



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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Let's Go Gold Panning! Mother's Day Weekend

by Andrew Hawkins

Once a year GPOC holds an open outing at our Woody's claim on the Arkansas River. The Let's Go Gold Panning outing is designed to give those who have never prospected a chance to try panning on a real river and find (maybe) some real gold! Have you ever wanted to get out in

the river or creek and learn? Come meet fellow GPOC members, young and old, and learn.

For those more experienced prospectors, we encourage you to bring your equipment and friends and family to this annual event. We'll have stations for panning, sluicing, dredging, and high banking. Not

sure how to use that new tool you got for the holidays? Bring it down to the claim and get it wet and make some new friends!

For directions, email a Board member or committee chair. Contact information is listed on the next page. No email, no problem! Call us on the club phone (719) 651-7930.



Next Reclamation Class: Saturday May 12

by Andrew Hawkins

It's that time of year again—POWER SEASON! Each year, GPOC offers a reclamation permit for our Arkansas River claims that allow members with power equipment to use it on the claims. The costs help cover

the cost of reclamation annually on the claims.

If you want to learn proper reclamation techniques and tips and get a discount on your dredge or highbanker permit, come to the next Reclamation Class on Saturday May 12 at 10am.

This will be a new thing: we are going to teach the reclamation class on the claims! We'll be at Woody's on the Arkansas for the Let's Go Gold Panning outing. For more information call the club phone or email Marty Allen or Mike Beaty.



Upcoming: Territory Days, Old Colorado City

Each year, GPOC sets up the Prospector's Store and several demonstration troughs at Territory Days in Old Colorado City.

Did you know that Old Colorado City, now part of Colorado Springs, was founded as a way point and place to get supplies before prospectors in the 1800's went into the mountains to find their treasure?

Territory Days began in 1975 as the "Rampart Range Sertoma Territory Days Parade and Buffalo Barbecue".



In 1976 the name was changed to Territory Days to commemorate "Colorado City" (now known as Old Colorado City) as the first capitol of the Colorado Territory in 1861.

Territory Days began as a merchant organized barbecue and parade and has grown into a three-day street festival which now hosts 200 craft, commercial and food booths. Between 80,000 and 140,000 guests, (depending on the weather), enjoy this event every Memorial weekend.

The historic district on Colorado Avenue between 23rd Street and 27th Street will come alive with live music, food, fun and entertainment for the entire family. One of the state's largest craft vendor fairs is highlighted with features including pony rides, kids play area, petting zoo, mechanical bull, Cowboy Church Service, toy train rides, gold panning, wild west gunfight re-enactments, live blacksmithing, period costumed characters, live birds of prey, native American dancers, and two beer gardens with live music running all three days.



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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.

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! Rec Class
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		

JUNE 2018



DAVID EMSLIE—PROSPECTORS GOLD AND GEMS

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

- **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!

JULY 2018

SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

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