

# **Nampa ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter**

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## **PRESIDENTIAL NUGGETS**

Hello Fellow Prospectors,

I want to let everyone in the club know that the gold show was a truly fantastic event. I want to thank everyone who helped out and let you know that the National GPAA people were impressed with all the help. They were very impressed with our efforts and the efforts of all the other clubs that lent a hand. They said they would consider coming back to Boise for another show in 2-3 years. There was a huge line of people waiting to get in on Saturday morning. The people were almost lined up around the building. We had the opportunity to visit with lots of people and show them what our club is all about. We had a great time looking at all the show specials and meeting the vendors that were there. The Crew from National GPAA was great. They were all very friendly and helpful and they brought food. Tom Massie was very polite and always seemed to have time to sign a shirt or take just one more picture. The classes that everyone had a chance to attend were very informative and I really needed the one Les Berg put on about metal detecting. That was a great talk. I hope there is a lot of people ready to go out to the hills and claim their fortune. It seems with the weather we have been having we might be able to get out to the claims earlier this year. So get your equipment ready and lets start making outing plans. I hope to have some well planned and organized outings this summer.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting in March.

Rob Forbes  
President

P.S. I wanted to thank all the people that helped make the Boise GPAA Gold show one of the best in the nation.

## **FEBRUARY 2ND MEETING MINUTES**

They will be read at the next meeting, and available for all to see.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Income:

**Deposit** after 1/26/10 Gold Show organizing meeting:

Membership: \$36.00

Mining Guides: \$30.00

Donations: \$3.00

Hat Sales: \$84.00

\$153.00

**Deposit** after 2/2/10 Meeting:

Membership: \$120.00

Mining Guides: \$30.00

Donation: \$1.00

Raffle: \$301.00

Sluice Raffle: \$55.00

Hat Sales: \$84.00

T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sales: \$341.00

\$932.00

**Deposit** after Gold Show

(See Report Below plus return of \$180.00

Petty Cash)

\$2,153.00

Total Deposits:

\$3,238.00

Disbursements:

Check to Cary Singleton for Raffle Items

\$130.38

Check to All Boxed Up for January's

Newsletter printing \$15.00

Check to Don Headrick for gold nuggets \$500.00

Check to Blue Heron Distributing for hats

and special order sweatshirts \$528.37

Check to Finders Keepers for raffle items \$65.30

Check for Cash for Gold Show use \$200.00

Check to Prospector Innovations for raffle items

\$72.00

Total Disbursements:

\$1,511.05

## NEXT OUTING

There will be an outing on Saturday, March 6th (weather permitting), to the Boise River where panning, highbanking, dredging, and metal detecting can be done -- even a pond to fish in! We will have a potluck with the Club providing drinks, plates and eating utensils. A map will be available at the meeting. Reminder: if you plan on dredging, you are required to have a dredging permit from the State of Idaho Water Resources.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 2nd at the Canyon Creek Restaurant in the Shilo Inn, which is located on the north side of the freeway at Nampa's Franklin exit. Meeting starts at 7pm, but be sure to come early to get raffle tickets, talk with folks and grab a bite to eat.

## **2010 GOLD SHOW REPORT**

Saturday – 2/6/10

Membership	\$ 290.00
Mining Guide Sales	390.00
Hat Sales	60.00
T-Shirt Sales	34.00
Sweatshirt Sales	84.00
Bumper Sticker Sales	25.00
Gold Nugget Drawings	631.00
Total:	\$1,514.00

Sunday – 2/7/10

Membership	\$ 60.00
Mining Guide Sales	90.00
Hat Sales	36.00
T-Shirt Sales	15.00
Bumper Sticker Sales	24.00
Gold Nugget Drawings	234.00
Total:	\$ 459.00

### **WEEKEND TOTALS**

Membership	\$ 350.00
Mining Guide Sales	480.00
Hat Sales	96.00
T-Shirt Sales	49.00
Sweatshirt Sales	84.00
Bumper Sticker Sales	49.00
Gold Nugget Drawings	865.00
Total:	\$1,973.00

### **EXPENSES:**

Nugget containers: \$20.00

There may be forthcoming reimbursement expenses also.

**We have 24 New Member families! (And 6 Renewals)**

## **THE GOLD SHOW**

The 2010 GPAA Gold Show was a huge success. The National folks said that we had more people attend than either of the Primm or Southern California shows! The Dealers were happy too, especially in this economy.

We raffled off 28 gold nuggets to many happy people, some of whom became new members. Congratulations to those 28:

Janerl Wells of Idaho Falls, Fran Simmons of Boise, Mike Warden of Garden City, Don Lemmon of Ontario, Jim Irwin of McCall, Jerry Jones of Boise, Linda Peterson of Fruitland, M. Slagle of Payette, Glen Hackwell, Richard Acuna of Nampa, Larry Sears, Alvino Artalejo of Boise, Mark Rednour of Nampa, Britani Waltz of Boise, Dave Cavines of Caldwell, Jimmy Boyd of Emmett, Randy Locke of Mountain Home, Doug Middlesmith of Emmett, Larry Sears (again), Joe Willard of Fruitland, Ray Chrisman of The Dalles, Trent Stanley, Mike Warden (again), David Flint of Utah, Don Wagner of Kuna, Lynette Warren of Wellington NV, Jim Hathorn of Boise, and Alica Sherer of Wilder.

