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**DUES ARE DUE** Just a reminder that your 2012 club dues are due.

Looking at the Current Member's Report there are 182 memberships listed and only 66 of those have paid for the year 2012

The Current Member's Report shows that the Club is represented by 32 Towns in MT, 12 States and 1 Canadian Providence.

To keep from getting dropped from the list, please get you new membership paid.

Thank You

**First Outing**

June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Libby Creek Public Panning Area.

## BIG SKY METAL DETECTORS

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## WINNERS FROM THE GOLD SHOW

The gold nugget was won by Sandy Randall

The Silver Bar was won by Charlie Kins.

The Metal detector was won by Darleene Johnson.

The Scale Donated by Fort Steele was won by Deneen Slack

The gold panning kit was won by Ron Maupin

The steel pan Donated by Fort Steele was won by Don Roe.

The moose /bear light donated by Joe and Mila was won by Eric Robinson

The club pillow donated by the club was won by Bob Liston.

A rock witch I think I was told is peterfied wood donated by Joe and Mila was won by Shep.

## WINNERS AT THE SPRING KICK OFF

Metal Dedctecting Contests

1<sup>st</sup> Kids :Clayton Matelich

2<sup>nd</sup> Kids: Jordan Siemens

3<sup>rd</sup> Kids: Avery Matelich and Cabeb Sweder

1<sup>st</sup> Audlt: Billie Moeller

2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Henry

3<sup>rd</sup> Don Roe

Panning

1<sup>st</sup> Kids Clayton Matelich

2<sup>nd</sup> Shad Pataky

3<sup>rd</sup> Avery Matelich

1<sup>st</sup> Adult Broc Wiebusch

2<sup>nd</sup> Clarence Tabor

3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Curtiss

Team Winners

Sandy Randall

Jill Tabor

Clarence Tabor

Ron Baker

Gary Henry

Ron Curtiss

The Public Lands for the People (PLP) are having a fund raiser. This group is one of the main fighting forces that fight for your rights when it comes to using public lands  
At this time there is over \$21,000.00 and growing in prizes donated.  
This raffle drawing will be held on June 21, 2012.  
The tickets are \$1.00 ea. or \$10.00 for a book on 12.  
You can order the tickets by calling **818-363-0963** or by writing

**Public Lands for the People**  
**C/o Guy Nesbitt**  
**PO Box 7908**  
**Porter Ranch, CA 91326**

Ronald Bates  
P.O. Box 52  
St. Ignatius, Mt 59865  
ATTN: NWMGP

On the issue of repairing and rebuilding trommels and/ or other prospecting equipment.  
\$15.00 hourly shop rate plus parts and supplies  
\$50.00 delivery to Columbia Falls or Kalispell  
\$80.00 delivery to Libby

Regarding new trammels constructed 50% down to cover parts prices pending size requested.  
Questions or placing orders please call number listed. Please leave a message.

#### The Mint

In the early days of a boom town miners and merchants conducted all transaction in gold dust, weighting the price of everything from a drink to a pick handle. There were frequent disputes and suspicions of cheating by both parties.

A few months after gold was discovered in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado three men, E.E. Gruber and brothers Austin and Milton Clark, opened a bank. They traded hard currency for gold dust, shipping the dust east for minting. "We're paying 5% express charge to the shippers, plus another 5% for insurance. On top of that, it takes three months to get back the coins. We can't run a business like that," reasoned Austin Clark. In addition to being a banker, he was an attorney. He informed his partners, "I've looked and found no law forbidding private minting, as long as the coin is full-weight."

Milton Clark was dispatched to Philadelphia to purchase coning equipment and returned with it in ox-drawn wagons. The July 25, 1860 edition of the Rocky Mountain News reported, "The little engine that drives the machinery was fired up, belts adjusted and between three and four o'clock 'mint drops', of the value of \$10 each, began dropping into a tin pail with the most musical chink."

The gold dust of the region's mining camps was stamped "Pikes Peak Gold". The mint operated until the federal government, fearing competition, purchased it. During the three years the Denver mint operated it coined nearly \$600,000 and established a world-wide reputation for the quality of the region's gold.

Store from Miners  
Rick Steber Tales of the Wild West  
Vol.9  
Thank You Jon for letting me read this.



Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors  
May 2012 Gold Show Report

Show Expenses

Detector and silver bar	\$510.00
Tickets	\$169.50
Vials	\$72.00
Food costs	\$56.55
Cash for change	\$400.00
Advertising	\$105.00
FCFG	<u>\$1,640.00</u>
Total	\$2,953.05

Income:

Tables for Gold Show	\$1,218.00
Raffle	\$1,515.00
Gate receipts	\$971.00
Memberships	\$1,450.00
Cash change reimbursement	\$400.00
Merchandise	\$95.00
Panning	<u>\$96.00</u>
Total	\$5,745.00
Net Income	\$2,791.95

May Kickoff 5/19/2012

72 attending

A short meeting was held at the May Kickoff. Braxton started with food management at the panning area. Specific management of food and garbage was sent to the club from the NFS. The specifics were sent with our dredging POO and as such we are now notified of the requirements of food storage and waste management.

The club voted to reimburse Sandy Randall for the purchase of Wayne Hartley's water pump, \$400.00.

Sandy gave a report on the profits and expenditures of the gold show.

A show of appreciation was given by Dale for the volunteers that helped at the gold show.

Next outing will be Father's Day weekend. June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Libby Creek. Potluck will be Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday.

Marc Pitman of the DNRC was informed of our water issues by Harry and Maureen Pitman. He then contacted Clarence. Clarence and Braxton visited the DNRC and the club received a water permit for the club digs.

