

Nampa, ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter

7 August 2007

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Presidential Nuggets

Hi, Everyone! Summer is winding down, but we are headed toward a great outing on September 8th with the Boise Club at their Miss Lucy claim. It will be a good place to powersluice (highbank) and pan. You might even consider bringing a metal detector -- you never know what you might find! The claim is up by our Been Used claim near Placerville and has been a great claim for the Boise Club. The outing will be a potluck with the two clubs going together to provide the main food item and drinks. The "main food item" will be determined depending on whether we can safely have a fire to cook. Please bring something nutritious to share. A reminder: the next meeting will be September 4th at Snake River Elementary School in Nampa - 7 pm. If you know of anyone who would have something interesting to share related to our club, please let me know -- we are always looking for speakers! Have a great day and see you soon!
Karin Hunter, President

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GPAA Meeting

Tuesday

4 September 2007

7pm

Snake River Elementary

See you there!

Welcome New Members

Buck & Kay Sisson,
Doug & Suzanne Standley,
James Ross

**Thank You to all
renewing
members!**

Bank Notes

Deposit \$246.00

Financial info will be posted
at meeting

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Happy August | Birthday |

Susan Mills, Dan Morse,
Jackie Lyon, Robert Allen,
Dale Coryell, Ray Bixler,
Bob Oakes, Ed Norris,
Earl Ford, Dave Stewart,
Mike Gregoria, Becky Thomas
Robert Anderson, Ed Young,
John Cameron, John Gregorio,

**We wish you the best
of good times and
excellent prospecting
for the coming year**

**To all who do not wish to
divulge their birthday –
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**Nampa Chapter GPAA Meeting
Minutes for 7 August 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Hunter. New members introduced themselves.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Karin read a letter from Ms Upchurch of the International Association of Workforce Professionals, thanking our club members for the gold panning demonstration at their meeting in Boise on June 3-7. Well Done!

Treasury report was given by Karin and information posted at the meeting.

Vice President Jim Jencks, said he will check with the Boise Club at their meeting about a joint get-together at their Miss Lucy claim next month. Miss Lucy still has water to use for panning, sluicing and highbanking. We have been asked to stay away from the claim until the outing.

Claims Director Brett Williams is getting ready to file the end of the year report.

Outings Director Larry Steele reported we will be having our next outing with the Boise Club. There is a question on the parking area for the Island Claim. Prospectors Paradise has very little water. Granite Creek and Ophir Creek also have very little water. Jim stated he was at Ophir Creek last weekend and there was some water in it. Larry has received the Club's manifold back.

Good and Welfare: John Cameron is back from 2 weeks of hospital. Randy Evans wife is not doing well. There will be a food drive for them at the next meeting. Jim's ex-wife has passed away.

Old Business: The Outing Rules Committee did not meet but at this meeting they suggested that one person be in charge of the commons for the outing.

Anniversary Outing: Blue Bucket Claim official outing. They will provide the dirt and there will be a \$35 charge for each hibanker for the weekend. We will also need a bucket to catch the runoff so that it doesn't go back into the pond.

New Business: There is a discrepancy on the parking area for the Island Claim. Owners Lynda and Floyd say they are having a problem with folks gold panning who have attitude problems and are throwing garbage in the river. It's not just the gold panners, but also fishermen and others. We are asked to be courteous. There was a suggestion of showing our membership cards. The boundaries of this claim need to be rechecked to find out exactly what is correct This Saturday, August 11, meet at Albertsons on Federal Way and Hwy21 at 9am to go with GPS and get the correct readings for the claims. A suggestion was made to take plastic bags and clean up garbage while there.

Next meeting will be Tues 4 Sept at Snake River Elementary.

Meeting adjourned. 41 folks in attendance.

Thank You to Valorie Biggs for taking the
meeting minutes!!!

FOR SALE : 4" Dredge, 8' long. Price \$2000
Contact Rob Forbes 465-7863

Reprint - Claim Notes

It has been brought to the President's attention that we need to clarify our boundaries on The Island and to make sure that we are using our Claim Rights correctly. The land to the west of our claim is privately owned and the owners have reported people with mining equipment (and many without) are misusing the land and river area by the parking area which we have been using. It is in question whether any of the parking area is BLM property and consequently part of our claim. However, there have been cars, vans, trucks, etc. down by and in the river. This is not allowed. This is environmentally unsafe and a misuse of property whether it be BLM or not. This practice can result in a criminal citation to the perpetrator as well as to our person named as owner of our claim. If any member is driving off of the parking area or roadside, stop doing so immediately. And if any member meets someone who claims that you are on private property, accept the fact that he may be right and move up towards the bridge. Anyone who would be willing to mark the boundaries of our claim using a GPS, please contact Karin Hunter 989-6740 or Karin1223@aol.com. A small group outing to do so could be fun!

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If you recently received a letter from the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources about your dredge permit, please bring it to the next meeting.

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Do you want to share your address and phone number with the other club members? Please let the Secretary know.

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