



Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors Club

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If you know of a club member who is ill or needs help,

“CODE OF ETHICS”

Any Violation reflects on all of us!

1. Know and obey the laws, rules and regulations pertaining to mining.
2. Respect private property and mining claims of others. Get Permission First!
3. Conduct your mining activity in a manner that will cause minimal disturbance to others.
4. Plan your operation prior to proceeding to ensure minimal environmental impact and erosion.
5. Restore the area to its original or better condition when finished with your operation.
6. NEVER disrupt or damage wildlife breeding sites, even if it's legal to do so.
7. Remove all trash and debris found in and around all streams, rivers, and campsites.
8. Keep your equipment maintained and in peak operating condition.
9. Use extreme caution when using petroleum products around waterways.
10. MINE SAFELY! No amount of gold is worth your life or the life of others.

CLUB MEETINGS

DECEMBER

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**AT THE MEETING
ROOM**

**Tan building across
parking lot from senior
citizens**

**Call any member listed above
if you need directions.**

99ER'S NUGGET NEWS

Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors Club

DECEMBER, 2010

Editor: Mary Lance

Knowledge is of two kinds; we know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.

Samuel Johnson

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Dec. 11, 2010

At the meeting room on Nucleus

2011 BALLOT

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-Personals:

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GOLD PRICES:

AS OF : Nov. 19 2010

Gold \$1245.00

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NWMTGoldprospectors.com

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Hi friends:

Well, this will be my next to last newsletter. The one after the Christmas party will be my final issue. I want you to know I enjoyed getting to know some of you better. I learned a lot from you and appreciate all the articles you sent.

I understand they are still looking for someone to do the letter starting the new year. If you are interested doing it or helping with it, call Clarence Taber. I am willing to help you get started if you want my input.

Can anyone believe it is almost the end of the year?? Time seems to fly by faster and faster each year. It is only 5 weeks until Christmas. Thanksgiving is this coming week. I hope each of you will have a great dinner and good friends and family to celebrate with.

Allen C. was the winner of the newsletter information silver round. Thanks, Allen for all the help.

We lost two more members and a member's wife recently. Gary Hall, Wayne Hartley, and Cindy Koponen. Anyone who would like to have a disc with Gary Hall's testimony of his salvation can call Rita. Her number is 881-2345. One of his last wishes was to share his love of Jesus with others. Following is a letter I received on behalf of the club.

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE NW MONTANA GOLD PROSPECTORS CLUB:

We would like to thank each and everyone of you for accepting Kevin into the gold club as a lifetime member. When Kevin was told of the great news, he said "Can you believe it?" accompanied by the biggest smile on his face. He was truly thankful and very excited.

Kevin loves to go to Libby Creek and pan for gold. We were able to make 2 trips this summer and camped by the creek. We were able to set up a little camp table next to him and with the help of Bob Liston bringing him the dirt, Kevin was able to get dirty. He loved it!!

Thank you all again from Kevin (aka the Chinaman) and Addy Reid.

Have a great Thanksgiving and I hope to see you at the Christmas Party. Mary

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I just rejoined NWMGP and plan on attending the September outings.

For sale: One 3 inch Keene combo in excellent condition. \$1000 firm.

One Keene drywasher, never used. \$1000.
Can be seen at the September outings.

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Don't forget that the Annual Club Raffle is on. The drawing will be held May 1st 2011 at the annual gold show in Kalispell

This years prizes include,

White's GMZ Gold Detector (value \$500.00)

9.4 gram Gold Nugget (value \$425.00)

One Troy Pound .999 fine silver (value \$305.00)

There should be some tickets in the up coming newsletter, club meeting.

Tickets are available in books of 6 for \$5.00

contact Sandy 406-212-7415 if you would like tickets to sell.

these are some good prizes folks and the club needs your support.

Allen

November 2010 Minutes

Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors meeting was held in Columbia Falls at 1:00 PM on Sat. Nov. 13, 2010

Clarence started the meeting having all the Veterans come forward and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of Veterans Day.

Jill read the minutes , approved as read.

