THE CHRISTINE ROSE
SEASON ONE BERING SEA GOLD TALLY, 766 OUNCES

Steve Pomrenke, 59, Owner
Shawn Pomrenke, 38, Co-Owner
Cody Moen, 27, Deckhand
Jason Higa, 39, Deckhand
Doug Graham, 45, Deckhand

STEVE POMRENKE, 59 (Pierz, MN)
Steve is the most successful gold dredger in the Nome, Alaska scene. In 2010, Steve and his team carved 3 million in gold off the ocean floor. Steve grew up on a dairy farm in Minnesota, became a mechanic, and then in the 1990s, he owned his own open pit gold mining operation. Gruff and no-nonsense, Steve drives his dredging team hard. He’s got a combative relationship with his son Shawn.

SHAWN POMRENKE, 38 (Nome, AK)
Shawn is the co/owner of the CR. A resident of Nome, Alaska Shawn and his children are a fixture in town. Last season, Shawn was stabbed in a bar fight, while scuffling with an out-of-towner. He can be short tempered and combative with his father, especially about the operation of the Christine Rose. His first passion is diver dredging, and he owns and operates both the Shamrock, and The Gold Tracker.
DOUG GRAHAM, 45 (Montana)
Doug was a truck driver until 2000. That year, he was in a bad snow machine accident that put him out of commission for a year and a half. He moved up to Alaska because his father and brother were both driving trucks in the state. In 2008, in Nome, he met Steve Pomrenke at a bar. Steve realized that Doug had some skills that would be a great asset for him as he was building the Christine Rose. Doug was a part of the Christine Rose build from day one. He knows everything - every part, every component, every weld - of that dredge. He worked on it for the first two years of its operation, but didn't participate last year because he was driving trucks in the lower 48. He says that he knows the dredge almost as well as Steve.

CODY MOEN – 27 (Liberty, WA)
“Goldenboy”, Cody’s got an engineering degree and has worked with heavy machinery in logging and construction. Cody claims to be the only non-grumpy member of the Christine Rose. Last season he overcame Steve’s initial doubts and proved his value on the Christine Rose, getting promoted to shift boss.

JASON HIGA – 39, (Fairbanks, AK)
Jason’s father moved the family from Hawaii to Alaska in the late 80’s in search of Gold and Jason has had gold fever ever since. His family owns a land mine north of Fairbanks, but Jason moved to Nome looking for more of an adventure. Water dredging was just the journey he was looking for. Jason is dredging gold under the to support his 4 children in Utah. He and Doug will be working a shift on the Christine Rose.
THE EDGE
Season 1 Bering Sea Gold tally – 38 oz.
EZEKIAL TENHOFF, 25, LEADER
EMILY RIEDEL, 23, DECKHAND/DIVER
JOHN BUNCE, 26, DECKHAND/DIVER
GRANT WILKINS, 23, DECKHAND/DIVER

EZEKIAL “ZEKE” TENHOFF – 25, (Homer, AK)
Zeke is an Alaska native who has been dredging for the last 5 years. Zeke is energetic and will admit to having gold fever. He’s a great diver and has been dubbed by Emily as an “Underwater Badass”, unfortunately he lacks the organizational skills to properly run his dredge like a true business. Last season Zeke and Emily’s lifelong relationship took a turn for the worse when Zeke fired her, and kicked her out of the Yurt. They renewed their partnership over the winter however, and this re-cemented their friendship. Zeke asked Emily along on his new dredge. He’s working on a ten inch dredge this season which he hopes to make enough gold to purchase outright.
**EMILY RIEDEL - 23 (Homer, AK)**
Emily is Zeke’s childhood friend and sometimes love-interest. The first season of Bering Sea Gold watched Emily flounder as a greenhorn and tracked her rocky partnership with Zeke on the Clark. Ultimately, they parted ways with Emily’s season concluding as a beach miner living in an 8x8 shack on west beach. Last season Emily didn’t become the proficient diver she set out to be, however she did achieve her goal of earning enough money to spend the winter studying opera in Austria. Emily has accepted Zeke’s invitation back onto the crew of the Clark for Ice Gold.

**JOHN BUNCE – 26 Homer, AK**
Some call John a ladies man. He says he “Seasonally dates”. John first came to Nome at the age of 10. His family broke apart and moved back to the lower 48, but John stayed, became Zeke’s friend and was a part of his dredging team over the winter. He has spent the last 5 years bouncing back and forth from Nome to Homer. He’s worked almost exclusively in gold, but this is his first time working on the ice. John likes to “tear up the bars” after a long day dredging.
Vernon Adkison, Owner
Steve Riedel, Deckhand/Diver
Elaine Adkison, Deckhand/Diver
Daryl Galipeu, Technical Advisor

ERNON ADKISON, OWNER, 56 (Mobile, AL)
Vernon is the Machiavellian owner of the Wild Ranger. He’s owned and been operating boats on the Mississippi River for decades. Now he’s trying his hand at gold dredging. He wants to put together a crew that will deliver him some gold. Last season The Wild Ranger was a horrendous failure. It only recovered ¾ of an ounce of gold and crew fights had the whole operation implode. During the after the dredge special, Vern got into a fist-fight with his ex employee, Scott Meisterheim. Vern wants to build up a stock pile of gold, hedging his bets that the price will keep surging upwards.

