Pard thinks we had better work together for a couple of weeks and then he will go down on the river to get things ready, leaving me to clean up. If we take out three thousand dollars more I will have made altogether twelve thousand dollars, counting what I have sent home and invested with Pard at the Bay. He got a letter from John Perry, his agent who is looking after the lots, and he tells him he can double his money if he wants to sell, but Pard says: "Let's hold on and make a big stake or nothing." One night last week after supper, we were sitting out under the old tree, when he spoke up suddenly and said: "Alf, there is no reason why I should not tell you part of my story and my real name. I am not ashamed of it and there is no reason why I should conceal it." Then he went on to say that his true name was--and that he was born at Syracuse, went through college, studied law and practiced in his own town until he came here. He did not build up much of a business and while he was as poor as Job's off ox he married a girl who had considerable money in her own right. He loved her dearly, but she was extravagant, fond of society and luxury, which he could not afford from his own income, and she would not settle down until he could make his way. Then they began quarreling and she nagged him about her money and her family until he could not stand it any longer and, the gold fever breaking out, he left for California. He made up his mind never to go back until he had as much money as his wife, and, if he failed, why then he would disappear for good. She thought he was in San Francisco, wrote to him there and the letters were forwarded by a friend to Nevada. For some time past she has been coaxing him to return or let her come here, and he had promised to go to the States next spring. That is all there was to the story. He did not say much about what she was writing, but I knew from the change in him that things were different from what they were when I first met him, and he was pretty happy over it. Of course, he would have to keep the name of Anderson until he left Nevada, as he could not explain the situation to anyone but me. I can see now why he used to be so sarcastic about the troubles women could make. I hope it will come out all right.\*

[NOTE.--While Jackson's frank revelations concerning himself, his experiences, loves and adventures can with safety be given to the world, as he and his kin have vanished into the unknown, the name that he reveals as the rightful one of his partner is another matter. It is that of one who stood among the foremost at the San Francisco Bar and high in the councils of the State; famous and successful as a pleader in many of the noted cases before the courts, an orator of persuasive eloquence and, withal, a man of fortune. He has been dead many years, but his immediate descendants are living in California, enjoying the fruits of his wealth and the benefits of his honorable name. While there is nothing disgraceful in the episode, still it is a chapter in his domestic affairs in which the hero must remain unidentified.]

To be continued.....

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Patches	\$
NWGPA badge	\$ -
NWGPA hat/visor	\$
Magnets	\$ -
Shirts	\$
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 226.62</b>

**Disbursements**

Post Office (Postage)	\$ 6.97
Rathdrum Senior Center	\$ 65.00
Diane McCarroll (Prizes)	\$ 50.00
Office Supplies	\$ 23.70
BLM (claims fees)	\$ 378.00
Big R (ball for Cargo Trailer)	\$ 8.47
Cargo Trailer	\$ 2,000.00
DMV (tags for Cargo Trailer)	\$ 155.50
Dwight Suttter (Claims Receipts)	\$ 79.84
Kootenai Fairgrounds (Gold Show)	\$ 2,670.00
Progressive Printing (Newsletter)	\$ 198.68
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 5,636.16</b>

**Balance in checking** \$ 9,317.54

Diane McCarroll, Treasurer November 30, 2013

## MISERY

Misery loves company, Momma used to say. While the addiction known as gold fever can be viewed that way, [ by spouses] we in a more or less euphoric state tend to find joy in infecting others.

I caught it in 1951 in Alaska, while working at Fairbanks on enlisted housing. A feller on my crew sez 'wanna go gold panning? " So next a.m. 4 dumb carpenters are barreling down the Fort Richardson highway. We parked and walked in about a 1/2 mile to the old prospector's claim. He had a humongous pile of gravel dozed up next to some 55 gallon drums cut in half and full of water.

"hep yerselfs to a pan, git to panning" he was most helpful all morning. Eating lunch, we panned all afternoon and wound up with lots of fine gold.

Loading back in the car one of our "miners?" sez "o my, I left my lunch bucket" and took off back up the trail. Coming back and down the road a ways , he says " that old timer was panning out the gravel in those half tubs"

Well the best learned lessons some times come through our mistakes, but I made out o.k. cause I had been infected with GOLD FEVER, the only cure is infecting my fellow man. Dixiedude aka Dwight Suttter see ya in the digging's.

