



### NUGGETS

- The first **GOLD RUSH** in the United States was actually in North Carolina in 1802
- The **NC** rush started when a 12-year old boy named **Conrad Reed** found a 17 pound gold nugget!
- What better to use it for than a doorstop! It served that purpose for several years before patriarch **John Reed** took it to a jeweler who identified it as gold
- The **Reed** mine generated about \$100,000 over a 21 year period

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# The Prospector's Quill

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## 2018 GPOC Board and Trustees Sworn-In

by Andrew C. Hawkins

Elections for the 2018 GPOC Board were held at the October GPOC General Membership meeting in Colorado Springs, CO. Then, at the December 2017 GPOC General Meeting and Christmas Party, the 2018 GPOC Board and Trustees were sworn in:

- President — Marty Allen
- Vice President — Charles Engler
- Secretary — Tanja Alday
- Treasurer — Wayne Wittkopp
- 3 Year Trustee — Paul Burns
- 2 Year Trustee — Calvin Johnson
- 1 Year Trustee — Andrew Hawkins



The Board continues to hold open meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Gold Hill Police Station, 955 Moreno Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 7 pm



## GPOC Members Donate Toys to Deserving Tots

by Andrew C. Hawkins

The GPOC collected toys at the annual Christmas party for the



US Marines' annual Toys for Tots program. While no active duty Marines were in attendance this year because of training up in Denver, the donations still flowed in thanks to the generosity of the GPOC Membership!

The Marines accepted a plethora of gifts for deserving children 14 and under. The toys were distributed for

Christmas to deserving children in the Colorado Springs area. Thanks to all the GPOC members for their generous dona-



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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.

## JANUARY 2018


### DAVID EMSLIE—PROSPECTOR'S GOLD AND GEMS

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



## FEBRUARY 2018

### CALVIN JOHNSON & ANDREW HAWKINS—FORUM TRAINING

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 GPOC Board Meeting	2	3
4	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 GPOC Gen Meeting	15 WMMI—CO Gold Mining Exhibit Opens	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 GPOC Claims Committee
25	26	27	28 GPOC Planning Comm.			



- **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 La Casita, 3725 E Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 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!

## MARCH 2018

### CALVIN JOHNSON—DREDGING AND HIGHBANKING

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



# **Gold Prospectors of Colorado**

## **Constitution and Bylaws- Revised June 1997**

### **ARTICLE I NAME**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be GOLD PROSPECTORS OF COLORADO.

Section 2. The principal office of the organization shall be located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Section 3. The accounting year for the Gold Prospectors of Colorado shall be the calendar year; January 1 through December 31.

### **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

Section 1. The Gold Prospectors of Colorado is a fraternal, social, nonprofit association whose primary purpose is to enhance family outdoor recreation by establishing programs to educate all members in the identification of and prospecting for gold and other minerals.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership dues are assessable annually.

Section 2. INDIVIDUAL. Any individual may be a member upon application and the payment of dues.

This Individual member is entitled to one vote in the business of the Gold Prospectors of Colorado.

Section 3. FAMILY. Any married couple, or parent, and their children are entitled to a family membership upon application and payment of dues. Family members reaching 18 years of age must make their own application for membership and pay their own dues.

Section 4. HONORARY. Individuals nominated by a member and accepted by a majority vote of members present may, because of an outstanding contribution to the purposes of the Gold Prospectors of Colorado, be designated as honorary members. Honary Members are entitled to all rights of membership except voting matters and will not be required to pay dues for one year form the date of membership acceptance.

Section 5. SHORT TERM. Short term memberships are available for two (2) or seven (7) day durations. Fees will be set by the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the Gold Prospectors of Colorado shall be: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, and TREASURER. Officers shall be active members elected by the general membership to serve for a period of one year.

Section 2. The activities and operation of the organization shall be governed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the four elected officers and three Trustees.

Section 3. The three Trustees shall be elected form the general membership to serve a three year term. On a rotation basis, one Trustee completes his or her term of office each year and a new Trustee is elected for a three year term.

