

Nampa Chapter GPAA Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello All,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and am looking forward to a great new year. I hope everyone got all the new mining equipment that they asked Santa for. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the club officers, committee members and other volunteers that worked so hard last year to help make this club the success that it is. I know that we are going to need all of the talent that each of you possess and are so willing to volunteer to make this year even better. I would like to take a minute to thank Net Mervin for taking on the duties of club secretary. She will be a great asset to the club. We will need articles and pictures to put in the newsletter so please feel free to submit something. If you have any other mining related material that might be of interest please get a hold of Net before the 18th of each month so she will have time to include your stuff in the newsletter.

We as a club, have a busy year ahead of us. We have close to 18 outings planned and a wide variety of other events to look forward to. We will be hi-banking, dredging and metal detecting in several different locations and hopefully even some new areas. Please refer to the Outings & Events Schedule that is included in this newsletter so you can plan to be at all of the outings. There will be 3 to 4 major outings that the club will be providing some sort of food, drink and prizes. There will most likely be some larger equipment in operation at these outings along with a common dig. There will also be classes on basic mining techniques and other fun

things. The information about these outings will follow as it becomes available. So plan on being there and invite a friend or neighbor to come along. Bring the whole family and build some great memories.

Regards,
Robert Forbes
President Nampa GPAA

THAT WAS A COLD ONE

We had a very cold outing on the Saturday of January 15th. The club went up to the claim on Mores creek and found out that it is really cold out there. We did some looking around at the rock formations and others did some detecting. We found out just how hard it was to dig a target out of frozen ground. The creek was about half frozen over which made panning very difficult. Not to mention that the material we were trying to pan was frozen. Well we had a great time anyway. We got to go outside and we had some great times visiting with other miners. Like they say, "A bad day mining beats a good day at work anytime." I can't wait until February.

Rob Forbes...

Missing Photograph Albums

If you have information regarding existing photograph albums that belong to Nampa GPAA, please contact Jim Jencks. We need to know how many there are supposed to be, maybe the last time you remember seeing them, are there existing duplicates of pictures anywhere or any other pertinent information. Thank you.

January Guest Speaker


Gary Eno proved to be a fountain of factual information about mining. An Idaho native and an excellent speaker, his stories are informative

and hilarious. We asked him back and he said yes. Be sure to watch for the return of Gary if you want to know the real truth about mining. He was there!

Classifieds

No listings

Happy Birthday

To past January and upcoming February Club Members .

February Calendar

February 1, 7 p.m. @ Lakeys, NGPAA
February 5, Rye Patch or other detecting place. Stay tuned for details.

February 14, Valentines Day

Remember your special someones.

February 22, Presidents Day
(Celebrate Lincoln & Washington, imagine where we might be without their sacrifices.)

Thank you for all the contributions to our Newsletter. Keep 'em coming! There's plenty of column space for everyone. Our priorities run along the topics of gold mining; where at, techniques, gatherings, suggestions for improving, the latest equipment, etc. We are interested in our members too: babies, grandbabies, birthdays, out of area and when you'll rejoin us, recommended reading (usually about gold), and suggestions for meeting topics. To contribute to our fledgling Newsletter, e-mail: ineedanugget@idahogpaa.org or phone, 286-0989 and ask for Nampa GPAA Newsletter copy desk.

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