

Nampa ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter

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PRESIDENTIAL NUGGETS

Hello Fellow Prospectors,

Well here we go, off and running to what I hope will be a great mining season. So far the season has been kind of off and on, But after this week I think we are finally going to see some good weather. We have had some fantastic meetings this year and I am very humbled that all of you want me to run the club for another two years. I have to thank Karin and Cary, Larry and Brett and Jesse and all of the other people that are instrumental in making our club work.

We have had some really fun outings this year and yes we found some Gold. I think the Nugget count (if we were counting) is up to at least eight and it's only the beginning of the season. We are going to have several more outings this year and I hope everyone can make time for them. Remember the outings are generally the weekend after the meeting. As soon as the snow melts we will be able to get to all of our claims and have outings up in the hills.

I wish all of you a great and safe mining season,

Rob Forbes
President, Nampa GPAA

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 4th at the Canyon Creek Restaurant in the Shilo Inn
(at the Nampa Franklin exit - North side of the freeway)

We will be meeting in the FAR BACK ROOM this time!!!

Meeting starts at 7pm

Come early to get your raffle tickets, talk with your friends and grab a bite to eat!

NEXT OUTING

Our May outing is scheduled for Saturday, May 8th and is tentatively going to be to our claim, The Island. The Island is located just past Mile Marker 24 on Hwy. 21. You will see a large parking area on the left with a coffee trailer. Our claim is the right-hand half of this parking lot, so please park on the right -- the left side is private property.

APRIL 6TH MEETING MINUTES

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ROB FORBES.

12 VISITORS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES

SECRETARY REPORT:

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING WERE APPROVED FROM THE NEWSLETTER.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS READ BY TREAS. KARIN HUNTER.

CLAIMS REPORT:

BRETT ASKED IF THE CLUB BUYS NEW CLAIMS, HOW FAR AWAY WOULD WE BE WILLING TO TRAVEL.

A 200 MILE RADIUS WAS THE DISTANCE THAT WAS DISCUSSED AND AGREED UPON.

IF ANYONE KNOWS OF ANY CLAIMS FOR SALE, LET BRETT KNOW AND HE CAN CHECK INTO IT.

OUTING REPORT:

THE OUTING WILL BE THIS SATURDAY. IT WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST MONTH IN STAR ON THE BOISE RIVER WITH A POTLUCK AT NOON.

ROB AND KARIN ASKED THAT NOT EVERYONE BRING POTATO SALAD OR POTATO CHIPS!

CLUB WILL SUPPLY TABLE SERVICE AND DRINKS.

OLD BUSINESS:

HATS AND T-SHIRTS ARE FOR SALE.

CARY SAID WE WOULD BE RAFFLING THE SLUICE TONIGHT.

NEW BUSINESS:

JIM JENCKS GAVE A REPORT ON HOW TO READ RANGES, SECTIONS AND TOWNSHIPS.

DANNY PROCHASKA GAVE US A LOOK INTO HIS MINING BOX AND SHOWED US THINGS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO GO PROSPECTING.

NEW BUSINESS;

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LENGTH OF DREDGING IN THE RIVER AT GRIMES CREEK. THIS YEAR IT WAS SET AT 6 WEEKS BY THE DEQ.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE CLUB BUY A SPECIAL LONG FORM DREDGE PERMIT FOR \$50.00 SO MAYBE WE CAN FIND OUT WHY THEY CLOSE THE STREAMS TO DREDGING SO EARLY.

EVERY ONE SHOULD GET A DREDGE PERMIT FOR \$10.00

IF YOU ARE DREDGING YOU NEED ONE AND EVERY ONE ON THE DREDGE NEEDS ONE. BUT

IT WAS REPORTED THAT IF YOU ALTER A STREAM OR RIVER BY SHOVEL OR BY MOVING ROCKS AROUND, YOU SHOULD HAVE A DREDGE PERMIT.

