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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello members and prospectors when out and about on the river pay attention to the wildlife in the area. (Wolves, coyotes and rattle snakes, Oh My!)

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	\$3,392.00	\$34.72	\$1,108.95	\$1,030.95	\$5,600.00

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COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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MEETING MINUTES



June 4, 2025, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 22 in person; 165 by e-mail

The June monthly meeting was called to order at 7:20 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 his access to a private claim on the Arkansas River near Salida and the GPOC Woody's Claim as a guest. He described the gold as "really good." The claim is owned by the American Mining Rights Assn (AMRA) and is one of four claims they have in Colorado. Like PLP, AMRA uses their donations to fight for miner's rights. Joining AMRA for a \$200 annual donation includes access to all their claims in Colorado, and seven other western states. A lifetime membership costs \$2,500. For more information go to their web page:

<https://www.americanminingrights.com/join-us/become-a-member/>.

John volunteered to lead an outing to the public prospecting area on the South Platte River called "Big Bend", on Sunday, June 8th. An outing notice was e-mailed to our membership with details. Attendees will be using our new sign-in sheets that include emergency contact information. The new sheets were discussed at last month's meeting and previewed at this meeting.

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Tim scheduled a “Show & Tell” event for our July 2d monthly meeting and John Mischler will be in charge. Members are invited to bring in any new equipment, prospecting inventions or techniques they have. Meeting attendees will vote on best-of-show and prizes will be awarded. Wet equipment demonstrations are encouraged if appropriate. The Chapter will provide pizza.

Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the monthly financial report and a re-cap on the GPOC Mothers’ Day Poker-run outing to Woody’s Claim. Although rain had been forecast, the weather was beautiful for the day. Several of our members won prizes with Tim winning the grand prize of a trommel; and those who panned found gold. The pot-luck lunch was great and the fellowship outstanding. Thank you GPOC for a great event.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Service has recently posted several stories about wildlife-human incidents. Wolves, coyotes, and moose attacks are now common in the spring with animals protecting their young. A coyote attacked a 4-year old child when the child mistook the coyote for a dog and attempted to pet it. Coyotes have attacked small dogs and cats for feed and may also see pets as potential competitors for food. Many

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incidents involve people feeding the coyotes or leaving pet food dishes outside. “CPW officials say the attack is an important reminder for people to be alert and haze wild animals found near their homes. Deer, fox, bobcat, bears and other animals should not be comfortable around people; residents should throw rocks and yell at them to scare them away.” “CPW reports that wildlife will be more visible in backyards, open spaces, and on trails from May until the end of June.”

The Chapter annual picnic was confirmed for Saturday, August 2d. The regular monthly Chapter meeting for August will be held at the picnic rather than on the 1st Wednesday of the month (Aug 6th). The Event Notice for the picnic will be included in the June and July Nuggeteer, sent by e-mail and posted on our website.

Alton announced that we have a Chapter member who lives in the Salida area who is looking for a day-trip prospecting partner. Martin Cross can be reached at 719-530-6596. Martin says he has several “great spots”, but due to his age he is no longer comfortable prospecting alone.

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May 7, 2025, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes (continued)

The Chapter Store now carries an alternative to the glass collection vials. Although not as clear as the glass vials, these are a clear, shatter proof and crush resistant HDPE (high density polypropylene) material with a screw on cap. We will be using these vials in our junior prospecting kits and at our panning tubs.

After the door-prize drawing the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm. The next Chapter meeting will be on Wednesday, July 2nd.

Thank you again to those who helped with the meeting set up and teardown. Thanks also to Pat Oakes, for providing cookies and brownies.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS June 4, 2025

Gold: Steven Kanatzar, John Mischler, Patrick Dill, John Mischler, Theresa Bailey.

Silver: John Mischler, Theresa Bailey, Del Cox, Steven Sprague, Tim Pitney, Richard Logue.

Name tag draw: Steven Kanatzar.

Special drawing: Patrick Dill

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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 1st Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm

MEETING DATES

June 4 2025

July 2 2025

Saturday August 2 2025 Picnic

September 3 2025

October 1 2025

November 5 2025

December 3 2025

The Nuggeteer is published monthly following the regularly scheduled chapter meetings. It will be distributed by email and posted to the Chapter web site. To be added to or removed from our email list, please send your request to cosgpaahospitalitycommittee@gmail.com. To add an article please submit it to the editor at cosgpaahospitalitycommittee@gmail.com.

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). 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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Drawing to be held Oct. 11th, 2025

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- Paid admission for 2 to the next FallFest	\$150
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- Thompson II Puffer Drywasher manuf. by Mad Mining	\$1,399
- PLP Golden Paydirt Bag	\$200
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- Gold Cube 4-Stack donated by www.goldcube.com	\$480
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Leave a message and we will call you back.

Last day to order by phone is Oct. 9, 2025

2. Buy Tickets in Person at Quartzite Gold Show
and at PLP's Fallfest 2025

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12 Tickets!
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Drawing Oct. 11th!

I have the following items FOR SALE:

KEENE DW212V puffer drywasher; includes a 100Ah lithium ion battery (not shown in photo). \$1000 OBO.

ROYAL "LARGE" drywasher; includes 8' of hose and an ECHO leaf blower. \$800 OBO.

If you wish to purchase BOTH the puffer and blower drywashers, a firm \$1500 for the two units.

Home-made 8" x 36" mini highbanker; includes 10' of 1 1/4" hose and a 2200 GPH 12volt bilge pump. \$40.

For more information, please contact Ralph at ralpheaparkes@gmail.com.



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Colorado Springs Chapter Links

Gold Prospectors of Colorado

<https://gpoc.club>

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•American Legion Post 38

•6685 Southmoor Dr,
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Nathrop, Colorado 81236

(between Buena Vista & Salida, 5 miles south of Nathrop)

<http://www.therockdoc.net>

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