

Gold Fever G.P.A.A. Nampa Chapter



Monthly News Letter December --2003



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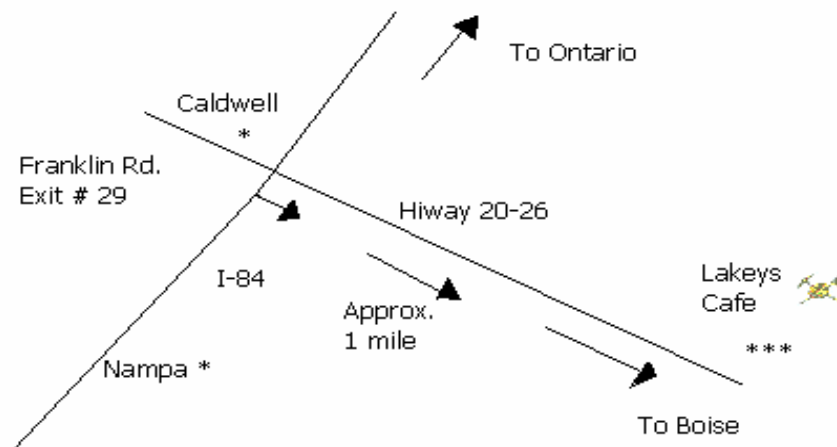
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Meeting Info:

The next meeting will be January 6, 2003 at 7:30 at Lakey's Cafe!



December Christmas Meeting Club Minutes:

- Christmas Dinner
- Approx. fifty people in attendance

- Roger handed out splits from last outing
- There is an offer to get highbankers for \$345, if interested contact Roger
- The Nampa Chapter pins are being ordered, if you would like one they are \$5
- Club voted to buy \$250 dredge
- Roger is having an outing at Eagle Rock on Saturday meet at the LDMA camp

~Winners~

- Nugget to Ed Welty
- Door prize nugget donated by Luther Jones went to Jon Pflugrad
- Mystery prize to Frank Kerbs
- Hot chocolate to Tony Gillis
- 50/50 to Cheryl Pflugrad \$25
- Tony Henggeler donated apples and each family got a bag
- Winner of the book trivia was Michael Williams who got a bag full of candy
- Winner of the blue bowl was Bill Gamon, Congratulations!

~Auction~

- Wine to Brett for \$22
- Tom and Perry Cleanup Kit to John Rose for \$34
- Golf bag to Frank Kerbs for \$6
- Nugget to Tony Henggeler for \$40
- Rubber matting and carpet to Harold Hackworth for \$17
- 7.1 grain nugget to Randy Evans for \$16
- 7.5 grain nugget to Harold Hackworth for \$16
- 4.1 grain nugget to Michael Williams for \$15
- **Meeting Adjourned**
- Thank you to Warren for seven years of raffeling
- Thank you to Brett for 2 years as president
- Thank you to Dave and staff for the wonderful Christmas Dinner!

Apologizes

I would like to apologize to Warren's wife Nancy. Last month there was a mistake of calling her Carol, and for that I am truly sorry.

Incoming President's Comments

By: Roger Malone

Hey hope everyone had a nice holiday. I'm really looking forward to my term as president. I feel like we have a strong leadership, but remember this is your club. I have a lot of ideas as do the rest of the officers, but we want to hear some from all of you.

Some of you may have heard by now that Art Church, our claims director has quit the club, meaning we need to think about people to replace him. Art you will be hard to replace and you will be missed.

Please remember if we don't receive a new signup sheet from you at the January meeting you will no longer receive the newsletter.

One of my main goals is to get more family involvement in the club. I'm asking wives, children, and grandchildren to please come to the meetings. If you love to work and play with kids we are looking for someone to be in charge of kids activities at the outings, and you might just be that person.

I want to thank those of you who supported my "election", and may the new year bring you the big nugget.

Vice President's Comments

By: Roberta Malone

This is my last month being vice president. It was a quiet office to hold, but I had fun.

We had a nice turn out at the outing on the sixth of December. I want to thank the people that were there.

On the ninth Mariah and I went with my grandson's class to Charlie Brown's tree farm in Emmett. The class got to pick a tree for their room. It was lots of fun!

I wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and may your pan keep turning yellow!

Incoming Vice President's Comments

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a great holiday season.

As we look forward to a new year of prospecting & mining with the new leadership that we have I have to think back the great example that we have had in the past. I personally want to thank Brett and his staff for all of the great outings & meetings we had in 2003. I know what hard work is involved in putting on events like the BBQ's in the summer and the outings at "Prospectors Paradise". From hauling equipment up there to fixing everything from flat tires to leaky hoses. I think we all should take a minute at the next meeting to shake his hand & say thanks. Great job Brett!!

Now looking forward to this year I think we are going to have a great season. We have some really great Idea's in the works that if they all turn out it will be a great time for all involved. I am really looking forward to getting to know some of you members that I don't know & I hope you will want to get to know me also. I have great hopes for the club & it's mission to find that ever elusive yellow stuff that we are all so crazy about. I would also encourage all of you to think about & make any suggestion's about the club or anything that pertains to its operation or expansion or anything else that is on your mind. We will have a suggestion box available at all meetings (or as soon as Roger gets one built) so please feel free to drop us a note on just about anything that you want. Remember this is "YOUR" club so be involved.!

See Ya at the meeting. Rob Forbes.....vp ngpaa

Secretary's Comments

Hello again, I am looking forward to what the New Year has in store for all of us. I hope that it will bring lots of gold to all of your pans! This year the news letter will not be emailed, but you may still get it off the web site once we get that set up. Sorry for the inconvenience. I don't have much to write this month, but since it's the holiday season I'd like to leave you with this poem that was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa Japan. Let's just remember what our troops are doing while we are being blessed eating our turkey and ham and the troops are out fighting for our lives! I hope it touches your hearts like it has touched mine.

~A SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS WISH~

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DONE THE CHIMNEY
WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO
IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,
NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY THE MANTLE,
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES,
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBER THOUGHT
CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT,
IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER,
ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,
SILENT, ALONE,
CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.
THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,
THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED
A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO
OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?
CURLED UP ON A PANCHO,
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES
THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS
WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD,
THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,
AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE
THE BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM
EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS,

LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE
IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT
BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES
AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED
AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
"SANTA DON'T CRY,
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS MY GOD,
MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS,
SO SILENT AND STILL AND
WE BOTH SHIVERED FROM
THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE
ON THIS COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER,
WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA,
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE."
ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH,
AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND,
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."

Treasurer Comments

Club Checking \$632.89

Petty Cash \$63.00

Cash Bond \$375.00 (Been Used)

Cash Bond \$1500.00 (Prospectors Paradise)

December Outing
By: Gloria Hackworth

Once again I put finger to keyboard to let you all know you missed a really fun outing. We had a smaller crew than we had planned on so we stayed at the LDMA site and worked the common dig piles. John and Roger both had their highbankers and Darrell had come and brought up his homemade one (it is a big jose).

Joy, Don, and Roger worked on Rogers highbanker, Randy and John worked on John's highbanker, and Harold, Darrell and I worked on Darrell's (until they sent me to the clubhouse, anyway).

Betty and Roberta and Mariah were already up there and I took John's daughter, Loraine up to the clubhouse where we sat and visited and the girls played some cards and colored. Mariah has apparently become the chief cook on these outings since it rained this time so we ate inside. Mariah got the hotdogs ready, Betty had brought a pot of beans and put it on to heat, and Roberta and I set out the rest of the food for our lunch. Then Mariah and Loraine went to tell the guys it was time to eat.

We sat and visited in a warm clubhouse while everyone ate their fill. Besides the hotdogs and chips and beans, Roberta had produced a cake and Loraine had brought up some cookies that she and her mother had made. We had a really nice lunch.

Harold and I came home after lunch since I still had to get my stuff ready to go to work Sunday morning. All in all, it was a lot of fun and I would not mind seeing more of you come out for these. You don't know what you are missing.

Book Trivia

By: Mariah Malone

The first person to email me or call me with the correct answer will receive a prize.

This book will give an answer to every question you have ever had and will lead you on the path to righteousness.

GOOD LUCK!