This permit was \$125.00. This is not a yearly cost. A huge thank you goes out to Marc Pitman for his assistance on this issue. A motion was made to give Marc a free year's membership. THANK YOU

A reminder to the club members. The road is closed to ATV's or motorized vehicles until June 15<sup>th</sup>. No mechanized digging equipment is allowed on the claim with the exception of the Club Outings.

May Kickoff Raffle winners. This was the raffle for the no winning tickets throughout the year.

Gold share winners are: Ron Curtiss, Don Roe, and Ron Maupin

Mini clean up sluice donated by Clyde's Mini Sluices won by Ron Curtiss

Mini picks set donated by the club won by Jody Smith

Pendent donated by the club won by Bob Liston

Crevice tool donated by the club won by Don Roe

Magnet donated by Clyde's Mini Sluices won by Sandy Randall

Divining Rods donated by Clyde's Mini Sluices won by Penny Van Dort

Flourite crystal donated by the club and won by Vickie Walborn

Sucker bottle donated by the club won by Sandy Randall

Vials donated by the club won by Bill Marsh

Vials donated by the club won by Gary McHenry

Scoop donated by the club won by Bob Liston

Pillow donated by the club won by Sandy Randall

Black Tourmaline donated by the club won by Sandy Randall

**Remember to renew your memberships!**

Time to get out the prospecting equipment if you haven't already, If you have a detector make sure you have fresh batteries and try it out before you hit the gold fields. If you have a motorized piece of equipment make sure that you have changed oil, filled with fresh gas and made sure it runs before you get to the claims. Gather all you mining equipment and put it together in one box, tub, crate or what have you so that you aren't running around at the last minute looking for things. Some items you may need. A #2 shovel, gold pans, classifier, rubber boots and rubber gloves if working the common operation, sluice box, high banker, trommel, gas cans, oil, belts for the motors, snuffer bottle, gold vials, and camera. Is your camper or tent ready to go? Pack everything into your pickup and we will see you on the hill the weekend of June 16 & 17 the 1st outing of the year



## LIST OF THINGS YOU NEED

- 1) Different kinds of clothing the Montana weather can be very different
- 2) Shovel and Gloves
- 3) Water
- 4) Food for yourself and the pot luck if you want to put a dish in.
- 6) Snuffer Bottle for the gold split\*
- 7) Chair

How things work up on the Hill during an outing:

It is important to know that we brake down the slice boxes more often then what you would do if you where working on your own. We have found over time this works will with as many different speeds that people shovel.  
Saturday:

8:00 a.m. Head up on the hill.

10:00 a.m. If you are not up on the hill by then it is possible that you will not get a split \* or just a ½ split \*

If you want to be part of the gold split \* you will need to have your name on the LIST \*. It is your responsibility to make sure your name gets on the list not the person keeping the list.\*

11:45 a.m. start clean up for the lunch break.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Meeting in Public Panning Area

2:00 p.m. Back up on the Hill

This is a good time to let you know we like you to work 4 hours. 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon... We want you to take as many brakes as you have to. We know that this is not the normal activity for some of us and we don't want anyone to get hurt.

4:45 p.m. start clean up of the evening

6:00 p.m. Potluck \* dinner

7:00 p.m. Gold Split \*

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Club Sponsored Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Start up on the Hill

11:30 a.m. start the clean up and braking down of equipment that is coming down the hill and stored in the trailer.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Gold Split \*

The outing is over at this point, some of us go back up on the hill to run the left over dirt .This is something anyone can take part of. The gold found will be split between the people that have helped.

\* List- This is a list of the names of the people that have worked up on the hill or in the creek panning concentrates for the common operation. It is your responsibility to get your name on the list not the person keeping the list. All you need to do is ask someone and they can tell you who is keeping the list.

\* Gold Split- All the gold found from the common operation is taken and is split equally between the numbers of people on the list. Then we take numbered poker ships and put them in a bag. WE then pick some one that is not on the list to pick a number out of the bag. This is the position on the list were start. The biggest pieces of gold randomly put on different numbers on the tray. They are never on the same number. As your name is called you will come up and take a chip, then with a snuffer bottle in hand you will go up to the table and the person that did the split. You will give then your chip and they will snuffer your share of the gold. We do this two (2) time on an outing. Saturday @ 7:00 p.m. and Sunday @ 1:00 p.m.

# N.W.MT GOLD PROSPECTORS

## NUGGET NEWS

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NWMGP  
Outing at Libby Creek  
June, 16th and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

NWMGP  
Outing at Libby Creek  
July, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

NWMGP  
Outing at Libby Creek  
August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

GPAA  
Gold and Treasure  
Show  
Butte Civic Center  
Sept 15 & 16 2012  
Butte, MT

NWMGP  
Outing at Libby Creek  
Sept 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

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As of June 8<sup>th</sup> 2012  
Gold \$1590.10  
Silver \$28.73

The spring kick off was a great success. A very big THANK YOU goes out to all that helped:

Bob Liston that came and mowed the detecting field  
Charlie Kins and Gary Wilmes who took care of the coins.

Jill Tabor that helped picked out the prices.

All the ladies that helped set up the food tables.

To all that brought food Thank you so much I'm still dieting!!!!

By now I'm sure the word has spread that the water is good to go thanks to Marc Pitmen. So I hope that any of you that have not renewed your membership because of the water will reconsider. You will see it this newsletter many times PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.

Bob Liston could us our thought and prayers. His dad has not been doing will. Please keep him and his family in your thought.

Jon and Penny Van Dort's grandson Hayden graduated from Glacier High School. Grad's to you and him.

Dale and Rene Evens became Grand Parents. Grad's to you! You are very lucky.

If there is anyone out that you know that may need a card or the clubs support please let me know.

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