



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 December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m. with potluck lunch @ Noon. Please bring a gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange if you want to join in the fun.

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

Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors  
Treasurers Report for October 2011

Balances Forwarded:

Cash Drawer	\$95.00
Valley Bank - Checking	\$2,865.23
Valley Bank - Fundraising	\$576.10
Whitefish Credit Union	<u>\$1,004.79</u>
Total	\$4,541.12

Income:

Merchandise	\$0.00
Interest Fundraising	\$0.15
Club Raffle	\$110.00
Memberships	\$150.00
Interest Credit Union	\$0.00
Interest Fundraising	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$260.15

Expenses:

2 pumps at 100.00 each	\$200.00
May Gold Show Raffle Tickets	\$169.50
Club meeting hall rental	\$10.00
October Outing Expenses	\$1,379.77
Charlie Kins Food	<u>\$64.10</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,823.37

Ending Balances:

Cash Drawer	\$95.00
Valley Bank - Check book balance	\$1,301.86
Valley Bank - Fundraising	\$576.25
Whitefish Credit Union	<u>\$1,004.79</u>
Total	\$2,977.90

## **Minutes for the November 12, 2011 Meeting of the NWMGP**

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Evans.

The minutes were read by Secretary Ron Maupin and approved.

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

Old Business:

The Teakettle Community Hall on 235 Nucleus Avenue in Columbia Falls will be the building for the winter meetings.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The party will start at 11:00 am in the Teakettle Community Hall. Pot Luck will start at 12 noon followed by the gift exchange. It was discussed to raise the gift limit to \$15-\$20 dollars however it is whatever members are comfortable spending. Allen asked that members bring gifts that are NOT gender specific. Bring gifts that men or women would like to have.

Raffle tickets for the May Gold Show are available now. Please take some home and sell them to your friends and neighbors.

Braxton discussed the 2012 Gold Show. Tentative dates are the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of May. The times for the show will be 9-5 on Saturday and 10-3 on Sunday. The raffle prizes for the gold show are a Gold Bug Pro Detector, 3.4 gram Libby Creek Gold Nugget, and a 4 oz. silver bar that is a replica of a \$100.00 bill. The gold show is a tremendous amount of work. The club needs members to volunteer to help set up, run the gold show and clean up after the show is over. Clarence volunteered to talk to the radio stations and television stations. Allen volunteered to set up advertising with the magazines.

The election ballots will be in the next newsletter.

Ric Lance donated all his equipment in the breakfast trailer to the club. It is suggested that Ric Lance be recognized for his work in the Club.

The club is still on the lookout for a dump truck. 1 ton dully, 3 yard, gas engine, with a price tag of \$3,000 a possibility.

No progress has been made on building the new trommels.

The Teakettle Community Hall will be kept for the winter meetings.

New Business:

Allen brought up an idea to buy some Libby Creek gold and put that gold into gold bags for sale. A motion was made, it was discussed and the idea was tabled.

Sandy made an apology to any new members that did not receive a news letter because of a computer glitch that deleted 7 members from the mailing list. The member's addresses were hand written on the labels for this next newsletter.

Clarence made a motion that any nominations of members for Life Membership be submitted to the officers.

This will be discussed on an annual basis and the board will vote on those nominations. Motion was seconded and approved.

Ed Atchley has not been doing well. Please keep him in your prayers.

If any member would like to have a guest speaker come and address the club at a winter meeting, contact Dale or Braxton for scheduling.

Vicki will try and get the newsletter out two weeks after the meetings each month.

Meeting adjourned.