We also want to thank those companies who allowed us to put up the Gold Show posters for all to see.

As stated above, we signed up 24 new member families at the Show; one additional member family has joined since, and applications are out for a couple more as of print time.

## **ATTENTION**

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THIS NEXT MEETING.**

VOLUNTEER A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME TO OUR GREAT CLUB. (IF IT WERE HARD, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE YOUR CURRENT OFFICERS!!)

## **REMINDER**

For those of you who have renewed your membership for 2010: a big THANK YOU! For those of you who haven't done so, please come to the meeting to renew, or send it to our P. O. Box listed above. The \$12 annual fee helps cover the cost of your membership cards and this newsletter which is mailed out to more than 50 members and emailed out to more than 100 members!

## **OF INTEREST**

The following article was found at the following website: <http://mingold.com/mega.html>  
Miningold.com has many interesting articles from fellow miners. Thanks to our club member, Chuck Canty, for passing this along.

Mega Black Sand Magnet

**Joanne, Greg, and Azu Dueck, Canada**

Years ago I purchased one of those little spring loaded push button magnets to remove the black sand when the material gets worked down. Works pretty good in a gold pan each time

you pan down, but is very slow and tiring with concentrates from a sluice. My friend Alf came up with a more efficient and cost effective idea.

a) Find an old speaker (friend/yard sale/or the dump). Completely remove the magnet (you want a magnet approx. 3 inches in diameter) from all the speaker attachments and materials.

b) Completely clean out a PLASTIC peanut butter/jam/mayonnaise jar with a mouth wide enough for the magnet to fit through. Remove all labels/glue etc. from the outside. Place magnet inside and seal with the lid. The preferable jar will have a fairly flat bottom so that the magnet will be as close as possible to the black sand.

c) Size your concentrates with a small screen (window screen will work) and spread the undersize material (about 1/8 inch deep) in a plastic gold pan, large tupperware or aluminum containers with a large flat bottom (glass can break and some metals will magnetize). With the magnet at the bottom of the jar, run the Mega Magnet over the sands. Don't worry about being gentle, push those sands around. Your Mega Mag will pick up the magnetic sands. To drop the sands simply give the jar a quick shake so that the magnet jumps to the top of the jar breaking the magnetic connection and the sands drop off.

You will find you can speed up your processing greatly with this unit and pick up more of the magnetic sands. Once the magnetics are removed it is much easier and more efficient to clean out your new cons for your rewards.

Some other pointers:

1) It will work BEST when the material has been dried out. It will work either way, however more small gold particles will be trapped between the black sand granules when used wet. With either method, "dropping" the material a couple of times will help to liberate the trapped gold particles.

2) After you pick up some sand, drop it in the same pan (off to the side) a couple of times and pick it up again. Each time you pick it up, go a little more gently and swirl the material a little. It even seems to help if you swirl the Mega Mag just above the black sand and let the sand come to the magnet. When the sand gets picked up initially, there may be small gold grains caught in the 'chains' of magnetic sand. Each time you drop it/pick it up again, there is less chance of the gold getting 'robbed' from your pan.

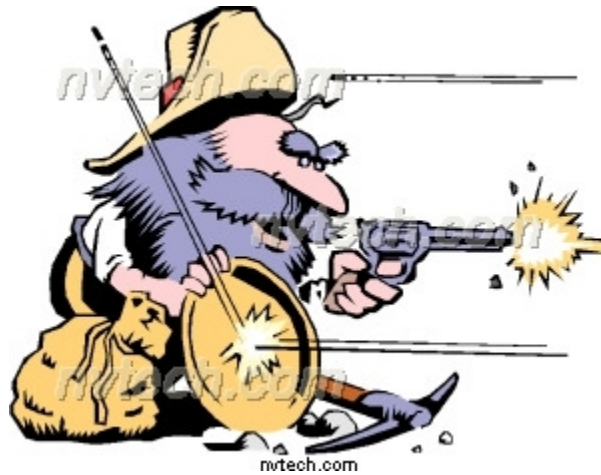
3) **SAVE ALL MAGNETIC SANDS YOU REMOVE.** Along with fine grains of gold that may yet be caught up with the sand: some platinum group metals are magnetic! There may be other rare earth minerals you won't know of unless the material is assayed (which you might do in the future). With this in mind drop the sands you remove into a separate container. **MARK THE CONTAINER AS FINISHED MATERIAL** (and location/date etc. where it came from) so you don't have to rework it again and again and again... A Ziploc baggie with a note in it is good and a length of twine stapled to the bag and label allows you to fish it out if it becomes buried. If possible, allow your saved material to dry in the container before putting the lid on so that you have a weight reduction factor for handling afterwards.



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