## Food & Personal Hygiene Drive

This year we are again collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to donate to the Morning Star Boys Ranch. Last year the socks and underwear were greatly appreciated as was the food. These are teenage boys and most of you know how much a teenager can eat.

We are also taking donations for the Oasis Women's Shelter. Items such as clothes and personal hygiene products are in great demand. Also used cell phones working or not.

Bring your donations and get a ticket for each item you bring. Tickets will be drawn for prizes at the Christmas Potluck on Saturday, December 15th.

## DID YOU KNOW.....

That 1 oz. of pure gold is approx. the size of a cube of sugar? That 1 oz. of gold can be flattened out to 300 sq. ft.? That a mixture of one part nitric acid and 3 parts hydrochloric acid (*aqua regia*) will dissolve gold? That in 1966 all the refined gold in the world would make a cube 50 feet on a side?

### What is gold?

Symbol: AU  
Atomic Weight: 196.967  
Atomic Number: 79  
Melting Point: 1063° C (1945° F)  
Boiling Point: 2966° C  
Specific Gravity: 19.2  
MOH's Scale of Hardness: 2.5 - 3

### What is a carat?

Pure gold is expressed as 24 carats. When alloyed (mixed with other metals) the following table is used to determine the carat.

24K = 100% Pure Gold  
22k = 91.75% Pure Gold  
18K = 75% Pure Gold  
14K = 58.5% Pure Gold  
12k = 50.25% Pure Gold  
10K = 42% Pure Gold  
9k = 37.8% Pure Gold  
8k = 33.75% Pure Gold

### How is gold weighed?

0.0648 grams = 1 grain  
24 grains = 1 pennyweight (dwt.)  
20 pennyweight (dwt.) = 1 troy oz.  
12 troy oz. = 1 troy pound

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## Math Quiz

This really works and will only take you about 10 seconds!!!

Amazing it really works this is my all-time favorite movie.

I am very good at math, so I did it in my head, then on paper, and finally on a calculator just to confirm my numerical capabilities.

Each time I got the same answer, and sure enough it IS my very favorite movie EVER!

DO NOT cheat. DO YOUR math, THEN compare the results to the list of movies at the bottom

You will be AMAZED at how scary true and accurate this test is

1. Pick a number from 1-9.
2. Multiply that number by 3.
3. Add 3.
4. Multiply by 3 again.
5. Your total will be a two digit number. Add the first and second digits together to find your favorite movie (of all time) in the list of 17 movies on page 9.

## JINGER'S GOLD-CON FLUID TUBE

Designed by my 11 year old granddaughter, "Jinger's Gold-Con Fluid Tube" will turn a 5 gallon bucket of dredge, high-banker, dry washer or screened (1/4 minus) gold bearing gravel into a cup or so of highly concentrated material in a matter of minutes. It saves hours of panning without losing a speck of visible gold.

Since gold is 19.3 time heavier than water, Jinger theorized that by using Archimedes Principle of Displacement, her Gold-Con Fluid Tube would displace the lighter, non-valuable waste sand and gravel while leaving the heavier, highly

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## 2013/2014 Club Calendar

Dec 11	Meeting
Dec 15	Christmas Potluck
Jan 8	Meeting
Feb 12	Meeting
Feb 22 & 23	WPMA Gold Show, Monroe
Mar 12	Meeting
Mar 15 & 16	NWGPA Gold & Treasure Show
Mar 29	Last Saturday Morning Breakfast
Apr 9	Meeting
Apr 12 & 13	NCWGPA Gold Show, Cashmere
April or May	NWMGP Gold Show, Kalispell
May 14	Meeting
May 17	Outing / Claim Tour
Jun 11	Meeting
Jun 14	Outing
Jul 9	Meeting
Jul 12	Outing
Aug 13	Meeting
Aug 16	Outing
Aug 20—24	North Idaho Fair NWGPA booth
Sept 6	Annual Pig Roast / Potluck Picnic
Sept 10	Meeting
Sept 13	Outing
Oct 8	Meeting
Oct 11	Outing (Chili Potluck)
Nov 1	Start Saturday Morning Breakfast
Nov 12	Meeting
Dec 10	Meeting
Dec 13 or 14	Christmas Potluck

