



Cheyenne Chapter
GPAA

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March 2004

**** MEETING LOCATION ****

The April meeting will be held on April 6th at Sandalwood's Restaurant at the Holiday Inn on Fox Farm Rd. at 7:00pm.

MEETING MINUTES

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The March meeting was kept short to allow time for Dan Hausel's presentation.

Sign up was held for the clubs booth at the May Gem & Mineral Show, please plan to help if you can. More information will be available at the April meeting.

Dallas Lake will be opening his own store in the near future, and he will be carrying prospecting equipment. The store will be: Lakeside Saddle Company, Saddles, Tack & Custom Leatherwork, Gold Prospecting Equipment, P.O. Box 21196, Cheyenne, WY 82003, 307-634-6092. E-mail: Lakes434@cs.com

IN THE NEWS

The following article was brought to us by Francis Oline:

NOME MINER FINDS HUGE GOLD NUGGET

By: Peter Porco, Anchorage Daily News

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Nome miner Jan Kralik was getting a strong signal. Strong, as in lots of gold nearby.

It was fall 2002 and Kralik was dowsing on a placer claim he holds along Gold Run Creek about 50 miles northwest of Nome. He held a brass rod in each hand and walked around like a human metal detector until the rods moved sharply.

"At that point," he said, "I was thinking, 'Next year, first thing, I put in the dredge.' "

Sure enough, the following spring, on the first day back at the creek, "I find the nugget."

The hunk of gold Kralik turned up that June weighs almost 41 troy ounces, he said. By unofficial standards, his is the 22nd largest gold nugget known to have been found in Alaska.

It's "very, very attractive and very high quality" in its degree of purity and luster, Kralik said.

The nugget, roughly the size and shape of a Palm Pilot and, according to Kralik, safely stored at a bank, would gross about \$17,000 if melted down and sold at today's market prices.

But if it remains intact, a nugget that size would bring an additional 40 percent and most likely 60 percent more from a collector, said Kerwin Krause, a geologist for the state Division of Mining.

"There's a nugget factor," Krause said. Shape and color could boost value. So could the nugget's historical context.

A nugget only a few ounces heavier than Kralik's was found at Silverado's Nolan Creek mine near Wiseman in 1994. Four years ago it was sold to a collector for \$50,000, Garry Anselmo, head of Silverado Gold Mines Ltd. said from his office in Vancouver, British Columbia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 26 - 28 - Ft. Collins Gem Show

April 6th - Chapter Meeting, 7:00pm Holiday Inn

May 1st & 2nd - GPAA Gold Show, Denver, CO

May 4th - Chapter Meeting, 7:00pm Holiday Inn

May 15-16, Cheyenne Gem & Mineral Show, Holiday Inn

RAFFLE WINNERS

Raffle

knife set - Joe Hernandez

duck picture - John

gloves - Al Bidwell

thermometer - Joe Hernandez

dog leash - Marly

gold - Janet

hand held detector - John Wagner

dog leash - Lyle Shingleton

Buried Treasure book - Carl Filter

locking tie downs - Ken Wilcox

gold pan & vial of gold - Felix

RAFFLE DONATIONS

Thank you to the following individuals or businesses that helped make our monthly raffle drawing successful.

hand held detector - Andy Kmetz

dog leashes - Dave Fortney

duck picture - Dave Fortney

Troy Weight Conversion Table

1 grain = .0648 grams

24 grains = 1 pennyweight (DWT)

20 DWT = 1 troy ounce

Nametag Drawing

gold vial - Steve Ronning

12 troy ounces = 1 troy pound

PROSPECTOR'S CACHE

Felix Paydirt Gourmet Gold. Club member John Eggleston is taking orders for the 2LB bag of Felix Paydirt. John orders a case of 10 bags at a time and receives one free bag which the club uses as a raffle item. The bags are \$35(\$30 + \$5 shipping). If you would like to order a bag or two, contact John at 635-0229.

Quartz epidote crystals hand dug from the Fox Park area. Each crystal has been hand dug, polished and mounted in either a pair of earrings or as a necklace. Buy separately or buy them as an earring/necklace set. Assorted styles available. \$10-15.

Call Louise Morrison 632-7895 / Lmrr3964@aol.com

For Sale: Metal detector - Fisher Goldstriker, used one time, \$750.00

Call Stan Lang, 307-649-2339

Desert Fox gold wheel, used two times, \$225.

Call Felix Campbell, 307-421-7669

For Sale: White's Metal Detector w/power pak and case.

Call Charlie or Joan at 307-632-8137

For Sale: Coleman Powermate Generator, 2500 watt; on wheels.

Call Francis Oline at 307-634-1133

White's Metal Detector, Gold Master III, w/one coil, rechargeable battery pack & White's headphones. \$400.

Call Joe Hernandez, 307-421-3528

Club members: If you have items for sale, contact Peggy Stumpf at 307-632-9945 or circlestar@yahoo.com to have your ad placed here.

Your ad will also be on placed on the Chapter website.

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