STEVE RIEDEL 52, DECKHAND (HOMER, AK)
Last season Steve Riedel said that he was in Nome to look after his daughter Emily. Steve is highly intelligent, charming, and a unique Alaskan character. He also emerged as an A-list character on the Wild Ranger, getting fired twice, living in a bus, and fending off seagulls with a stick. Steve is admittedly torn between his loyalty to Vern as a friend and his daughter Emily.
ELAINE ADKISON, 21, DECKHAND
(Homer, AK)
Elaine is Vern’s daughter. She’s been working as a waitress and cook for several years, and has had just about enough of it. Now, she's planning on working on one of her dad's dredges with her boyfriend, Flint. When needed, she will fill in on the Wild Ranger. Elaine grew up mostly in Alaska, going to Homer High School with Emily Riedel. Elaine and Vern don't always get along very well. He does not approve of her cohabiting with Flint, so the two of them are staying in a tent behind the blue trailer. She says that her dad is very stressed out right now, so he's kind of a loose cannon. Elaine's never dredged before, but is planning on diving. As a greenhorn, she's concerned about safety, but is excited to get out there and make a lot of money in a short amount of time.

DARYL GALIPEAU, 51, Rangely, CO

Daryl has been dredging for gold since 1980, sometimes with terrible results. He comes from a family of miners; even his grandfather moved to Idaho during the Kellogg silver strike. Last year, Vern asked him to be the captain of the Wild Ranger before hiring Scott, but Daryl turned him down to run his own dredge: The Eureka. The Eureka sunk in spectacular fashion last year, causing a spectacle on Front Street in downtown Nome, and costing Daryl 200 thousand dollars, and what he estimates to be 75 ounces of gold. Now without a rig of his own, he’s forced to work on other dredges. Vern has brought him in this year to be the Wild Ranger’s “technical expert”. Affable, he’ll be the first to tell you he’s a technical expert who has sunk two dredges in the last two years. He’s hoping to get around 150 ounces this year between the Wild Ranger and the other boats he’s working on.
SCOTT MEISTERHEIM, OWNER/CAPTAIN
TODD ALLEN, DECKHAND/DIVER
DAN LARSEN, DECKHAND/DIVER
DAN FOGEL, DECKHAND/DIVER

SCOTT MEISTERHEIM, 44 CAPTAIN/OWNER (Kalamazoo, MI)
Scott’s first season as a boat captain in Nome was an unmitigated disaster. As the primary diver and captain of the Wild Ranger, he fought with every single crew member, sometimes physically. From Kalamazoo Michigan, Scott has debts to pay that are above 150 thousand dollars. He has two daughters, and divorced his wife to move to Nome and become a gold dredger. He was a carpenter before this, but with the recession decided to invest everything in being a gold dredger. He thinks Ted Nugent should be president of the United States. Scott brought childhood friend Todd Allen, who he’s known his whole life up to dredge with him on the AM. This season, Scott will have no one to blame if he doesn’t find the gold, but himself.
TODD ALLEN, 42 Deckhand (Arizona)
Todd has been running a remodel business back in Arizona, but for the last few years, business has been steadily declining, and Todd's getting fewer and fewer jobs. He met Scott when they were just about in kindergarten - he can't remember not knowing him. They've been close on and off over the years, but they've always stayed in touch. When Scott asked Todd to come up to Nome to work on the new dredge, Todd thought it sounded like a good opportunity. He knows that mining is a gamble, but right now he's got nothing to lose. He knows Scott's temper all to well, and the two have them have come to blows more than once. Todd has zero mining experience and only one day of SCUBA diving experience. Not only does Todd have a strong construction background, he also is very familiar with wrenching on engines.

DAN LARSEN, 31 (Kentucky)
Dan is a self-described adrenaline junkie, who moved to Nome last year with his father-in-law looking for gold from the Bering Sea. He served in the Army for 10 years, which fed his love of adventure, and the feeling of being one of an elite group. He hopes the search for gold on the Bering Sea will serve the same purpose. He met Scott last year and they dredged together briefly before Scott landed on the AU 2000. Dan takes pride in being able to handle any situation with calm, and solve any mechanical problem. He’s low-key, and has little patience for drama. He’s in Nome to provide for his wife and 3 kids, ages 1-6 back in Kentucky. His friends compare him to a German Shepard, he’s loyal, but don’t betray him. A religious man who will confess to being a tad prideful, Scott gave him permission to leave the boat, but only for church.
DAN FOGEL, 35, (Michigan)
Dan has spent a lot of his life working as a laborer on construction sites. He says he’s a jack-of-all-trades, but doesn't have much of a mechanic background. In 2007, at 30, Fogel joined the Army. It's uncommon for someone of that age, and most of the guys in his basic training were 18-22. He only served for 4 years, and worked operating an excavator, making clearings and roads. He met Scott in 1999 when the two of them were working at Home Depot. They met by getting into a fake fight in the store, and became fast friends. Their relationship has always been like that - giving each other a lot of shit. He says he can handle Scott pretty well - but knows that he has quite a temper. His goal is to get gold this summer - but he's another rookie - he's never mined before.

MARK FAZIO, 48, Chicago, IL
Mark grew up in Chicago. He doesn’t have any mining experience but came up here for the adventure. He ran a concrete company until the economy crashed in 07 and the company went belly up. He came to town looking for a dredging job and found one with Vern Adkison. After helping Vern for a few days, he was pretty unhappy with him. He sought out Scott Meisterheim in town and the two commiserated about Vern. After Vern heard about this, he fired Mark, and Scott hired him to be his bodyguard and witness. He’s on Scott’s payroll now, and wants to make sure he gets on the gold. A certified diver with over 12 years of sport fishing and diving experience he’ll be have the most underwater experience on the whole crew.