



P.O. Box 3242, Columbia Falls, Mt 59912

Raffle Tickets will be available at the next meeting. Please take a few packs and sell them to your friends.

Next meeting is March 10, 2012

The meeting is at the Tea Kittle Room the address is **235 Nucleus Ave** Columbia Falls, Mt

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WA Prospector's
Gold & Mineral Show
February 25th & 26th, 2012
Evergreen Fairgrounds
Monroe, WA

NWGPA
13th Annual Gold & Treasure Show
North Idaho Fairgrounds
March 31st & April 1st, 2012
Coeur D'Alene, ID

North Central Washington
Prospectors 13th Annual Gold &
Treasure Show at the Chelan County
Fairgrounds
April 21st & 22nd, 2012
Cashmere, Washington.

GPAA
Gold & Treasure Show
Spokane Fairgrounds
April 28 & 29 2012
Spokane, WA

NWMGPA
Gold, Gem, Mineral & Recreational
Show
May 5th & 6th, 2012
Flathead Co. Fairgrounds
KalisPELL, MT

GPAA
Gold and Treasure Show
Butte Civic Center
Sept 15 & 16 2012
Butte, MT

Raffle Donators and Winners:

Flask	Gary Wilmes	Don Roe
Door Handle	Gary Wilmes	Fred Mehring
Flashlight	Charlie Kins	Jill Taber
Gloves	Bill Moeller	Tracy Pettern
Drink Holder	Bob West	Fred Mehring
Pot holder	Ida Middleton	Jon Van Dort
Bottle holder	Ida	Kathie Heis
Small holder	Ida	Jon Van Dort
Scrubby	Ida	Jon Van Dort
Towel	Ida	Kathie Heis
Afghan	Ida	Kathie Heis
25 pc Tool Set	Bill Marsh	Ron Curtiss
Top O Deep	Club	Charlie Kin
Cadent Mt Pac. Gravel	Two Bits Prospecting	Fred Mehring
Pillow	Club	Bob West
Buffalo Head Nickel	Bob Listin	Gary Willis
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WHAT SHOULD BE TAKEN AND WHAT SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND

Women have make up their minds to go to the Klondike, so there is no use trying to discourage them...our wills are strong and courage unailing. There are a few things, however, a woman should carefully consider before starting out on this really perilous journey.

First of all, delicate women have no right attempting the trip. It means utter collapse. Those who love luxury comfort and ease would better remain at home. It takes strong, healthy, courageous women to stand the terrible hardships that must necessarily be endured.

The following suggestions may be of some value to those who are contemplating making the trip next spring. My experience thus far has shown me the necessity of women being properly clothed and equipped for the trip to the Interior, and I can speak with some assurance, having been especially observant along this line. First and most important of all, by far, to be considered is the selection of footwear.

It is not necessary to have shoes two or three sized larger than one's actual last, simply because you are going on a trip to the Klondike. Get a shoe that fits, and if the sole is not very heavy, have an extra one added, the list that follows is the vey least a woman should start with:

1 pair house slippers	3 suits winter underwear	BEDDING
1 pair knitted slippers	3 suits summer underwear	1 piece canvas, 5x14 feet
1 pair heavy-soled walking shoes	1 chamois under vest	1 rubber blanket
1 pair arctic	1 long sack nightdress, made of eiderdown of flannel	2 or better 4 pair all-wool blankets

1 pair felt boots	1 cotton nightdress	1 feather pillow
1 pair German socks	2 pair arctic mittens	1 pair heavy gum boots
3 pair heavy all-wool stockings	1 pair heavy wool gloves	3 pair summer stockings
1 cap	1 arctic hood	1 hat with brim broad enough to hold the mosquito netting away from the face
1 summer dress	3 aprons	1 good dress
2 wrappers	1 suit heavy Mackinaw, waist, and bloomers	2 shirtwaists
1 summer suit	3 shot skirts of heavy duck or denim, to wear over bloomers	Snow glasses

Moccasins can be purchased here of the Indians. The tall bicycle shoe with extra sole would make an excellent walking shoe. In the way of wearing apparel a woman can comfortably get along with. Some sort of gloves for summer wear, to protect the hand from the mosquitoes. A ready-sewed tick will be nice to have, for it can be filled with dried moss and make a good pioneer mattress. An old miner would no doubt laugh me to scorn for suggesting a little satchel of handbag, but the comfort derived from the hundred and one little extras a woman can deftly stow away in it will double repay the bother of carrying it

