

# THE NUGGETEER



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

Hello members and prospectors. I'd like to give a big thank you to all those that help with the sluice box at the meeting and at the outing helping one another thank you.

Tim Pitney  
President CSC GPAA

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

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2025	\$2,928.70	\$32.80	\$984.90	\$980.95	\$5,100.00
2026	\$5,089.77	\$82.90	\$2,136,.90	\$1,664.88	13,100.00

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## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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# MEETING MINUTES



March 4 2026 meeting minutes 22 People in attendance and 168 by email.

Meeting called to order by President Tim Pitney. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. We had one visitor Scott Criscioned. 7 people had their Sluice boxes modified by Del Cox and John Miscbller. 18 people made it to the outing at Big Bend.

Lorraine Siros gave the Treasurers report. There will be an outing on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Texas Creek. Meet at 800 to 8:30 at the Coyote Coffee Den. Direction can be found in the book Finding Gold in Colorado. An email will be sent out on directions. There will be a silent auction at next months meeting. Be sure to bring something to sell. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS March 4, 2026

•Gold: Justin Powel X3, Del Cox, John King, Teresa Bailey, Lorraine Sirios.

Silver: Eric Reinhardt, Lorraine Sirios, Dave Wheeler.

## OUTTING Information

We will be meeting at the Coyote's Coffee Den at 8am and leaving by 830am to the Texas Creek

Panning Area.

Step-by-step directions:

From Coyote's Coffee Den, head south on CO-115 toward Florence/Cañon City.

At the junction with US-50 in Cañon City, turn right (west) onto US-50 toward Cotopaxi/Salida. Continue west on US-50 for roughly 25–30 miles through Bighorn Sheep Canyon until you reach

the Texas Creek area.

The listed address for the rafting/visitor area at Texas Creek is 27077 US HWY 50, Texas Creek, CO 81223;

the BLM gold-panning site is in this same stretch along the river.

Once at Texas Creek, look for the signed BLM recreational prospecting area described in the Book Finding Gold in Colorado book;

it's along the Arkansas River near that highway point and is commonly called the Texas Creek BLM prospecting site.

### **\*\*Weather & Clothing (March conditions)\*\***

Expect cool mornings and mild afternoons, with the possibility of wind and a quick rain or snow shower.

Please dress in layers! **\*\*Sun & UV\*\***

Even in March, UV at Colorado elevation is strong and you can burn quickly. Everyone should bring:

- Broad-spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen (apply before we start and reapply every 1–2 hours)
- Hat with a brim
- Sunglasses (polarized if possible)
- Long sleeves or other sun-protective clothing if you have it

### **\*\*Hydration\*\***

Colorado's dry air and elevation dehydrate you faster than you may expect.

Plan on about 1 liter (32 oz) of water

for every 2 hours we're out. For a half-day, bring at least 2 liters per person.

### **\*\*River & Cold-Water Safety\*\***

The river water will be very cold, even if the air is warm. Sudden immersion in cold water can quickly cause cold shock and hypothermia.

- Avoid wading deeper than mid-thigh, especially in stronger current.
- Move slowly on wet or algae-covered rocks; they are very slippery.
- Bring a dry change of clothes, a towel, and a warm layer in your vehicle in case you get wet.

Looking forward to a fun and safe day out there!

**John King Outing Chairman**

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### 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

1 April 2026

6 May 2026

3 June 2026

1 July 2026

8 August 2026 Picnic

2 July 2026 2026

5 August 2026

2 September 2026

7 October 2026

4 November 2026

5 December 2026 Christmas Party

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