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PRESIDENTIAL NUGGETS

Hello fellow prospectors,

I have lots of good news for everyone to hear. Over the last 30 or so days our club has made some great leaps toward the future. We have secured a fantastic new meeting place. It will be at the Shilo Inn in Nampa. Located at the northwest corner of I-84 and N. Franklin Road. The meeting will be in the restaurant in the front of the Shilo. I encourage all of you to come the the next meeting a little early and grab a bite to eat or have something for dessert. This will be a very nice place to meet. Please do not bring any snacks or other food into the restaurant this time. I'm not sure if the owner will allow that yet.

I wanted to thank everything that made the trip up to one or both of the outings we had in April. We had almost 50 people on the first weekend working hard in the pouring rain. On the second weekend we had over 60 people show up. There was equipment all over that little gravel bar. The sun was shining and we had a fantastic day. I sure want to thank Cary and Larry and Dave and Dan and Karin and and and all the other people that always go the extra mile to make our club a success. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Rob Forbes
President
Nampa Gold Club

VICE PRESIDENTIAL NUGGETS

What a great turnout we had at our last meeting. I want to welcome all our new members as well as our visitors. We are looking forward to a great prospecting season, the snow is almost gone on most of our claims.

The outing at Grimes Creek was a great time. Once again the turnout was even better than I anticipated, I hope all of you who attended at least one of the two weekends had a good time. It was the first time out for most of you, and my first time out to break in my new equipment. I'm sure it was a real eye-opener realizing that the gold to be found will take some effort and muscle. I know I was tired at the end of the day.

I am looking forward to our May meeting at Dave's Grille. If you can, show up early for a bite to eat before the meeting so we can get more acquainted with each other.

See you then,

Cary

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2009:

Rob called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Visitors and new members introduced themselves.

The minutes as published in the newsletter were approved.

Elaine gave the treasurer's report.

Cary mentioned that the amount spent on raffle items was for multiple meetings. He also gave a report on a local ATV club which may provide possible joint members/outings.

Dig lots #1, #2, and #3 are filed on and officially belong to the club. A new mining guide is being put together. They may cost us a few dollars to put together, so the cost for a new one would be whatever it cost the club. If you have not purchased one, they will still be \$30.

A discussion was had regarding how best to get the new guide put together. A motion was made and passed to use "heavy" paper to make the guide last longer. The guide will be similar to the old one in format. A PDF will be made available for those who have purchased one.

Outings report given by Larry Steele. The snow is gone at Grimes Creek claim. Placerville still has 3 feet of snow. This Saturday April 11 there will be an outing at Grimes Creek, meet there at 9 A.M. For those that can't make it there will be another outing at the same spot next Saturday April 18.

Angus MacKirk donated the newest edition of the Mining Journal. There are enough copies for everyone.

There was a discussion regarding moving our meeting place to the Shilo Inn in Nampa. The room is large enough and nicer than the school. It will cost \$37.50 or free if the members eat. Tom Ashworth moved that we move the meeting. The motion was 2nd and passed. Next month's meeting will be at the new place. The restaurant is called Dave's Grille, we will meet in their room or in a room at the Shilo Inn if the one in the restaurant is taken. Take the Franklin exit in Nampa, go north and you will see the Shilo Inn just over the freeway. The meeting will start at 7, but we can show up early to eat.

Marv West from the Placerville pioneer days called. He would like a group to demonstrate gold mining methods at this event. The event takes place over July 4th weekend. Rob agreed to take lead on finding out if anyone is interested. Marv's contact info is 392-4784 weekends and 286-9714 during the week.

The group was urged by a member to call their representatives and aks to vote no on house bill 699.

We had 67 members and visitors attend.

Clinton Golightly won the nugget raffle.
The meeting was closed.

Submitted,
Jesse Leib, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deposits:	
(Raffle \$205; Pin sales \$45)	\$250.00
(Membership: 8 New, 4 Renewals \$144; Mining Guides \$90)	\$234.00
Disbursements:	
Tom Ashworth (March 7 Claim Meeting)	\$ 47.47
Cary Singleton (Raffle items)	\$101.85

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

The following was taken from <http://www.lostgold.us/html/idaho1.html>:

Between 1862 and 1886, the Boise Basin produced \$300,000,000 in gold.

During the gold rush days in the Boise Basin, there were so many robberies that Wells Fargo had to suspend operations for a time. Not all of them were successful. For instance, when three outlaws took \$90,000 from a stage coach near a tributary of Grimes and Moore Creek north of the present day Arrowrock Dam, the stage messenger took a short cut through the hills to head off and ambush the escaping outlaws. All three were shot dead, but it was soon discovered that they had already cached the treasure box. It was never relocated.

BIG BIG BIG REMINDER:

The May 5th meeting will be held at Dave's Grille in Nampa, 7pm. Take exit 36 (Franklin Blvd.), travel to the north side of the freeway to the Shilo Inn. Dave's Grille is part of the Shilo Inn. Come early and enjoy dinner, a drink, and/or dessert!

NEXT OUTING

The next outing will be to Prospector's Paradise. The date of this outing is to be determined, based on weather, at the next meeting. This will be a normal day outing with the option of an overnight camping experience for those that want to. For those staying late or overnight, there will be an evening potluck.

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