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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Chris Winther - President

Hi, All I have to say is that I was discouraged when speaking with the gold commissioner (Ann Currie). The fee increase review board has changed very little since they told us what they had come up with. Fee increase to \$20.00 up from \$5.00 for lease rental . Triple acquisition fee for cells \$2.00-\$6.00 and no cost thereafter if you are doing your assessment work. Very unfair to those that are mining. We had no choice but to go to lease, now we will be penalized for having a lease. I understood that they were making changes to stop people from holding ground for non-mining purposes? On the positive side those holding claims may now increase production to 25,000 yards. Cash In Lieu will now have limits, no paying day to day. So miners, allow for these changes in the next mining season. Chris



New CMA Members

Roger Ferster	Danny Nestle
Orville Milligan	Wendell Reis
Walter Ritchie	Harry Robinson
Gerald Wilkie	Terry Wittner

New Corporate Members

Active Rent-All (Quesnel) Ltd
Barkerville Historic Town
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The Cariboo Mining Association would like to thank all the new Corporate and Individual members and all the past members for your support. We hope that you all have a productive and prosperous year.

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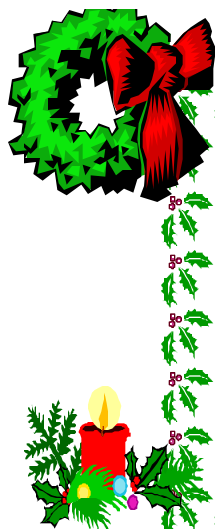
Closing prices on Nov 09/11

Gold - - - - -	\$ 1762.75
Silver - - - - -	\$ 33.94
Platinum - - -	\$ 1621.10
Copper - - - -	\$ 3.36
Crude Oil - - -	\$ 95.77
Cdn Dollar - -	\$ 0.98



a little early but being that this the last newsletter of the year...

**The CMA would like to wish all a very
Merry Christmas
&
Happiest of New Years.
May you all be Healthy & Prosperous in
2012**



Association News

contributed by Celine photos by Edith

In Sept. we had representatives from the college in Quesnel talk about their "mining" course. Personally I found it frustrating when I heard what they would be teaching. It sure wasn't for us miners, but rather they said laid off forestry workers, or high school grads who wanted a job at a big mining company. I don't think the mom and pop miners need "conflict resolution", but I could be wrong, you never know. They have no plans for field trips or a geologist, but will teach you how to run a forklift. The mineral identification part would be online. Well, if you have the \$4,000 for the cost of the course for four months, don't let me stop you.. There is a need for a mining course and I wish someone would hurry up and get a useful one together. There are a lot of newbie's who would appreciate it as well as a few of us that have been mining for a while.

We finally had our field trip to Grouse Creek, it was a perfect day for the event, and I know that the 17 of us who went did not waste our time. A Big Thank You to Rick Mason of Hard-Up Mining, also to his partner, Pete Wright of Devlin Bench Mining, for showing us around their diggings. I



saw a few of our members who were mesmerised by the cleaning of the gold on their vibrating table. Thanks again to Pete for donating the 2 gr. nugget that Kate Wittner won and I'm sure she was very pleased with winning it.



One of our members had to have an archaeological study on his claim. It looks like we do not have much choice in the matter as this is something that originally started with the courts. Once you have paid anywhere from \$1,000. to \$3,000 and the study is done you can proceed with your mining; that is if they don't find anything. Just another impediment for the miners, oh well, I know we are a resilient bunch.

October's meeting we had as guest speaker Adam Shauwn from Bob Simpson's office. He played a recording from his laptop of Bob Simpson in front of legislature. Bob was praising the benefits of the Placer Mining in the Cariboo to the BC economy. He also talked about the 150 Year Celebration of Barkerville next year, maybe we should plan something ?? We are supposed to have a conference call from Bob's office in which Bob and Minister Thomson, Chris Winthers, Bruce Chaytor and Randy Hawes will discuss various issues. These would include the usual First Nation problems, road deactivation, fee increases and Glenna trying to open up the Horsefly area. More on this later, I hope.

We wish Laughing Jack, Ray B. and Dan good health, take care of yourselves guys. For the rest of us who have the gold bug,, I'm sorry but there is no known cure. Just get in shape for next mining season.

Way to go Dennis and Rick Wittner still mining at the end of Oct., pretty good for their first year.

In case you are wondering, Bob Zimmerman is still laid up from his knee operation, so we are not sure when the GPS courses will continue.

We have new Corporate and individual members, we welcome and appreciate your support, Thanks allot!

Our new winter schedule is going to be the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM starting with the November meeting, at the Seniors Centre.

