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The Tomah Chapter Outing at Nugget Lake County Park near Plum City WI – June 18th 2011

Wausau Prospectors have been invited to participate in this Outing. You can pan and sluice in the creek that runs through the park. At 1pm there will be a short meeting, a cookout and raffles. Please bring a dish to pass. Park entry fee required at the gate \$5.00 per vehicle/per day. The park is two miles off County Road CC on County Road HH north of Plum City.

The next Outing will be to Snyder Park Campground near Neillsville WI – August 6th & 7th (info in next newsletter)

Presidents Letter

It is June and it is time for prospecting in the rivers and streams. The Outing to the Portland Michigan Sebewa Sand & Gravel Pit during Memorial Weekend was a little on the wet side. The members that went reported that due to the rain that had fallen in that area, that the river was not the best for prospecting in; however everyone had a good time. Thank you to all the members that came out to the Outing at the Lions Park in Marathon City. We could not have asked for better weather. We had about 42 prospectors enjoying the day. As with most the Outings we had a couple of novices that where setting up sluice boxes and learning the ropes. I find it very rewarding, as most prospectors do, to share my experience with the novice prospectors. You could call the Outings "Boot Camp for Prospectors". The water level and water temperature was fine and I enjoyed walking along the river seeing all the prospectors with there sluice boxes and pans. There was fine gold found but nothing bigger than that.

The next Outing coming up is the Tomah Chapter of the GPAA Outing at Nugget Lake County Park near Plum City Wisconsin. The Wausau Prospectors are invited to this Outing. All activities will take place on the 18th of June. Camping is available for those who want to stay but you will have to make and pay for your own reservations. For any questions please call Mike Fait (club president) at 715-384-9265 and for park information go to: <http://www.co.pierce.wi.us> and click on County Parks and then click on Nugget Lake. An Outing information sheet can be printed off at: <http://wausauprospectors.com>

Notice: Another Outing has been added for August 2011. Dennis and Janice Laubenstein will be putting on an Outing in the Parrish for the 27th and 28th of August. You can come as early as Friday the 26th. This Outing is open to all prospectors. Mark you calendar. For more information contact Dennis at: 715-752-3404.

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OUTINGS INFO:

Nugget Lake County Park – the park opens at 6am and closes at 10pm, you can **pan and sluice** in the creek that runs through the park. All activities will take place on Saturday June 18th. Around 1:00 p.m. there will be a short meeting, a cookout and raffles. Please bring a dish to pass. If you are down in the creek panning or sluicing in the morning, come on up for a break and enjoy the festivities. *An entry fee is required for every vehicle entering Nugget Lake Park.* A Daily Pass is \$5.00 per vehicle/per day or an Annual Pass is \$30.00. Camping is available at Nugget Lake and it is recommended that you make reservations. Camping - \$18.00, Camping with Electrical Unit - \$20.00, Camping Cabins - \$60.00, Camping Reservation Fee - \$5.00. Canoe/Kayak/Boat Rental - \$8.00/first hour, \$4.00/each additional hour. Camping fees are paid in addition to entrance fees. Prices are subject to change. No entrance fees required for Senior Citizens. Canoe/ Boat rentals include life jackets and paddles. Fishing Licenses are available. Dogs on leash only. Quiet hours exist after 11:00 p.m. Contact information for nugget lake is N4351 Co. Rd. HH, Plum City WI 54761 Phone: (715)639-5611.

Snyder Park Campground – located 7 miles west of Neillsville WI off of Hwy 10. This is a large park with a lake, restrooms, shelters, fishing, swimming, ATV trails, camping, etc. Good places to **pan and sluice** are on Wedges Creek on the north side of the lake and also on the south side of the dam. Activities for this event will take place on Saturday August 6th. There will be a short meeting, a cookout and raffles. *All members are responsible for getting and paying for their own camping sites*, for more information contact the Clark County Forestry and Parks Department, (715)743-5140 or 1(888)252-7594. Website: <http://www.co.clark.wi.us/ClarkCounty/Departments/forestryparks/ParksCamp/Snyder.asp>

2011 WAUSAU PROSPECTORS OUTINGS

June 18th. Nugget Lake near Plum City Wisconsin. This is a Tomah GPAA Chapter Outing that we are invited to.

July: No Meeting or Outing scheduled at this time. Enjoy the 4th and go get some Gold.

August 6th & 7th – Snyder Park Campground, Neillsville WI

August 27th & 28th – Outing in the Parrish

****REMINDER:** *No Meetings at the Cedar Creek Mall May through August.*

October 15th & 16th - GPAA Gold and Treasure Show Omni-center, Onalaska WI

GPAA Renewal Reminder HEY WAUSAU PROSPECTORS!! !

You don't have to be a member of the Gold Prospectors Association of America to be a member of the Wausau Prospector, A GPAA Chapter: but if you're not a member of the GPAA, you are missing out on a lot of really good stories and information by not getting the "Gold Prospectors" magazine and the "Pick & Shovel Gazette" paper, plus the Mining Guide. Check out the GPAA website at: <http://www.goldprospectors.org>
For the Wausau Prospectors members who join or renew the GPAA, please let them know you are a member of the Wausau Prospectors GPAA Chapter. We earn Chapter credits from the GPAA that can be used like cash when ordering catalog items from the GPAA that we use for our club such as raffles.
Joining the GPAA includes many benefits. Find out at <http://www.goldprospectors.org/membership/gpaa> or call the GPAA toll free: 800-551-9707

GET IN FREE - GPAA GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW!