### Dwight Suitter....A Helpful Prospector!!!!

By Frank Reed

Dwight Has been very busy this summer working for the Gold club to get some new Gold claims for us to use. He has been a Dynamo, along with his "Claim Staking Posse", Dana Massey, Steven Borrás, Bill Izzard, Steve Wright, Byron Halterman, Duane Wright, and Eric Suitter.

This claim staking party has done more for this club than anyone else in recent years! Dwight has celebrated his 86th birthday this year, and has shown us all that "Age does not keep you from helping and training those around you in the things that you have gained knowledge in throughout your life"!!! We all could take a chapter from our lives and share it with someone less knowledgeable than ourselves. I'm reminded of God's own son, who gave it all so as to help the needy and less fortunate, a category in which we all fall into, regardless of how much we think we know.

Remember... Nothing is Yours ,truly Yours until You give it away or share it with another, so as to bless them with the knowledge you have gained throughout your life time!  
Next time you see Dwight, stop and shake his hand and thank him for spending so much time and energy to help make other people's life more productive. Well done Dwight!

## HOW TO SET UP YOUR SLUICE BOX

One of the first pieces of equipment most people buy after they have their gold pan is a hand sluice box. Now, setting up a hand sluice box correctly will mean the difference between keeping gold and running it off the end of the sluice. Water speed is one of the most important things to get right when using any sluice box. Every other water type of equipment uses a sluice box in one way or another, and learning how a sluice box works is important to every other piece of prospecting equipment. A dredge, highbanker or dry washer will be set up in the environment they work the best in, so these instructions will deal specifically with the hand sluice.

After you have done your testing to find a likely spot to find gold, you will need to find a spot in the water that is running enough water to move material down the sluice box. Not too fast, or you will be chasing the sluice box down the river! Not too slow, or you will be building rock diversions to get more water into the sluice box. (When water is limited, you can do this). A place between two large boulders can work, or along a river or creek's edge will do nicely most of the time. How to tell if your water is too fast or too slow? That will take a bit of practice, but really isn't too hard to learn very quickly when you get the sluice box in the water. BEFORE you put the sluice box in the water, find a large rock that can be placed across the box to help weight it down so the water does not carry it away.

The slope of the sluice box is the next thing you will need to adjust. Experts recommend beginning with a slope of 1 inch of drop (pitch angle) for each foot the box is long. (Note: GoldFever Mining Supply sells a sluice level to accomplish this) This can be adjusted to help the speed of

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## Prospecting Partners

**Bob Reavis @ 208-623-6233**  
**Dale Rounsville @ 509-995-9082**

**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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hygiene products are badly needed. They also requested used cell phones working or not.

Bring your donations and get a ticket for each item you bring. Tickets will be drawn for prizes at the potluck.

See you at the potluck!

We will still have a meeting on Wednesday, December 11th. @ 7pm.

## Special Note

**Our 15th Annual Gold & Treasure Show will be March 15th & 16th, 2014 at the North Idaho Fairgrounds.**

**Be ready to volunteer to help make this our best show to date.**

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Prospector" this coming meeting. There will be a ballot for everyone to vote on, and it will include all the "known" people who might deserve the title. There will also be a write in space so you can vote for someone who wasn't listed. That way no one will be left out of the running.

Our next program will be put on by Wayne McCarroll. It will be on "How to use different prospecting tools, and which ones to use and when". You don't want to miss this one, for it will be very informative, especially to all new and inexperienced prospectors in our club!

Don't forget to write down your prospecting stories and submit them for publishing in our news letter, everyone will enjoy reading them as I do myself.

Frank Reed, the luckiest man alive!



