



## Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors Club

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### **"CODE OF ETHICS"**

**Any Violation reflects on all of us!**

1. Know and obey the laws, rules and regulations pertaining to mining.
2. Respect private property and mining claims of others. Get Permission First!
3. Conduct your mining activity in a manner that will cause minimal disturbance to others.
4. Plan your operation prior to proceeding to ensure minimal environmental impact and erosion.
5. Restore the area to its original or better condition when finished with your operation.
6. NEVER disrupt or damage wildlife breeding sites, even if it's legal to do so.
7. Remove all trash and debris found in and around all streams, rivers, and campsites.
8. Keep your equipment maintained and in peak operating condition.
9. Use extreme caution when using petroleum products around waterways.
10. MINE SAFELY! No amount of gold is worth your life or the life of others.

### **CLUB MEETINGS**

**December 12,**

**2009**

**12:00 P.M.**

**MEETING ROOM  
IN COLUMBIA  
FALLS**

# 99ER'S NUGGET NEWS

Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors Club

December 2009

Editor: Mary Lance

Quote of the Month: **YOU ONLY HAVE THE RIGHTS YOU ARE WILLING TO FIGHT FOR!!** Author unknown

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**December 10, 2009**

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## GOLD PRICES:

AS OF : November 30, 2009

Gold \$1179.00

Silver \$ 18.49

## OUR WEBSITE:

**NWMTGoldprospectors.com**

**Please send newsletter information to:**

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!!!!!!!

If my wishing you a merry Christmas offends you, I don't care. You may ignore it like I do with statements I do not agree with. To me a merry Christmas means Joy, Peace, Love, and the glorious celebration of the birth of our Lord. I refuse to sit and let the world remove the celebration of Christmas from my world without a fight. Those who sit and say nothing, agree with whatever people are shoving down our throats. I am not ashamed of loving Jesus and will stand up for the right to say so.

Any of you who want to receive the newsletter through email, please send me your email address. Those of you who already get it, please send me whose name goes with each email. I was given the email addresses with no names and I would like to match them up.

There were twenty five members in attendance at our October meeting. Thanks to all of you who brought goodies. It was a long, very interesting meeting and we learned a lot about how sluice boxes work and how the flow of water determines how the sluice box performs. Thank you Cy for this information. Remember it doesn't hurt to run your concentrate more than twice. Catch pans are a must.

Remember the food drive and the Christmas Party at the December meeting. Elections will be in January.

Mary

## ADVERTISEMENTS

In stock is White's new GMZ Gold Detector It is a 2 knob, 1 switch 50 khz, silent search detector and will accept all of White's Goldmaster coils and the best deal is it is priced at \$499.95

Find it at

Big Sky Metal Detectors

406-253-1678

note from Norma Galvin

Thank you so much for your card. I also want to thank the men and Ann for taking such good care to get me down the hill, I know that wasn't easy. Ann, you're the best. I'll never forget your compassion and gentle touch. We will see all of you again someday soon, I hope.

**BIG SKY METAL DETECTORS & PROSPECTING  
SUPPLIES**

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PO Box 488

Ronan, Mt. 59864

406-253-1678

5 ½ horse power pump with suction hose \$120.00 Call  
John Van Dort 755-6528

Member update:

Shirley Hegel has agreed to be our new cookie monster. Welcome Shirley and if you need help, call on any of us to help.

**Two Bits Prospecting Supplies**

Braxton and Vicki Walborn

[twobitsprospectingsupplies@yahoo.com](mailto:twobitsprospectingsupplies@yahoo.com)

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2472 Hwy. 93 S.

406-253-6227

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Kalispell, Mt. 59901

Members ads will be printed in the newsletter free of charge. Please send them to my email or my home address by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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# FOOD DRIVE REMINDER

PLEASE HELP TO MAKE THIS A VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT AND BLESS OTHERS

A NWMGP **Food Drive**. For every can or box of non-perishable food items that you bring to the meeting you will receive one raffle ticket. Put your name on them and drop them in the bucket. If you bring 10 items you get 10 tickets, 20 items you get 20 tickets...so on and so on.