Take advantage of the NEW pre-registration on line and get FREE admittance to a GPAA Gold and Treasure Show! Go to www.goldandtreasureshows.com
Register for as many of the shows as you like. Just print out your registration email and bring it to the pre-registration booth at the door and you're in! The cutoff for pre-registration and free admittance is two weeks prior to the event.

A cute story I picked up while at an outing in North Carolina;

The Gold Toothed Sheep

"You'd not think that a bunch of coyotes and a flock of sheep would ever discover one of the best placers in the farwest," said the mining broker. "But they did."

"You see, it is this way. Cattle are very poor eaters of grass, leaving it long and ragged. Horses can follow cattle and get enough to eat out of the short grass the cattle would starve on. And sheep crop the very closest of all, eating right down to the roots."

"Well, sir, there was a Mexican herder – Pedro Cortina – I think his name was – and he use to take his sheep to the big country in the mountains in California, where there was the finest grass. His flock grew and prospered, and then the cattlemen wanted the valley. They tried to drive Cortina away, but couldn't. Finally they decided that a good sheepman could only be made the way a good Indian could be made. so they raided the big valley one day and killed Cortina and killed off all the sheep they could find, leaving them there on the ground."

As soon as the grass was grown the cattlemen turned in their herds, and the cowboys camped in the valley to tend the cattle. One of the cowboys kicked a skull one day and a strange gleam caught his eye on the jawbone of the sheep. He stopped and looked at it closely. Every tooth had a thick rim of gold around it, crammed tightly between the sharp little cropping teeth at the front of the jaw. The gold was a solid mass. Soldering all the rings together, as it were.

"This man got the gold fever and started from skull to skull, picking the gold out with the sharp point of his knife blade till he had collected quite a pile of dust and little nuggets of the fine gold. Then he began to wonder where the gold came from. He began to see the light after a few days of thinking and decided that the sheep had cropped up dirt from the grass roots and that the pure gold particles had stuck together under the pressure of chewing the cropped grass and had worked up just under the gums of the animals' mouths, where it was more or less protected against being worn off by the grit from other grazing done by the flock." "Pure gold, you know," said the broker "is perfectly soft, like lead, and it doesn't corrode. A very slight pressure will weld pure gold particles together fairly strongly. The Mexican's sheep had been doing a little mining without knowing it."

The upshot of the whole affair was that the cattle watcher and his assistant tried panning out along the little stream that ran down the valley and they struck the very finest of pay dirt, cleaning up \$100 to \$250 a day.

"One of them wandered out to the nearest town for a drink with his dust. He talked a little too much, and his dust excited suspicion, so a couple of men trailed him back to the valley in the mountains. A regular stampede started for the Eldorado, and in about five days the peaceful valley was alive with miners, and their tents dotted it from one end to the other. This all took place some years ago, and the placer is worked out now."

--- New York Press --- Aug. 1921

* *Hope to see all of you at the Nugget Lake Outing, Keep cool and enjoy every day that the Good Lord has given you, KIM*

Items for Sale

Anyone wanting to list items for sale in the monthly news-letter should contact Kim at (715)937-2012 or at kimmickelson@aol.com.

- River Rocker Box Kits-\$140 Mike McKee (715)423-4184
- Garrett 1500 Metal Detector with extra Coils - \$400 OBO. Call Richard - before 2pm or on weekends (715) 610-8241
- Floating Dredge, 3.5hp Briggs & Stratton, 2 ½" Intake Hose, 4' X 10" sluice box, \$175 'Mick' Mickelson (715)743-6654



** *Please send me your stories or prospecting tips for consideration in future newsletters. I want to make this informative and interesting for all readers and I need your help. Thank you kimmickelson@aol.com or Kim Mickelson, W4699 Ridge Road, Neillsville 54456*

Other Club News

Greenbush Wisconsin

Chapter of the GPAA – holds meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 3pm in the Greenbush Town Hall, N6644 Sugarbush Rd, Greenbush, WI. For more information contact Ron Smith at (920)207-4092 or visit www.wisgpaa.org.

Mid-State Metal Detecting Club

Mid-State Metal Detecting Club meets every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Stevens Point area. Contact Steve Miller for more information (75)572-1845.

Tomah Wisconsin

Chapter of the GPAA – holds meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the La Grange Town Hall, 22731 Flint Ave. 1.8 miles west of Tomah on Hwy-21. For more information contact Mike Fait at (715)384-9265 or e-mail at mgfait@charter.net

Wisconsin Northwoods Adventures

Chapter of the GPAA – holds meetings on the 2nd Saturday of every month. For more information contact Tom Frank at (715)579-7111 or visit <http://www.wisconsinpaa.com>.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Wausau Prospectors <http://wausauprospectors.com>

Carl Mauritz www.huntforgems.com

Carl Mauritz Forum www.huntforgems.com/goldminers

Deerfield Detectors www.deerfelddetectors.com

Chippewa Falls Metal Detector www.threeseasonstreasurehunters.com

GPAA www.goldprospectors.org

Green Bush Chapter www.greenbushgpaa.com

Rick Gremler's Wausau Site <http://www.ricksbucketlist.com>

Heart of WI Gem & Mineral <http://fromtherockroom.com/club>



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