CHUCK GALLOWAY FROM THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES WANTS TO MEET WITH THE CLUB TO REWRITE THE DREDGE PERMITS FOR NEXT YEAR. IT WILL BE CALLED A STREAM ALTERATION PERMIT NEXT YEAR.

DARRELL LARSEN HAS A HIGHBANKER FOR SALE. IT HAS A PUMP AND EVERYTHING WITH IT. HE IS ASKING \$550.

KARIN ASKED ABOUT HAVING A SWAP AND SELL SALE OF GOLD MINING EQUIPMENT ON MAY 23RD. SHE WILL SET EVERY THING UP.

RAFFLE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY VP CARY SINGLETON.

RAFFLE WINNERS FOR THE EVENING ARE:

50/50 DRAWING: \$75.00 KIRK REDLAND

DOOR PRIZE GOLD NUGGET: GARY SCOTT

SLUICE DRAWING WINNER: BEV CANTY – SLUICE DONATED BY RAY BIXLER OF FINDERS KEEPERS

KNIFE SET WINNER: CHARLES HILL – KNIFE DONATED BY PERRY LEFFLER

GOLD PAN WINNER: JESSICA HOFFMAN – GOLD PAN AUTOGRAPHED BY TOM MASSIE



TREASURER'S REPORT

Income:

Membership: \$168

Mining Guides: \$240

Raffle: \$328

Sluice Raffle: \$75

Hat Sales: \$36

T-Shirt Sales: \$15 \$862.00

Disbursements:

Checks to:

All Boxed Up (Mar. Newsletter printing) \$13.25

Cary Singleton (Raffle Items) \$110.32

Tammy Vincent (Raffle Items) \$74.56

Karin Hunter (Drinks, Plates, Cutlery) \$24.05

Larry Steele (Drinks, Plates, Cutlery) \$40.06 \$262.24

OF INTEREST

From our Vice President, Cary Singleton:

I was checking out the dredging regs. on open/closed waters and found this better news on Grimes Creek:

Grimes Creek upstream of Charlotte Gulch open July 15 – August 31.

Grimes Creek Downstream of Charlotte Gulch open Year Round.

Charlotte Gulch is north of all our claims, it is almost at the pass.

The only additional documentation required to work Grimes Creek is "a detailed map of the area and sufficient detail to allow regulatory personnel to readily locate your planned dredging site".

And this from our member, Bill Gardunia, regarding the gold on the Boise River off of Bent Lane:

I CONSTANTLY HEAR THAT THE GOLD IS FINE SO NOT WORTH KEEPING. MAYBE TRUE--MAYBE NOT.. I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON YOUR PERSISTANCE.

I SAT DOWN TONITE WITH A CUP OR SO OF BLACK SAND(REDF) FROM BENT LANE . I WAS VERY CURIOUS AS TO WHAT WAS PRESENT. I RAN IT ALL THROUGH SOME CLASSIFIERS AND WAS QUITE SURPRISED THAT THE FIRST GOLD I FOUND-4 FLAKES IN THE 20 MESH SCREEN. I HAD EXPECTED MORE. BETWEEN 20 AND 40 MESH WAS THE MAJORITY OF THE GOLD, WITH PROBABLY AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF FLAKE, THO SMALLER, BETWEEN 40 AND 60 MESH. A SMALL AMOUNT OF GOLD SHOWED IN THE PLUS 100 SCREEN AND EVEN MORE IN THE MINUS 100 SCREEN. WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN? IT MEANS THAT THE GOLD IS FINE AS MOST AREA GOLD IS. YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP LOOKING FOR THAT ONCE IN A LIFETIME NUGGET. TO ME IT MEANT THAT I HAVE A FINE WORKING HIGHBANKER THAT SUCKS IN EVEN THE FINEST GOLD AND I'M GOING OUT TO GET MORE.

SEE YOU ON THE STREAM SOON. BILL GARDUNIA

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