

# Nampa, ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter

3 July 2007

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## Presidential Nuggets

Hope this finds everyone healthy and COOL!

I have spoken with the Boise Club's Vice President, Bob Oakes, about a get-together in August, which was brought up at their last meeting. It appears that this year's Anniversary Outing may have to be postponed until next year due to lack of water on any claims, lack of parking for a large group, and the current Fire Hazard conditions. HOWEVER, this is always subject to change -- more discussion will occur at our next meeting. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let me know. Maybe a big picnic????

As you may have also heard, our member, John Cameron, suffered a heart attack on the 4th of July. As of July 13th he was still in St. Luke's Hospital and welcoming all visitors (and hankering for some gold-laden dirt to play with). Give him a call, or stop by and see him! I'll keep this short: Happy hunting!  
Karin Hunter, President

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## GPAA Meeting

Tuesday

**7 August 2007**

**6pm - Potluck**

Lakeview Park

See you there!

## **Welcome New Members**

Monte Aguas, Robert Anderson, David Dieball, Steven Sumner

**Thank You to all renewing members!**

## Bank Notes

Deposit \$244.50

Financial info will be posted at meeting

## **Finders Keepers**

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## **Happy July**

**| Birthday |**

Jay May, Delwin Unander, Cary Singleton, Gayle Welty, Ron Lowies, Jack Womack, Jeanne Darlow, James Ross, Davis Foster, J. Jones, Starlene Saputo, Brian Stephens, Tom Saputo, Pete Collins, Al Medina, Velma Reed, Joe Moore

**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 – A Very Merry Unbirthday!**

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## **Nampa Chapter GPAA Meeting Minutes for 3 July 2007**

The meeting was called to order after the evening's potluck supper. Welcome to guests Steve Sumner and Jim Chester. President Karin asked to have minutes of last meeting as printed in the newsletter accepted. Darrell Larsen made the motion to accept and Jim seconded. The minutes were accepted.

Karin gave the Secretary report as Elaine was out of town. Two deposits - \$95.50 and \$54.00 were made and two checks were written - Dave Gubbels \$19.68 for nametag reimbursement, and Elaine Oakander \$86.95 for stamps and printing reimbursement.

**VP** Jim Jencks reported he was away last meeting with a panning demonstration at Julia Davis Park. With him were Larry Steele and John Cameron. It was a good turnout of folks from all over the US and some foreign countries.

**Claims Director** Brett Williams said things look ok. Regarding dredge permits, permits are needed for the dredge operator only. If you don't have a dredge you don't need a permit.

"Comments on new areas" and on our Island claim "wet lands" and private land claim is for mineral rights only. Karin had a question on Prospectors Paradise claim. Brett is only one of owners left. Brett is the owner of record as per BLM. Karin and Brett are listed as owners for Been Used and Rob Forbes is listed for The Island. The Club provided the funds for all 3 claims. The 'Owners' are, however, legally responsible for any misuse of the claims

**Outings Director** Larry provided directions to The Island claim outing for this weekend. He reminded everyone that a dredge permit is needed if you are using a power sluice. Some dredge permits have a sticker on them that say "no high banking". The outing will start at 9am with a pot luck lunch at 2pm. It will be hot so bring plenty of water.

**Health and Welfare:** Don Barnhill sold his ranch and bought The Karcher Market in Nampa. Karin stated that Randy Evans' phone has been disconnected.

**Old Business:** The website has been fixed. Russell Grau is working with Tom.

The committee on rules for outings did not meet. They will try to get together soon.

The club is still in need of a Treasurer.

Jim priced a pump and hose at \$150 - \$500.

Brett objected on the basis of too many problems with club equipment. Larry suggested reimbursement for personal equipment use at outings. Perhaps we should rent? This subject is open for more discussion at a later meeting.

Anniversary outing - Bob Obermeyer's equipment is broken so he can't do this years outing. Brett suggested a joint outing with the Boise club either August 10-12 or August 17-19.

**New Business:** There was information brought in by Chuck Knapp regarding a proposed amendment to 'Amend Certain Paragraphs in 36 CFR 261.2 and 261.10 To Clarify Issuing a

Criminal Citation for Unauthorized Occupancy and Use of National Forest System Lands and Facilities by Mineral Operators.

Meeting adjourned. Raffle followed.

Jim Chester won the sluice box.

