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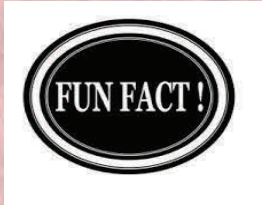
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***Gold is used in window glass and astronaut helmets to reflect infrared rays while allowing sunlight to pass through, and at the same time keeping it cool.**

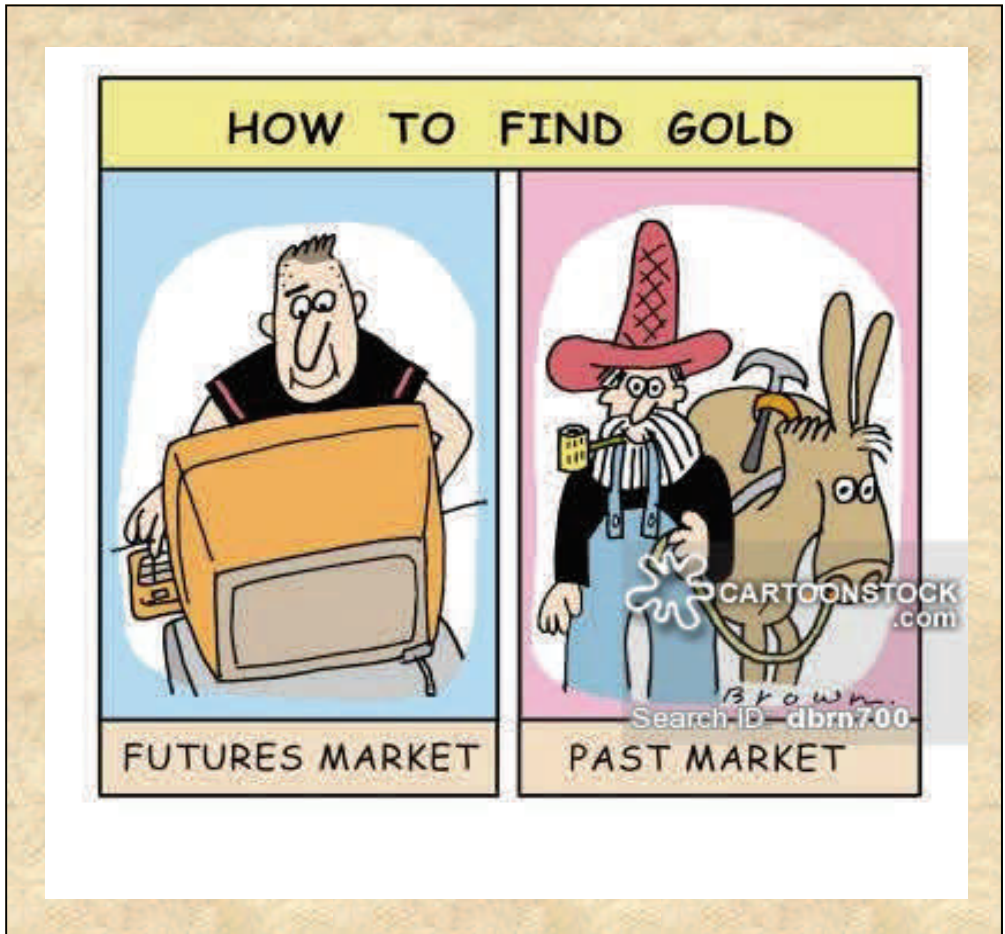
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- ◆ **Gold dust dinner**
- ◆ **& Much more!**



A warm welcome to our new members:

- *Rick Fauville
- *Keith Szlater
- *Marcus Munro
- *Alex & Lynn Stewart
- *Scott Astle
- *Terrie Langford
- *Aart Van de Beek



If your membership is due please renew it . *Please* read and fill in the en-closed waiver. Membership dues can be sent to:

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(Secretary/Treasurer)
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Single \$20
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You may want to consider joining for a couple of years so you don't have to keep filling in the waiver and writing checks.

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AGPA Nugget Winner!

Karla Pittman, from Red Deer, Alberta, walked away with this beauty! She was very excited to hear she had won the nugget, and was presented the prize on Dec 3rd, 2016.

Dave Schabert, from Jaxville Gold, in Red Deer, sold her the ticket. This is the second year in a row, that he has sold the winning ticket.



DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS?

If you have any ideas, or stories, you would like to share; please feel free to email me directly!

Regards,

Sarah Hollywood
Newsletter Editor



Canada mint worker who hid \$130,000 of gold in rectum jailed

2 February 2017

Investigators found Vaseline in Lawrence's locker. A former Royal Canadian Mint employee has been sentenced to 30 months in prison for stealing gold coins by concealing them in his rectum.

Leston Lawrence stole \$127,116 (CA\$165,451; £100,000) of gold in 22 pieces. The 35-year-old, who was found guilty, last November, was caught after he had successfully sold 17 of the gold pieces through Ottawa Gold Buyers. Ontario Court Judge Peter Doody ordered Lawrence to pay a \$145,900 fine. Passing sentence on Thursday, he ruled that Lawrence should serve another 30 months in prison if he fails to pay the penalty within three years of his release.

