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We will be voting for the Find Of The Year for 2010 at our next meeting.

The Prez Sez



Well it's been quite a warm and dry winter this year. I was watching the forecast last night and if we don't get some measurable snowfall by New Year's day we will be breaking the all time record last set in the 1880s for a dry winter to date. If you remember last year we had the opposite problem, so I feel lucky this year that we had this chance. Hopefully some of you have been able to swing your detectors this holiday season. I managed to get out myself at least once. I was looking for gold, but settled for some pocket change.

As you all know, we conducted our elections last month and now have a new set of officers and board members. We have elected some experienced members as officers along with some new ones. I think this new crew has a nice mix of ideas for continued fun and adventure in Eureka.

About *Soundoff*

Soundoff is the official newsletter of the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc. (Eureka!). Mailing Address: PO Box 101385, Denver, CO 80250-1385.

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About Eureka!

Eureka! is a Denver-based, Colorado nonprofit organization established in 1973 for the enjoyment of metal detecting, electronic prospecting and treasure hunting. Its purpose is to provide an educational and social forum of mutual benefit for members. Eureka! holds a monthly meeting and conducts various special presentations, hunts and seminars. Members have voting privileges. Membership includes a subscription to *Soundoff*, all general meetings and selected seminars. Annual dues are \$30 for single adult membership, \$36 for a family membership and \$15 for a Junior membership. Pro-rated dues may be paid by any member joining the club after the May 1 dues date. Club meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., on the second floor of the Clement Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado.

Next Club Meeting
2nd Friday, January
7:30 p.m. at the Clement
Community Center
1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood,
Colorado
Hotline: (303) 595-5448
www.eurekathc.com

For those people who ran for a board or officer position and were not elected, hold on. There were many board positions vacated by elected officers and the club will need to hold new elections shortly to fill those vacated positions. The club still needs your participation and you can still contribute by being nominated and running for one of these board positions. So please throw your hat into the ring once more when the time comes.

See you at the meeting!

Hobby That Can Pay

Saturday, December 25, 2010 WBNS-10TV



The near-record price of gold, coupled with an anything-but-glittering economy, has triggered a modern-day gold rush.

Some folks are digging through cabinets, dresser drawers and jewelry boxes, looking for unwanted gold they can swap for cash.

Others are taking a more old-fashioned approach: They're pulling out their atlases, pulling on their waders and stepping into out-of-the-way streambeds in search of tiny flecks of gold.

It's nothing like the California Gold Rush of 1849, when hundreds of thousands of

gold-seekers - or "forty-niners" - headed west, drawn by dreams of instant wealth. But a growing number of people are panning for gold - in Ohio and across the United States.

Travel companies are offering gold-panning excursions. Would-be prospectors are snatching up basic equipment. (A "starter kit" sells for about \$39.) And gold-

prospecting organizations are reporting significant membership growth.

The biggest, the Gold Prospectors Association of America, has seen its membership double since 2007, when the economy started to sour. The association added about 15,000 people to its rolls last year, raising its membership to more than 45,000.

"Oh, it's boomed," said Patrick O'Masters, a 48-year-old heating-and-cooling contractor from Columbus and an active member of the association's Buckeye Chapter.

"I'm not surprised - with today's economic climate. Gold is a tangible asset. You can't print more of it."

Gold closed Thursday at \$1,380 an ounce in New York futures trading, \$48 below the record high of \$1,428 set Dec. 6.

The metal is up about 29percent this year. The Dow Jones industrial average, in comparison, is about 11percent higher than it was on Jan.1.

"Spiking gold prices are sometimes the deciding factor to stop watching TV and actually go prospecting and experience it for yourself," said Brandon Johnson, president of the prospecting association, which is based in Temecula, Calif.

"That quarter ounce or couple pennyweight is worth a lot more now than it used to be."

Secretary's Report

By Annette Krelle
December 10, 2010



President John Lambe called the meeting to order. There were approximately 51 members present with one guest, Bob Petre. Agenda for the meeting is attached.