Starting in January we will be charging an extra \$10.00 if a member finds it necessary for a hard copy of our newsletter. This is paid when your membership is due, sorry folks, but we need to cover our expenses.

Reminder: have you sent in your photo for the contest yet? Check out the web site or bring it to the meeting.

The Cariboo Mining Association has a long established history of representing the hard rock and placer miners of the world famous Cariboo Gold Fields of Central British Columbia.

Established in 1952 the CMA has stood up for and supported the mining industry of BC for the last 59 years.

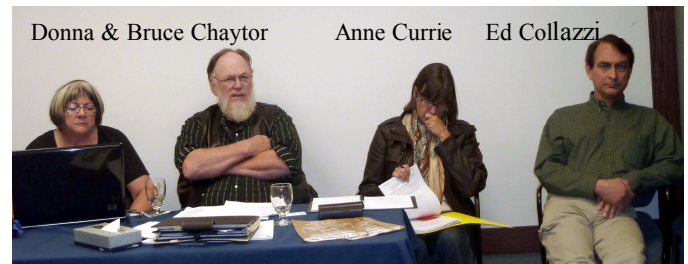
submitted by Celine photos by Edith

At the BCPMA (BC Placer Miner's Association) AGM in Kamloops held Oct.22/11 the CMA had a good showing. Don Kirkham, Dan Perron, Edith Spence, Chris Winther and Celine Duhamel were there. Bruce & Donna Chaytor represented Vancouver Island. Gerald York from the Chamber of Mines in Nelson and Sam Lewis from the Kootenays, and Rick Peterson from Vernon. The Omineca and Atlin were not represented. Vernon has 35 members in it's Association. About 90 members in the Kootenays, with approximately 180 members of the Chamber of Mines in the East Kootenays, only 24 plus are Placer Members but that's increasing. The Cariboo Region has over 100 individual & 6 Corporate members. On Vancouver Island the membership fees are \$60.00. They have 3 claims under joint ownership open for their members for hand panning. If you spend the day you are charged \$30. They also have liability insurance costing them \$1,700 and the members sign a waiver for field trips. They offer a wilderness first aid course for \$250 where you get to stay in the bush for two days. In the afternoon we met with the Government Representatives who were Anne Currie, the Executive Director and Chief Gold Commissioner, Ed Collazzi, the Deputy Chief Gold Commissioner and Director at Mineral Titles and Joe Sequin, Director and Inspector from the Kamloops office.



This is a summary of what took place. Donna will be sending the minutes in the future.

Old Business: The Mountain Caribou: Gerald said that in Duncan the government had closed a whole area because of the Caribou. Don K. noted that the calf population is mostly female since the spraying is affecting the male births, this was confirmed by Biologists. The government is culling the moose herd with the intent it will get rid of the predators. North East of Nelson at Duncan Lake they have a bounty on wolves and it is closed to placer mining, but hardrock and hand mining are allowed.



As for the Best Practices Book: Best Practices has been forgotten by government. There seems a lot of chaos in government, with the changes last year they just dumped everything and nothing was dealt with.

The Resource Road Act: they want to take all roads and bring in a common bureaucracy. Every road will have to have a maintainer, drive at your own risk signs might be an option. Forestry will have the right to ask for a maintenance fee. Comment was made that perhaps the Forest Companies de-activate the roads so that the public does not see the logging mess they leave behind.

Everyone in Mines Department. is aware of **Glenna Yahnke**, she has been very persistent for over seven years in her fight to open up new ground to placer.

If you have to cross on private lands you must give notice of 8 days to owner, but they can not refuse you entrance.

The new fee increase: the proposed amendments will probably happen in early spring and they will give miners 90 days notice before the increase. A one time requisition fee will allow you to hold your claim indefinitely but the work required per year will double and the plan for Cash in Lieu is to increase it up to four times the present fee. As far as leases are concerned the proposed recommendation is to increase the fee to \$20, Joe Sequin said that they should have been increased before and that is his justification for the high increase. It is very important that the assessment reports that are holding ground be checked. Government's game plan is that there will be more enforcement people and they will come from forestry and fisheries. When questioned what the penalty is when the work is bogus the answer was to take their claim away and lose their miners licence. Anyone from anywhere can stake on MTO as long as they come in person to B.C. to obtain a BCEID. As far as the government acting as the liaison between miners and First Nations, Joe Sequin stated that we are the ones who want to mine and it is up to us to work things out. Don Kirkham said it would be helpful to have a color coded map of potential sites for archaeological studies. The Ross River (Yukon) First Nations are challenging the whole fee consultation on tenure acquisition, the BC Government is watching and waiting for the outcome. If you are having your NOW from Williams Lake it takes considerable longer than Quesnel. Joe Sequin commented that 40% of NOWs are waiting for consultation or for correction from the client. Suggested to move your beginning date for the time you get your reply. As for doing an Electric Restivity Survey on your claim, you do need to get a NOW permit.

