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MEETING MINUTES

Update Information as of November 5th, 2008.

We missed the nominations and elections for the October meeting and we held our officer nominations/elections in this meeting. The nominations and elections were held on November 5th, 2008, the following are the results; President– Nicolas Johnson, Vice President– Carl Richwine, Treasurer– Barre Kennerly, Membership– Marcia Richwine, and Secretary– Jenny Kilpatrick. We want to thank Jerry Riley for donating Rock and Stone display for the raffle, also Morris Seguin donated vials for gold and sharing his Gold display.

Updated Information as of October 3rd, 2008.

We started off with the Pledge of Allegiance. **We are raffling off the 8.1 gram nugget on December 3rd, 2008.** Adam Miller brought in some cool looking pieces of opal to look at.

Updated Information as of September 3rd, 2008.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance and started off wanting to know if we would like to have an Outing for September 20th (which is the third Saturday of the month) and we voted on it, so we passed around a sheet to see who will be making it out there. Morris plans on bringing Hamburgers for the Outing. Nicolas passed around some gold he found while prospecting.

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September 3rd, 2008.

Door Prize (Cannister Set) –Mark Cabigon

- Knee Pads**—Sam Ponzaini
- Ratchet Tie-Down**—Jenny Kilpatrick
- Bungi-Cords**—Adam Miller
- Gold Pan**—Sam Ponzaini
- Sniffer Bottle**—Mike Costa
- Keychain Light**—Bill Lescenski
- Coffee Mug**—Sam Ponzaini
- Gun Rack**—Roger Hoskins

R A F F L E W I N N E R S

August 6th, 2008.

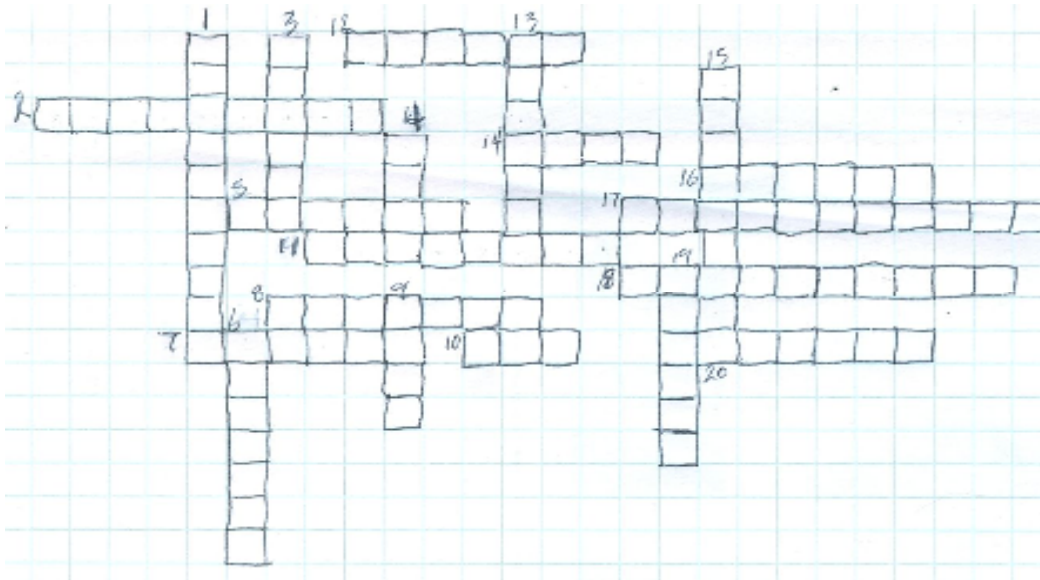
Door Prize (Cheeze Knifes) - James Kauffman

- Travel Mugs**—Morris Seguin
- Radio**—EJ La Fluer
- Sniffer Bottle**—Fred Zajac
- Gloves**—Morris Seguin
- Coffee Mug**—John Bronstien
- Coffee Mug**—Ray Shoc
- Gun Rack**—John Bronstien
- Vial of Gold**—Mike Costa
- Gloves**—Dana Coffey
- Pan**—James Kauffman
- Ratchet Straps**—Fred Hisson
- Snuffer Bottle**—Fred Hisson
- Coffee Cup**—Carl Richwine
- Shovel Racks**—Jean Davis
- AM/FM Radio**—Lynette Ponziani



- Bungi cords**—Fred Hisson
- Talking Alarm**—Wayne Ray
- Knee Pads**—Samuel Ponziani
- Tweezers**—Fred Zajac
- Sniffer Bottle**—Sam Ponziani
- Flashlight Cup**—Fred Zajac
- Coffee Cup**—Robert Price

CROSSWORD PUZZLE SCALES



G.S.S.N.