Tonight was dessert night and everyone brought desserts so choosing what to taste was the difficult part.

There was no guest speaker however John Lambe presented our annual Christmas donation to Operation Warm Heart of the Buckley First Sergeants and First Sergeant Dreiling accepted the check and spoke a few words about what the money would be used for and how it helps.



Club Hunts

There was no hunt last month and this month's hunt will be a natural hunt at Inspiration Park at 12:00 noon on Sunday. John Steele spoke a few words about what to expect.

New Business

President Lambe spoke about open positions for Officers of the Club and summarized the current nominations. He mentioned the possibility that the Club could be dissolved if we do not receive nominations for President and Treasurer and reminded everyone it was their duty as a member to participate.

President Lambe mentioned that a club member needed to be chosen for the Gene Kotlan award and ballots were located on the Finds table.

After a short break, nominations were opened by John Steele, second by Brian Heber.

The following nominations were made in addition to those taken last month.

Ron Erickson for President nominated by Annette Krelle, second by John Hinton
Mel Edington for Treasurer nominated by Bill Chapman, second by David Navarro
Mary Sable for Board Member nominated by Ron Erickson, second by Annette Krelle
Sheri Muehlbauer for Board Member nominated by Bernie Watts, second by Brian Heber

John Steele for Treasurer nominated by Brian Heber second by Annette Krelle

Harry Barcroft for Board Member nominated by David Navarro, second by John Hinton

Nominations closed.

After a short break and drawings, the winners were announced:

President _____ **Ron Erickson**
Vice President _____ **Steve Montano**
Newsletter Editor _____ **Bill Abercrombie**
Treasurer _____ **John Steele**
Secretary _____ **Louise Smyth**

Board Members: Mary Sable, Terry Weatherly, Roy Neys and Bernie Watts

Old Business

None this month.

Chelsea's Treasure Bone Clue Hunt

Bill Chapman asked who found the bone but no one came forward and two had looked at 6:00 AM on Thursday morning. Bill fears that it has been removed and we may never find.

Monthly Drawings – December

Gold NuggetLloyd Lauck
Christmas DrawingJohn Steele
Membership Drawing..

General Drawings

1902 Indian Head Cent.....Delmar O'Dell
1945 Walking Liberty Half,,,Walter Hoessle

1857 Flying Eagle Cent.....Vickie Marquis
1928 Standing Liberty Quarter..Joe Shubert
Dos Pesos.....Terry Weatherly
1907 Barber Dime.....Mel Edington
1929 Standing Liberty Quarter...Jim Parriott
1910 V NickelWalter Hoessle
1945 Walking Liberty Half.....Gary Keim
1885 Morgan Dollar.....David Navarro

Last Chance Drawings

Large Chocolate Half Dollar. Delmar O'Dell
3 LED Headlamp.....John Hinton

TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

- I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.
- I WILL fill all excavations.
- I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.
- I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.
- I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.
- I WILL leave gates as found.
- I WILL remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.
- I WILL NOT litter.
- I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.

Winners of the Month

GOLD CATEGORY — Mel Edington

14K Gold Necklace



Due to a knee injury, Mel had been forced to limit hunts to playgrounds with woodchip surfaces. He found this necklace at an elementary school north of downtown Denver using his MXT Pro. The Necklace was below a slide pole.

JEWELRY CATEGORY — Roy Neys

Turquoise & Silver Ring

Roy was searching parks for change with John Steele. He found 17 quarters, 1 presidential dollar, 6 nickels, 8 dimes, 8 pennies and this ring near a tree. He was using his DFX and Bigfoot coil.



COIN CATEGORY — Mary Sable

2006 Chilean 100 Peso Coin

Mary found this in a park about 1 1/2" down using her Whites' XLT. Her VDI reading was 14.