At the Christmas party we will draw one ticket to win a **Gold Nugget** and one ticket for a Free **2010 Club Membership**.

This will run for Dec meeting.

Big Sky Metal Detectors will donate the gold nugget.  
The food will be given to the Food Bank

Please **DO NOT** bring the following

Perishable food, Dented cans, Crushed boxes, Exotic or imported items

Expired dates - do not clean out your pantry or cabinets of old food items that you would not eat

## **Items wanted and needed**

Canned vegetables - all kinds and all sizes, Canned meat - ham, chicken breast, tuna, salmon any other protein items

Boxes of Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, Boxed macaroni and cheese, Soup

Cereal, Crackers, Canned juice, Canned fruit, Boxed stuffing, Canned gravy, Noodles, Boxed cookies

Baby and toddler food items

Personal hygiene items - soap, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, deodorant (both male and female)

When you get to the meeting take your food directly to Vicki and she will accept your donation and give you a raffle ticket(s), put your name on the back of the ticket(s) and give back to Vicki or her helper.

LET'S ALL PITCH IN AND MAKE THIS A HUGE SUCCESS.

## **Proposed Amendment 28 to the US Constitution!**

"Congress shall make no law that applies to any citizen of the United States that does not apply equally to all US Senators and Representatives, and Congress shall make no law that applies to any US Senator or Representative that does not apply equally to all citizens of the United States . All existing laws and regulations that do not meet these criteria shall be declared null and void!"

This has been brought to my attention that some citizens are trying to get passed

## Understanding grains, grams and dwt (penny weight) and Troy Oz

### WEIGHT CONVERSIONS

#### USING TROY OZ

GRAMS	OZT	GRAINS	DWT
31.1	1.00	480	20

#### USING IMPERIAL OZ

GRAMS	OZ	GRAINS	DWT
28.3	1.00	437.04	18.21

#### CALCULATIONS

TO CONVERT	TO	MULTIPLY BY
GRAMS	GRAINS	15.4324
GRAINS	GRAMS	.0648
GRAMS	OZ (AVDP)	.0353
GRAMS	OZT	.03215

#### IN OTHER WORDS

**There are 31.1 grams in an ounce, or 480 grains, or 20 dwt**

Which means that there are 15.4324 grains in 1 gram

#### HOW THIS HELPS YOU

When you see a nugget on Ebay, that weighs 6.4 grains, and the bid is at \$13.25, you WANT to **be able to figure out how much per oz., you would be paying, its simple.**

Take the price of the gold \$13.25 and divide it by the weight (in grains) = \$2.07 per grain

Now multiply \$2.07 x 480 (grains in an ounce) = \$993.75 (per OZT)

## RAFFLE WINNERS FOR OCTOBER MEETING

WINNER	PRIZE	DONATED BY
Braxton W.	pouch and gold bottle	Wayne H.
Braxton, Wayne H., Tony M.	9 utility knives	Charlie K.
Herb R., Wayne H., Jerry B., Dan S., Joe G. , Wayne H.		
Don Roe	top O' Deep	Club
Wayne H.	silver round	Club
Joe G.	bear lamp	Herb R.
Jill T.	moose card tray	Herb R.
Milah G.	LED light	Gary H.
Braxton W.	Amethyst jewelry stones	Billy M.
Don R.	Walking stick	Harry P.
Bob L.	blanket	Harry P.
Wayne H.	gold pan	Two Bit Prospectors
Charlie K.	nugget	Club
Wayne H.	pocket magnet	Two Bit Prospectors

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT TO BOX 3242 C. FALLS IF YOU ARE  
UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO CAST YOUR BALLOT

President

Herb Robinson \_\_\_\_\_

Write in \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President

Scott Kershmen \_\_\_\_\_

Don Roe \_\_\_\_\_

Clarence Taber \_\_\_\_\_

Write in \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer

Sandy Randle \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

Jill Taber \_\_\_\_\_

Write in \_\_\_\_\_

Sergeant Of Arms  
vote for two

Ric Lance \_\_\_\_\_

Bob Liston \_\_\_\_\_

Jon Van Dort \_\_\_\_\_

Write in \_\_\_\_\_

## **N.W. M.G.P. minutes for November 14,2009**

**Braxton called the meeting to order.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Minutes for the September Meeting were read and approved  
Treasures report was read and approved.  
There were 25 people present.**

