



## **Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors Club**

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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**

**November 14, 2009**

**1:00 P.M.**

**December 12,**

**2009**

**10:00 A.M.**

**MEETING  
ROOM IN  
COLUMBIA  
FALLS**

# 99ER'S NUGGET NEWS

Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors Club

November 2009

Editor: Mary Lance

Quote of the Month: What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. Author Unknown

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## GOLD PRICES:

AS OF : October 30, 2009

Gold \$1037.50

Silver \$ 16.23

## OUR WEBSITE:

**NWMTGoldprospectors.com**

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## I MADE IT THROUGH THE FIRST ONE!!!

Well, this newsletter will be mostly my newsletter because the only items I received from anyone were ads and some information about the food drive from Allan. I did receive the raffle tickets from Vicki. Thanks John Hegel for his last minute entry. Thank you to those who are sending me information.

The last two meetings at the claim were cold and wet. At the October 3 meeting, about 13 people attended. The gold split was a little better than normal and people seemed to have a good time. We had three new members at this outing. Welcome to Wayne McCarroll from Post Falls, Id.; Jim Dirk from Hardin; and Mike Kaluza from Spokane who came up for the dig on Saturday. It was good to see Trent make it for the outing.

October 10<sup>th</sup> brought with it cold and snow. End of year maintenance was the main priority of the weekend. With 6 inches of snow and ice covered water buckets, the mettle of all was tested. No prospecting was done and the camp was put to bed for the winter. There was no minutes for a meeting for these two outings. Thank you to Ric L., Herb R., John V, John H., Keanna, Wayne, Ron M., Ed G., Vickey and Braxton W., and Billy M. for doing the year end duties for the club.

Estimates are we gleaned 13 to 15 ounces of gold this year.

Mary

## ADVERTISEMENTS

In stock is White's new GMZ Gold Detector It is a 2 knob, 1 switch 50 khz, silent search detector and will accept all of White's Goldmaster coils and the best deal is it is priced at \$499.95

Find it at

Big Sky Metal Detectors

406-253-1678

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e-mail [jabion@ronan.net](mailto:jabion@ronan.net)

PO Box 488

Ronan, Mt. 59864

406-253-1678

5 ½ horse power pump with suction hose \$120.00 Call  
John Van Dort 755-6528

Member update:

I received no information this month.

### Two Bits Prospecting Supplies

Braxton and Vicki Walborn

[twobitsprospectingsupplies@yahoo.com](mailto:twobitsprospectingsupplies@yahoo.com)

406-756-9536

2472 Hwy. 93 S.

406-253-6227

406-253-6200

Kalispell, Mt. 59901

Members ads will be printed in the newsletter free of charge. Please send them to my email or my home address by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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The 99'ers Presents  
**4th Annual Gold Rush Raffle**  
Members Only - \$1.00 each  
**One Outing's Share of Gold**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**4th Annual Gold Rush Raffle**  
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# FOOD DRIVE

From: Allen in MT <[jabin@ronan.net](mailto:jabin@ronan.net)>

I thought that with the upcoming Holiday Season it would be good to do something for the less fortunate. A NWMGP **Food Drive**. For every can or box of non-perishable food items that you bring to the meeting you will receive one raffle ticket. Put your name on them and drop them in the bucket. If you bring 10 items you get 10 tickets, 20 items you get 20 tickets...so on and so on.

At the Christmas party we will draw one ticket to win a **Gold Nugget** and one ticket for a Free **2010 Club Membership**.

This will run for the Nov. & Dec meetings.

Big Sky Metal Detectors will donate the gold nugget.  
The food will be given to the Food Bank

Please **DO NOT** bring the following

Perishable food, Dented cans, Crushed boxes, Exotic or imported items

Expired dates - do not clean out your pantry or cabinets of old food items that you would not eat

## **Items wanted and needed**

Canned vegetables - all kinds and all sizes, Canned meat - ham, chicken breast, tuna, salmon any other protein items

Boxes of Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, Boxed macaroni and cheese, Soup

Cereal, Crackers, Canned juice, Canned fruit, Boxed stuffing, Canned gravy, Noodles, Boxed cookies

Baby and toddler food items

Personal hygiene items - soap, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, deodorant (both male and female)

When you get to the meeting take your food directly to Vicki and she will accept your donation and give you a raffle ticket(s), put your name on the back of the ticket(s) and give back to Vicki or her helper.

