



Drawing for high banker at Christmas Party (above)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*Great food, great friends and great time!
(right)*



ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2004

- **PRESIDENT – Ted Staley**
- **VICE PRESIDENT – Tom Ashworth**
- **TREASURER – Ouida Staley**
- **SECRETARY – Debra Ashworth**

Please help our officers by volunteering for committees or items of interest!

PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Ted Staley – President

The Past year has been a fun and challenging time. The outings were all a success, but the club experienced some growing pains. Let's make the next year even better. It's already starting to shape up with leads in claims, member input and enthusiasm, a new improved web site by Tom.

This coming year we will have the usual Outing on the major holidays (I.E. Memorial Day weekend-Sunstones, 4th of July TBA, Labor Day weekend Briggs and the Christmas party). There will still be monthly outings and I am asking for input on these for the January meeting.

All the Outings will be announced at the monthly meeting, on the website and in the newsletter. I would like to thank you all for making this club what it is and in closing I would like to add "**Let's make the New Year the best one ever!**"

Regards

Ted Staley

Why Do We Love Gold?

By Tom Ashworth

Out of all substances on earth, gold is the most sought after metal. For over 6000 years men have murdered, schemed and fought wars for gold. People value it for jewelry, coinage and decorative items.

Have you ever wondered why gold is so highly praised? There is little doubt among historians that gold was the first metal to be utilized by man. Records show pre-historic man used it for many different things. Slowly throughout the centuries, man has evolved his creativity and produced more and more items using gold.

By 5000 B.C., man was working with gold as art. By 4000 B.C., it was made into intricate, beautiful pieces of jewelry, lavish decorations and idols shaped into images of the various gods. During this historic period gold, became a valuable commodity that could easily be traded and used as wealth.

For many centuries, common people were forced to be slaves to toil away their lives in extracting it from the earth. Many centuries past, but the miserable fate of slave miners remained. For them life was about labor and pain. All the while, their masters were obtaining piles of gold in trinkets, coinage and idols.

A good example of this is the Second and Third Kings of Israel. These kings, David and Solomon, accumulated the unbelievable amount of 8 to 10 million pounds of gold. This gold was not intended to improve the lives of their people, but of course to pay for the fabulous temple at Jerusalem.

The cost of lives on this one project alone staggers the imagination. Thousands of miner's were enslaved, tortured, starved, faced sickness and death to build this temple.

Not only was this done in Israel, it was done in countless other countries. Do not forget about Egypt, Arabs, Greeks, Spaniards, Mongolians, Portuguese, Indonesians and Romans. All of these societies valued gold and risk many millions of people's lives to find gold.

It was not until the 1800's that slave miners were for the most part a thing of the past. The great "Mother Lode" gold rush to California in 1849 was probably the first time in 70 centuries that the common person could aspire to obtain gold for himself. This inspiration led men from all over the world into make the long, dangerous journey to California.

The California gold rush was preceded by mini gold rushes in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. In 1858, there was a gold and silver rush to Nevada, followed in 1859 by the gold rush to Colorado. Idaho and Montana had gold rushes in the 1860's. The Dakota Territory had a gold rush in the 1870's. Australia had a gold rush in

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the 1880's. Alaska had a major gold rush in 1898. These rushes were each different from those of the early centuries. Men were obtaining wealth for themselves and not making their master rich.

Gold's impact upon the world for both good and evil has made for a fascination by man for many years. This fascination is still as strong today as it ever was.

Today we face many politicians and environmental groups that are trying to shut down all forms of mining. They also try to shut down every method that a common person can use to obtain wealth off the land. Their reason for doing this goes back to the early centuries. They know that if they control the land and mineral wealth, they control the people. If you do not want revert to the slave periods, I suggest you vote against politicians that want to close areas under the guise of saving the environment. I suggest you vote freedom first and your special interest second.

So, as you read this, let yourself dream of gold filed crevices and wealth that you created working off the land. I have found that if you think positively and have a dream, you will be much more successful than people that allow the negative to control their lives. Therefore, I strive to dream of big nuggets and gold bars as my motivation to get out and find gold.

Regards, Tom Ashworth

Website News

<http://www.millenniumdiggers.com>

The new club website is now up and running. We have new forum, calendar and will have a better member's only area. If you are a paid up 2004 member you will get access to the website. Here are the steps to get activated on the new member's only website.