#### **Old Business:**

**There was no ballot in the news letter because there was no one that wanted to run for the secretary position. So the nominations were open right away. Jill Taber volunteered to run for this position. Clarence Taber also let us know that Evelyn Grant has been the sunshine lady for a long time now and really is not in the position to do this any more. Clarence asked Vicki Walborn if she would be willing to do this, she said she would till someone else volunteered. We also have a new Cookie Monster, it is Shirley Hegel, this is John Hegel's wife. Thank you Shirley.**

**Herb talked to us about the Gold Shows. We really need to decide what we want to do. There was a suggestion that we just work on our own show and then if the Butte Show does go through, we can always take a table down there and sell memberships and some of our other stuff. Herb was asked if he wanted a committee: he said yes and Ric Lance, Allen C., Don Roe, Clarence Taber, and Braxton Walborn all volunteered. Herb also asked Harry Pittman to put on his metal detector class for us. He said he would. He let us know he would be better prepared for the class this year. Braxton let Herb know that he is working on a nugget for the raffle. Herb thinks we have a good start on the show. We need donation for the raffle for the show.**

**Clarence asked the club if we would be interested in cutting and raffling off the wood from the claims. We could also donate some of it. We talked about this for a few minutes and we thought that would be a great idea and will work that out next year.**

**There was a lot of food brought in for the nugget that Allen donated for the food drive. Remember it is still going on and the valley is in real need this year. If you can please give.**

**The Christmas party starts at 12:00p.m.  
We will do the gift exchange again this year.**

#### **New Business:**

**Ric read us a letter they got. A gentlemen from the club wanted to know if we sold concentrate. We talked about this. We all agreed that this would be a lot of extra work and would take our operation in a direction we are not ready to go. A motion was made that we do not do this and was seconded by Maureen and the vote was taken . It passed.**

**Articles for the news letter need to be in to Mary be the 25th of the month so that she can get it together and out. Any and all updates need to go to Mary.**

**Harry and Maureen Pittman have a cargo trailer for sell. They would be willing to sell it to the club for \$1000. Herb asked a few questions about the trailer. It has a new axle and the tires are good, the spare has never been on. It has a side door and lots of hooks for securing things. Wayne let us know that the trailer he bought was a lot more than that.**

**Clarence made a motion that the club buy the trailer. It was seconded and the club voted yes. Braxton wrote them check for this. This will help Wayne out a lot but we will need some- one to volunteer to help get it back and forth from Wayne's house to the panning area.**

**This was all the business the club had. We had a guess speaker. Cy Brass took the floor and talked to us about some of his operation up in Alaska, and then talked to us about sluice boxes and water flow.**

**We had the raffle. REMEMBER AT EVERY WINTER MEETING, THERE WILL BE A NUGGET RAFFLED OF WITH THE REGULAR RAFFLE AND YOU HAVE TO BE THERE TO WIN IT!!!!!!! THERE IS ALWAYS A SILVER ROUND AND A BAG OF TOP O' DEEP DIRT FROM THE CLUB.**

The club agreed to award a silver round to the person who contributes the most usable information to the newsletter. You can't win this if you don't send me some articles. Thought waves and good intentions don't count.

**The Northwest Montana Gold Prospector Christmas Party will be Sat., Dec. 12 at 12:00 Noon at the North Valley Community Room in Columbia Falls where we hold our regular winter meetings. Please bring a dish for the potluck and a wrapped gift for the Chinese exchange game \$10 or under. Please indicate on the package if it is specifically for a woman or man or if it can be for either. Come early if you like but we will try to eat as close to noon as possible as we do not have a good way to keep food hot longer than that. Hope we have a good turn out.... see you there.**

Harry promised an article to be printed here, but I guess he was too busy metal detecting or playing in his money house counting his gold to get it to me. Give him a little prod in the memory Maureen for next month.