Investigators found Vaseline and latex gloves in the mint employee's locker. Judge Doody said these items "could have been used to facilitate insertion of gold items inside his rectum", reports the Toronto Star. The 17 laundered pucks weighed as much as 264g apiece and were sold for sums up to \$7,300 each between 2014 and 2015. Lawrence was convicted of conveying gold out of the mint, breach of trust by a public official and possession of property obtained by crime. He used the money to buy a boat in Florida and build a house in Jamaica, the court heard.

Lawrence's job was to purify gold and he occasionally worked alone in an area not covered by security cameras. He worked at the mint from 2008 to 2015.



\$10K in fake gold bars uncovered during Edmonton police investigation

By [Karen Bartko](#) Online Journalist Global News

<http://globalnews.ca/news/3169363/10k-in-fake-gold-bars-uncovered-during-edmonton-police-investigation/>

The Edmonton Police Service issued a warning Monday about a counterfeit gold scam in the city after an investigation uncovered thousands of dollars in fake gold bars that have also shown up elsewhere in western Canada.

Police began investigating after receiving information late last year regarding the sale of suspected counterfeit gold bars to various merchants in Edmonton.

“We tested the product for authenticity and quickly determined these gold bars were nothing more than copper bars plated in gold,” EPS Criminal Investigation Section Const. Robert Wellon said.

Police said they have recovered a total of 220 grams of counterfeit gold with a market value of \$10,000. The bars appeared to be professionally packaged and authentic.



Gold Dust Dinner—A Huge Success!



And the Winners Are:



Reno Zucchelli won for selling the second most tickets for the nugget draw.



Rick Fauville won a mini highbanker from Roughneck Mining as a door prize.



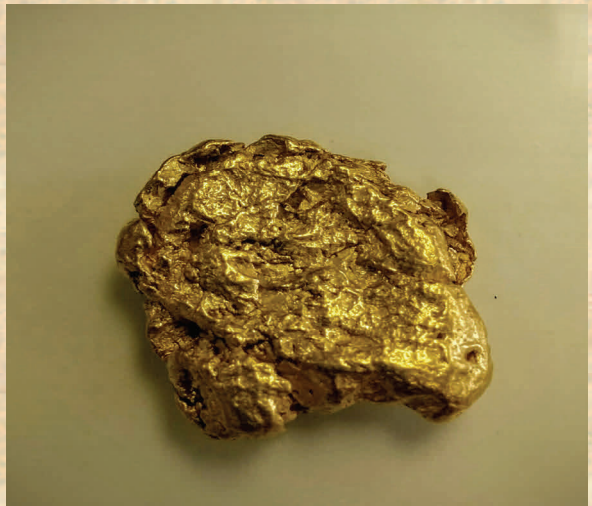
McKenna Schabert won a mini-mini model highbanker from Roughneck Mining as a door prize.



Robin Rosborough won the Volunteer of the Year Award. Congratulations!

2016: A Year in the Making:

We've had a great year! And there is more fun to come in 2017!

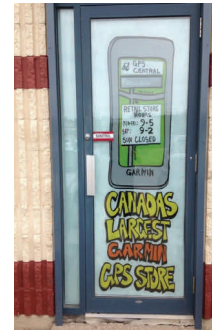
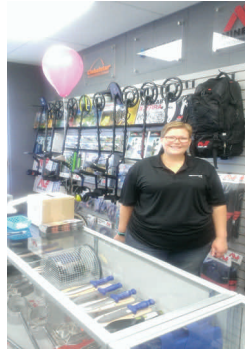


Recent Gold Prices



YEAR: CLOSED: YEAR: CLOSED: YEAR: CLOSED:

1822	\$19.39		1807	\$19.39		1792	\$19.39
1821	\$19.39		1806	\$19.39			
1820	\$19.39		1805	\$19.39			
1819	\$19.39		1804	\$19.39			
1818	\$19.39		1803	\$19.39			
1817	\$19.39		1802	\$19.39			
1816	\$19.84		1801	\$19.39			
1815	\$22.16		1800	\$19.39			
1814	\$21.79		1799	\$19.39			
1813	\$19.39		1798	\$19.39			
1812	\$19.39		1797	\$19.39			
1811	\$19.39		1796	\$19.39			
1810	\$19.39		1795	\$19.39			
1809	\$19.39		1794	\$19.39			
1808	\$19.39		1793	\$19.39			



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Editors note:

Great local place to buy Minelab detectors and SPOT emergency locators. Heather has donated lots to our club, and is an excellent customer service rep. GPS units are now an important tool in a prospectors tool bag, and this is a great place to get one.

Attention Miners:

Let **Roughneck Mining HQ** be the solution to your gold mining needs. We offer an array of products from; pre-built highbankers, stream sluices, bare-bone boxes, DIY parts - to enhance your own unit, custom fabrication and much more! Give us a call or email to discuss your ideas. *We are able to ship worldwide – contact us for more information.*

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<—Check out this fully functioning mini model of a highbanker! Get yours today!

Please note:

Steve is a very talented metal worker, so what he builds is done right. But beyond that, and in my opinion more important, he has personal experience in the gold fields and his designs make sense at the river. He also donated major items to our club.

