



NUGGETS

- The Spanish galleon, *San José*, sunk off the coast of Colombia in the Caribbean sea in 1708. This ship may hold treasures few have ever seen—with an estimated \$4-17 billion (with a B) in gold, silver, and emeralds from Peru! Start taking those scuba classes now!
- The world's oldest gold relics were discovered in burial sites from Varna, Bulgaria and date from 4,500 BC. Over 3,000 artifacts weighed over 6 kg and included bracelets, thimbles, scepters, and beads.

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2017 CO Gold Panning Championship Results

by
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This years Gold Panning Colorado Championships were held June 16th, 17th, and 18th 2017 in beautiful downtown Breckenridge, Colorado.

The Gold Panning Championships were hosted by the city of Breckenridge, Colorado and the Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce. In annual tradition, the Championships were presented by Gold Prospectors of Colorado.

The championships were held in the Blue River Plaza, located on South Main Street. The three-day event was an excellent opportunity to see a variety of panning techniques and learn from some of the best. Eight different competition categories were available for panners, young and old. GPOC and the Town of Breckenridge congratulate the 2017 champions! First,

second and third place finishers received medals and a prize. Fourth place finishers received a golden "crying towel" as a consolation prize!

Friday, June 16, 2017

Old Timers:

Gary Beaderstadt
Stan Gurley
Lynn Murphy
Sue Koenig

National Style:

Jeff Irwin
Marty Allen
Stan Gurley
Jamie Hagler

Juniors Started Division:

Francesca Bartlett
Wyatt Clubb
Philomena Bartlett

Juniors Upper Division:

Zeke Valdez Villegas
Dayley Dutart
Landon Clubb

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Team Comps:

Team 1
Craig Koretoff
Darren Dawdy
Jamie Hagler

Team 2
Bud Yoder
Marilyn Divelbiss
Keith Koenig

Team 3
Bridget Koenig
Jonathan Morse
Gary Beaderstadt

Team 4
Nancy Gurley
Jeff Irwin
Dick Margeson

Men's:

Glenn Hagen
Ben Higley
Gary Beaderstadt
Jeff Irwin

Women's:

Nancy Gurley
Bridget Koenig
Lisa Koretoff
Marilyn Divelbiss

Sunday, June 18, 2017 Colorado State Comps:

Ben Higley
Marty Allen
Wayne Wittkopp
Marilyn Divelbiss

World's Dry:

Gary Beaderstdt
Glenn Hagen
Marilyn Divelbiss
Marty Allen



Fun was had by all who participated and watched the 2017 Annual Colorado Gold Panning Championships held in beautiful downtown Breckenridge, CO this past Father's day weekend.



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The Gold Prospectors of Colorado (GPOC) was founded around 1974 as a non-profit organization for recreational gold prospectors in the Colorado area. Our membership at any given time has grown to over 600 members and continues to grow across the Front Range, the nation, and even the world!

GPOC Outings & Events Planner

In response to feedback from our members, we are adding a rolling three-month planning calendar to each issue of the Quill. Now you can see and plan for events months in advance—and make requests to the Planning Committee for outings and events in YOUR club! Also check the next page and the GPOC web site at www.gpoc.club for more info on events including location and start times.

JULY 2017

SPEAKER: RAY GOLDEN, AUTHOR & RESEARCHER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 	5	6 GPOC Board Meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12 GPOC Gen. Member Meeting	13	14	15 WMMI Anniversary Week-end
16 WMMI Anniversary Week-	17	18	19		21	22
23/30 Burro Days (30th)	24/31	25	26 GPOC Planning Comm.		28	29 GPOC Claims Comm. Burro Days

AUGUST 2017


SPEAKER: RICHARD SAVERS, WMMI DIRECTOR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 GPOC Board Meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9 GPOC Gen. Member Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 GPOC Long Tom Outing @ Private Reserv.
20 GPOC Long Tom Outing @ Private Reserv.	21	22	23 GPOC Planning Comm.	24	25	26 GPOC Claims Committee
27	28	29	30	31		

- **GPOC Board Meetings** are held the 1st Thursday of each month at **7 pm**, Gold Hill Police Station, 955 Moreno Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, (access from W. Moreno Ave.). GPOC Members only.
- **GPOC Gen Membership meetings** are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at **7 pm**, Elks Lodge, 3400 N. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO. The General Public is welcome!
- **GPOC Planning Committee Meeting.** **7 pm** at Village Inn, Garden of Gods. & I25, CO Springs. GPOC Members Only.
- **GPOC Claims Committee** Meetings are held at WMMI at **10am**, the last Saturday of the month. GPOC Members Only.
- **GPOC New Member Orientations** are held on Saturdays indicated at 10am @ WMMI. March and June are also followed by a GPOC Power Class—where you can study the GPOC Rules, Ethics, and Regulations—and earn discounts on Power Permits.
- **GPOC New Member Outings** are held the Sunday after New member Orientations. Meet @ 9am in the Cabela's parking lot, off the Ridgeway Parkway exit off I-25, south side of Denver

