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PROSPECTOR “CODE OF ETHICS”

Before searching/prospecting public sites or lands, always check on laws ordinances or regulations that may govern your search.

Never Trespass! Always get permission when searching/prospecting private property or claims.

Do not litter, dispose of all trash properly.

Build fires in designated or safe areas only.

Fill in and /or leave your prospect holes and piles, try to leave the area in as good as shape or better than it was.

When another prospector is working in a certain area, get permission before using that area.

Please be thoughtful, considerate and courteous to those around you.

REMEMBER!!

**You are an ambassador of our club
and this is a pastime we want to protect.**

Next Outing:

**July 14th and
15th. Don't forget
your shovel,
gloves, water,
jacket and
something for pot
luck.**

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If you have a business card or an add you would like in the newsletter please email it or send it to the clubs address and I will get in for you.

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On the issue of repairing and rebuilding trommels and/ or other prospecting equipment.
\$15.00 hourly shop rate plus parts and supplies
\$50.00 delivery to Columbia Falls or Kalispell
\$80.00 delivery to Libby

Regarding new trommels constructed 50% down to cover parts prices pending size requested.
Questions or placing orders please call number listed. Please leave a message.

I would like to send out a special Thank You to Dave Knight. Dave put together a fantastic DVD of the September 2011 club outing. This DVD was used at the May Gold Show. It was instrumental in showing folks how the club outings work, from setting up the trommels to the final gold split. Thanks Dave for putting together a great piece that shows what a club outing is like. Sandy Randall, Treasurer.

FRIENDSHIP

A group of Oregon men were returning home from the rich California diggings. They were in the Siskiyou Mountains, hostile Indians everywhere, when 19-year-old George Hunt came down with mountain fever.

Around the campfire, while flames flickered and smoke shimmered ghost-like, the miners discussed the fate of the sick boy. One man, anxious to return to his homestead and family, offered, "He's too sick to travel. We wait for him to die, the Indians'll get us for sure. We got no choice. Got to go on."

"No sense leavin' his poke with him. How 'bout we split it up----equal shares," another impatiently suggested.

"Hold on! I ain't goanna leave a friend when he needs me most. Go on if ya think ya have to..." said a fellow named Sappington. He volunteered to stay with the boy.

"If there's another man with a conscience who wants to stay, I'd welcome his company,"

Sappington challenged them. As a result a miner named Bush stepped forward.

The others departed while Sappington and Bush tried to make the boy as comfortable as possible. They kept the fire going all day and by evening Indians were gathering for an attack. Sappington told Bush, "If we don't use the night to get away we'll be dead at dawn."

"Do we leave him?" Bush nodded toward George.

"No, I've got an idea. We'll make a travois out to two poles and a blanket, just like the Indians do. We'll drag him." The two men pulled the travois over the rugged Siskiyou Mountains, across the Shasta plains and through more mountains before finally reaching the Willamette Valley and the settlement of Eugene. They located George Hunt's father and returned his son, who was recovering, and handed over a poke of gold dust that was worth more than \$4,000. Story from Miners By Rick Steber.

Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors

Treasurers Report for May 2012

Balances Forwarded:

Cash Drawer	\$95.00
Valley Bank - Checking	\$2,967.26
Whitefish Credit Union	<u>\$1,009.20</u>
Total	\$4,071.46

Income:

Merchandise	\$0.00
Interest WCU	\$0.00
May gold show income for May	\$4,242.00
Memberships received after gold show	\$700.00
May club raffel	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$4,942.00

Expenses:

Kalispell Copy Newsletter	\$50.00
Postage newsletter	\$19.30
DNRC	\$125.00
May Gold Show Expenses	\$1,864.85
Detecting contest change	\$70.00
Supplies for Treasure, Ink and Paper	<u>\$79.97</u>
Total	\$2,209.12

Ending Balance:

Cash Drawer	\$95.00
Valley Bank - Check book balance	\$5,700.14
Whitefish Credit Union	<u>\$1,009.20</u>
Total	\$6,804.34

Meeting at Libby Creek June 16th 2012

60 in attendance

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Evans. The treasurers report was read by Sandy Randall and approved. The minutes were read by Ron Maupin and approved. An introduction of all attending the meeting was done.

Old Business:

Rock Chuckers Rock and Gem show July 20th and 21st need volunteers for the NWMGP table. The volunteers set up a panning table and some new members are recruited at this time. Those volunteering are Charlie Kins, Ida Middleton, Tamberly Hennesy and Patricia Bowers. Sandy Randall gave a short report on the May Gold Show with 645 door tickets given out. The club had a good show and the vendors had a good show as well.

New Business:

Law enforcement, (Forest Service) will be spending more time in the gold panning area. Remember to follow panning area rules and regulations. The rules and regulations are posted on the bulletin board. No mechanized equipment used in the panning area, use of shovel, bucket and gold pan is allowed. No riding double in the public panning area on the ATV's. Dale Evans and Braxton Walborn have asked members to refer any officials that ask questions about the club to them. Carry your club membership card. The officials may ask to see this card. If you do not have a card with a current year and officer signature or initials, please notify the treasurer Sandy Randall to have this fixed.

Vickie is asking if anyone is interested in club calendars for 2013. There has been some interest shown however the calendars have not sold well in the past. Let Vicki know if you're interested in a calendar.

A beautiful handmade dry washer was donated by Tommy and Rita Wortley, made by Tommy. This item will be raffled separately to make the club some extra money. Tickets will be offered at the July outing.

Dredging starts July 15th and runs to September 1st. The permits may be reserved for 2 days at a time. The deposit for the permit is \$25.00, refundable when the dredge permit is returned. The dredge permits will be held at the Gold Miser prospecting shop in Libby.

The raffle had many items that were donated. The list is too large to put into the news letter.

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NUGGET NEWS

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NWMGP

Outing at Libby Creek
July, 14th and 15th

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Outing at Libby Creek
August 11th and 12th

GPAA

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

NWMGP

Outing at Libby Creek
Sept 8th and 9th

NWMGP

Outing at Libby Creek
October 6th & 7th
This outing is subject to
change.

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As of June 29th:

Gold: \$1593.30

Silver: \$ 27.30

June 2012

The first outing went very well. To Dale, Braxton, Ron, Sandy and all the others that make it possible for us to have a great weekend THANK YOU. For those of you how may not know but between the 4 people matched about there are about 9 round trips made from Libby or Kalispell to the Public Panning Area. This is not covered by the club. They do this because they want the history of mining and prospecting to stay alive. So please when you see one of them thank them and maybe ask if there is something you can do.

Braxton got a call to come up to Whitefish and show a group of people to pan. They were from New York. He got soaking wet but he said the kids had a great time.

We got a call from CHS here in town to come and do pan demonstrate for the customer appreciation days. Ric did this last year by his self. Jon Van Dort, Braxton and I went and did it this year. We had a lot of fun showing about 38 kids how to pan. They were all very excited to see the gold.

This little article was in the Daily Inter Lake.

May 5th -Mining at Libby is on the boom. About 25 men are doing development work for the Idaho Gold & Radium Mining Co., and John T. Town, owner of Hazel T. Mining Co., inspected work of Shaughnessy Hill, one of the biggest and best silver-lead showings. Clyde Daniels, who has a contact from the owners of the Snowshoe Mine for running 100 feet of tunnel, says the property is looking fine and the owners intend doing more work.
The Inter Lake, 1912