Section 4. The immediate past President will serve on the Board of Directors for one year as a voting member.

### **ARTICLE V AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any GENERAL meeting.

### **BY-LAWS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEBRUARY 2018 ISSUE**



## 2018 GPOC Code of Ethics

- Members must observe all USDA Forest Service, BLM, and US Army Corps of Engineers regulations and all property rules concerning camping, fires, tree cutting, littering and mining.
- Members and guests must also abide by federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations, where applicable.
- Private property owners that allow us access to prospect on their property may also have additional rules to follow, and these will be respected.
- Public drunkenness, profanity, excessive noise, or other obnoxious behavior is prohibited while prospecting and at all GPOC functions/activities.
- Pets must be under control at all times, and not be allowed to run loose on claims and at GPOC events.
- The principal of pack it in-pack it out shall be observed in all areas. This includes cigarette butts and pull-tabs. If you find cans or other debris left by others, please carry them out with your trash.
- Our objective is to keep all prospecting areas neat and clean.
- Always refill any holes you dig. Try to leave the area neater than you found it.
- Members will not disturb, undercut, or undermine trees.
- When prospecting away from available toilet facilities, use your shovel as a toilet tool away from any camping areas, waterways, or trails. Scrape out a hole no deeper than 4 to 6 inches. That's because the first several inches-the biological layer-contains a system of disposers that will break down the waste (if you go deeper, you spoil the effect). Keep any sod intact and replace it after filling the hole. Sprinkle some pine needles and twigs on top and nature does the rest.
- Never mine within 10 feet of any road or established trail.
- The club is not responsible for any unauthorized use of its claims by non-members.
- While prospecting, always be thoughtful of other prospectors. Never dig closer than 2 shovel lengths from another prospector unless invited to do so. Pan or sluice in an area that does not seriously muddy the water of another prospector.
- Always obtain proper permits in advance of prospecting on public lands and club claims, where they may be required for certain types of prospecting.
- Always display appropriate identification items when prospecting (bumper stickers, name tags, membership card, permits, etc.).
- Members must carry their club membership card and any permits and be courteous when asked to show them on club claims.
- Members will appreciate and protect our heritage. (Do not collect or disturb historic or archaeological resources or sites.)
- Never refuel power equipment where oil or gas can enter any waterway.
- Dredge size is limited to 3 inches on the Private Reserve with appropriate permits (special rules may apply in different areas).
- Water from high bankers must always be discharged into a dug settling pond or other suitable area away from the stream so that this water does not directly re-enter the stream.
- The use of mercury or any strong acids in the testing or processing of gold will be restricted to appropriate areas (usually at home or workshop) and away from any waterway.
- All of our officers, committee chairpersons and committee members are volunteers. These people do their best to perform their tasks in an efficient manner. Harassment by other members is unacceptable. Be courteous to all Club members! No member shall threaten any other member in any way! Any grievances will be in writing and sent to the President. In all cases, use common sense and be thoughtful of others.
- Members who disregard club rules and regulations of this Code of Ethics are subject to suspension or revocation of club membership.

### Personal Conduct on Public Lands

- Control erosion and water runoff by protecting topsoil, and refilling prospecting holes.
- Take measures to isolate, remove, or control toxic materials.
- If you have a fuel spill, collect all contaminated soil by digging up the dirt containing the spill plus the dirt six inches around and beneath the spill. Dispose of the contaminated soil at a proper disposal site.
- Do not unnecessarily degrade public lands and report others who do.
- Reshape and re-vegetate disturbed areas where reasonable and practicable.
- Rehabilitate fisheries and wildlife habitat where reasonable and practicable.
- Do not collect or disturb historic or archaeological resources or sites.
- Do not disturb historic properties listed on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places. If you find a historically significant site, immediately report it to the BLM office in Canon City or the Forest Service office in Fairplay.
- Motorized vehicles are restricted to designated roads and parking areas. Park your vehicles in the existing parking areas.
- Keep your vehicle at least 20 feet from the edge of the stream and away from wet or muddy areas, such as streamside vegetation, or wetlands. (Exception: Vehicles may cross creeks and streams where a road crosses the creek or river.)

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- Do not disturb, but help protect, state or federal threatened and endangered species.
- Do not build or install any permanent or semi-permanent structures or storage facilities.
- Minimize the impact of fuel spills by refueling your motorized equipment 100 feet away from the river and adjacent wetlands. Store your fuels, batteries, etc. out of the flood-prone areas.
- Observe the principle of "PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT." Remove all trash, debris, or other items you brought to the area -- including cigarette butts and pull tabs. When possible, clean up trash left by others as well.

### General Prospecting

- Maintain equipment and facilities in a safe and orderly manner. (Leaky engines are not appropriate.)
- Be thoughtful of other prospectors. Don't dig, dredge, or high-bank closer than 2 shovel lengths from another unless invited to do so. Do your panning or sluicing where it does not seriously muddy the water of another prospector.
- Never mine within 10 feet of any road or established trail.
- Do not build stockpiles or tailing dumps greater than three feet tall or create other disturbances which could be construed to have significant scenic impact.
- Do not damage stream-side (riparian) vegetation in the process of placer operations.
- Do not disturb or undercut trees.
- Refill areas you excavated when you are through; if you leave for two days or more, complete this work before you leave.
- Rocks from the prospecting areas are to be set aside to be put back in holes at the reclamation stage of the operation. Material too large to be moved by hand shall remain undisturbed.
- Operations shall not disturb in excess of 2 cubic yards of material per day.
- Tractors, front-end loaders, and similar motorized digging machinery are not allowed on GPOC claims.
- Battery operated equipment -- recirculating high-bankers, spiral wheels, vacuums, etc. -- can be used year round.
- All water-based activities shall be conducted to prevent undercutting of banks. Do not undercut stream-banks above the high-water line.
- Use of motorized winches is not permitted on GPOC claims.

### Camping

- Be familiar with and abide by BLM and Forest Service standard guidelines that apply to all public land.
- Camping is authorized utilizing standard guidance applicable to public lands along the Arkansas River in cooperation with the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.
- You can camp up to 14 days in any 30 day period on any GPOC claim. If you want to camp longer than 14 days, you need to move to a camp site in a different location, in accordance with Federal, State or Local regulations.
- All campers are required, at a minimum, to carry and use a portable toilet.
- All campers are required to contain campfires in a fire pan or fire pit.
- Removal of solid waste from the claims area will be completed by each individual. "Pack it in, Pack it out." This includes portable toilets for the removal of human waste.
- The GPOC discourages use of firearms on claims. BLM and USFS regulations apply.

### Safety

- Wear personal protective equipment when you prospect! Boots, waders, and dry suits can protect you from frigid waters. Gloves protect your hands from cuts and scrapes. Safety glasses save your eyes when you are cracking that bedrock!
- The GPOC does not allow or condone the use of any toxic chemicals for gold recovery on our claims. No exceptions.
- Pets must be restrained on leashes no longer than ten feet or under verbal control.
- If you dig an excavation that creates a safety hazard, find a way to mark it or safely cover it until you can fill it in.
- All excavations shall have rocks and dirt replaced upon completion of operations. No sites shall be left open in excess of 14 days. If you dig an excavation that creates a safety hazard, see note above.
- The GPOC does not condone public drunkenness, profanity, excessive noise, and other obnoxious behavior on our claims. Have fun, but don't become an annoyance to your fellow club members.
- Don't drink and drive, and respect all local ordinances. Mountain towns may be small, but they are serious about safety!
- Don't speed in local towns -- we have members who can attest to the consequences.
- Always bring enough water for yourself and a friend who may not be smart enough to bring enough.
- Remember the words of Smokey Bear: "Only you can prevent forest fires!" Be aware of BLM and USFS fire bans.





