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

**JUNE 19-20
2010**

**AT THE CLAIM
LIBBY CREEK**

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

99ER'S NUGGET NEWS

Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors Club

June, 2010

Editor: Mary Lance

Quote of the month: When a man wantonly destroys a work of man we call him a vandal; when a man destroys one of the works of God, we call him a sportsman. Joseph Wood Krutch

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GOLD PRICES:

AS OF : June 1, 2010

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ARE YOU READY TO GO TO THE CLAIM???????????

Anyone out there still waiting for spring? Gosh, it seems like this cold and rain have lasted forever! I for one am ready for some sunshine and warm temperatures. And please don't tell me "we need the moisture". Opinions I have heard are the cold rainy weather helped the gold show, but sure didn't make many happy for the kickoff meeting at the Tabers'.

I was hoping someone would send me some pictures of the gold show and the spring kickoff to put in the newsletter, but alas, I am still waiting. I did get a few recipes and a new ad.

We talked to Gary Hall and Penny Van Dort and they both want us to send their greeting to everyone in the club. They miss you and want you to know your phone calls of encouragement are very much appreciated. Penny is going to have more surgery soon. Gary is plugging along. Herb is also working hard to improve his health. He has gone to all vegetarian and eats no meat now. He and Deb are doing everything they can to fight Herb's cancer. When you are thinking of them, drop them a note, a card, or a phone call. If you need an address or phone number, give me a call or email and I will make sure you get it.

The gold show was a huge success. Everyone pitched in to help and the vendors were pleased with the result. Having the craft show next door helped draw the people for both events. Sherry Attard, chairman of the craft show, told Ric they would like to try to have the two events on the same weekend again next year. Estimates were given to me that about 100 people an hour came through the doors. For being cold and rainy, that is a pretty good stream of traffic.

Ric and I were unable to attend the kickoff potluck at the Tabers. We were in Laurel with Ric's family. It was the first time in three years that all six brothers and sisters were together with their parents. Time flies between these gatherings and pretty soon years have gone by. Ric's dad isn't in very good health so these gatherings have become very important. We had a great time.

Ric is really looking forward to seeing everyone up at the claim.

Until next month, keep on digging in the dirt. Mary

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Members ads will be printed in the newsletter free of charge.

Please send them to my email or my home address by the 20th of each month.

Points of interest coming up

FIRST OUTING OF THE YEAR

Come on up to Libby Creek and help us play in the dirt.

Pot luck meal Saturday night and Ric's famous breakfast Sunday morning. What more could you ask for?

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

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The Spring Kick Off was held Sat., May 8th. The weather did not cooperate as it was quite cool and misty rain made for uncomfortable conditions. However, in spite of the weather it was fairly well attended with 79 at the meeting and about 90 to 100 in and out throughout the day. The potluck was grand as usual and the games and competition were fun, I think a few did not participate as it was a wet part of the day. Mark Weston won the Metal Detector contest with Jerry Bartch coming in second and Jerry Morine in third place. Sandy Randahl won the Panning contest and in the kids division.... Rylee Kobos, Joseph King and Amanda Hopkins won the metal detecting.

We held a business meeting at about 1PM and Herb started things off. Jill read the minutes, they were approved. Sandy gave the treasurers report, it was approved. Sandy introduced 3 new members that just signed up. Old Bus... Clarence presented some Charlie Greene books to some that helped at the Gold Show. New Bus. Herb talked briefly about the Gold Show and we discussed a few things we could do differently next year. We could sell the raffle tickets all year for one thing. Bob Liston moved that we get a gold nugget and metal detector for prizes next year so we can put that on the raffle tickets. It was approved. A big THANK YOU to all who helped.

June 19th will be our next outing up at Libby Creek. Who will be digging has not been determined yet. We then had the raffle for the gold that came out of the black sand from all of last summer. Thank you Braxton for doing that. He put the gold into 3 vials. The tickets for this drawing came from all the losing tickets from the past year. You had to be present to win. The 3 winners were... Dave Bjelland, Norm Coverdale, and Herb Robinson.

We held the raffle after the meeting:

ITEM	DONATED BY	WINNER
Gold nugget	Club	Neil Miller
Top o Deep gold dirt	Gary Henry	Betty Jeffries
Top O Deep gold dirt	Club	Jeremy Behmer
Silver	Round Club	Johnny Umphrey
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Gift Bag	Deb	Vicki Walborn
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Book on coin shooting	Jerry Bartsch	Don Roe
LED Flashlight	Les Brininger	Robert Jeffries
Afghan	Ida Middleton	Gary Willmes
Leather poke	Ida	Don Roe
Towel with holder	Ida	Wayne H.
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Tongs	Wayne H.	Sandy Randal
Butane lighter	Wayne H	Helen Suta
Spray Nozzle	Les Brininger	Suzy Henry

Here are the winners from the Gold Show:

The Miners costume contest was won by the Williams family, Todd and Lora and their two boys, Lochlan and Barrett from Fort Steele in Canada. They received a silver round donated by the club and each boy got a pocket knife donated by George Baumbach.

Rick Hensel won a gold nugget donated by the Robinsons.

For the big raffle drawing.... Deb Schnette from Libby won the GMZ Metal Detector. Debbie Robinson won the 1/4 oz. Gold Nugget. Tammy Lucas won the 10 oz. Silver Bar. Robert Vander Voorden from Libby won the Silver Round with the Indian head with a buffalo. Judy Knox was the winner of the smaller Metal Detector. Ric Lance won the large picture art. Richard Browne won the Geode with peacock ore and miner on it. Ron Maupin won the Bolivian Mineral Rock and Monica Hayes won the Tommy Stick (antique miners candle stick).

All in all it was a great and successful show, I think, and all went pretty well. Thank you to Herb Robinson and Ric Lance for all your hard work, organization, phone calls, foot work, sign painting, and general sweat to pull this off. YOU did a GREAT job!!!! A big THANK YOU to all those other club members who helped with making this show a success. There were a lot of you and you are greatly appreciated! I won't name everyone here as I know I will forget to mention someone.

Sec. Jill

Deb Robinson brought me a book called Alaska, written in March, 1970 and here are some recipes for sour dough submitted by Ouida Johnson.

<p>Sour dough starter: In a large bowl mix: 3 cups white flour 1 package dry yeast 2 ½ cups lukewarm water Beat until all lumps are gone. Cover and set in a warm place overnight. The pilot light of your range is a good place to keep your sourdough pot. If the pilot light is too warm, set the pot close by, but not directly on it. Before using your sourdough always take one cup out and save it to start your next batch of bread.</p>	<p>Save one cup and throw the rest out. Don't be a fanatic on keeping your pot clean. If the sides get too thick with dough wash it in warm water and soap, rinse and dry before putting the sourdough starter back into it. Sometimes your sourdough may go wild and work so hard that it will overflow. Since the dough is hard to clean when it dries out, clean up the mess as soon as possible. I usually set my bowl on a large piece of waxed paper.</p>	<p>Sour Dough Waffles Use the basic pancake mix but add two extra tablespoons of oil or bacon drippings and more sugar and eggs if desired. Blueberries, grated apple, and crumbled bacon are very nice additions to sourdoughs.</p>	<p>SourDough White Bread Night before baking, add to starter: 2 ½ cups flour 2 cup warm water Beat until smooth. Cover and set in warm place overnight. In the morning take out one cup of sourdough for a starter. To remaining dough add: 4 cups white flour 1 tsp. Salt 3 Tbl. Sugar ½ tsp baking soda 3 Tbl. Oil or bacon drippings Mix thoroughly. Add more flour if needed. Turn dough onto well floured board and knead until satiny (about 10-12 min) Put dough into well greased bowl, cover with waxed paper and set in warm place to rise for about 2 ½ hours or double. Punch down and shape into 1 lg, or 2 sm. Loaves. Put into well greased, warm pans and rise again. (1hr) Bake at 350 about 1 hr. or until golden brown and shrinks away from pan.</p>
<p>For the best results in maintaining your sourdough pot always use a glass or crok container that has a good fitting lid. Stainless steel may be used but I have not had good luck using it. When not in use your sourdough pot should be kept in the refrigerator. The night before baking remove the pot from the fridge and add the flour and water you will use the next day. NEVER add anything to your sourdough starter but flour and water. Sourdough smells sour so don't panic and throw it out. If it smells too ripe freshen it by adding 2 cups of warm water and 2 ½ cups of flour.</p>	<p>SOUR DOUGH PANCAKES At night add to the sourdough pot 2 cups lukewarm water 2 ½ cups flour Beat lumps out. Cover and allow to sit in warm place overnight. In the morning stir the dough down. (remove 1 cup of dough and save for your sourdough pot.) To remaining dough add 2 eggs 2 Tablespoons oil or bacon drippings ¼ to ½ cup evaporated milk (enough to make the dough thin enough.) Beat well to remove lumps. In a small bowl combine: 1 tsp. Salt 1 tsp. Baking soda 2 tbl. Sugar spread evenly over sourdough batter and gently mix. Let batter rest 10-15 min. Fry on hot lightly greased griddle.</p>	<p>Sour Dough Rolls Early in the morning mix 1 cup sourdough starter 1 cup warm milk 1 ½ cups flour Mix until lumps are gone. Cover and set in warm place to rise. 1 ½ hour before dinner stir dough down. Combine in small bowl: 1 Tbl. Sugar 1 tsp. Salt 1 tsp. Baking powder ½ tsp baking soda Stir lumps out and sprinkle mixture over sourdough starter. Turn dough onto board which has 1 cup flour on it. Knead lightly until all the flour is used up. Use more flour if dough does not feel right. Shape into balls, dipping each one in warm oil or bacon drippings. Place in warm pan and let rise until double in bulk, about 45 min. Bake at 350* about 30 min. or until golden brown. Serve at once.</p>	

The 2010 Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors Gold Show .

A Clarence Taber perspective.

Well, it was great! For many reasons and I will try and hit the highlights.
Great signs were everywhere and really stood out and caught your eye!
The fair grounds was a great place to be. A lot of room, with ample parking and the craft show next door brought in a few more folks.
Teams of helpers, dozens, everyone pitching in was soo good to see.
The venders had wonderful displays, very reasonable prices that would tempt any prospector and as reported, their sales were good! That truly makes the show a success.
Hey, there was a food vender just out front. Now that is convenient.
Robin McColloch was there with publications for sale from the bureau of mining and geology. Robin also gave presentations and participated in many discussions. It seems the conversations are deeper and more technical as we understand a little more of the geology.
Herb Robinson really gets the credit for the success of this show from all accounts ,organizing, picking the location, getting the venders, signage...The bases were all covered!
Ric Lance was the primary sidekick for Herb.
Special thanks also go to the many volunteers, the venders, local and from far away including our Canadian friends, the buying public that had a few dollars, and the donors of the door prizes .
The Dollars raised were up from last year and Sandy Randall will give us the numbers..

Our friend, former News Editor and former treasurer for the NWMGP, Gary Hall is suffering from cancer and Rita, his wife needs some firewood.

Dennis Thornton has offered the wood. We need to cut it up and get it in the truck and Dennis will deliver it.

Gary lives in Olney and has been battling cancer for some time. Our prayers and kind thoughts to Gary.

We are looking to do this Saturday ,June 12th which is the second Saturday in June.

We will meet by Somers at the junction to Bigfork off highway 93 by White Oak Hotel.

Specifically meet in the parking lot of the service station by the junction at 10 am.

We would need those capable to bring chainsaws, gas, oil, etc and wear clothes for the weather.

Light rain won't hurt any but if it's drenching rain forget it.

Call Clarence if any questions 261-9326

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!!!!!!

I didn't receive the names this month, but will print them next month.

Steve gave me permission to use his story for the newsletter.
Allen

Nugget Rescue A Success!

(AP Wire 11/5/00)

Girdwood, Alaska - Rescue crews braved frigid winter conditions early this morning in an attempt to rescue numerous gold nuggets buried under tons of gravel and rock. A crowd gathered under gray skies to witness the heroic effort. The scene was one of tense waiting, interspersed with periods of high emotion.

Finally success! A cheer went up as first one, and then many more gold nuggets saw the light of day. Rescue crews worked slowly with special equipment brought in to deal with the unique situation.

"These little nuggets have been buried here for countless years," said Rescue Coordinator Steve Herschbach. "The material has hardened a great deal, and there are many large boulders to deal with. We considered the use of explosives, but decided the nuggets might suffer unduly from its use. We chose to use suction dredges to protect the gold nuggets from possible harm."

One nugget positively glowed with happiness upon his liberation from the dark depths. "You can't imagine what it was like" he said. "The floods were the worst. I used to be quite a bright, crystalline nugget. But once the boulders got though stomping the living daylights out of me well, look at me now. They say it builds character, though".

Not every rescue attempt had a happy ending, however. Mr. Herschbach described one of the failures. "I saw a beautiful nugget perched on the edge of a crevice under a large rock. It was all I could do to hold on in the current as I reached for her with my rescue tweezers. The current must have reflected off my hand, because she slipped away just as I reached for her. Try as I might, the rock proved impossible to move. Her pitiful wail as she fell out of sight will haunt me forever."

In spite of tragic events such as this, the overall mood by the end of the day was one of jubilation. A crowd of gold nuggets lay gathered in the rescue pan, excitedly discussing their futures now that they are free. "I glowing gold nugget!" There was the inevitable promise of a book or movie to come. Most heartwarming of all was the wish of one little gold nugget. "I just want to find my Mom," she said. "I hear that many people are looking for my Mother Lode. I hope someone finds her so I can tell her how much I've missed her."

AP Correspondent Les Silver

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Submitted by Allen C.



This is little-known story from the Pentagon on 09/11/2001: sent to me by Raymond Whitehead

During a visit with a fellow chaplain, who happened to be assigned to the Pentagon, I had a chance to hear a first-hand account of an incident that happened right after Flight 77 hit the Pentagon. The chaplain told me what happened at a daycare center near where the impact occurred. This daycare had many children, including infants who were in heavy cribs. The daycare supervisor, looking at all the children they needed to evacuate, was in a panic over what they could do. There were many children, mostly toddlers, as well as the infants that would need to be taken out with the cribs.

There was no time to try to bundle them into carriers and strollers. Just then a young Marine came running into the center and asked what they needed. After hearing what the center director was trying to do, he ran back out into the hallway and disappeared. The director thought, 'well, there we are—on our own.' About 2 minutes later, that Marine returned with 40 other Marines in tow. Each of them grabbed a crib with a child, and the rest started gathering up toddlers. The director and her staff then helped them take all the children of the center down toward the park near the Potomac and the Pentagon. Once they got about 3/4 of a mile outside the building, the Marines stopped in the park and then did a fabulous thing - they formed a circle with the cribs, which were quite sturdy and heavy, like the covered wagons in the Old West. Inside this circle of cribs, they put the toddlers, to keep them from wandering off. Outside this circle were the 40 Marines, forming a perimeter around the children and waiting for instructions. There they remained until the parents could be notified and come get their children.. The chaplain then said, "I don't think any of us saw nor heard of this on any of the news stories of the day. It was an incredible story of our men there. There wasn't a dry eye in the room. The thought of those Marines and what they did and how fast they reacted; could we expect any less from them? It was one of the most touching stories from the Pentagon.

Remember Ronald Reagan's great compliment: "Most of us wonder if our lives made any difference. Marines don't have that problem."

God Bless the USA , our troops, and you. It's the Military, not the reporter who has given us the freedom of the press. It's the Military, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It's the Military, not the politicians that ensures our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It's the Military who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag. Too bad some think it is the politicians who do it right. They don't and they rarely ever will.