TOKEN CATEGORY -

No Entries

ARTIFACT CATEGORY—Joe Johnston

1888 Carriage Headlamp

Joe found this 1888 Studebaker Carriage headlamp while stopping on an errand in the Baker neighborhood of Denver. He checked a nearby trash receptacle and found this headlamp that matches those on President Benjamin Harrison's 1888 Studebaker



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GOLD CATEGORY

Mel Edington 14K Necklace

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Ron Norden 14K Necklace

Cindy Bockenstedt Religious medal

N

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Mel Edington925 Necklace

D

Ron Norden Gold Plated Silver Ring

John Cornelisse Sterling Ring

S

John Cornelisse Silver Ring

John Cornelisse Chain

Cindy Bockenstedt Religious Medal

Roy Neys Turquoise Ring

John Cornelisse Pooh Watch Ring

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COIN CATEGORY

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Mary Sable 2006 Chilean 100 Peso Coin

TOKEN CATEGORY

No Entries

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ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Joe Johnston 1888 Studebaker Carriage Headlight

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Mel Edington Cap Pistol

Terry Weatherly Game Piece Wrench

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Brian Heber Miniature Toilet

M

FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

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Gold: Natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item

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Jewelry: objects of metal often set with gems and worn for personal adornment, except jewelry qualifying for the GOLD category.

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Coin: a piece of metal issued by governmental authority as money (includes GOLD coins of any nation).

H

Token: a piece resembling a coin issued as money by some person or body not of a governmental authority; can be redeemed for services or specified items.

Chelsea's Treasure Bone Clue Hunt #42 - New Year 2011

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

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Roger's Ramblings



The Joy of Giving

By Roger Petrella

This is a story of the happiness that can be brought to someone when you return a cherished object, in this case a wedding ring, to them that they thought they would never see again. It also is of the feeling one gets when you can make this happen. Most of us have heard these types of stories, seen people come to our meetings and express their gratitude and many of our club members have had the opportunity to do this act themselves. But this is the first time I have had this opportunity and it truly is a wonderful feeling that I was able to do this for a couple myself recently. So I thought I would write this story to give you an idea of how I was able to make two people very happy again.

Right before Thanksgiving, November 22 to be exact, Eureka President John Lambe received the following email (portions deleted for privacy):

Does your organization help the civilian community attempt to locate items like a son-in laws wedding ring, in Windsor, Colorado?

I received a call from our daughter Wendi in Windsor saying Russ [her husband] lost the ring while coaching his son's football practice.

We use a Gold Bug II detector from time to time and have a good idea of its capability. Unfortunately we live in Wasilla, AK and the commute is a bit long.

Can you help us

John and Karen [deleted]
Wasilla, AK 99687

A reply was sent back later that day stating;
Dear Mr. [deleted],

Yes, our organization does help the community in retrieving lost items for people. If you have read about our services on our web site you will know that the services are provided by individuals in our club who will volunteer or enter into a private agreement with you to help retrieve a lost item. All agreements between you and any of our members are of course a private agreement. Services are of course limited to weather, location and the availability of members who can search for your lost item.

I will put out a call to our experienced members and see if any of them is in a position to help search for your lost item. It may take a few days for someone to contact you.

If one of our members contacts you, it will most likely be by email after which you can arrange for a more detailed conversation where you can give the necessary specifics to narrow the search area and hopefully increase the chances of a successful retrieval.

Sincerely,

John Lambe
President, Eureka Treasure Hunting
Club

The following message was then sent out by John Lambe right after he replied to the requestor:

Hi All Board Members,

Is anyone interested and up for a challenge in searching for a lost Ring on a field in Windsor, CO, or know of a responsible member who would be interested? If so please contact this party for more details. Here is a big chance to make the front page of the website with a good story! Better bring your long underwear. My guess is it's a surface find if you hit it. Need some incentive? It's up to you to make your own arrangements with the concerned party for compensation if any is wanted.

A short time later, I sent the following message to John in Alaska:
John,

I would be glad to try to help find the ring. Please get back to me with more information. If you need to, you can call me on my cell phone at [deleted]. I may even be able to go out this weekend and make an attempt. I will definitely need some information from your daughter on the ring and the general location. Although the ground is mostly frozen and there is some snow in places (not as much as you probably have) it shouldn't be an issue if we can narrow the search area down some.

Roger Petrella
VP, Eureka THC

I never received a reply back and assumed that someone else had gone to look for the lost ring. I had completely forgotten about it until I had gotten home late from work on Tuesday November 30 and my wife told me that some woman named Wendi from Windsor had called about a lost ring. It was too late to return her call then so I planned to do it from work the next day. Unfortunately, I was so busy that the call had to wait until that evening. When I called I told her who I was and asked if she was the person whose Father lived in Alaska. I told her that I would be happy to search for the ring but could often no promise of finding it. One of the first questions she asked me was how much would I charge them for the services. I told her there was no charge and that I would be happy to try to locate it. It sounded from the background noises that the family might have been eating dinner but I had the feeling that she had been afraid I was going to charge a lot to look for the ring. She asked if she could call back in a little while and I said sure and waited for her call.

When Wendi called back about two hours later she again asked if I was sure I wasn't going to charge for the service and I assured her it wouldn't cost her anything. She then told me how her husband had worn the ring almost 20 years and how sad they were when he discovered it had come off his finger. Wendi told me that they had gotten a couple metal detectors and searched themselves but with no luck. She told me about calling her father in Alaska and how he told her she would need a much better detector than what they had used and said that he would try to locate someone who could help.

I asked Wendi for information about how and where the ring was lost, information about the ring itself, and if she or her husband could meet me at the field where it was lost on Saturday, December 4. The description of the ring was that it was a plain gold band, not too wide and unknown gold content. She said she didn't know how much they had paid for it but that it meant a lot to them. I told her I understood that it wasn't the actual value but the sentimental value and that is why I wanted to try to help them find it. Not too much to go on so far, but how hard could it be to find a gold ring on top of the ground in the short grass of a soccer field? I had heard that the weather was supposed to be near 60 degrees that day so I thought this was going to be a great day to take a drive and get a little exercise in the sun. I sent John Lambe a message later telling him that the woman whose husband lost the ring finally got back to me that day and I was going to meet her Saturday morning to try to locate the lost ring. She gave me directions to the soccer fields and told me where to meet her on Saturday.

I called the illustrious Bill Chapman, owner of all knowledge of metal detecting, on Friday morning to ask if he had any tips to enhance my odds of finding the ring. He had already heard that I was going and told me that he had planned to volunteer himself. I told him that I would be using my DFX with the Bigfoot coil so I could cover more ground easily and I knew if the ring was there it wouldn't be deep anyway. Bill asked me for a description of the ring and I told him what Wendi had told me. Bill told me that since it was gold to just program my detector to discriminate everything but signals (eddy currents for you Bill) with a

VDI reading from 15 to 40 as that would pretty much eliminate everything but pull tabs, nickels and gold rings. He said that way I wouldn't be wasting time picking up quarters or other objects. I told him that for some reason my particular detector is very sensitive to nickels and he said then that was good and wished me luck.

I thanked him and I thought "great, only pull tabs, nickels and gold rings." Now I was beginning to think this wasn't going to be so easy, as community soccer fields are pretty well seeded with pull tabs and there probably weren't going to be too many gold rings. Well, I also had another minor problem; I had never done this specific programming before on my DFX and had only the one evening to figure out how. So when I got home from work that day I had to dig out the manual (yes some men actually use them when they have to) and read up on how to do the programming. After making and eating dinner, and doing a couple other chores I was ready to try to do the programming. Unfortunately, my detector hadn't been used in several weeks and is stored in a not too warm garage with the end result of a very weak battery. So out came the charger and I put the battery on charge and went to bed.