1. Pay your 2004 membership, you can join at <http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/join.shtml>.
2. Go to <http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/members.shtml> and click on "**REQUEST ACCESS**"!
3. Put a check in the box next to "I agree to the above terms and conditions".
4. Please enter your desired account username in the box (example: DIG4AU, wyodredger, TomOR).
5. Enter your email address in the next two boxes. This is very important you enter a valid email address. The system will then send email to the webmaster.
6. Webmaster will approve your account if the treasurer acknowledges you have paid for your 2004 membership.
7. After you receive an email from the webmaster you will have to reply to the

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email to validate your account. Instructions on how to do this will be in the email.

8. This system works, if it does not work for you; it is because you don't have your browser configured properly. It is suggested that you use Internet Explorer to view the pages on this site.

After you have gotten register on the Members Only area, you will want to get access to the **Members Only Forum**. Here are the steps to get activated.

1. Go to
2. http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/cgibin/dcforum/dcboard.cgi?az=user_register
3. Accept the "Forum Acceptable Use Policy" by clicking the: "Accept" button.
4. You will now be registered on the main forum, but you will not have access to member's forum yet.
5. You need to email tom@tomashworth.com and request access to members only area. Include your name, username and password in the email.
6. Tom will approve your access and email you back when you have access (Tom is gone most of the summer, so in the summer this may take some time).
7. You will have to logout of the forum.
8. If you are using Internet Explorer (I don't know how to do it in other browsers), go to **TOOLS -> INTERNET OPTIONS -> GENERAL** tab. Next under "Temporary Internet Settings" click **DELETE COOKIES**. Next, click on **SETTINGS** and make sure the "every visit to the web page" is checked.
9. Now log back into the forum and you should have access.

If you are still having problems email tom@tomashworth.com and try and resolve it with him via email or you can talk to him at meeting and maybe he can help.

Financial Report November, 2003

INCOME			
ITEM	AMOUNT	DATE	DESCRIPTION
Cutting	36.00	11/11/2003	Membership 2004
Ashworth	34.66	11/21/2003	Paypal Fee \$1.34 total pd 36.00
Gibson	0.00	11/25/2003	Balance extended 2004
Landon	31.00	11/25/2003	Membership 2004
Lederer	0.00	11/25/2003	Balance Extended 2004
Sheridan	36.00	11/25/2003	Paid 10 year extend yearly to 2012 (2003 paid 360.00)
Thielen	21.00	11/25/2003	Membership 2004
E-Income	\$2,511.38	11/1/2003	Balance Forward After Split

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E-Income	\$38.00	11/11/2003	Nov Meeting- Annual Raffle Tickets Sold
E-Income	\$13.00	11/11/2003	Nov. Monthly Raffle
E-Income	\$1.64	11/25/2003	Annual Raffle Ticket 2.00 Pay Pal Fee .36,
E-Income	\$9.41	11/25/2003	Annual Raffle Tickets 10.00 Pay Pal Fee .59,
E-Income	\$9.41	11/25/2003	Annual Raffle Tickets 10.00 Pay Pal Fee .59,
E-Income	\$19.12	11/25/2003	Annual Raffle 20.00 Paypal Fee .88
TOTAL	\$2,760.62		
EXPENSES			
Expenses	\$7.40	11/6/2003	Stamps
Expenses	\$35.00	11/7/2003	To: Free Methodist Church For Christmas Party
Expenses	\$5.00	11/12/2003	November- Banking Service Fee
Expenses	\$479.37	11/12/2003	To: Clark Anderson For Separation of South Club
Expenses	\$27.91	11/13/2003	Stamps for Bulk Mail of ballots & Notification of End of South Chapter
Expenses	\$7.77	11/13/2003	Stamps for bulk Mailing Christmas Party
Expenses	\$154.00	11/19/2003	To: Tom Ashworth Calendar Program & Security Program Members Site
Expenses	\$7.40	11/25/2003	Stamps
TOTAL	\$723.85		
TOTALS			
INCOME	\$2,760.62		
EXPENSE	\$723.85		
BALANCE	\$2,036.77		

January Calendar Of Events

- Jan. 1 - New Years Day – Happy New Years
- Jan. 2 - Tom and Ted working on club mining claims, so we should have news at January meeting.
- January 13 – We meet at **Kiezer Senior Center** on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at 7PM. Hope to see you there! This is a new meeting place! **Kiezer Senior Center, 930 Plymouth Dr.. Kiezer, OR 97303**
- January 24 – Agate and Fossil on Oregon Coast. Details at January meeting or on web site.

PLEASE CHECK OUT WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION