

THE ALBERTA

# GOLD RUSH NEWS



## Alberta Gold Prospectors Association

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### FUN FACTS!



\*Our bodies contain about 0.2 milligrams of gold, most of it in our blood.

\*More gold is recoverable from a ton of personal computers, than from 17 tons of gold ore.

### Welcome to our new members:

- \*RANDY JONES  
& FAMILY
- \*MARTIN JONES  
& FAMILY
- \*DENNIS & BONNIE  
RANGER
- \*ANTON &  
GLADYS KRAYCHY



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If your membership is due please renew it . *Please* read and fill in the enclosed waiver.

Membership dues can be sent to:

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(Secretary/Treasurer)  
PO Box 78034  
383 Heritage Dr. SE  
Calgary, AB  
T2H2Y1

**Single \$20**  
**Family \$30**

*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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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### World Gold Panning Championships:

August 7th-12th in Moffat, Scotland. Good luck to our Canadian Team!

Corn Roast—September 8th-10th at Peers for a sluicing lesson. We will be staying at Jerry Vander Well Memorial Park. We will provide corn, beans, and buns. Please bring a potluck item to share.

### Gold Nugget Raffle:

Books of 20 tickets are available for members to have sent to them if they are outside of Calgary. The nugget, is a beautiful 10.67gr piece of gold worth approximately \$650 (last time spot price was checked). Tickets are to be returned by Nov. 1st, 2017.



### What do you do with your raw gold?

Some people melt the raw gold down, to design jewelry or to save it as bullion. Others sell the raw gold to gold buyers. What do you do? Email your ideas to:

[roughneckhq@outlook.com](mailto:roughneckhq@outlook.com)



## Smelting

Mined ores are processed to concentrate the minerals of interest. In the case of metal ores, these mineral concentrates usually need to be further processed to separate the metal from other elements in the ore minerals. Smelting is the process of separating the metal from impurities by heating the concentrate to a high temperature to cause the metal to melt. Smelting the concentrate produces a metal or a high-grade metallic mixture along with a solid waste product called slag.

## Gold Smelting

Professional mining companies recover gold and other precious metals in quantities sufficient enough to pay refiners to do the smelting for them. But what can smaller scale recreational gold miners do? Consider melting or smelting your gold, silver, and other metals yourself! But first understand that there is a big difference between melting and smelting.

Melting means to change something from a solid to a liquid by the application of heat. When the heat is removed, the melted material returns to its solid state. Its chemical content has not been changed. Smelting, however, is a metallurgical term. It refers to "burning off" the impurities that your gold might be mixed with, resulting in nearly pure gold.



# WORLD GOLD PANNING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MOFFAT, SCOTLAND - AUG. 7-12th, 2017

Welcome Goldpanners

The British Goldpanning Association (BGA) and the communities of Moffat and district, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland, are delighted to have been selected to host the 2017 World Championships. The responsibility for organising the championships has been delegated to a registered charity called Moffat Gold 2017 SCIO which is run by BGA members. The beautiful town of Moffat is located in the Southern Upland hills in southwest Scotland, and is a wonderful place for both individuals and families to visit and participate in the 2017 World Championships.

This is the first opportunity that Moffat has had to host the World Championships. However, some of you may remember that it was in 1992 the UK last hosted the World Goldpanning Championships. On that occasion they were held in the villages of Leadhills and Wanlockhead, which are approximately 20 miles to the west of Moffat, and to this day, they are fondly talked about in world gold panning circles. Wanlockhead is still host to the annual British Championships.

For the 2017 World Championships, the BGA has selected Moffat as the host town, as it is still near to Leadhills and Wanlockhead. Moffat is primarily a tourist town surrounded by hills and wonderful scenery and is therefore accustomed to welcoming many visitors from home and abroad throughout the year. The town offers a wide range of shops, cafes, restaurants, and accommodation. It is an excellent place to stay or if you wish to extend your stay, as a base to explore the local region or the rest of Scotland. You can be assured that a warm welcome awaits you wherever you go. Whether you are interested in competing, spectating, learning about goldpanning or joining in the festival atmosphere of the social and networking events that will align to the competition programme, there will be something for everyone.

We look forward to welcoming you to Moffat in August 2017 for what we are sure will be a first-class World Championships during Visit Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

Ceud Mìle Fàilte (a hundred thousand welcomes)

Malcolm Thomas  
President BGA

Bob Opray  
Chair Trustee of Moffat Gold 2017 SCIO

Moffat & District Community Council

**Our team, Canada, placed third, in last years competition. Good luck everyone!**



# Recent Gold Prices



## Have you Played the new Gold Rush Game?

Yes they did! They have created an interactive gold rush game!

“Become the gold miner. Work hard, dig deep, explore the world, and you’ll become the wealthiest man in Alaska. Use a variety of highly-detailed machines to find as much gold as you can.”

Try it out tell us how you liked it! Email comments to: roughneckhq@outlook.com

[http://store.steampowered.com/app/451340/Gold\\_Rush\\_The\\_Game/](http://store.steampowered.com/app/451340/Gold_Rush_The_Game/)



## RECIPES TO SHARE:

### Gold Rush Drink:

#### Ingredients

Makes 1 Serving

- 2 ounces bourbon
- ¾ ounce fresh lemon juice
- ¾ ounce honey

#### Preparation

Combine bourbon, lemon juice, and honey in a cocktail shaker. Fill shaker with ice, cover, and shake very vigorously to help dissolve honey until outside of shaker is very cold, about 20 seconds.

Strain cocktail through a Hawthorne strainer or a slotted spoon into an old-fashioned or rocks glass with 1 large ice cube or several smaller ones. **Honey can be slow to dissolve, so be sure to shake this one plenty.**

<http://www.bonappetit.com/recipe/gold-rush>



### Oscar Award Winning Popcorn:

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup of yellow corn kernels
- 3 tablespoons of ghee
- 2 tablespoon of kosher salt
- 2 cups of your favorite candy
- 1/2 cup of mini pretzels
- gold leaf flakes (optional)



In a large dutch oven or cast iron pot, melt the ghee over medium heat. After the ghee has melted, drop 3-4 kernels or corn inside the pot. Once the kernels pop open, the ghee is hot enough. Quickly dump the kernels and salt into the pot, give a quick stir and close the lid. Leave a tiny gap so that steam can escape from the pot. But keep that lid closed because kernels are going to be popping all over the place. After a few seconds you'll start hearing the popcorn go POP! POP! POP! You might want to shake the pot back and forth a bit to prevent burning. Once the popping has slowed down, turn the heat off and wait until the last kernel has popped. Let the popcorn cool completely before mixing in your candy. I used mini Reece's peanut butter cups, mini Butterfinger, mini Kit Kat, Buncha Crunch and mini pretzels – YUM. But feel free to add your favorites! Give it all a toss and pour the mixture into paper lunch bags. And for that special Oscar-inspired touch, I've added edible gold leaf. Enjoy!

<http://honestlyyum.com/8919/oscar-award-winning-popcorn/>

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 Signature/s .....

Witness signature .....

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