

# THE NUGGETEER



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## *A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits*

Hello members and prospectors be sure to look at your rocks to make sure they are washed very well.

Tim Pitney  
President COSGPAA

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### **Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce**

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2024	\$2,367.80	\$30.23	\$1,010.95	\$990.95	\$4,825.00
2025	\$3,360.30	\$36.61	\$1,428.20	\$1,173.35	\$5,675.00

# GPAA

## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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# MEETING MINUTES



July 2, 2025, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes Attendees: 18 in person; 165 by e-mail

The July monthly meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim welcomed members and guests and asked if members had any recent prospecting adventures. Member John Mischler talked about the Chapter outing to the South Platte River in Denver on June 7<sup>th</sup>, attended by five members to the site known as Big Bend. Everyone found gold and participants planned to return in the future. Car-pooling was recommended as the parking lot is small and the site is popular. On this trip the best material to prospect was the top three inches just below the top layer of cobble. Member Jon Ray visited the Railroad Bridge Claims in Buena Vista and reported the water level was too high to work our regular locations. Jon found an area to mine farther south but found sluicing difficult due to surging water levels.

Tim opened a conversation on having an outing to a hard rock mine. He had contacted the Hidee Gold Mine but was unable to get a discount from their summer rates of \$45 per person. Also, they were limiting each tour group to 14 people. Tim will check prices at the Phoenix Mine and research off-season opportunities for this Fall/Winter.

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Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the Chapter financial report and talked about the combined Chapter Picnic and August monthly meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 2d. A sign-up sheet was circulated which accounted for 30 adults and eight children. The event notice has been sent out and will be included in this month's *Nuggeteer*. Based on previous years' attendance we expect 40 to 45 attendees. Those who did not attend this month's meeting can sign up by phone, text or email before July 31<sup>st</sup>. Member John Wood advised that the Salvation Army had contracted to have their parking lot paved and drainage trenches installed in May. However, because of weather delays, the work is still pending. Under a worse case scenario, the parking lot may not be available but adequate on and off-street parking will still be accessible.

The scheduled "Show & Tell" event for this meeting had only two entrants, Tim and John and with the limited attendance, it was decided to reschedule for a future date. The Chapter provided Pizza during an extended meeting break while Tim and John presented their displays. Tim had fabricated a shovel that resembled a miniature backhoe. The design enables a person to dig (excavate) in swift moving water without losing their material

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in the water flow. John modified his fluid dynamic sluice box by installing a section of “hog mat” in the feed tray. Since the capture area of a dynamic sluice is concealed, the mat allows him to preview his results like the ribbed mat in a standard sluice.

After the door-prize drawing the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next Chapter meeting will be on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon.

Thank you to those who helped with the meeting set up and teardown.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS June 4, 2025

Gold: Lorraine Siros, Jon Ray, Theresa Bailey, Lorraine Siros, Tim Pitney.

Silver: Thomas Burke, Tim Pitney, John May, Steven Sprague.

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## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

### COLORADO SPRINGS GPAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month

From 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at:

The Salvation Army building:

208 Cunningham Drive

Security, CO 80911

*All General Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm*

#### MEETING DATES

Saturday August 2 2025 Picnic

September 3 2025

October 1 2025

November 5 2025

December 3 2025

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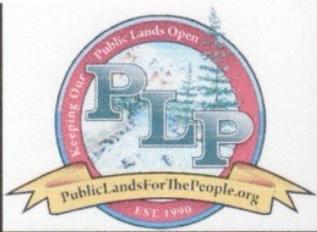
## **When: Saturday, August 2, 2025- August Meeting and Annual Club Potluck Picnic**

**Where:** Salvation Army Headquarters, 208 Cunningham Drive, Security, CO 80911. This is the same location as our monthly meetings.

**Details:** The picnic set up begins at 10:00 am with the regular Chapter Meeting starting at 12:00 pm. The Picnic will begin immediately after the meeting with food served between 1 and 2 pm. The Chapter provides hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs, bottled water, drink ice, buns, paper plates/napkins/drink cups/ plastic utensils, and condiments (catsup, mustard, pickle relish, lettuce & onions). Attendees should bring a side dish or dessert that is large enough to share. Electric will be available for your crock pots and food warmers if you bring a heated side dish. Members and guests who prefer other beverages should bring their own. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. The club will have several sunshades set up, so please bring your lawn chairs, (The metal folding chairs we use at the meetings will be available if you prefer).

Panning tubs will be set up for practice, demonstration, training, or friendly competition – paydirt provided. Gold pans, collection bottles and pipettes will be provided, (Please, use of personal equipment or snuffer bottles for demonstration only – catch and release). Lawn games will also be available. In case of bad weather, dining will move indoors.

A head count will be taken at the June and July meetings. If you can't make the meeting but plan to be at the picnic, please call, text, or e-mail Alton by Thursday, July 31st, so that we can plan for the number of adults and children who will attend. (Call or text 719-439-3590, email: [agoakes@earthlink.net](mailto:agoakes@earthlink.net)). There is no charge for members or guests to attend; but we do need a head count to ensure we have adequate food available.



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- Minelab Xterra Metal Detector <a href="http://www.usa.minelab.com">www.usa.minelab.com</a> .....	\$300
- (2 prizes) 1 Year Membership to <a href="http://www.ReinkeGoldMining.com">www.ReinkeGoldMining.com</a> .....	\$160 Each
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