

Nampa, ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter

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Presidential Nuggets

Hello fellow prospectors,

I am Writing this to you after watching the gold fever show on the outdoor channel today. It was one of my favorite shows. It has Tom going down into a very scary mine and doing some detecting along the contact zone of the ore body and the massive rock it is in. You can clearly see danger everywhere he goes. It showed Tom looking around for gold left behind by the old timers. Climbing up a slope to run his detector on the face of the ore body. I have done some crazy things in my life but Tom is in a league of his own. He and his camera man or woman must have nerves of steel. In the later part of the show Tom is in the desert somewhere out by the LDMA camp near Stanton AZ. He is detecting along some dry washes in what looks like a very desolate and dry place. I think I would like to go there some day. Tom found some fantastic specimens and looked like he was having a great day. He also had some other miners on the show displaying some of the nugget's they have found out there. All I can say is WOW.

Ray Bixler and I took all of the food that was donated at the Christmas dinner meeting over to Randy and Janet Evans' house. They were both surprised that we would take the time to do something like that for them. The Evans wanted me to say thank you to everyone who gave and that they are very grateful to the Nampa GPAA club.

I wanted to say thank you to Cary for putting the Christmas party together - I'm sure glad that we have such a quality person in our club. We had a great time and I think everyone there had a great dinner. I would encourage everyone to go out to the Peregrine restaurant in Kuna for dinner sometime.

In the coming new year I hope everyone has a chance to go out into the gold fields and look for their fortune. I know I am looking forward to it.

Robert Forbes
President
Nampa GPAA

Vice President's Greeting

Our Christmas Dinner the Peregrine Steaks and Spirits on Tue. Jan 2nd was a great success. Thank you to those attending, and for those of you who could not attend, we missed you. I received excellent comments from our members about the dinner and restaurant.

The staff of the Peregrine also wanted to thank you for choosing their establishment, and invited us back again for future dinner parties.

We had 39 members and guests who enjoyed great food and fellowship. Some of the members told us of different places they went to this year, places they would like to visit, and shared a few stories of humorous events. (That water is cold)

We collected between 40 and 50 pounds of canned food. The members decided to donate this collection to a member of the club, Randy Evans. Rob volunteered to deliver these to him.

Everyone who brought a donation received a ticket for a drawing for a new DVD player, and the winner was Donna Bixler. Congratulations Donna, and thank you to everyone who participated.

The Gold Nugget was won by Don DeWoody.

The BBQ was won by Ray Bixler.

The 50/50 was won by Roger Jorstad.

The regular raffle went well, we had numerous items, some were donated.

I want to take this time to give a special Thank you to Ray Bixler, for all the donations he has made to our club over the years. Ray is the owner of Finders Keepers, in Nampa, and has just about everything a person needs for prospecting.

Our next meeting will be back at the school on Jan 6th. We have not yet determined where another meeting place will be, but we will keep looking.

This past year has gone by way too fast, I guess that's a sign of getting older. But I have enjoyed being your Vice President and look forward to what 2009 will bring. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cary

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Bank Notes

Deposit: December 15, 2008 - \$131.00 (Raffle proceeds)

Disbursements: Nampa School District - \$50.00 (Room Rental)

U.S.P.S. - \$42.00 (Stamps)

U.S.P.S. - \$58.00 (P.O. Box Rental)

Cary Singleton - \$93.55 (Raffle Items)

Minutes of December 2 Meeting

None

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 6, 2008 - Snake River Elementary School - Nampa, ID

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A Puppy's Christmas

It's the day before Christmas
And all through the house
The puppies are squeaking
An old rubber mouse.

The wreath which had merrily
Hung on the door
Is scattered in pieces
All over the floor.

The stockings that hung
In a neat little row
Now boast a hole in
Each one of the toes.

The tree was subjected
To bright-eyed whims,
And now, although splendid,
It's missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them.
"Be good", I insist.
They lick me, then run off
To see what they've missed.

And now as I watch them
The thought comes to me,
That theirs is the spirit
That Christmas should be.

Should children and puppies
Yet show us the way,
And teach us the joy
That should come with this day?

Could they bring the message
That's written above,
And tell us that, most of all,
Christmas is love.

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The Eve of Christmas

Two thousand years have almost gone by
Since Jesus was nailed on a cross to die
His teachings were done by words and deed
And thousand would listen, and thousands would heed.

The words of His wisdom, and that of God
As many miles on foot would he trod
Let Peace be on earth, would be His command,
And nothing less than this should we demand!

On the Eve of His birth let us all be blessed
And thank our God as we see the end of our quest.
Let us all stand together, as brother and friend
And pledge our love, and respect to a world without end.

Together we stand, in joy and in sorrow
and praise the birth of Jesus with the light of tomorrow!