



NUGGETS

- 2018 Power Season on GPOC Claims Started April 1 2018.
- To use motorized, you must purchase a GPOC Reclamation Permit for dredge or high-banker.
- Permits are discounted if you take the GPOC reclamation class.
- Do you want another reclamation class? If so, please post on the forum or email us: g pocplanning@gmail.com

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GPOC New Member Outing—Clear Creek

by Andrew Hawkins

It was a great turnout on Sunday March 25 for the first New Member Outing of the 2018 season. We had great weather too! About 20 people, including at least half as new members. It was great sunny weather until about 2:30pm when the clouds rolled in. We experienced a 3-4" drop in Clear Creek water level at around 1pm. That forced many of us to relocate or reposition. Many folks had sluices and we spread out all over the area to the West (upstream) of Broadway. Some ventured up around the bend, past the large dead tree stump and roots.

Generally water level was low - mid 40's cubic feet per second. The drop in water level after

lunch happend quickly - in less than 15 mins. Perhaps the last bit of melting snow was gone or a water control dam upstream was active. Or as some of us joked, Coors started bottling and needed the water!

I'll include some photos here, but as others see this, please post.

At least one new member, John from Denver, was a return visitor. He met several GPOC



Photos by GPOC Member Cindy Bond



members at the same location during the February outing and got some more gear (pan and classifiers) and a GPOC



Membership since last we met.

A few new members had their own creek adventure - when the water level came back up and took their pan downstream! The pan was safely retrieved and used again.

There were many cheers of Yellow gold and even a few reports of pickers to be had upstream of the dead tree stump.



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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.

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DON BRAY—MINERAL IDENTIFICATION



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 POWER SEASON STARTS	2	3	4	5 GPOC Board Meeting	6	7
8	9 DMNS Free Day	10	11 GPOC Gen Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Earth Day 	21 Rocky Mtn Nat'l Park Free Day
22	23	24	25 GPOC Planning Comm.	26	27	28 GPOC Claims Committee
29 DMNS Free Day	30					

MAY 2018

SYDNEY MOON—SPANISH MONUMENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 GPOC Board Meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9 GPOC Gen Meeting	10	11	12 GPOC Let's Go Gold Panning!
13 Mom's Day GPOC Let's Go Gold Panning!	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 GPOC Planning Comm.	24	25	26 Territory Days
27 Territory Days	28 Memorial Day Territory Days	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 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 GPOC Reclamation 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!

JUNE 2018

DAVID EMSLIE—PROSPECTORS GOLD AND GEMS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 GPOC Demo: Sportsmans' Warehouse CSprings
3	4	5	6	7 GPOC Board Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13 GPOC Gen Meeting	14	15 CO Gold Panning Champs	16 Breckenridge, CO
17 Dad's Day Breck CO Gold Panning Championships	18	19	20 GPOC Planning Comm.	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 GPOC Power Class & New Member Orientation

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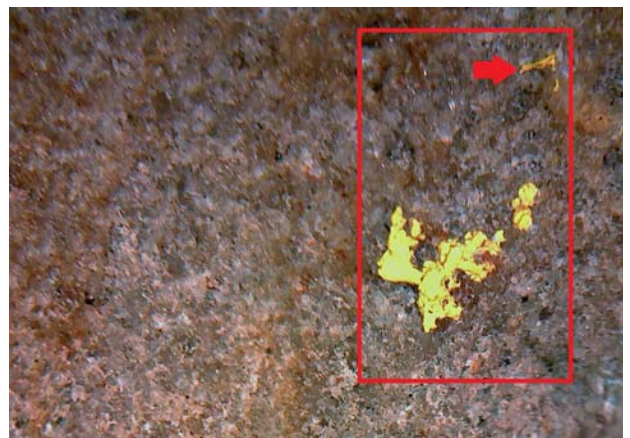
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Member Finds: Rock ID!

by Steven Wade Veatch

Hello! A member of our club brought me a sandstone rock from the Arkansas River. It has bits of gold splattered on the surface. An image shows an enigmatic strand of gold appearing to form as wire gold or crystalline gold on the surface as well. This is worthy of deeper investigation. For now, I have a teen Pebble Pup working on the project with me so he gains some experience in writing about something cool. I attach the image for you to ponder over. More to come in a future Quill!



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