### **Raffle**

Top O Deep donated by the club won by Ron Maupin

Tool Set donated by Ron Maupin won by Earl Brown

Safety Glasses donated by Sandy Randall won by Ralph Smith

Prospector Pin donate by Sandy Randall won by Lee Boyd

Gold Pan donated by Two Bits Prospecting Supply won by Jill Taber

Gold Vials and Magnet donated by Allen Corneliusen won by Bill Moeller

Peanuts donated by Bill Moeller won by Janet Liston

Gloves donated by Bill Moeller won by Ralph Smith

Tape Measure donated by Les Brininger won by David Kitts

Wrenches donated by Les Brininger won by Jon Van Dort

Wrench donated by Les Brininger won by Jill Taber

Sewing Kit donated by Charlie Kins won by Lee Boyd  
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Prospector Hat Pin donated by Lee Boyd won by Sandy Randall  
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Buffalo Nickel donated by Bob Liston won by Bill Marsh Buffalo Nickel donated by Bob Liston won by Charlie Kins  
lunch Bag donated by Jill Taber won by Charlie Nanna Moose donated by Jill Taber won by Ralph Smith  
Afghan donated by Ida Middleton won by Lee Boyd Puzzle donated by Ida Middleton won by Bill Moeller  
Puzzle donated by Ida Middleton won by Janet Liston Snow Men donated by Ida Middleton won by Bill Moeller  
Tape Measure donated by ? won by Braxton Walborn

During the summer of 1878 John Hays was working a small placer claim about half a days ride west of Philipsburg. The claim was in a gulch along a small stream that emptied into Rock Creek.

Most of the miners from the initial rush had left in the belief that the stream was worked out. However, there were a few individuals who were willing to work a little harder and dream a little less than most of the other miners. These men would work streams and hit paying pockets of gold the dreamers had passed over in their rush to skim the surface and gather instant riches.

John Hays was of that breed of men who believed that hard work would be rewarded. He took his time, worked hard and covered the streams carefully. This was how he came to the old claim up the gulch from Rock Creek. The returns from his labor and perseverance were good. He lived in a small cabin near the stream that had been built then deserted by the first miners in the area.

During the late spring and early summer Hays had taken a lot of gold out of the stream. He cached it near his cabin and claim. When he was in need of provisions he would take a small amount of gold, leaving the large cache hidden, and ride into Philipsburg, in Granite County.

Hays was returning to his cabin on July 11, 1878, from Philipsburg, where he had gone to town for the Fourth of July celebrations and stayed over to visit and stock up on supplies. As he made his way up the Rock Creek Trail toward his claim, a band of renegade Nez Perce Indians were hiding near where the west fork of Rock Creek flowed into the main stream, observing him.

The Indian band consisted of 13 renegade warriors, led by Yellow Wolf, a nephew of Chief Joseph. As the Indians watched the white man ford Rock Creek, the leader decided to rob and kill him.

The next day Yellow Wolf and two braves approached Hays as he worked his claim while the rest of the warriors remained hidden in the trees. Yellow Wolf told Hays a tale of a new location of gold to gain his confidence while another Indian grabbed his pistol from its holster.

In the turmoil that followed, Hays managed to kill one warrior by crushing his skull with a rock. A few minutes later Hays died silently the same way.

The Indians then ransacked the cabin and searched for Hays hoard of gold, but were unable to find it. The gold that Hays buried near his cabin, as far as is known, is still waiting.

Allen

info from the internet

**GOLD SHOW RAFLE  
TICKETS**

Fisher Gold Bug Pro, 4oz Silver Replica  
\$100.00 Bill  
3.4 oz. Gold Nugget from the Clubs Claim in  
Libby

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If you have more than one person in your family that can vote say husband and wife, the first line is for husband or wife and second line is for the next person. If you have questions please call one of the current board members.

**President**

Dale Even

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**Vice President**

Braxton Walborn

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Don Roe

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**Secretary**

Sandy Randal

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**Treasurer**

Ron Maupin

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**Sargent of Arms**

Charlie Kin

Gary Wilmas

Bill Moller

Bob Listen

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Please have your ballots back no latter then January 13, 2012.

<p>Christmas Raffle Gold Splits \$1.00 Each 6 for \$5.00</p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p>
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December 10th is the  
next meeting @11:00

As of Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

Gold \$1717.40

Silver \$31.88

November 2011

Hey to all you Prospectors,

I hope all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving. How did all you hunters do? Let me know and I'll let everyone else know. Just a few things I thought you might want to know. Jon and Penny Van Dort just became Great Grandparents again. Welcome to Olivia. Congratulation!!

Allen Corneliusen has posted a video. You can go to this site on you tube to see some clips on our gold club in action. I watched it, it is good. Thank you Allen.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QLnnO83QCI>

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