Let's all join in, Together we can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

If we forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

Ronald Reagan



There were no raffles this month.

## From One Prospector to Another by John Hegel

Abba Father ,

First of all I thank you for sharing with me that You too are a prospector ,and Your methods are very similar to mine. You dig your nuggets back out of the earth where they've fallen over time. Then You put them back into the trammel of life and run Your water over them to dislodge , separate and clean them from the clay and sand that they were embedded in for so long . For the ones that have embedded themselves deep into the rock, You crush up rock and bathe them in Your powerful water to release Your nuggets. Your refining process is also similar. You use the heat of life to soften, strip the impurities from them, and remold them to your liking.

I know You are working hard to release (reclaim) all of them before their allotted time runs out. I thank You again and again for reclaiming me .

P.S.

You can turn up the heat on my furnace any time, remold me to Your Specs not mine.

Praising You now and forever,  
Your son,  
John

## NEW MEMBERS 2009

Danny & Angela Baker	Todd & Stephanie Holleman
Jim & Connie Blixt	Jeff Isles
Travis Bosker	Cody & Erin Jaynes
Ray & Janet Clark	Mark & Corene Jones
Gary Crowell	Roy & Opal Keithley
Mark Daggett	Timothy & Julie Koczur
Will Dittman	Dean & Debby Kratz Jr.
Howard Dykstra	Ricky Lovelien
Robert & Sherry-Combs Elias	John & Mary Lyons
Jerry & Valerie-Cozart Funk	Linda and J.A. Mays
Rick Gabert	Christian & Darcy McCarthy
Clifton & Angela Greuter	Aaron McCaslin
David Groark	Jess & Mary Miles
Gary Guest	Terry Miller
Ron & Rosemary Holden	Baden & family Neilson
Daniel & Tammy Newton	Ray & Ann-Sanchez Nichols
Terry & Linda Olson	Joel Pattengale
Brook & Loretta Peterson	Larry Prott
Frank Puval	Carl & Lori Radabah
Ronald & Marie-Robins Robinson	
Danielle & Vernon Schrader	Marge Schwede
Penny Shannon	Monty & Betty Spencer
Mark Stewart	Ernest Veigel
Jerry Walden	Gerald & Ava Walters
Mark & Tami White	James White
Thomas & Joy Wiggins	John & Cindy Wolf
Wayne McCarroll	Jim Dirk
Mike Kaluza	

## Understanding grains, grams and dwt (penny weight) and Troy Oz

### WEIGHT CONVERSIONS

#### USING TROY OZ

GRAMS	OZT	GRAINS	DWT
31.1	1.00	480	20

#### USING IMPERIAL OZ

GRAMS	OZ	GRAINS	DWT
28.3	1.00	437.04	18.21

#### CALCULATIONS

TO CONVERT	TO	MULTIPLY BY
GRAMS	GRAINS	15.4324
GRAINS	GRAMS	.0648
GRAMS	OZ (AVDP)	.0353
GRAMS	OZT	.03215

#### IN OTHER WORDS

**There are 31.1 grams in an ounce, or 480 grains, or 20 dwt**

Which means that there are 15.4324 grains in 1 gram

#### HOW THIS HELPS YOU

When you see a nugget on Ebay, that weighs 6.4 grains, and the bid is at \$13.25, you WANT to

**be able to figure out how much per oz., you would be paying, its simple.**

Take the price of the gold \$13.25 and divide it by the weight (in grains) = \$2.07 per grain

Now multiply \$2.07 x 480 (grains in an ounce) = \$993.75 (per OZT)

**As most of you know the Governor of Calif. Signed into law Senate Bill 670 that stopped suction dredging.**

The New 49ers Legal Fund has created a raffle to raise money to help fight to overcome SB 670.

You can see the prizes and help the cause at this site

<http://bb.bbboy.net/thenew49ers-viewforum?forum=5>

There are several thousands of dollars in this Raffle.

If you don't think this will effect us, you have no business looking for gold.

Support the cause, because we could be next on the list.

Submitted by Allen C.

**ONLY A GOVERNMENT THAT IS AFRAID OF ITS  
CITIZENS TRIES TO CONTROL THEM.**