*(Continued from page 8) Sluice Box*

the water going down the sluice box, but worry about that later and get your basic setup done first. Place the sluice box into the water, adjust it so that you have the proper slope and place the large rock across the top of the box. Next you will want to throw a couple of handfuls of material into the sluice box to see how fast the material runs through the box. If it is not moving too well, you will need to increase the amount of water going down the box by slightly increasing the slope of the box or increasing the amount of water coming into the box. We will usually try increasing the angle first, as more water can be hard to find or can bring water depth into play. Likewise, if the material moves too quickly and does not catch black sand and the pebbles are zipping along, you will need to decrease the amount of water coming into the box, or decrease the slope of the box. There again, we play with the slope first and amount of water second. The ideal is when the material classifies down the box keeping the black sand and some blonde sand, but eliminating most rocks and sand. Flat rocks will hang up in the box no matter what the water speed, so watch the rounded ones more. Getting this right will take some practice, but there is a lot of room for error. You can adjust the box any time you want to achieve the desired catching abil-

ity.

Another item to consider is depth of the water in the box. This needs to be watched as too much water running into the box can increase the depth of water in the box. Also placing the sluice box too deeply in the water to begin with will do the same thing. You want a depth where you can see the water slightly jumping over the riffles. It should not be a smooth stream of water, but hopping some. That's about it. Practice makes perfect, and always test the material running off the end of the box with your gold pan to see if you are losing much gold. If you are, readjust your sluice box by decreasing the slope or slowing down the water so that you keep more material.

Equipment needed to run your sluice box: hand spade, 2 buckets (one can always be a seat), #2 shovel, classifier, leather gloves, gold pan, vial, pipette or sucker bottle, first aid kit, lunch, drinking water.

One last thought about using your hand sluice. Resist feeding too much material into the sluice and overloading it. If you do not allow the water to classify the material by completely mixing together, the heavier material will run out of the box and your gold with it. Specific gravity works if you give it a chance to do the work, and this is true with any type of water prospecting equipment you may use.

*(Continued from page 7) Fluid Tube*

concentrated, valuable gold bearing material in the tube.

After winning 1st place in the "working invention" category at her STEM school science fair last spring and with rigorous testing together with some improvements, we saw the potential in that this product could be developed economically, marketed affordably and used successfully in the process of extracting GOLD from your gold bearing gravels.

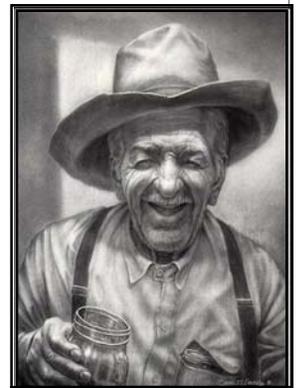
The Gold-Con Fluid Tube sells for \$40. A kit which includes a Gold-Con Fluid Tube, pump (choose from 115vac or 12vdc), hoses, tube and bucket and will sell for \$175 for the 115vac model and \$140 for the 12vdc model.

Call Bob @ 208-699-8128 or see at [www.goldfeverminingsupply.com](http://www.goldfeverminingsupply.com)

### Movie List:

1. Gone With the Wind
2. E.T.
3. Blazing Saddles
4. Star Wars
5. Forrest Gump
6. The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
7. Jaws
8. Grease
9. The Obama Farewell Speech
10. Casablanca
11. Jurassic Park
12. Shrek
13. Pirates of the Caribbean
14. Titanic
15. Raiders of the Lost Ark
16. Home Alone
17. Mrs. Doubtfire

**Now, isn't that something?**



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

# Recipe(s) of the Month

## Prospector's Black Pudding

- 6 Eggs
- 1 Cup Sweet Milk
- 2 Cups Flour
- 1 Tsp Soda
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Tsp Cinnamon
- 1 Cup Molasses

Mix well. Pour into 1-pound can and steam for 2 to 3 hours by placing in kettle of boiling water. Keep covered.

This is to be served with a vinegar sauce:

- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Tbsp Butter
- 1 Tbsp Flour
- 2 Tbsp Vinegar
- ½ Tsp Nutmeg

Put in enough boiling water for amount of sauce wanted. Add two slightly beaten eggs and cook stirring constantly to the desired consistency.

# The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

If you're not on somebody's shit list, you're not doing anything worthwhile.

## Short Survey

Wayne McCarroll, Dwight Suitter 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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