Sandy gave the treasurers report with an ending balance of \$1855.44, also approved.

Next months Christmas party was discussed. It will be a potluck at Noon followed by our goofy gift exchange game. Please bring a wrapped gift \$10 or under per person.

We will also do the raffle of the gold splits from this past summer outings. You must be present to win this one. Tickets will be available at this meeting.

Mary Lance turned in her resignation of being editor so we will need an editor to do the News letter. If anyone is able to do this please let us know.

Nominations were discussed for the upcoming year of officers. For President... Clarence Taber; Vice President... Dale Evans; Treasurer... Sandy Randal; Secretary... Ron Maupin; Sargeant of Arms...Charlie Kins and Gary Wilmes. Bob Liston is not sure of his time off with his new job. Ric Lance and Trent are looking at getting their own claim and are not sure how much time they could be up at our club claim. We also need a new Cookie Monster (the person bringing the tubs with plates, napkins, coffee etc.) The Cookie Monster trailer goes to that person as well. Thank you to Andy Jeffries for donating that trailer!!

The GPAA claim 2 miles up Libby Ck road was discussed. Because no one is in charge of maintaining it and keeping the rules and laws enforced, the Forest Service is considering closing it. People have been running dirty water directly back into the creek, holes have been dug that are not safe and no reclamation has been done and they have no plan of operation. Clarence met with the FS and is in contact with the GPAA hoping to encourage them to take necessary action to resolve the issues.

The Forest Service also indicated that they would be enforcing the 15 day camping rule at the Public Panning Area next year. Camp no more than 15 days there per month.

After the break Ted Antonoli from Missoula gave us a presentation on the affects of politics on mining. He is with the Northwest Montana Mining Association and president of the Tobacco Root Geological Society. Ted enlightened us on some of the latest things happening in our state and reminded us that Mr. Tester is no friend of mining. He informed us on the future seisure of mining claims in Wilderness areas. He talked about some real hot spots, French Gulch which is in the top 10 ,hoping to open to the public. Or the gulch draining into Elk Ck in the Potomic Valley being a very good place for suction dredging. Sometime this coming summer they will have a field trip by Superior and possibly Nine Mlle lead by Robin McCulloch. He gave his e mail address: ted.antonoli@gmail.com and also www.listenup.EPA.com if anyone is interested in learning more.

A big Thank you to Ted.

The Club calendar was discussed. Vicki Walborn was not present but it is up to her if she would like to persue this project so call her with your input.

The dues were discussed briefly but we did not take a vote as this will take more discussion and to change the dues would require a change of the bi laws. Clarence said he would like to dedicate one outing next summer with equipment donated in memory of those members that have passed away.

Ric Lance gave a synopsis of the 2011 Gold Show. Sounds like he has really been doing his homework as he has everything rolling and on track. The show will be Apr. 30th and May 1st and will co ordinate with the Arts and Crafts Show at the Fair Grounds like last year. It will cost \$100 for the first table and \$40 for additional tables. Tables are 30 inches by 8 ft. Set up starts on Fri. Apr. 29th. Ric is working on getting the advertising out. Thank you Ric.

We then held the raffle:

Prize:

Top o Deep gold dirt
Silver Round
Key chain
Stuffed Skunk
Cedar trivet
towel and holder
2 pot holders
ceramic pot
ceramic pot
Suction bottle/glass
Magnet
Tool Set
Poke/ Gold
Punch Bowl Set
Afghan
water bottle holder
soap/ lotion set

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Jill T.

Winner:

Mary Haywood
Ron Maupin
Mary Haywood
Bob Liston
Mary Haywood
Charlie K
John Krause
Ted Antonoili
Jill T
Gary Wilmes
Bob L
Jim Grant
Ron M
Ted A
Gary W
Ric Lance
Charlie K

Meeting was adjourned

from Allen

Seasoning a new gold pan

A new pan will most likely have some sort of residue left on it from the manufacturing process and should not be used right out of the box or you risk losing gold.

