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- * Fill in and/or leave your prospect holes and piles, try to leave the area in as good of shape or better than it was.
- * When another prospector is working in a certain area, get permission before using that area.
- * Please be thoughtful, considerate and courteous to those around you.

REMEMBER!!

You are an ambassador of our club; this is a pastime we want to protect.

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday April 14th at 1pm
after 12:30 potluck in
Columbia Falls.

Upcoming Events:

- Gold Show, March 10th
and 11th
- Spring Kick Off, May
12th
- First Outing, June 16th
& 17th



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What do you have planned for March 10th & 11th? Please remember to stop by and support the club at the Gold and Rock Show at the Flathead County Fairgrounds! Support your fellow prospectors and rock enthusiasts by seeing what they have to offer. There is a dinosaur fossil for the kids along with other activities including panning for gold! Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets for you chance to win a whole pig. We hope to see you there!

Saturday March 10th, 9-6

Sunday March 11th, 10-4

Northwest Gold

Nugget News- March 2018

Gold and Silver Prices

Gold, \$1,326.32

Silver, \$16.58

Hello Everyone! Please remember that dues are now \$75 and were due in January. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as you can.

- If you have any items you wish to see included with the newsletter, be sure to email the item to nwmgpnl@gmail.com.

The trommels are all silent
The piles of dirt are gone
With aching backs and blisters
The miners work is done
You shovel slow or shovel fast
The barrel doesn't know
But if you don't hear it singing
You're not getting any gold
So you shovel and you shovel
To keep its song alive
Knowing that at the end
The gold will materialize
Concentration is run
The gold can hide no more
It's cleaned and weighed and bottled up
And brought for all to see
We get our share
And just can't wait
For our prosperity!

Walt Hunter

February 10, 2018 Regular Club Meeting Columbia Falls; 19 members and officers present

January Minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report read and approved.

Old Business:

- Vicki heard back from Lower Valley but has not been able to speak with them. Don Sr. talked to Farm To Market and a hog is on reserve and will cost between \$450 and \$500. A certificate will be given to the winner so that they can choose their cuts. Sandy has generic raffle tickets which we will sell at the Gold Show for \$5 each. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the show.
- Legs for the trommels will have an 'H' design on front and won't need a back. We will have to build them ourselves.

Old Business Cont:

- Don Sr. found red hoses from Ax Men for \$2.44/ft, from North West Rigging for \$2.13 so we would spend about \$150. Currently we have 4 sections but we will need more with the new pumps. We all had a good laugh with Don's answer to the question, how long do hoses last; they last until they wear out. The red hoses we currently have belong to Ron Curtiss. We will need 3 hoses of at least 50 ft each with fittings.
 - Vicki put forward a motion which was seconded and approved to buy hoses. The motion was voted on and approved. Charlie will buy the pumps and 3 2" blue hoses with fittings.
- The Gold Show is quickly approaching. Don Sr. attended the meeting Rock Chucks meeting and let them know that we have committed to 25%. Vendors have been contacted. Table placements will be split this year so raffle and ticket takers are separated. We will have 3 tables for the pig raffle, membership, and panning. We have been asked to help with publicity which could include printing informational papers and delivering them to local schools, and calling local t.v. and radio. Dawn will offer assistance.
 - Set up is Friday, March 9th, at 9am.
 - The show is Saturday 9-6 and Sunday 10-4
 - Charlie will work security
- Dawn met with Kathy regarding the website. The group decided that we only need to show the current newsletter. All information has been updated and Sandy will continue to be the contact on the site. If there are pictures or prospecting related items members would like posted for sale on the website, they will need to be submitted to Dawn. As the secretary she will be responsible for communicating with Kathy and forwarding any items or changes to the website.

New Business:

- We are low on a few of the sizes for the club t-shirts. Vicki will get the contact information to Cyndi so that we can order new shirts. We are also low on business cards. Dawn find out who printed the previous business cards.
- Sandy will get the sandwich boards from Braxton to repaint for this years show dates. We will also need to fix the dates on the banners. We discussed changing the banner so that we do not have to change the dates yearly. It was decided having the dates was better than a generic banner. Bracton will have the date changed on the banner.
- The March meeting is scheduled for the same date as the Gold Show. Since the executive committee will be at the gold show, we will not have a March meeting.
- We will need to schedule the work day this spring, for the trollers and truck which should only require the normal maintenance. Don Jr. will call Ron Curtiss to schedule.
- Angel brought an example of an advertising flyer as a way to bring in new members. The flyer is placed monthly in local businesses. Angel wasn't sure of the price but thought it might be around \$150 for a year. Dawn will call and get prices so that we can discuss at a future meeting.
- We received a thank you letter from the Veteran's food pantry thanking us for our donation of food valued at \$510.
- Shirley suggested adding a banner to the tent in the main area so that people driving into the area know who we are. Vicki though we could also add something to the side of the utility trailer. Vicki will inquire about prices for a banner.

Raffle held, meeting adjourned