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## NUGGETS

- The 2017 power season is officially Don't forget to winterize your power equipment!
- Follow these easy steps to ensure your equipment will survive the winter:
- First, change the oil.
- Next check the air filter. Clean or change as needed.
- There are two approaches to winterizing your small engine when dealing with the gasoline left in your fuel tank at the end of the season. One approach is to drain the fuel out of the gas tank and then start and run the engine to get all the fuel out of the fuel lines and carburetor. The other is to add a stabilizer.

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## GPOC Election Rules & Process

by  
Andrew C. Hawkins

Elections for the 2018 GPOC Board will be held at the October GPOC General Membership meeting in Colorado Springs, CO. The election process began in September, when members were asked to nominate candidates for the 2018 Board. Then, in October, after each position is opened for final nominations, candidates will provide introductions and short statements about their

goals and qualifications for positions.

For members not familiar with the GPOC election process, the process is conducted by the current Trustees assisted by previous Trustees, if not on the ballot. The Trustee positions normally rotate, from Three to Two to One year positions. In response to membership concerns, each GPOC member will be checked for their status, and if in good standing, may be given a unique ID number card for the voting process. For expediency, the

trustees have previously agreed that if a single candidate was on the ballot for a given office, the members would vote by a show of their numbered card or hands, or acclamation.

New GPOC Board Members take office in January 2018—and are “sworn in” at the December General Membership Meeting. This allows a little overlap in the Board for a smooth and efficient transition.



## GARDEN OF THE GODS: A NATURAL LANDMARK

by  
Steven Wade Veatch

### CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER QUILL

In 1879, General William Jackson Palmer, the founder of Colorado Springs, persuaded his friend, Charles Elliot Perkins, to buy land in Garden of the Gods. Perkins paid \$22.00 per acre for 480 acres that surrounded the Gateway Rocks. Perkins, who lived in Iowa, was the president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. He never built on his land in Garden of the Gods and wanted his holdings to become a public park. Perkins died before this could be arranged. In

accordance with their father's wishes, Perkins' children offered the land to the City of Colorado Springs with the following restrictions: 1) the park will be free of charge to visitors; 2) the park will be known as Garden of the Gods; 3) no liquors could

be made or sold in the park; and 4) no buildings could be built, other than those needed to maintain the park.

Late in 1909, the Colorado Springs City Council accepted the land and conditions. Today, Garden of



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the Gods Park, with over 1,360 acres, is a national landmark (designated in 1972 by the U.S. Department of the Interior) and a popular destination for tourists from all over the world. We all owe a debt to the Perkins family.



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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](http://www.gpoc.club) for more info on events including location and start times.

## OCTOBER 2017

### GPOC BOARD ELECTIONS (NO SPEAKER)

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

## NOVEMBER 2017


### SILENT AUCTION (NO SPEAKER)

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

- **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 General 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. Look for the YELLER GOLD FLAG!

## DECEMBER 2017

### HOLIDAY PARTY (NO SPEAKER)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 GPOC Board Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13 GPOC Holiday Party	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 Merry Christmas!	26 	27	28	29	30



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