

Gold Fever

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Nampa Chapter

Monthly Newsletter

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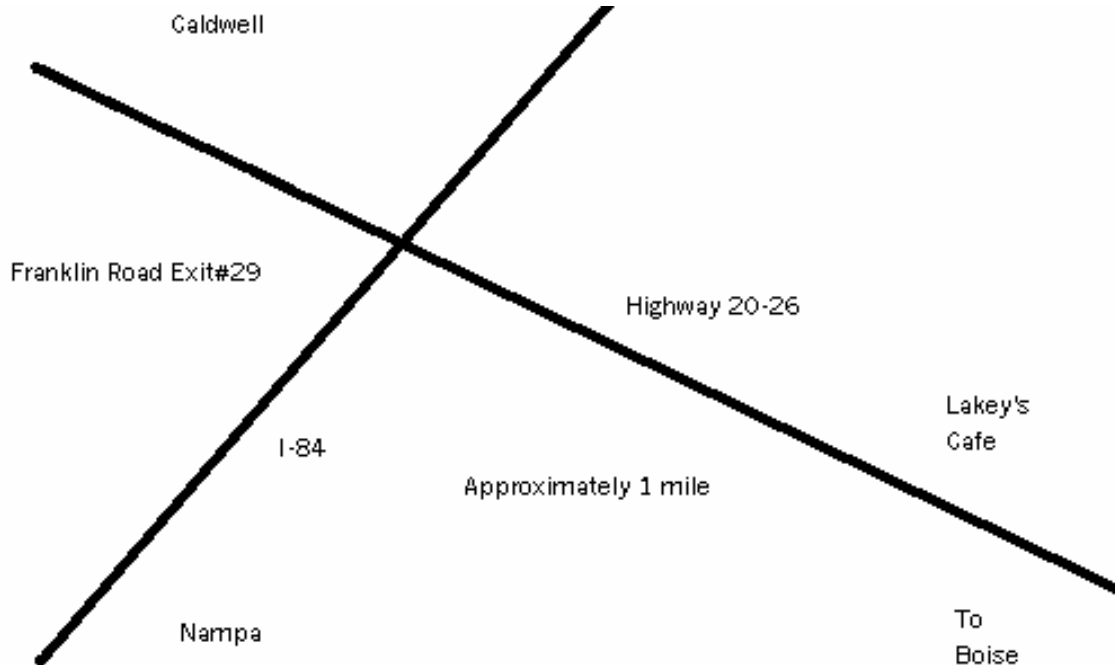
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Meeting Info:

Next meeting will be May 4, 2004 at 7:00 at Lakey's Café!



There have been a couple resignations from office since last month. Roger Malone, President and Moriah Malone, Secretary & Newsletter turned in their resignations.

Rob Forbes, Vice-President, called the meeting to order.

Rob asked for visitors to stand and identify themselves. Lucy and Buck Buss were two of the new people. In the absence of the Secretary, no one was taking notes so I do not have the names of the other visitors. I will try to do a better job next time.

Lynn Nyland, read the minutes of the last meeting from the newsletter. She also gave the financial report detailing what monies were brought in, what monies were expended and to where, and what was left in the checking account.

Randy Evans, Claims Director, gave us a report on his hunt for new claims for the club. He advised that the water is running too high to get into The Island yet and he was not able to make it in to Silver City two weeks ago when he tried. He will keep checking things out. Also, Randy would like an idea of where the members would like him to look for new claims. The general consensus was to have some claims within traveling distance for day outings. The lower Owyhees was an option to look into.

Larry Steele read the plan that has been put together for putting on the gold show. He advised that it is not a feasible project for this fall. He advised putting together a committee to work on getting all the aspects identified and then getting to work on putting it into practice. The gold show could feasibly be put on in April or May of next year. Brett motioned that the plan of action be passed and it was voted on and passed.

Ray Bixler, is a new Tesoro dealer. He advised he has been working on putting together a workshop for metal detectors. He has been unsuccessful in getting both clubs together for dates so he has set one up for May 15 at West Park #2 in Nampa at 10:00. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Brett addressed the comments in the newsletter from last month. He had the paperwork for the bonds in hand for anyone who wanted to see them. Old business was addressed and the purchase of the gold nuggets for the Rock Show was addressed and it was decided that it was a good purchase and that we could use the gold throughout the year.

Don Fridrich let everyone know that there are now three chapters sharing the web site and so the cost is a lot lower. Caribou Chapter of GPAA is our newest chapter and we want to welcome them. The newsletters for all three chapters are being posted on the web page so feel free to check out what the other clubs are doing.

Randy Evans read an article he found printed in a newspaper where gold prospectors are actually being thanked for the help with the silt in the Columbia River. The dredges moved the dirt around and more eggs were able to hatch and head for the Ocean than in previous count. The silt was smothering the eggs. We would love to see more of this kind of press. Al Malstrom said he had a copy of the article and was going to see if he could get it printed in the Idaho Statesman.

A vote was taken on a Claims Committee. Randy Evans, Brett Williams, Harold Hackworth, and Darrell Larson were voted to be on the committee. Art Churchman said he would be on it because he

loved doing that kind of thing but he is not a GPAA member any longer and so cannot serve on the committee. However, Art has agreed to become a consultant to the claims committee.

It was brought up that we no longer had someone to handle putting together the newsletter. Gloria Hackworth took the position.