The modern plastic gold pans are great to use, their relative light weight and innovative design is a vast improvement over steel or copper. As most of these pans are produced by injection molding equipment, the manufacturer will use either oil based or Teflon sprays to aid in removing the pan from its mold. This forms a layer on the pan that can be hard to remove, there is a way to do this easily. Start by taking some rubbing alcohol and a paper towel, cleaning the pan inside and out. Then boil some water and add a surfactant (dish soap), this mixture is poured into the pan and swirled around then dumped out. That should leave your pan ready to use. Use some surfactant in the panning tub until the pan is broke in from the mechanical action of the material affecting the surface of the pan.

There you have it, by using some common sense and a small amount of effort you can recover more of the fine "flour gold" from your favorite prospecting site. Just remember that a new pan will most likely have some sort of residue left on it from the manufacturing process and should not be ignored.

Happy prospecting!!

September Minutes

There were 42 people present at the Sat. Sept. 11, 2010 NWMGP meeting at 1:00 PM at Libby Creek, Mont.

Clarence started the meeting.

Jill read the minutes that were approved

Sandy Randall read the treasurers report that was approved with an ending balance of \$3,769.53.

OLD BUS:

The next outing was discussed. MSA (Motioned, seconded and approved) that we would have an extra outing on Sept. 25th and 26th so please let your friends and other members know. And that the Oct. outing will be on Oct 2nd and 3rd as we seem to be losing our warmer weather too fast. Be prepared with your own breakfast fixings as we may not have a club breakfast. There will not be an outing or meeting on the second week end of Oct.

Clarence worked with the surveying of the claim on Saturday and Sunday with great help from Jerry Bartch, Bob Liston, John Hegel, Debbie and Leo Garner and Charlie Kins and new member Greg from Seattle. They marked, brushed and flagged about 2000 feet and found the corner.

The subject was brought up of the vandalizing of the claim by someone who has thrown beebees and tin foil balls to disrupt the metal detecting on top. If anyone has any information of who did this we would appreciate it. The person or persons will be excluded from the club or if a non member will be dealt with.

The club dirt on top was discussed. The dirt has to be used only on the claim.. we cannot haul it down to the Public Panning area and run it through a sluice or anything. We are asked to stay on the trails and not to make any new trails.

Carrying pistols or side arms on the claim was discussed. MSA that we would not carry them during outings.

NEW BUS:

Ric Lance will be heading up the Gold Show this time for 2011. He has already done some work on it. The show will be at the fairgrounds at the Grand Stand Pavillion on May 7th and 8th. We will put our 25 % down to reserve it. MSA Anyone who can help should let him know ... we need lots of volunteers to make this work... from set up to clean up and all thru the show.

Sandy explained about the tickets... we should be selling them now. Turn in the money and tickets to her. Looks like we will have a Whites GMZ metal detector, Alan C will check into, a nice gold nugget purchased from Estil Hunt and a 1 troy lb. (12 troy Oz.) silver bar 999 fine silver will be the main prizes.

Up on the hill....Only pump water out of the return pond at the lower end... do not pump out of the settling ponds.

Alan C presented Ric with a PINK insulated cup for his tea and a very nice PINK gold pan to go along with his PINK camera. Ric is in the pink now!!

MSA that the club give Mary Lance a Silver round for doing the newsletter.

The club discussed purchasing one of Wayne H. trommels. We will get a price and proceed.

Bob Liston asked for a moment of silence in recognition of 9-1-1 this day.

We then held the raffle;

ITEM	DONATED By	WINNER
Top O Deep gold dirt	Club	Leo Garner
Silver Round	Club	Debbie Robinson
Top O Deep gold dirt	Gary Henry	Roper
ATV hitch	Debbie R	Alan Cornelius
Snuffer Bottle	Billy M	Rop e r
Indian Feather	Debbie R	Gary Henry
Medical Bracelet humor	Charlie K	Ken Clark
Picture Frame	Debbie R	Gary Wilmes
Gold Bottles	Bob Liston	Mike Rhoades
Tool Kit	Gary H	Gary W
Crystal	Club	Jill Taber
Gold Placer Book	Debbie R	Clarence T
Trout Picture Frame	Debbie R	Gary Johnson

Minutes for October

NWMGP meeting of Oct. 2, 2010

Clarence started the meeting

Jill read the minutes that were approved

Sandy gave the treasurers report, approved with a balance showing of \$2,199.02.