Annie Hall Strong, the Skaguay News, December 31, 1897



**GOLD SHOW RAFLE
TICKETS**

Fisher Gold Bug Pro, 4oz Silver Replica
\$100.00 Bill
3.4 gr Gold Nugget from the Clubs Claim in
Libby
\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

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			Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors		
			Treasurers Report for January 2012		
Balances Forwarded:					
	Cash Drawer				\$95.00
	Valley Bank - Checking				\$900.27
	Valley Bank - Fundraising				\$576.25
	Whitefish Credit Union				<u>\$1,004.79</u>
	Total				\$2,576.31
Income:					
	Merchandise				\$38.00
	Interest Fundraising				\$0.16
	Tables for Gold Show				\$770.00
	Memberships				\$730.00
	January Club Raffle				\$138.00
	Sale of old dump truck				\$826.50
	Loan by Sandy R.				\$700.00
	Closeout of Valley bank fund raising				\$576.41
	May gold show raffel				<u>\$230.00</u>
	Total				\$4,009.07
Expenses:					
	Gary Wilmes return membership (Sgt at Arms)				\$50.00
	Kalispell Copy Newsletter				\$60.72
	Sandy Randall reimbursement for loan to club				\$700.00
	Valley bank fundraising close out				\$576.41
	Charlie Kins Food				<u>\$41.43</u>
	Total				\$1,428.56
Ending					
	Cash Drawer				\$95.00
	Valley Bank - Check book balance				\$4,057.03
	Valley Bank - Fundraising				\$0.00
	Whitefish Credit Union				<u>\$1,004.79</u>
	Total				\$5,156.82

February 11, 2012 Meeting of the NWMGP

Members Present 33 and 1 visitor

President Dale Evans called the meeting to order.

Minutes read by Treasurer Sandy Randall and were approved.

Treasurer's report read by Sandy Randall and was approved.

OLD Business:

The dump truck was sold for \$826.50 to Pacific Iron and Steel. A dump truck was purchased from Sonny Wilke for \$3,000. The truck is a dump truck that was a State truck. It was driven by club members before purchase, the new truck has lower gears, has brakes and plenty of clutch.

MSHA was discussed by Vice President Braxton Walborn. MSHA stands for Mine Safety Health Administration. It was brought up at a previous meeting and was questioned whether the club would have any problems with MSHA. Braxton talked to Robyn McCollough, who is a mining engineer and is located at the Butte School of Mines (Mt Tech). He is a great information source. Robyn thought the club would not have a problem with MSHA due to the fact that the club is not a business, does not mine for profit and we are a small club.

May Gold Show: 6 vendors have now paid in full. The club needs volunteers to work the club tables at the show, help set up on Friday and clean up on Sunday. The club tables are set up at the door to collect admission fees, information on club membership; we also have tables for panning, merchandise and raffle ticket sales. Also discusses—Gold to be given away to the first 50 people who come in the door. It was voted on to use the leaf gold and the small glass vials. The small vials will also be used for the gold panning.

Vickie will put a list of the upcoming shows into the next newsletter.

Ron Curtis is planning on making a couple of trommels for the club, if he can get the supplies that he needs.

Vickie contacted Allen C. for the silver ½ oz. rounds. He has found some for 3.00 over spot price. Allen is recommending that we consider using Kennedy half dollar (pre 1964) or Franklin half dollar instead. It looks like a ½ oz. round could run nearly 20.00 each. Kennedy half dollars could be cheaper for the club. A motion was made and approved to see if the club could purchase 20 coins or half dollars whichever is cheaper.

John Lyons may have some old silver dollars that he can sell us. He will look and see what he has and let us know.

New Business:

Table for the Rock Chucks Gem and Mineral Show was brought up. The show is in July and volunteers are needed. The club usually has panning and information on the club. We have received new members from the show.

Dale and Braxton informed the club that we will no longer be able to pump water out of the area we have always used in the past. The DNRC sent the club a letter concerning water rights and the club has lost the right to pump the water. This is because the water "flows" and if the water flows, a water right is needed for 10 acre feet. If the club had applied for a water right approx. 10 years ago for @500.00 we could have had water today. If we wish to pump water out of the area that we have in the past, we will have to hire an engineer to do a study for us and this can run into a large sum of money and take about a year just to find out if we can get the water right. Braxton said that the Forest Service has a water right, and the Fish Wildlife and Parks has 2 water rights near our claims. Bonnie (Forest Service) checked into water usage from the past on the claim. If water was used in the past for the claim from that section of the creek we may have been able to use that. However, it was noted that the water was used, but for a claim on Ramsey Creek and that could not be transferred for used. Option: To use ground water. Dig a pit and pump water that percolates into the pit which will cost about 125.00 for a permit. The club does not have an area near the creek that is usable for a pit. Braxton Walborn, Dale Evans, and Ron Maupin have been to meetings with the FS and Braxton has proposed that the club pump out of a pit on the Mighty Fine Claim that is across the creek. It would have to be pumped across the creek and then up the hill to the collection ponds. The pit on the Mighty Fine would have to be deeper to get the needed water. Braxton discussed how the POO on the Mighty Fine (Braxton, Vicki, Clarence and Jill's claim) is low impact. So this may be a concern. A 4 wheeler may be used to take the pump to the pit but all other chores will need to be done by walking into the site. The hose will also need to be over the creek not in the creek. The only time that equipment is allowed into the Mighty Fine will be in July and it is proposed that DC Orr will do the excavating of the pit. The pit would also have to be secure for safety reasons, and fenced. Bonnie from the FS is looking at this as a viable option and asked for a formal written letter from the board to be sent to her. This is being done. If this is approved, it will take 2 pumps to get the water up to the claim, DC to dig the pit deeper; more hose will need to be purchases, not to mention there will be added stress to the Mighty Fine Claim. Braxton added that Bonnie has been working with the club in this area. Other options brought up: Hauling water up to the claim in a tanker truck. Putting a well pipe in the ground on the claim side to get ground water for the claim. There was a lot of discussion on this subject. Dale did put the club on notice, that the club will have the outings however the running of trommels and high bankers after the outings will not be allowed to conserve the water for the next outings. Metal detecting and panning would still be allowed.

The raffle was held and the meeting adjourned.

Prospector's Stew

2 or 3 large potatoes, peeled and cut into bite size pieces
1 pound kielbasa, sliced
2 (15 ounce) cans green beans, drained
1 small onion, quartered
1 clove garlic, minced
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
Layer ingredients in crock pot in the order listed.
Cook on LOW for anywhere from 4 to 10 hours

Allen

- 1) 3 Guys bought a \$30.00 car- \$10.00 a piece
- 2) The salesman said I cheated you guys \$5.00. I will give you each a \$1.00 and pocket the extra \$2.00.
- 3) So that means each man spent \$9.00 on the car.
- 4) So $9 \times 3 + 2 = 29$ where did the extra \$1.00 go?

Please bring your answers to the next meeting.

The Public Lands for the People (PLP) is having a fund raiser. This group is one of the main fighting forces that fight for your rights when it comes to using public lands
At this time there is over \$21,000.00 and growing in prizes donated.
This raffle drawing will be held on June 21, 2012.
The tickets are \$1.00 ea. or \$10.00 for a book on 12.
You can order the tickets by calling **818-363-0963** or by writing

Public Lands for the People
c/o Guy Nesbitt
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Porter Ranch, CA 91326

These folks are fighting for your rights. Get on board and help support them and visit them at

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February 2012

I'm sitting here at the computer looking out the window. I can see the edge of the camper, the pontoons of the dredge, and the trommel. The count down has started. I tell myself it won't be much longer and I'll be able to see all our friends. I can almost smell the camp fire. This is the worst time of the year. It has been to long since we have all been together and to long till we all can be together. Dale, Braxton and I snow shoed into the Public Panning area. It is such a beautiful place. It was very weird to be the only ones there but it made me home sick. I can't say it enough this is the best club I have ever belonged to. The gold is great but the people in it are the best.

Ric Lance and Trenton Axtell were at the meeting! Boy was it good to see them. They told us a little about their summer. It sounds like they had a great time. They were missed at the claim though.

There were some new faces at the meeting. Welcome to one and all. We love to have new people.

As you read through the minutes in this newsletter I know you will have question and concerns. Please feel free to call one of the board members or come to the next meeting. The only thing the board asks is that we don't contact the Forest Service. They are working with us to get this handled. If letter writing is needed the board will let us know.

Vicki

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[Next meeting is:](#)

[March 10th @ 1:00pm](#)

As of

Gold

Silver