Brett Williams made a motion that we form a committee to look into finding a bigger place to have our meetings. We have outgrown the Lakey's Café. The committee will be made up of Gene Klefman, Darryl Larson, and Harold Hackworth.

A vote was taken for President. Rob Forbes was voted to take over President.
A vote was taken for Vice-President. Tim Thompson was voted into the position.
A vote was taken for Secretary. Gloria Hackworth was voted into the position.
Lynn Nyland will retain her position as Treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned and turned over to the raffle.

- Buck Buss won the door prize of a small snuffer bottle with a gold nugget in it
- Michael Ann Williams won the 50/50 drawing and took home \$46.50
- There was a lot more stuff and a lot of winners...but I did not get the names written down or what they won...sorry
- Cheryl Nagel won a gold nugget in a special drawing and she paid \$25 for a cooler on wheels

From The President
By Rob Forbes

Hi Everyone,

Rob Forbes here. I wanted to say thanks to all of you for attending last months meeting. I hope and pray that we never have to go through anything like that again. I do want to say that I am honored that everyone had confidence in me to vote me in as President. I will work very hard not to let you down.

I think that this years mining season is off to a great start. I have even heard of a brave soul out there in the water dredging all ready (brrrrrrrrrr). Hmmmm...when did you say the season opened??

I am thinking very hard about going to the Salmon outing in July. I would like to know who else is planning on going. Because I don't know where it is. I hope we can have a good showing at that outing. I hear it is a good one.

About the outing last month, I was informed, by the claims committee, that the outing was a good idea but a logistical nightmare. They were worried about where we were going to go and scout for gold in the Owyhees on such a short notice. They didn't want to see the club out there on private property or someone else's claim by accident. They recommended that we investigate that outing a bit further, then have a prospecting outing out there in the future. I agreed and had them get in contact with the Outing's Committee to settle on a place for the outing. As of the date of the meeting last month, the only place to go (because of weather concerns) was Prospectors Paradise. I hope we have a good time there as I am writing this note two day's before the outing. (Hope it didn't rain on us.)

I am open to suggestions for any type of outing that anybody may have in mind. Please, if you know of a place that you would like to go or something that you would like to do, bring it up at the next meeting or get a hold of the outing's guys (outing director is Mr. Al Amos).

Also on another topic, be thinking about the Gold Show. We need any and all ideas or concerns that you might have. We need 8 people to volunteer to help Larry Steele put this together. It will be a mighty undertaking, but I know we can do it. Please feel free to volunteer **your** mining buddy (hehe). Just kidding. But we will need people to volunteer to help with the gold show. So please feel free to volunteer.

If you have anything that you would like to talk to me about, (my wife says I am not on the phone enough), please don't hesitate to call. Well, I have used up enough of the club's paper. Happy Prospecting.

From The Secretary
By Gloria Hackworth

I am trying to put together the member phonebook that Moriah Malone got started while she held this office. I have gone through the papers and have found a lot of the addresses incomplete or missing altogether. Moriah got a lot of flack from members about not getting their newsletter and now I see why. You cannot expect someone to send you a newsletter if you do not provide them with complete and accurate information. I have a copy of the information that we had in the mailing and phonebook files. Please check and make sure yours in complete so that the newsletter will reach you. Also, as a way to save money, all who have email can elect to get their newsletter via email or they can go to our web site and either read it or print it off. I need to know about that as well. If your information is not in this phonebook, that means I did not find an information sheet on you so had no way of knowing who you are or where you live, etc. There will be sign-up sheets with the phonebook copy for you to fill out if you find you are not on the list. I will do my best to do a good job for you but you have to help too, to make this club the best it can be. This is supposed to be for fun and relaxation...lets not let it become a JOB.

A reminder: three nuggets were purchased for a drawing for perfect attendance to our functions. One is for perfect attendance at our meetings. One is for perfect attendance at the outings, and one is for perfect attendance in both categories. The record keeping started with March's meeting and outing. The last anyone said, only one outing a month is being counted.

Also, the women are included in the outings they attend – they do not have to shovel unless they chose to. There are other things that make any outing a success and most of the time those are the things the women chose to do. All we ask is that you participate in some manner to make the outing a success.

From the Equipment Manager
By Harold Hackworth

I am once again our equipment manager. The club voted a few months ago to have Darrell Larson make a couple of reels for the hose that was donated. That has been done and they were delivered to me last week. I have put the hose (100' each reel) on the reels. Now we need 2 sets of 1 1/2" couplers for the hoses. I have permission from President Rob Forbes to make the purchase.

The club now has those that can be borrowed by members by contacting me to make the arrangements.

I also wanted to tell you a little about the Rock Show in Emmett. Darrell Larson, John Hoffman, Lynn and Greg Nyland, Randy Evans, Rob and Sue Forbes, Don Fridrich, Brett and Michael Ann Williams, Curtis Roland and his wife and myself were there. The turnout could have been better but it got our name out there and let the people know we exist. Thank you to all that helped out with this.

Reference the newsletters. I did not get anything from anyone else at the time of this printing. Maybe we will have more input for next month's newsletter. Please, if you have anything that you wish to have included in the newsletter, get it to me no later than the 16th of each month. I am trying to get the newsletter printed and/or sent no later than the 20th of each month. Hopefully this will give you a little time to read it and come up with any suggestions or questions you have before the next meeting.