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**Prospecting Colorado since 1974.**



# Happy New Year!

*Thank you all for your friendship, patronage  
and friendly smiles throughout the year.  
We wish you blessed holidays with family and friends.*

*Did Santa bring you everything on your pro-  
specting list? If not, come see us!*

## The Rock Doc

at Prospectors Village



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between Buena Vista and Salida

*Join our email list at "therockdoc.net"*

### **NONFICTION WRITING CLASS: GOLD, MINING, ROCKS, and MINERALS**

*Learn to write for the club newsletter*

The Western Museum of Mining and Industry invites you to join our 5th annual Winter Writer's Class. Are you ready to take your writing to the next level? We provide an intimate, inclusive program in a remarkable setting. This workshop combines superb instruction with unparalleled resources and is ideally suited for the public, teen writers, and especially beginners.

Immerse yourself in our intense one-day winter writing class designed for those who want to learn more about writing and publishing. Writing about nature, science, history and other nonfiction subjects offers exciting opportunities to be published. Although this class is open to the public, we will use examples from our hobby and writing for the club newsletter. Magazines, newspapers, bloggers, clubs, and schools are looking for articles to share with their audience, and this class can teach YOU how to PUBLISH.



**Class highlights**

- Work with a published author who will teach the class
- Learn about creative nonfiction, nature writing, science writing, history writing and how science poetry unleashes creativity

- Discover powerful research methods
- Identify and develop story ideas
- Learn potent craft tips
- Practice how to outline and structure stories
- Work with photos for your articles
- Understand the role of an editor in the publication process
- Discuss publication issues

A certificate will be awarded upon completion of the class. All other course materials will be provided including a morning reception. A writer's resource kit CD will be available for purchase for \$10 to continue the training beyond the session at the mining museum.

The writing class will take place at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80921. You must register for this class at 719-488-0880. The course fee is \$35 for adults and \$7 for students (21 and under). WMMI members receive \$5 off adult fee, and Class date: January 27, 2018. Class time: 9: 30 am to 12:30 pm.

Instructors: Steven Veatch and Ben H. Elick



## 2017 Hugh and Mary Hokenstad Awards Given at Christmas Party

by  
Andrew C. Hawkins

Over the last forty-three years, the Gold Prospectors of Colorado, have awarded annual honors to the most deserving male and female club members. These Awards, named in honor of our founders Hugh and Mary Hokenstad, were first put into effect when the Club was started in 1974.

Each year, the Hugh and Mary Hokenstad Awards go to one male and one female volunteer club member whom fellow club members vote as having made the biggest impact through volunteering throughout the year. The awards are travelling awards that contain small plaques with the year and name of the awardee and a clock to symbol-

ize the time that awardee has donated to the club.

When the GPOC was started, Hugh wanted it run entirely with volunteers. It included General Membership and Board Members. For the past 43 years, the GPOC has remained a completely volunteer-run organization. Founders Hugh and Mary not only donated their time to the club they loved, but also volunteered at the Penrose Cancer Dept, the VA, and Adventure Clubs.

The 2017 Hokenstad Award winners were Elise Pearce and Wayne Wytokopp. Collectively, Wayne and Elise have donated hundreds of hours of their time as club Treasurer/Raffle Chair and Membership Chair, respectively. In addition, both Wayne and Elise

volunteer at many events and outings throughout the year. Join us in recognizing and thanking Elise and Wayne for their generous support and leadership of our club!

As a special tribute to members lost during the 2017 calendar year, Elise and Wayne each donated their awards to Sue Drewes, Linda Jent, and Teddy Westcott. Each were named on the clock plaques that GPOC generates annually. Sue, Linda, and Teddy will be sorely missed by all who knew them. It was an honor to have family members present at the Christmas Party to see how much these folks were loved and respected amongst their fellow Club members. May all our memories of Sue, Linda, and Teddy be golden ones.