A big thank you to Chuck Smith for volunteering the gas cards for the December meeting and offering to work with concentrate if we decided to sell it.

A big apology for missing a couple new members last month in the newsletter. I did not have the information and if I miss anyone in the future, contact me and I will make sure it is included in the next newsletter.

Welcome Gordon Scott and his wife Allison Atherton.

Any names misspelled in the newsletter are not intentionally misspelled. I am not familiar with everyone's spelling of their name. I will get better with this as soon as I learn them all. Information passed on to me doesn't always come with the correct spelling.

Dear Abby, What can I do about all the Sex, Nudity, Fowl Language and Violence on my VCR?

Dear Abby,  
My mother is mean and short tempered.  
I think she is going through mental pause.

## Letter from Clarence and Jill

**It's been a good year and we aren't talking tires. Many thanks to our elected officers....Braxton and Vicki Walborn, Herb Robinson, Gary Henry, Bob Liston and Ric Lance.**

Highlights and Thank yous of the year go out to:

- To Herb and Ric for putting on the Gold Show in Kalispell and to all those that helped with it.
- To the diggers this year... Herb Robinson, Contractor from Whitefish, Clarence Taber and skidster loaders... Braxton Walborn and Wayne Hartley.
- To Ric, Braxton and Bob Liston for a new head gasket and a new brake master cylinder in the dump truck. This was the second successful season for the dump truck.
- Thanks to the good turnouts for all the outings. Glad to see those from longer distance away come... Mike and Anne Rhoads from Sand Point, Darrell Bryles from Helmville and Estil Hunt from Idaho attending most outings.
- To the metal detector folks who did well in finding a good amount of nuggets and the dredgers did pretty good as well.
- To Ralph Smith and Allen Corneliuson for all their good deeds.
- To the pump running crew, Billy Mohler and others.
- To Ron Mopin for driving the truck.
- To Scott Kirschman, communication director and phone service at camp and for getting things we needed up to camp from town.
- To Horse Bisquit Ric for the great Sunday morning breakfasts and bringing all the tables, tubs and stuff to make it happen.
- To those many helpers who cooked eggs in the morning on Sundays.
- To all the people that made and brought yummy stuff to the many potluck dinners.
- To Myla Ganno for another year of newsletters.
- To Braxton for a summer of good meetings.
- To Debbie Robinson for her creativity and generosity of always sending items for our raffles.
- To Ida Middleton for all the many afghans she has made over the years and donated to the many raffles. How many hours of work and miles of yarn???
- To all those that threw rocks all day so they did not get hauled up to the work site.
- To Vicki Walborn for being Hill Commander, cleaning trowsers and unifying the efforts of the gold recovery. And to Vicki for being secretary and all those duties that go along with that job.
- To Sandy Randal for dressing up as a miner not leaving a clue of whom she might be. Ha
- To all those panners who spent tireless hours in the cold creek panning out all the concentrates.
- To Jon VanDort and the others who showed the new folk how to pan for gold.
- To Jerry Bartch for putting up the claim boundary signs and more.
- To all those who helped on the education committee educating kids at our schools about the history and importance of mining.

This list could go on forever so if your name is not mentioned forgive me. Every day and every hour all of you who have stepped forward to help make this club what it is deserves a rest by the evening campfire humbled by the prayer and good thoughts of others.

I would like to dedicate this letter to all of those that helped save the mining claim for the club and to Wayne for all his help, to Bob Lastofska and Don Manning, our Senior, lifetime members for finding the claim and securing the lease for it in the first place.

Wayne, there is not enough space or time to list all the things you do for our club.

And Remember.... Our 2009 NWMGP Christmas party is Sat. Dec. 12th starting at 12 Noon at the North Valley Community Room, the tan building where we have all our winter meetings. Bring a dish for the potluck dinner and a wrapped gift \$10 or under for the Chinese gift exchange game.

And remember to vote for our new officers.

Sincerely, Clarence Taber

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