Horizontal

- 2. Used to get gold out of DRY dirt?
- 5. The Sahara ._____.
- 7. We hold an event every meeting for Prizes.
- 8. A rotary screen for sorting gravel (www.dictionary.com)
- 10. This device is used to blank out your concentrates
- 11. A stream can be called this wet or dry
- 12. We have 4 Areas that are ***** ?
- 14. Another word for Steel
- 16. Channeling water in a long _____.
- 17. Snakes that bite with venom.
- 18. _____ . And his donkey
- 20. 1 ounce gold _____.

Vertical

- 1. This device makes dirt smaller
- 3. We live in the _____ region
- 4. A common variable unit of land measure
- 6. This state is below Utah?
- 9. It is a 4 _____ screen
- 13. 1872 _____ Laws
- 15. Many towns that were left behind with no-one
- 19. Arranged for trapping Mineral Particles such as GOLD

!For Sale!

- Desert Fox \$175, Home made Drywasher \$50, Call Diane Burgess @ 650-5285.
- Desert Fox \$100, ASST. Pans Call Joan Marcoppe @ 395-9869.

Morris's Recipe Outing Corner.

January 19th, 2008
Potatoe Chowder- Tripled Recipe

- 2#’s of Bacon or 1# Bacon and 1# Cubed Ham
- 10 Large Potatoes
- 2—14 oz. Cans of Creamed Corn

- 2—12 oz. Cans of Evaporated Milk
- 1 Large Onion

Brown cut up Onion.

Set aside.
Cut up Bacon into 1/2” pieces, cook until crisp, drain.

In Large pot cook cubed and

peeled Potatoes with just enough water to cover.

Cook until tender.

Do NOT drain Potatoes, add Bacon, Onion, Corn, Milk, and Pepper to taste.

Cook on Low, do not boil, very important.

Enjoy!

Please feel free to bring any food for the Outing! Making an enjoyable experience!



Operating Instructions for Goldbuddy Drywasher

These instructions are just an example to get an Idea from, this is just one of many Instructions.

(Note: Using your Leaf Blower and your RV Drain hose.)

1. Place leg bars on the ground and have the top of the short legs facing toward the direction you want to work.
2. The Sockets on the open end of the hopper first on the long legs. Match up sockets and slide over legs. Long legs first, then the short legs. Be sure to keep a foot on one bar on the bottom of the legs to secure them in place.
3. Connect RV Drain hose to 3" pipe on bottom of box.
4. Unlatch center chain lowering box.
5. Adjust chains so the flow on the box is approximately 1" to 1.5" per foot.
6. Connect RV Drain hose to Leaf Blower.
7. Start Leaf blower. (Leaf Blower needed to run Drywasher has to blow at 185 to 210 MPH.)
8. Throw a few shovel full's of dirt into hopper, then check to see if dirt is snaking back and forth on the riffle board.
9. If dirt is not snaking : 1. adjust speed on leaf blower. 2. Check angle on riffle box.
10. If it is going to slow move chain down a link or two. If to fast Bring chain up a link or two.
11. Run Leaf Blower fast enough to FLOAT silt, (approx. 160 to 185 MPH. You shouldn't see sand and small rocks blowing over riffle board.)
12. When it comes time to clean out concentrates,
13. Stop Leaf Blower.
14. Place pan under box to catch concentrates.
15. Startup Leaf Blower on low speed.
16. Lift riffle board and hook it on the S Hook on the middle chain to hold it up.
17. Hold finger on screen and watch concentrates pour into pan.
18. At this point, I like to pan my concentrates to see if I'm getting any color, if not you may want to move to another spot.

!Good Luck and Many Happy Hours Prospecting!



