

GOLD PANNING: DID YOU KNOW?

1. Gold is found all around the world. In ancient times gold was extruded into cracks and crevices with the volcanic magma (hard rock mining). Over the course of time, water and wind has eroded the softer rock around the extruded gold and carried the gold in ancient riverbeds. Modern rivers cross the ancient rivers to relocate the gold. (placer mining) Gold is where you find it!



- 2.



There is an association called the World Gold panning Association that promotes panning and prospecting in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair play. Currently, 22 countries are members of the WGA. At the annual World Gold panning Championships, two delegates from each member country meet at the Annual General Meeting to determine rules and future events. Competitors from member countries attend the World Gold Panning Championships each year to pan

native sand and gravel in a specially made panning pool to find gold for the chance to become a World Champion. There are upcoming annual world competitions as follows:

2017 in Moffat, Scotland, August 7-12

2018 in Hodrusa-Hamre, Slovakia, August 6-11

2019 in Tankavaara, Finland, August 2-10

3. There are several non-profit associations for Gold Panning enthusiasts in Western Canada. Some of these associations are:
 - a. Alberta Gold Prospectors Association
 - b. Klondike Visitors Association
 - c. Vernon Placer Mining Club
 - d. British Columbia Placer Miners Association
 - e. Cariboo Mining Association
 - f. Vancouver Island Placer Miners Association



4. The 2016 World Gold Panning Championships were held in Placerville, California on September 11 to 18. There were 28 Canadians participating (18 men, 9 women, 1 child) in all of the various events and competitions. The Canadians showed very well and had a great time. The collective group represented Canada well. In the National Team competition the Canadians placed third and won the bronze medal. The National team was picked during the week of competition and represented the best Canadian panners. The team included:
(right to left)

Danny Moore (Yukon Dan)
Robin Rosborough
Danny Hadash
Alexandra Hadash
Lorraine Millar



5. A contingent of Canadians are already committed to attend the World Gold panning Championships in Moffat, Scotland in 2017. This year we will do better.



Canadian contingent in Placerville assembled for the Parade of Nations

6. The World Gold Panning Championships is like the Olympics where common Canadian citizens with a passion for gold represent Canada, amongst 22 countries. We need money to assist us in our travels, accommodations, flags, Canadian swag to give away (Especially when we are in the Parade of Nations). It is our goal to hold this championship in some location in Canada again. Recent competitions in Canada were in Dawson City, Yukon in 1996 and 2007.

Yukon Dan
Demonstrating special
completion flat pan



7. WE NEED SPONSORSHIP MONEY. Previous years without sponsorship funding have resulted in a very small group of competitors and poor results.
8. To obtain more information or to discuss your sponsorship contribution you can contact:

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See the Alberta Gold Prospectors Association website at: www.AGPA.ca

A happy Canadian competitor
after competing, with his gold
and flat pan in front of the
Flags of Nations gallery





Junior competitor

2016 National team