Since it was going to be at least a two hour drive to the soccer fields (which turned out to be a few miles north of the Budweiser plant in Ft. Collins) I figured I had better leave early in case I had trouble finding the fields. As I had told Wendi I would meet her at 9:00 am I figured I had better leave the house at 6:00 am and hopefully get there early enough to try to program the detector and maybe do a little extra searching for whatever good finds I could get. Four thirty the next morning came way too soon and I showered, dressed, grabbed a couple freshly baked cookies



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that had been left on the counter, along with some milk and went to load my stuff into the car. It was still dark out and as I opened the garage door I saw frost on the car windows and the thermometer outside read 23 degrees. Now I was having reservations about the whole trip. I had put on a heavy flannel shirt and figured on wearing only that as the temperature was supposed to be warm later. It's been pretty cold at our house most mornings lately since we are at an altitude of about 6700' and it usually warmed up fine. I almost left at that point, but something told me to go back inside for my down jacket. I tossed it into the back seat since the car had warmed up nicely while I gathered up and loaded everything, and off I went.

I got to the soccer fields plenty early with only a little confusion from a part of the directions that had been left out. I got out of the warm car to be hit with a blast of cold air and I jumped back inside to see that the temperature was still only about 30 degrees. I got back out, put on the coat, and quickly programmed the detector. I added a little fudge factor to what Bill had told me and set it to discriminate all but signals in the range of 12 to 45. I didn't want to go through all this to miss something just a hair above or below the range Bill gave me. And I thought, "What if the ring wasn't really gold?" But I had to hope it was and sat in the warm car till Wendi arrived. It was too cold out there to do any extra hunting. Wendi arrived about on time and we walked out onto the fields as she described where they had parked, how they got to the field where her daughter's game was to be played, and where her husband and son were throwing the football. All this was outside of the areas of the fields outlined in white, but she

also described how they had joined the other parents in forming an arch with their arms for the kids to run through along the center line of the playing field. I roughly sized up the areas she described and came up with a combined area about the size of two NFL football fields. Now I was really having some doubts.

We walked back to the cars so I could grab my gear and Wendi said she had to get back home to take her daughter to dance lessons. She said if I was able to find the ring to call her and let her know when I might be back in town. Strange words coming from someone who really wanted the ring found, but I learned later that they had pretty much given up any hope of ever seeing the ring again. I told her I would do my best but to not be too disappointed if I didn't find it as someone may have already picked it up and kept it or that maybe it had been lost in an area she didn't include in the search area.

I started out from the edge of the parking lot and did a visual gridded search from there to the area of where several fields were located. I used the side lines of the fields as guides and searched the 25-30' area between the first two fields, overlapping the sidelines about six feet just in case the ring flew onto the field while they threw the football back and forth. It didn't take long before I was having trouble holding the detector even while wearing Thinsulate® lined leather gloves. I sure was thankful that I had grabbed the down jacket as I was already starting to get cold. The sky was completely overcast and I knew it wasn't going to get much warmer outside. It also looked as if it might even snow. I only got a few hits on targets near the surface and found a few pull tabs, a nickel and a couple small nickel plated brass grommets. I then searched about six feet

on either side of the center line of the one playfield, all the way across the field. Still no ring after about an hour of searching. I started to search the area between the next two fields but I was getting pretty cold and already a bit discouraged. I stopped after searching an area between the fields about 25 feet long. Something told me to go try the larger area that was between the goal ends of four soccer fields and extended past the lined field areas another 25-30 yards to the complex fence line. I figured this was probably a more likely area where they would be throwing the ball more and for longer distances. I made four wide passes along the goal ends of two fields all the way out to the fence. I hadn't gotten a single hit on a target and had to move the coil up near one of the goal posts to be sure the detector was really working. I was pretty frozen by this point and had decided to go to the car to get warm after I got back to the center area. On the fifth pass coming back from the fence I got a signal about 25' from the center starting point. The VDI numbers were about the same as those from the previously found targets, but as I was looking down at the coil as I pinpointed I caught the glint of gold. I reached down to pick up what was a gold ring lying at about a 40 degree angle down against the ground at the base of the blades of grass. I looked at the ring and it wasn't what Wendi had described so I thought maybe I had gotten a freebie. I just stopped and walked the maybe 75 yards back to the car to warm up. Once I could bend my fingers again and stopped shivering so much I decided to call Wendi to see if this was the lost ring even though the description didn't really match. As I described some of the features on the ring like the two narrow grooves on each edge with a raised rib

between them she said she thought there may have been something like that on the ring. I next described a pattern of diagonal lines across the center section with alternating colors of natural gold and a darker, almost rose gold color between them. Wendi said that there was some cross hatching pattern around the middle. I told her that this may be their ring and asked if she wanted to come back to the field to identify it or if she wanted me to go to her house to show it to her. Wendi asked me if I was kidding about the ring and I told her that I had no idea what it really looked like and asked why I would kid her about what I held in my hand. At this point I was pretty sure I had found her husband's ring so I just put everything away somewhat and punched her address into my GPS program on my cell phone. I thought she might have lived fairly close to the fields as I could see a housing development nearby. But it turned out that she lived about nine miles southeast of the fields. I pulled into the drive and thought to myself I hoped this was the ring as I really didn't want to drive back to the fields to continue searching in the cold.

I went to the front door and rang the doorbell. Wendi asked me to step inside and as I dug into my coat pocket to find the ring she said that if it wasn't the right one at least I had found something good. I held it up and asked if this looked familiar at all. I really can't describe the look on her face or remember all she was saying as she held the ring and kept looking at it. I could tell she was very happy and amazed. Her daughter looked and cried out that was her Daddy's ring. The son came into the entrance way to see what was happening and also said it was his Father's ring. Wendi just kept saying she couldn't believe that the ring

had been found and they had given up on ever seeing it again. She again told me how long her husband had worn it and how bad he felt when he discovered it was gone.

Wendi kept asking me what I wanted for finding it and I told her all I wanted was a picture of the ring and her holding it. I told her I had already gotten my reward by seeing how



happy she was then. The son then said he wanted to take it up to his Dad. I asked Wendi if her husband was home and when she said yes I asked her to have him come down so she could put the ring back on his finger. He came down and Wendi introduced him as her husband Russ and showed him the ring. I suggested she put it on him so it wouldn't get lost again.

Russ then described what he had been doing when the ring had been lost and asked where exactly I had found it. I described the location as best I could and he then told the story of getting the detectors and searching themselves. He described how they had laid out the area with string and had searched a long time and had even gone over the area where I found it several times. He said that he guessed the detectors they used weren't good enough. I told him that it didn't take the \$500-1000 detector his Father-in-law had suggested, and that he could have found it with a detector from Wal-Mart. I explained that a person just needed to understand what the detector was telling

him and it took practice. I then took a picture of the two of them smiling with the ring on his hand. I wished them happy holidays and left.

When I got home a few hours later my wife told me that Wendi had called again. I called her back and she again kept thanking me and saying she hadn't realized how far I had driven to do this for them. She again wanted to give me some reward and I repeated what I had told her before. She then asked for information on the Eureka club and I told her I would send her the club web address along with the pictures I had taken. I sent the pictures later along with the club information. The next day I got this email from Wendi:

Hello Roger,

I can never tell you how much we appreciate what you did! We were all shocked. I can't believe the efforts you put into helping us out. I really had counted it out and figured we would never find it again. It's nice to be wrong sometimes. Thank you for the link. I'll pass the info and pictures on.

Have a very Merry Christmas! I know you made ours very special.

Wendi



That was pretty special to me to be able to do something like that. I'm sure that for those Eureka members who have been able to help someone find their lost treasures know what I mean. As I write this an email came into my mail box from Wendi's Father. Here is what it said:

Thank you Roger for helping out Daughter and Hubby. Thank you very much!

Karen and I participate in a little recreational gold panning and metal detecting with our local GPAA (Gold Panners of Alaska Anchorage) chapter. As such, we have appreciation for the efforts you made in Wendi's behalf. I will run down the web site of our club and forward it to you.

Should your travels take you to Alaska, please let us help you up here to find your way around this fantastic state as a way of thanking you.

Gold has been running as high as \$1,400 an ounce, there is plenty left for those who know how look for it. Kind of tempting, isn't it?

We hope your Christmas is as happy as ours.

John and Karen [deleted]
Wasilla, AK 99687

The feelings I have experienced from this can't really be described, but they are good.

Hopefully more of you that read this will be able to experience the feelings I am right now by having made this entire family so happy.



Eureka's January Birthdays

- Lydia Downie
- Brian Heber
- Richard Kibler
- Laura Lewis
- Steve Muehlbauer
- James Parriott
- Cherie Rex
- Ed Schlottcech
- Louise Smyth
- Charlotte Steele
- Louise Sullivan



2011 Monthly Hunt Schedule

		What	Huntmaster	Where	When
JAN	16				
FEB	13				
MAR	13				
APR	10				
MAY	15				
JUN	12				
JUL	10				
AUG	14				
SEP	11				
OCT	16				
NOV	13				
DEC	11				

In-Town Hunt Schedule

If this sounds familiar, the rules regarding in-town hunts bear repeating. Again, I want to reiterate in-town hunt rules for those who seem to have missed the obvious by failing to read and follow the instructions the club has provided. We want you to put on hunts. They are designed to be fun, first and foremost. They provide a context outside of the meetings for fellowship with club members. To put on an in-town hunt you **MUST**:

- **Schedule with the Huntmaster.**
- **Provide a plan.**
- **Provide flyers.**
- **Ensure the hunt rules are discussed BEFORE the hunt.**
- **Police the hunt.**
- **The hunt master for any particular hunt can decide open hunt .**
- **(non-members may hunt) or members only**
- **Write a story for the newsletter and send it and accompanying photos to the newsletter editor prior to that month's deadline.**

To ensure the continuation of this hobby and to provide the best im-

pression of Eureka! and its membership, you, as hunt master, **MUST** enforce all rules, including:

1. Pouches to store finds and trash **MUST** be worn and used at all times during the hunt.
2. All hunters must wear headphones.
3. Absolutely no tolerance of holes left open. A first warning, followed by a time-out or expulsion from the hunt, will usually get people's attention
4. Hunters digging and leaving trash on the hunt field should receive the same treatment discussed above.

September will be our Coinhuna competition which will be put on by a board member this year (TBD).

Remember, the calendar that we put up during the meetings shows what we have scheduled. Just putting your name on the calendar does not mean that you automatically get that month. All hunts will need to be okayed by Huntmaster prior to officially being put in the newsletter and put on.

Failure to follow the guidelines may result in hunts being cancelled.

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Eureka! Club meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., on the second floor of the Clement Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado.



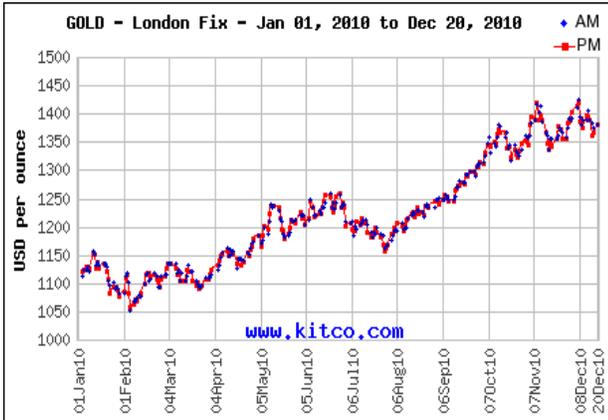
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