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If you happen to write any articles for the Highgrader Newsletter



R A F F L E W I N N E R S



Door Prize (Halloween Cat Mugs) : Barre Kennerly

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|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Mug and Pen..... | Randy Gleason | Snuffer Bottle..... | Pepper Linder |
| Rock..... | Fred Desilva | Flashlight..... | Chuck Morry |
| Ratchet..... | Randy Gleason | Batteries..... | Pepper Linder |
| Gold Pan..... | Randy Gleason | Cup and Pen..... | Morris Seguin |
| Flashlights..... | Randy Gleason | Magnifying glass..... | Pepper Linder |
| Bungie-cords..... | Morris Seguin | Gun Rack..... | Morris Seguin |
| Pry-bar..... | John Gee | Screw driver set..... | Pepper Linder |
| Scissors..... | Fred Desilva | Radio..... | Fred Desilva |
| Tweezers..... | Adam Miller | | |

What is a drywasher? In general.

In one word to describe a drywasher would have to be Classification. This word comes up in every conversation when dealing with heavy materials specifically GOLD, every prospectors dream is to hit a vein or streak of gold and this is where a drywasher comes in handy. A drywasher is used to classify and process dry dirt, in order to reclaim gold and can be used in Dry and humid



climates (but the material has to be dried out on a tarp or plastic or similar material). Drywashing started off with winnowing which is used with a blanket or basket and they would toss or lift the material up in the air and the wind would carry away the lighter materials. Many people have created their own drywashers using wood, nuts and bolts, along with a cloth material to puff the lighter materials away while heavier dirt stays in the Riffle tray. To my knowledge there are two types to recover gold: (1.) The Puffer or also called bellows drywasher which is used by a hand crank or electric motor to move the flap on the bottom to Puff the material and (2.) a Blower drywasher, which can move more material and uses a gas operated leaf blower or bigger engine to process more material.

The setup process for Puffer and Blower drywashers differs but the same principal applies. For the Puffer, most can be folded, or have a built-in stand, for traveling to a prospecting spot to process material and see if there is a good showing, if not can be folded or packed up and taken to a different area. Most Puffers that I have seen are setup all ready and just have to be taken to the area and connected to a battery. As for a Blower drywasher, it has more utensils to take along. The one that I have used has a metal stand, a leaf blower, the drywasher itself, and a hose that can be from six feet to fifteen feet (basically a sewer drainage hose for RV's, hose's vary in sizes). The first thing is to setup the stand and set the drywasher on top of the stand and make sure it is secure, second is to connect the hose to the bottom of the riffle box and to the leaf blower, then all is ready to start processing. In the riffle box there is a fan blade that is sitting underneath the riffle tray and on the fan blade is attached a weight that is used to create a vibrating affect in the drywasher to bring the gold down into the riffles. (While the Blower drywasher is running it happens to create somewhat of a static charge in the riffle box to collect the gold but I don't really understand how this done other than the blower moving air into it.)

The big difference between the Puffer and Blower is the noise and dirty factor. When operating a puffer, there is a little bit of dust that is blown away and won't collect on you when processing. As for the Blower, it depends on how high you have the leaf blower running, let's say, it's on full power and it creates a dust that will tend to be a cloud at times. The Puffer and Blower are used as prospecting tools in production, depending on how much dirt you would like to process. The Puffer operates at a steady pace and can keep the gold in the riffle tray same as the Blower. (When it comes to the Blower drywasher it operates at a quicker pace and will move the dirt as a sluice making the dirt flow over the riffles like a stream with a nice flow, meaning NOT to create a dust storm). Operating the Blower does have its advantages, you can process about two tons an hour if you can keep up with it! and the Puffer can be done the same way but continues at a pace that is steady like I stated before. Just like the Tortoise and the Hare, the slow and steady win the race, actually get more gold!

Between the two, both are equally the same and serve their purpose and do what they are supposed to do, reclaim gold from dirt. In My opinion either one will do the job but there are some considerations, like the noise from the leaf blower. It is nice to have a quiet machine and able to hear other things around you like your prospecting buddy talking to you but the same for the blower drywasher it creates a noise that can keep away unwanted animals and they stay there distance. A good thing that happens when Drywashing is getting exercise and excited when you find a streak with your drywasher, making it an experience no matter where you go prospecting.

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