Clarence asked for any more nominations for officers and also asks if anyone not at the meeting would turn in nominations or if you would like to be an officer please speak up. The ballots will be in the Nov. News letter. Final nominations will be at the Nov. meeting.

Wayne H is selling his trailer and skidsteer and is asking \$11,500.

Clarence talked about the reclamation. He brought straw and seed that was then put down during the outing.

Sandy shared a newsletter from our sister club. .. The Gold Dust Gazette.

The gate to the claim was discussed and was closed for the season.

Sandy requested suggestions for raising some funds for the club. It was discussed whether we should raise the dues. This would involve changing the bi laws.

Clarence said he would only charge the club for 4hours this time. Total reclamation and dig time was 16 hours.

The gold splits awarded at the Christmas party are for members only. Tickets will be in the Nov. Newsletter and are \$1 each.

Please sell the Gold Show tickets and turn in the money to Sandy. We have them on a higher quality of paper this year and our prizes are already paid for. Prizes are \$600 GMZ metal detector, a Gold Nugget and a Silver bar.

There was no raffle held as there were only 10 people at the meeting. The potluck was held and reportedly delicious. Two trommels and a small crew produced a good showing of gold.

Reclamation included cleaning the ponds, placing rock, contouring the slopes for drainage of ponds, seeding any disturbed areas, straw mulching two areas. Braxton took photos that can be seen at the next meeting. The area around camp was cleaned and tidied.

Sec. Jill Taber

Clarence summing up NWMGP 2010

We finished our season with our work area clean up and reclamation seeding finished. We had a good summer of outings, several of our claim corners and some survey lines have been completed. We will finish the surveys and brush the lines next year. We will need a new Cookie Monter next year..please volunteer if you can do this. Duties include bringing the tubs with paper plates, plasticware, napkins, etc. to each outing and making coffee at the winter meetings plus bringing a snack of some kind. The club pays for the supplies and food.

This month you receive your election ballot in the newsletter. We only send it out once. I took over as president this year when the Lord took Herb Robinson from our midst. I will try hard to be a good president of the club and would appreciate your vote. Please return your ballot before the January meeting, Jan. 8, 2011 to be counted.

Catching up...Well, we didn't send out a newsletter for a month so you get one now. The sad news that we have to share with you is that Wayne Hartly passed away on Oct. 10, 2010. His funeral in Libby was well attended by club members. Wayne was one of our beginning members and helped clear the trails up the creek in the early 90's. He was just the nicest guy, helpful to everyone, many times helping a fellow prospector. He built many trommels the club used. He purchased his own high pressure water pump the club used, he hauled fuel, he bought a trailer to store equipment in. He could not have given more or done any more than he did for the prospectors. He always brought hot carrots and peanut buttered hot peppers for the pot luck. He had the greatest smile and most cordial attitude. He was admired, respected, and loved by all members and he will be missed. We are scheduling a memorial dig next year in memory of all of those that we have lost.

I think Ric and Trent are planning some heavy prospecting and mining next summer. That is why we will need a breakfast person...a job in itself. Ric has been doing breakfast for us for a long time and they were always greatly appreciated. Thank you Ric and the best of luck with your gold adventure. Numerous folks have staked their won claims and that is really great. If in doing so, any of you need assistance in filing or surveying one, just ask.

Sincerely, Clarence Taber

NWMGP BALLOT JANUARY 2011

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE
PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT TO THE CLUB, BOX 3242, COL. FALLS, MT.
59912, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO CAST YOUR BALLOT
JAN. 8TH, 2011

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Clarence Taber _____

Write in _____

Vice President

Dale Evans _____

Write in _____

Treasurer

Sandy Randal _____

Write in _____

Secretary

Ron Maupin _____

Write in _____

Sargeant of Arms

Vote for two

Charlie Kins _____

Kevin Koponed _____

Gary Wilmes _____

Write in _____

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