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## **Nuggets of News and Knowledge**

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Whether you are new to gold prospecting or an experienced old-timer, whether you have just started swinging a metal detector or have been digging targets for years, get the most out of treasure hunting with these nuggets of news and knowledge—tips, ideas, new products and more!



### **Switching Between Water and Desert Mining**

If you're used to water mining, having success in the desert might seem challenging—that is until you start thinking of desert ground as a massive sluice box. Many of the principles you're used to when prospecting and mining in waterways, will



translate into desert mining. The most important thing to remember is that water is crucial to gold movement. Unlike a running river or creek with highs and lows, desert placers are much different in that gold is moved quickly during a flash flood, leaving gold stranded as opposed to being moved further by continual water flow in a creek.

During a river high-water event in a non-arid area, gold is moved over a larger area by massive water flows that continue until the water slows as the source dissipates its energy. Spring snow runoff is a good example. Rivers rise and sometimes flood based on the upstream water source. When the snow has melted, the river will slowly get back to normal. In the desert, gold is moved in the exact same way with the exception that water powerful enough to move gold does so and then just simply stops. In a flash flood, gold is moved very violently and often a very short distance, sometimes percolating into valuable pockets. Article continues here...

**NEW!** Gold Pup Highbanker

#### **Culverts of Gold**

If you live in a known goldbearing region or will visit there, here's a "where to find gold" tip you might not have thought about before: roadway culverts. Culverts under roadways are natural traps for gold. The corrugation of the galvanized sheet metal creates turbulence, causing the gold to settle. Process the material feet of the culvert opening. Also check the area to the right, left, and below the entry of the culvert. A wide flow will strike the culvert abutments and cause the gold to settle out at the mouth.

# Sluice Setter Digital Pitch Gauge



The water resistant Sluice
Setter Digital Pitch Gauge is
for gold miners who realize
the importance of
consistently getting the
correct pitch on their sluice



The NEW Gold Pup Mini Highbanker is a two stage high banker that really catches fine gold. This unit comes with a 12 volt 1100aph pump, 3 feet of recirculating hose, built-in spray bar and has adjustable legs for easy slope control. Sluice is 26 inches long x 6.5 inches wide with miner's carpet and hinged Hungarian riffles. Top hopper is 14.5 inches long x 6.5 inches wide. Perfect size to fit in a plastic tub (not included). All you

need is a 12 volt lawn mower battery and a small pail to catch the waste rock and you'll be ready to use the Gold Pup Highbanker in the desert, in your favorite stream, or at home. Light enough to pack in on longer hikes. Efficient, sturdy aluminum unit built in the USA! Gold Pup photos and details here.

#### **NEW!** Ity Bity Sluice for Backpacking



Ideal travel sluice for backpacking and hiking when you really could use a sluice instead of just a gold pan, but don't want to carry the weight. The <a href="https://linear.org/linear.com/linear.co

drop riffles and slope in the front that picks up the under water, creating a faster flow through the sluice. Next to no classification needed. Everything the 38" full size and 28" mini California Drop Riffles have, but in a smaller version.

#### **Rock Tumbling is Family Fun**

It takes years and years for nature and its elements— dirt, rock, water, and sand— to smooth a rock's surface. But a rock tumbler can get you those same results in considerably less time. Whether you're just getting started in the hobby of lapidary, or you've been polishing rocks for decades, you'll find the rock tumbling equipment



box. This varies based on the water volume, water speed, and amount and type of material you run. Once you figure out what pitch keeps all the gold but doesn't clog up the box, you'll want to check the pitch every time you reset.

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### Happy Thanksgiving!



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### **History Nugget: Tonopah Historic Mining Park**



Halfway between
Reno and Las
Vegas, at U.S. 95
and U.S. 6,
Tonopah is a
perfect place to
learn about
Nevada's rich
history. Silver was
discovered here in
1900, sparking one
of the biggest
mining booms in
the state. In fact,

over a 40-year period, five million tons of ore (silver, gold, copper and lead) were pulled out of the district's many mines. At current market prices, that equates to more than \$1,200,000,000! If those figures make you feel "a day late and a dollar short," you're not alone. But you can still strike it rich today—when it comes to learning about mining history, that is—at Tonopah Historic Mining Park. Located on the site of four of the area's very first mines, it is here you will discover how these original claims turned Tonopah into the "Queen of the Silver Camps." Article continues here...



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