the Miners Page



We welcome your comments, letters, complaints, beefs, frustrations, ideas & anything nice you have to say.

contributed by *Edith*

Gold prices reached a high of \$1917.90 US\$ on August 22, 2011 in after hours trading. Since the beginning of the year that's a rise of 35%. Generally as the US\$ goes down the price of gold goes up along with silver and other metal prices. Predications are for gold prices to continue upwards.

At the BCPMA meeting on October 22nd in Kamloops with Government Representatives from the Mining Department, Anne Currie (Gold Commissioner) told us that there is an influx of money to Mines. This is to allow them to contract out the issuing of permits. This will be done through training of forestry personnel who will be able to inact and issue the permits. This is to help with the backlog of the NOWs, some will be handled in Prince George & some in Quesnel. Which is fine for that part of your NOWs, but then it goes to other referrals, such as forestry, contractors, etc., and of course First Nations and this is where the 'holdup' seems to be.

The proposed amendments to the Mineral Tenure Act are to be updated, probably this coming spring. The lack of reclamation is a top priority for Mines Department. Anne Currie also mentioned that she is looking at opening up a "broad" area for mining instead of just focusing on one area alone, as there are a lot of applications for new ground.

Regarding the Resource Road Act a comment was made by a miner that "the bureaucracies have taken a good idea and wrecked it." Remarks were "that the deactivation of the roads started with the NDP when they changed a resource road from an asset to a liability, if they pull the culverts and/or bridges this takes away their liability."

A Resource Road includes all roads except public roads (Highways, Municipal, Federal), private roads and those covered by a Mines Act permit. Here are a few quotes from the NRRRA website:

"Anyone using a Resource Road will be responsible for damage they cause to the road"

"Only one person may be designated as maintainer but any user may be designated by Government. Commercial and Industrial users may be expected to contribute to maintenance."

"A road that lacks a designated maintainer may be subject to deactivation to mitigate enviroment risks or risks to users."

Please check out the Natural Resource Road Act website for more information, the Government wants feedback regarding the proposed policy framework and related issues **by December 15, 2011**, be sure to read both the Discussion Paper and the Introduction. Drafting of the Act is to begin February of 2012, continuing through to August of 2012 and coming into effect during the Spring of 2013 if it is passed. Website: www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/nrra

Another interesting item came up at the meeting is that the government wants to start charging for the water that we use out of our wells, legislation is to go this spring possibly under the "Water Modernization Act". The GWPR (Ground Water Protection Regulation) in 2004 established standards for drilling, alteration, maintenance, and closure of wells, addressed well identification and required qualified well drillers and qualified well pump installers to register with the Province.

Other legislation or regulations affecting ground water in B.C. include the: Drinking Water Protection Act (regulates potability of drinking water, including drinking water from wells). Licenses for ground water uses will specify the amount of ground water extracted and used and there's talk of an annual rental fee for ground water. The Website to check is:

<http://www.livingwatersmart.ca/water-act/groundwater.html>. Yes, "LivingWaterSmart" goes right along with our BC Hydro "SmartMeters" and "SmartGrowth BC" and of course we have the "Smart Car."



The Miner's Song

The eastern sky is blushing red,
The distant hilltop glowing,
The river over it's rocky bed
It's idle frolice flowing;
'tis the time the pick-axe and spade
Against the rocks were ringing,
And with ourselves the golden stream
A song of labor singing.

The mountainair is fresh and cold,
Unclouded skies bend over us;
Broad placers, rich in hidden gold,
Lie tempting before us.

We need no Midas' magic wand,
Nor wizard rod divining;
The pickaxe, spade and brawny hand
Are sorcers in mining.

When labor closes with the day,
To simple fare returning,
We gather in a merry group
Around the campfire burning.
The mountain sod our couch at night.
The stars keep watch above us,
We think of home and fall asleep
To dream of those who love us.

words by J Swett

submitted by *Connie*

Miners Adventures

Omineca Mining by Celine

cont'd from the Mining Diary of the summer of 1992

August 24th: We've got a lot of nice pieces. It's been raining today, so we worked in the morning for one and a half hours, did 20 buckets

Sunday: Last night seemed even colder. Chris's dad is a big help, the best guy we have brought here yet, never complains and doesn't look like someone who just died. They are fixing my washing machine right now, what a horror it would be if I didn't have it.