Door prize was won by Richard Coryell.

There were 40 folks in attendance this evening.

Thank You to Dave Gubbels for taking the  
meeting minutes!!!

## **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](mailto:Karin1223@aol.com). A small group outing to do so could be fun!

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At the last meeting Chuck Knapp provided us with some information regarding a proposed amendment change regarding Occupancy on National Forest Lands.

Basically the Forest Service is attempting to clarify that in all instances a Special Use Permit be required to make any changes (i.e. trails, fences, camping areas, residences, etc.) on Forest Service Land which would now include Mining Operations (formally a gray area).

For more info go to:

[www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main](http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main),

click on "e-CFR Title 36" next to Parks, Forest, and Public Property,

click on "200-299"

and click on 261.2 and/or 261.10

## Take Precaution with Hot Summer Temps

Heat related illness occurs when a person's body temperature increases because it gains more heat than it loses. The extra heat is usually produced by the body itself, particularly during physical activity. Environmental factors, like being in the sun on a hot day, can further add to body heat. When the combined body heat gain is more than the body heat lost (sweating usually accounts for 70 to 80 per cent of heat loss), a person is at risk of heat stroke.

Heat stroke occurs when the body temperature rises above 40.5 Celsius and the body's internal systems start to shut down. Sweating helps the body to lose heat and maintain a healthy body temperature. If a person becomes dehydrated, they are at risk of heat related illness because their blood becomes concentrated, their circulation sluggish and their organ function is impaired. People attending large events in hot weather are at increased risk of heat related illness.

### How to tell if someone has a heat related illness

Symptoms of heat related illness vary according to the type of illness. For example:

**Heat cramps** - these may occur after heavy exertion. Cramps occur in the muscles of the arms, legs or abdomen. Treatment consists of oral fluid and ¼ to ½ a teaspoon of table salt in one glass of water.

**Heat syncope** - this results from reduced blood flow to the brain. The increased blood flow to the skin and pooling of blood in the legs - in response to heat - can lead to a sudden drop in blood pressure. There can be a feeling of lightheadedness before fainting occurs. Treatment consists of lying the person down and replacing fluids.

**Heat exhaustion** - this is a serious condition, which occurs when excessive sweating in a hot environment reduces the blood volume. Symptoms include profuse sweating, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, rapid heart rate, low blood pressure and a core body temperature of 38 C to 39C. Treatment is to move the person to a cool area to rest, remove restricting clothing and give oral fluids - 1 litre per hour for several hours. If recovery is delayed, intravenous fluids and active cooling (with ice packs, moistening of the skin and fans) will be required.

**Heat stroke** - this is a medical emergency, where the core body temperature exceeds 40.5C. Many organs in the body suffer tissue damage and

the body temperature must be reduced quickly. Most people will have profound central nervous system changes, such as delirium, coma and seizures. As well as effects on the nervous system, there can be liver, kidney, muscle and heart damage. Treatment in the field is to remove the person to a cool shady place, remove unnecessary clothing, spray with water or wrap in wet towels, and increase the airflow over the victim. The patient must be urgently taken to hospital, where more intensive cooling and support can be given.

### To prevent dehydration drink plenty of water

**Replacing salt lost in sweat** Salt also plays a role in keeping body systems functioning normally. Salt tablets are of limited value because they are not easily absorbed. Electrolyte fluids are useful but it's best to use half strength.

**Preventing heat stroke** The risk of dehydration is affected by the environmental conditions - for example, when it is hot and humid.

To prevent dehydration: Drink plenty of water, preferably before you become noticeably thirsty.

It has been shown with athletes that heat illness can be prevented if they drink before exercise begins, and then at 20-minute intervals during vigorous exercise.

**Things to remember:** Heat stroke can be prevented. Abundant amounts of water should always be available. Seek medical assistance for persons affected by heat stroke

### *Recognizing A Stroke*

*\*Ask the individual to SMILE.*

*\*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.*

*\*Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today)*

*If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe symptoms to the dispatcher.*

~~~~~FOR SALE~~~~~

Selling LDMA membership. Present price is \$3,750.00 - Will sell for \$2,000.00.

Also selling: Keene 4" dredge, Honda 5.5 motor, HUKA System, and other items.

Phone Jim Chester # 442-9160 after 5pm

Hope you had a

**HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY**