



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 Kettle Room the address is **235 Nucleus Ave** Columbia Falls, Mt

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13th Annual Gold & Treasure Show
North Idaho Fairgrounds
March 31st & April 1st, 2012
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North Central Washington
Prospectors 13th Annual Gold &
Treasure Show at the Chelan County
Fairgrounds
April 21st & 22nd, 2012
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GPAA

Gold & Treasure Show
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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

NWMGP

Spring Kick Off
May 19, 2012
Kalispell, Mt
406-756-371

This information comes from Volume 81, March 2012 Mining Journal.

Revised dredge Regulations for California

If you were dredging on a water way of six feet or less before dredging was suspended in September 2009, the agency wants to permanently prevent you from operating in that location. Other waterways are closed or subject to shorter seasons and potential deposits are placed off limits if they are within three feet of a bank at the current water level. The agency also wants to limit work hours to 10am-4pm, which would be more restrictive than any other natural resource industry or business we are aware of. Even the San Jose (California) International Airport allows flights from 6:30am to 11:30pm over residential areas!

These are the key points.

- Limit of 1,500 permits issued per year.
- Maintain and submit an annual report card to include the location of each dredging site, dates and times of operation for each day, nozzle size, and horsepower.
- Present license and report card when demanded by a DFG representative at any time.
- Permit suspension or revocation for failure to carry or present permit or report card upon demand for inspection.
- No suction dredge having an intake nozzle with an inside diameter larger than four inches may be used without an on-site inspection and written permission.
- Solid, one-piece, restrictor ring required and no quick release mechanism is allowed for the ring.
- The inside diameter of the intake hose may not be more than two inches larger than the permitted intake nozzle size.
- Intake pumps are required to be covered with mesh scree with openings of 3/32" or less.
- A containment system must be added under motor and fuel tanks capable of handling the full contents of the fuel tank and lubricants.
- Motorized winching is only allowed after an on-site inspection.
- Winched materials must be left within the current water level.
- No operating within three feet of the lateral edge of the current water level, including the edge of in stream gravel bars.
- No moving, cutting or destabilizing woody debris such as root wads, stumps or logs.
- Piling material to concentrate water flow can only be done after an on-site inspection and approval.
- No fuel, lubricants or chemicals may be stored within 100 feet of the current water level. If this is not feasible, a containment system must be in place beneath the containers and be capable of handling the full contents.
- Stream material may only be moved within the current water level.
- No displacing any material embedded on banks.
- No disturbing any mussel bed where at least 10 mussels are found within a square yard, and dredges and tailings must be at least 30 yards upstream or 10 yards laterally or downstream.
- Tailing piles shall be leveled before moving to another site or finishing for the season.
- Dredges must be cleaned of mud, oil, grease, debris, and plant and animal material before use.
- Dredges must be pressure washed with > 120-degree water or left to dry for two weeks before use in another location.
- No person shall operate a dredge within 500 feet of another dredge.
- Dredging is restricted to 10am to 4pm

I want everyone to be aware of the new propose changes in California. We need to stay on top of our right with dredging, or we may end up in the same place.

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
PO Box 7908
Porter Ranch, CA 91326

Ronald Bates
P.O. Box 52
St. Ignatius, Mt 59865

ATTN: NWMGP

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



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Minutes to the March 10, 2012 meeting of the NWMGP
53 members present

President Dale Evans called the meeting to order.

The minutes to the February meeting were read by Secretary Ron Maupin and approved.

The treasures report was read by Treasurer Sandy Randall and approved.

Old Business: Gold show was discussed. Braxton reported that we have 7 vendors for the gold show signed up. We have also given a free table to the Rock Chucker's and MFMU. Need volunteers for the gold show. There are sheets available at the table to volunteer for the jobs at the gold show, or you can call one of the officers and sign up to volunteer. The Craft show is the same weekend that the gold show is being held. The Gold Show is May 5th and 6th. Braxton has gold pans for the panning table and Jon Van Dort has gravel for the panning.

John Lyons has silver coins, 18 silver ½ dollars that he has donated to the club to be used in the club raffles. Thank you John for your generosity. Discussed buying more coins from Allen Corneliusen. Bob Liston still has picture pillows of club outings for sale. Proceeds go to the club. He is getting tired of hauling them back and forth to the meetings. So members, please buy a pillow as a keepsake.

Clarence Taber introduced Don Manning to the members. He is a member of the Montana Mining Association. He introduced some mining equipment, gold recovery systems that he built.

Braxton discussed the continuing saga of the water issues with the club. This also includes the news that the State and the Kootenai Salish Tribe are discussing water rights in the Kootenai and other drainages. Braxton did send a formal letter to Bonnie, (Forest Service) with the plan to use the water from the Mighty Fine claim for the outings. Bonnie reviewed the letter and so far no red flags with the conservation district or the FWP has been noted. This plan will entail pumping the water another 700 feet to the holding ponds on the clubs claim on the hill.

New Business: Contacted by the GPAA on dredging seminar to be held in Belgrade Mt. This will include the regulations and processes involved in dredging. Will be held March 14th.

Braxton talked about the new dredging proposals in California, must stay 3 feet away from the bank, 500 ft. from the next dredger, and a limit of 1500 dredge permits per year. A warning to dredging in Montana, what starts in California, does not stay in California. It moves to other states.

The permit for the dredge last year was paid. (25.00) the dredge permits for this season will probably be kept at the Gold Miser in Libby again this year. A 25.00 security deposit will be in place for anyone using the dredge permit. This allows a person to dredge for 2 days. The security deposit is refunded when the dredge permit is returned.

Welcome to new members:

Jessie Rogers, Jody Emerson, Carl Amussen Jr., Steven Shapero, Elmer Kraft, Norm and Tracy Patten, Ed Allabaugh, Tom Allabaugh, Ivyl Boyd, Steve Hartigan, Dan Lureau and Kathryn Heis, Rosey Clearlite.

March Raffle:

Prospector Pin donated by Ron Maupin won by Ron Curtiss
Bottle Caddy donated by Ida Middleton won by Gary Wilmes
Manicure set donated by Ida won by Vicki Walborn
Pot holder donated by Ida won by Rosey Clearlite
Pot holder donated by Ida won by Ron Maupin
Fools Gold donated by Charlie Kins won by Deb Robinson
Afghan donated by Ida won by Ron Maupin
Towel holder donated by Ida won by Penny Van Dort
Scrubby donated by Ida won by Bill Marsh
Cranberry's donated by Gary Wilmes won by Brock Wiebusch
Blueberry's donated by Gary Wilmes won by Sandy Randall
Birdhouse donated by Bill Moeller won by Gretchen Marsh
Silver round donated by the club won by Dale Evans
Computer game donated by Sandy Randall won by Kathryn Heis
Humming Bird shelf donated by Gary McHenry won by Penny Van Dort
Screwdrivers donated by Lee Boyd won by Ron Maupin
Socket set donated by Les Bringer won by Vicki Walborn
Gold Bracelet donated by Deb Robinson won by Deb Robinson
Picture frame donated by Deb Robinson won by Jill Taber
Tool Kit donated by Bill Marsh won by Jody Emerson
Prospector Magazines donated by Bill Marsh won by Lisa Woolard
Buffalo Nickel donated by Bob Liston won by Lee Boyd
Buffalo Nickel donated by Bob Liston won by Ron Curtiss
Snuffer Bottle donated by Jon Van Dort won by Sandy Randall
Snuffer bottle donated by Jon Van Dort won by Charlie Kins
Snuffer bottle donated by Jon Van Dort won by Don Roe

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March 2012

Well it was one of the best winter meetings I have seen in a long time. It was great to see all the new faces and the long time ones too.

It really sounds like our board has been working hard to make sure we have water this summer. Keep up the good work. We all know you are work in our best interest.

I have not really heard from any of our friends down south so I hope they are all well and finding a lot of gold and meteorites.

I'm putting a call out. Ida Middleton has for years made an afghan for the clubs raffle. She has always done this with yarn that has been donated to her. If anyone comes across some, with yard sale season upon us, please pick it up and give it to Ida at one of your meetings.

Just to remind everyone the club has pillows for sell that have pictures of the clubs different activities. You may find one of you or someone you know. They are only \$25.00 and they are hand made by Bob Listins Mother-in-law.

A very big Thank you goes out to Jon and Mary Lyons for the coins that they donated to the club for the raffles. Jon and Mary have only been members for little over a year and have done a lot to help the club. Last year Jon was the night watchmen for the gold show and Mary help with the advertising.

I can't say it enough we have the best members!!!

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Next meeting is:

March 10th @ 1:00pm

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