One of the things I like about being here is that the people open their homes to you. There's always a cup of coffee, you don't see that in town anymore as no one has time. I have lots of time to cook, invent a meal, take my time doing dishes and lots of time to read, which I never have enough time at home. Also I can eat like a pig and get in shape at the same time. It's like Chris and I are kids at summer camp, safe at night in our cabin at night from the elements. At home pleasures are more expensive, here you can get mesmerised by the sounds of the creek or just watch it tumbling swiftly on it's way.

Tuesday: Got some sluicing done at 4:30.

Wednesday: Temperature was hot. We drove dad to Takla, it took 5 hours one way. He got a ride right away with a Native that was going out for supplies.

Thursday: took it easy after yesterdays 10 hour trip. Spent the afternoon making cinnamon buns and laying around. We went out at 8:00 for another 13 gram, when we finished it was too dark to see if there were any more nuggets.

We had three days when we had visitors or were visiting. Lorne Warren and Eric Shady showed up on Wednesday at 11:00 just as we were having breakfast, some days are just slower then others. Lorne works for Jim Thomas, he is a "prospector" in charge on his local claims. Right now they are not really mining. Jim is a multi-millionaire and has so many claims he doesn't have time to work them all. Last year he came on a weekend in his helicopter to mine. He has his parents in-law, Ivy and Harris stay at his claim at Kenny Creek. They are an older couple from the prairies, she's 58 years old. So far they've sluiced an ounce of fine gold. Eric also has a claim on Tom Creek about 5 miles from here. He wants Chris to work a couple of days for him at \$60 per hour with our machine. They stayed about 4 hours visiting, we plan to visit them the tomorrow to borrow some gas. Chris didn't bring enough and we need it for the motor on the trommel and the water pump.



Next day we left bright and early at 8:30 AM which got us into Kenny Creek, just fifteen miles away at 11AM. We visited at Lorne's place, a big log cabin, met his wife, Joyce and their 18 year old son, Chris. His wife will be cooking for the road crew for about a month for 8 to 10 men. They charge \$60 per day for room and food. Here at Kenny Creek they are allot more comfortable then we are, they have flush toilets, showers, oil heat and lighting. But they don't have the big nuggets. Ivy showed us their 1 1/2 gr. nugget that they are so proud of, our biggest nugget so far this summer is 12 gr., and we have got allot of big ones. When Lorne saw our gold he was quite impressed, taking out his magnifying glass to check it out. Chris saw a map he had of this area of the claims with the dates written when ours is supposed to be re-registered. If you are late one day your claim is forfeited. Chris figures that ever since he showed Ivy and Harris our 18 gr. nugget last year, word has got around and there is a lot of interest in the area now.



Anyway we left Kenny Creek to go home, stopping at Fable Lake, which used to be a satellite camp for the outfitters. Five minutes after we were there Ruby, our red dobie dog, had a mink in her mouth. I yelled at her and she let it go, but it was too late as it's hind legs were immobile. Chris put it out of it's misery by drowning it, then he skinned it and threw the body in the lake, we felt pretty bad about it. We stretched it on some plywood and salted it. It was dark by the time we got home.

to be cont'd

How to confuse a new gold miner, give him two shovels and ask him to take his pick.





The History of Gold

researched & contributed by *Edith*

GOLD WEIGHTS

24 Grains = 1 penny weight

31.1 Grams = 1 oz.

20 Pennyweight = 1 oz.

480 Grains = 1 oz.

About 8000 years ago people discovered that they could alter metals with fire and over the next few thousands of years mining and metalworking became an important industry causing the most civilisation changes in human history. These processes included annealing, smelting, alloy production and extraction of metals from ore and remains the foundation of a very successful industry to the present day. Gold was discovered about 6000 years ago and since has given immense power to empires through the centuries, it has symbolised power, beauty, purity and accomplishment. Since it's discovery it has become accepted as currency world-wide, it is used in jewellery making, ornaments, religion, medical uses and in the hi-tech industry, but the primary use has been and still is today in jewellery. The first known uses of gold in financial transaction was about 6000 years ago just by using pieces of gold or silver. To the Incas and the peoples of the Andes gold was the "sweat of the sun" the sun being their most sacred god, to the Aztecs it was the "excrement of the gods" which is the meaning for the Aztec word 'teocuitlatl' their word for gold. In 1922 when King Tutankhamen's tomb was opened it revealed a 2,448 LB gold coffin with hundreds of gold objects contained within the tomb.