SEPTEMBER 2017

SPEAKER: MEMBER PARTICIPATION/DISCUSSION ON CLEANUP EQUIPMENT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 GPOC Board Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13 GPOC Gen. Member Meeting	14	15 Denver Gem & Mineral Show	16 Denver Gem & Mineral Show
17 Denver Gem & Mineral Show	18	19	20	21	22 	23
24	25	26	27 GPOC Planning Comm.	28	29	30 GPOC Claims Power Season Ends

2017 Sue Drewes Pan It Forward Challenge!

The 2017 Gold Panning Championships contained a little something extra this year—an event to honor the memory and spirit of long-time GPOC member, Sue Drewes. The event, called the Sue Drewes Pan It Forward Challenge, paired GPOC members (trainers) with new-to-prospecting members of the Breckenridge crowd! GPOC members recruited members of the public to learn the art and science of gold panning at the GPOC troughs. Then, mid day on Sunday June 18th, those “greenhorns” panned their hearts out at the skills tables. Each got a bucket of sand with the same amount of small gold pickers mixed in—somewhere between 5 and 10, ‘Udge Dermitt will never tell—and had to see how many they could find using a smooth cleanup pan in only 15 minutes time. The photos below show the fun had by all in this event! Special contratulations go out to the top three teams of trainer/greenhorn, listed below, who each received a silver round (trainer) or a medal and prize (greenhorn). Congrats all!

1 Jamie Hagler/Kyle Gallentine

2 Phil Vigil/Debbie Drewry

3 Marilyn Divelbiss/Holly Gallentine



The Quill wants your feedback! Send us your story ideas, photos, artwork, summary of your prospecting trips, stories, and stuff you want to see published in the Quill. Got a great campsite that you want to share with your fellow GPOC prospectors? Know a nugget of Club history? Found your first nugget? Email us!

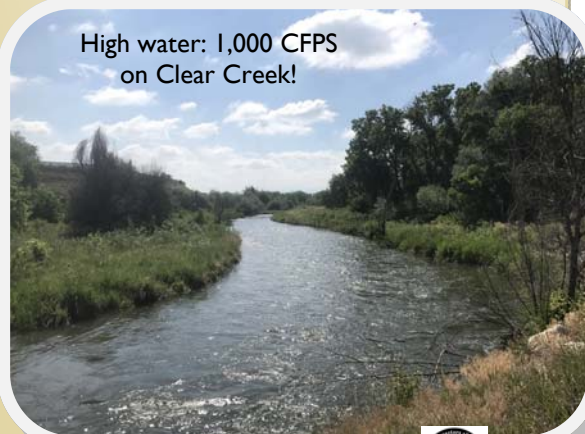
2017 Gold Panning Championships Photo Montage



2017 June New Member Outing



High water: 1,000 CFPS
on Clear Creek!



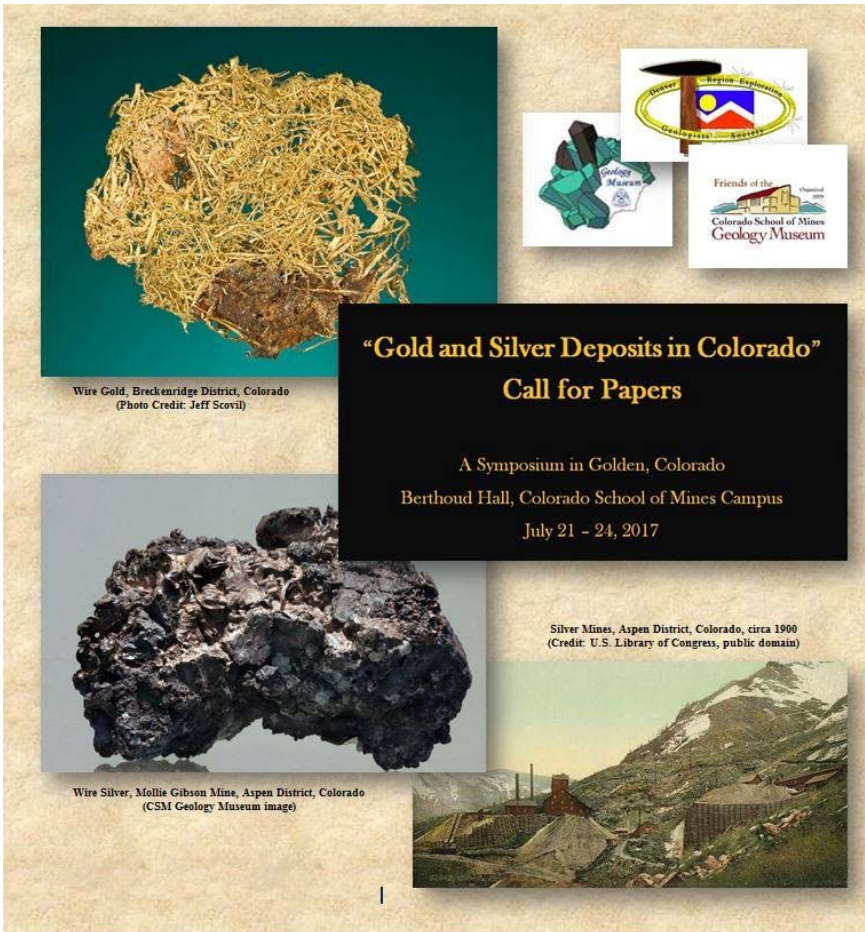
Symposium Notice: Gold and Silver Deposits in Colorado

Coming in July, a symposium to be held at the Colorado School of Mines Museum.

Thurs.–Mon., July 20–24, Gold and Silver Deposits in Colorado, a symposium cosponsored by the Friends of the Colorado School of Mines Geology

Museum, the CSM Museum, DREGS (Denver Region Exploration Geologists Society), and Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter.

The event will include a welcoming reception at the CSM Museum (Thursday evening), two days of talks (Sat.–Sun., July 22–23), a Saturday evening banquet with a speaker, and two days of



**“Gold and Silver Deposits in Colorado”
Call for Papers**

A Symposium in Golden, Colorado
Berthoud Hall, Colorado School of Mines Campus
July 21 – 24, 2017

Wire Gold, Breckenridge District, Colorado
(Photo Credit: Jeff Scovil)

Wire Silver, Mollie Gibson Mine, Aspen District, Colorado
(CSM Geology Museum image)

Silver Mines, Aspen District, Colorado, circa 1900
(Credit: U.S. Library of Congress, public domain)

field trips (Fri. July 21 and Mon. July 24) to historic Colorado gold and silver mining areas, focusing on the Front Range and

the northern half of the Colorado Mineral Belt. More information about the symposium is at: <https://www.facebook.com/LikeCSMGeoMuseum/posts/1822491981371516> . Reg-

istration cost will be \$100; students, \$50; banquet, \$40; each field trip, \$40. The registration form, including the list of field

trips, is now available on the Friends of Mineralogy-Colorado Chapter website, at <http://friendsofmineralogycolorado.org/gold-and-silver-depositsin-colorado-a-symposium/> .



GPOC will be demonstrating gold panning and offering supplies for purchase through the Prospectors Store at the Annual Burro Days this July in Fairplay! Join us!

Burro Days has been an annual event in Fairplay, Colorado since 1948. Burro Days celebrates the role of the burro in mining days of old.

Always held during the last weekend in July, the 69th Annual Burro Days will take place on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30, 2017.

Over 10,000 people participate in festivities such as: burro races, llama races, kiddies pack dog races, parades, contests, over 140 arts & crafts booths, over 30 food vendor booths, local musical entertainment, dance & BBQ, pancake breakfast, Cowboy Church services and more!

For more information, see:
<http://www.burrodays.com/index.htm>



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NOMAD Race Gold Panning Challenge, *continued*

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grabbed gold pans and a scoop full of fresh Arkansas river concentrated, and started panning. GPOC members and volunteers instructed rafters in their 20-minute timed race for gold. Some teams found tiny flecks of gold within minutes. Others found the heavy black sands of the Arkansas a bit more challenging. All got first-hand experience of what it was like in the 1800's to make a living on gold from the river! Racers then enjoyed a leisurely float through the beautiful Royal Gorge!





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2017 NOMAD Race—Gold Panning Challenge

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GPOC Member Scott Leidenberger shows racers how it's done in preparation for the NOMAD Gold Panning Challenge on the Arkansas River—near Parkdale.

In what is quickly becoming an annual GPOC-NOMAD race collaboration, the GPOC set up panning stations and provided pans and instructors for the 2017 NOMAD race Gold Panning Challenge! The NOMAD race is a 48-hour Colorado Adventure race, organized by Journey Racing co-creators Chelsea and James Luttrall. Billed as an adventure where racers “whitewater raft the spring runoff of the Arkansas River, bike epic single-track and gravel roads, trek across ridges, fields and peaks to the rewarding finish line back in civilization”, NOMAD embraces the history of central Colorado through its annual Gold Panning Challenge. This year, racers rafted the Arkansas from Coto-paxi to Parkdale with American Adventure Expeditions, then beached their rafts for a timed gold panning challenge.

Racers showed up en-masse, with more than eight rafts and teams inundating the beach in Parkdale. Rafters quickly

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