Gold was most likely initially found on the ground or picked up from the streams or rivers. The first smelting of gold was done by the Egyptians in about 3600 BC by using blowpipes made from fire resistant clay to heat their furnaces. The first known sluicing is believed to have been done by using an unshorn sheepskin to wash sands of the Black Sea, then drying the skin and shaking out the gold particles. This is likely how the "golden fleece" came about. It is believed that gold was first made into ornate objects about 4000 BC. The Egyptians began to beat gold into gold leaf and alloy gold with other metals for hardening and color variation. The Egyptians were also the first to use the lost-wax technique of making jewellery which is still used today. As gold became a recognised and accepted in international trade, Egypt, due to it's prosperous gold bearing region in Nubia became very wealthy country. The Babylonians are believed to be the first to have used fire to assay the purity of gold in about 1350 BC.

Medical & Technological Beginnings

Today only 12% of the gold demand is by the medical and technological industries, but it is the most important use of gold since it does not tarnish, corrode and is a good conductor. The first known medical use of gold was for dentistry about 600 BC when gold wire was used to hold replacement teeth in place by the Etruscans, gold only began it's use as dental fillings about 1000 years ago. In 1927 France through extensive studies proved that gold was valuable in treating Rheumatoid Arthritis, this was confirmed by the European Rheumatism Council in 1960 when gold was intravenously administered for this disease. In the 1970's the US colloidal gold makers began to use gold in health research labs to mark and tag proteins in the human body to reveal their function in disease treatment. Today gold is being used as a treatment for Lagophthalmos, a rare eye disease which causes the inability to close the eyes completely. Particles of radioactive gold isotopes are implanted to serve as a radiation source in certain cancers. Gold is also used in surgical instruments, diagnosis, electronic equipment and support devices in our medical system.

In 300 BC gold powder was melted into glass which diffused nanoparticles of gold to refract the light giving the glass a luminous red glow this is still being used today for the same purpose. Today, small amounts of gold are used within the glass or as a film on glass to reflect the solar radiation to keep modern buildings cool in the summer and warm in the winter. In 1965 the Gemini Space Mission used a thin film of gold on the visors of the astronauts to protect them from the glare and heat of the sun, this same treatment is also used today on visors to protect fire-fighters.

1968 gold circuits began to be used by Intel to connect transistors in the computer world. In the '70's a device using gold collected electrons generated by faint light from the stars started the use of gold in hundreds of devices. By 1996 the Mars Global Surveyor was using a gold coated parabolic telescope mirror that generated a detailed map of Mars. In 2000 Astronomers in Hawaii began to using giant gold coated mirrors to get the most detailed pictures of Neptune and Uranus. Today in space technology gold is not only used in the circuitry, as conductors and protective film in the spacecraft, but gold is a perfect lubricant between the mechanical parts, where as organic lubricants would breakdown and volatilise beyond the Earth's atmosphere. Gold is also used in cell phones, computers, household appliances, many kinds of gadgets and electronics just to name a few, with so many uses gold truly is a metal with a great future!


* Gold leaf can be as thin as 0.18 microns (7 millionths of an inch), 7,055 sheets stacked would be only as thick as a dime.

* Gold in the Depository consists of bars that weigh about 27.5 lbs. each, about 400 troy ounces.

* In the Earth's crust there is only 7 parts of gold for every 100 parts of silver & the Earth's oceans are the greatest single reservoir of gold.

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The logo for Nickel Creek Resources Inc. is centered on a white background. It features the company name in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. Below the name is the address in a smaller, bold, black sans-serif font. The entire text is enclosed within a decorative border consisting of a black outer line and a yellow inner line with a black zigzag pattern.

**Nickel Creek
Resources Inc.**

**8061 Chinook Way
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*I started out with nothing
and have most of it left.*

Contact Page

The Cariboo Miner Editors wish to thank all that contributed to this issue. We look forward to your suggestions, stories, articles, reports, news and old or new mining pictures. Please submit your articles by Dec. 30th, 2011 for the next issue.

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 Caps \$15.00

OnSale! Dated T-Shirts for \$ 5.00

For these items call Chris at 992- 8568 or come to our monthly meeting, we'll have them there.



Your mind is like a parachute, it only works when open.

NOTICE

Due to the rising prices we will be charging \$10.00 per year (six issues) of the hardcopy of our Newsletter as of the Jan/Feb. 2012 edition. Please add this charge to your membership renewal next year. For any questions or concerns about the extra charge for a hardcopy contact Treasurer and Editor, Brenda Dunbar by phone at 250 991-0204 or email: beejsgold@hotmail.com.

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CMA meeting's are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month for the winter season starting November 13th at the Quesnel Senior's Center, Activity Room (side door) at 1:00pm.



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