

Nampa ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter

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PRESIDENTIAL NUGGETS

Hello All,

Wow did we have a great meeting last month. Mr. Simmons from the Atlanta Gold Corporation stopped by and dazzled us with his knowledge about the mine in Atlanta and other aspects of his mining career. We all are very excited about the invitation he extended to us to visit the mine site up there. If you would like to go please call me at 989-5169 and let me know so I can arrange it with Ernie. There are several campgrounds up there if you wanted to make it a weekend getaway. It is about a 3 hour drive from Boise to Atlanta and it can be done in one day there and back, you just have to start very early. If you go bring a lunch AND some other rations just in case of an emergency. There is no other food or drinks available so bring plenty of pop or water. Also make sure your vehicle is in tip top shape and you have a full tank of fuel. I am quite sure the tour will be well worth the effort it takes to get there, so let's all go.

I really am quite humbled by all the support that I receive every time we all get together. I am trying very hard to do what I think is best for the club in every decision that is asked of me to make. I will always ask the club for their thoughts and ideas on crucial decisions that have to be made. I will be in touch with National GPAA on our issue with them and I will report back to you at the next meeting. Please feel free to call and talk to them at anytime. You can also call and talk to me with any concerns you may have. My # is 989-5169 call anytime before ten pm.

The outing last month was at the Island Claim. We had a great time at Tom Ashworth's dredge class. We had about 30 or so people out there and everyone seemed to have a great time. Club members fanned out and used everything from pans to highbankers to dredges. The weather was great and we found gold, as usual. Larry and I are working on the outing for next month so stay tuned for all the info.

See you at the August Meeting,

Rob Forbes

VICE PRESIDENTIAL NUGGETS

I just wanted to thank everyone who signed the "Recreational Gas Tax" petition I talked about at our last meeting. By the end of the evening, we had four full sheets signed.

As recreation enthusiasts, we need to protect these funds so they may be used for appropriate purposes they were originally intended for.
If anyone needs more information on this subject, let me know.

As for the discussion on dropping our association with GPAA, I know there are several mixed feelings on the subject. But I truly believe that if we decide to become an independent prospecting club, we can only grow stronger. We would adopt our own version of bylaws that would better suit the needs of the club and our individual prospectors.

The GPAA is a great organization, and I feel it is a worthwhile membership on an individual basis. But for a club such as ours, the restrictive rules they have could be more of a hindrance than a benefit to our growth and success.

I hope we can come to a conclusion on this subject by next month. We talked about this for five months last year, and decided to leave it alone until GPAA made their move against us.

Well now the time has come to make a final decision. So please, think this over and talk about it amongst yourselves before the August meeting.

I hope you all have a great summer.

Cary Singleton, VP

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2009

Rob called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Visitors and new members introduced themselves.

The minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

Karin gave the treasurers report. Check with Karin if you are not getting the email newsletter.

Cary discussed a petition for off road sticker money to be returned to the State.

There will be a car show at Dave's Grille on July 11, 2009. You can rent a table for \$20 to display whatever you may want to sell.

No claims report.

Outings report given by Larry Steele. About 22-24 people showed up tot the Placerville outing last month. They worked the second gully and found good gold. This coming Sunday 7/12/09 the outing will be at the Island. Tom will be there to help with any dredges you bring up.

Old Business: Don't forget to renew your membership.

Mining Guide: They are ready, but Rob wanted to see if we should print them or keep them on a CD. The issues include how do we protect from people printing out multiple copies. We will stay with what we originally agreed to and print them on heavy paper. One suggestion is that we require everyone to turn in their old one to get the new one.

T shirts and hats are still being worked on.

New Business: Terry Thomas gave a presentation of his solar products.

Gary gave a report that the next IGPA meeting will have a guest speaker from Intermountain Precious Metals.

Trish offered to organize a whitewater rafting trip for \$30 a person with food and all money going to the club.

There are three claims on craigslist.

Get your dredge permits.

We had a lengthy conversation regarding our status as a GPAA chapter. We voted to keep this status, however we were taken out of the magazine and it seems we may not be a chapter in the national clubs eyes. We have not been notified that our charter was revoked, if it has been. The conversation led us to debate the benefits of being a chapter.

A motion was made by Cary to make a final decision on this during the next meeting.

We had an interesting presentation by Ernie Simmons from Atlanta Gold Corporation.

The raffle was held. Then the meeting was closed.

Submitted,
Jesse Leib, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income:
(Raffle \$274.00)
(Membership: \$96.00)
(Mining Guides: \$90.00) \$460.00

Disbursements:
(Check to Cary Singleton for
raffle items: \$168.53)
(Check to U.S.P.S. for stamps:
\$44.00) \$212.53

I also wanted to let you know that I have spoken with the National office of the GPAA to clarify our club status.

There is a new person running the office who wants to help the GPAA grow in a new and better way - to make the GPAA more club-friendly. The old restrictions that seemed to be coming out of that office were being sent by a person who is no longer employed by the GPAA. This new person, Nancy DiFalco, said that our Club's status was changed to 'temporary suspension' because, as required by the By-Laws, our officers (currently 3 out of 4) are not GPAA members. This is the ONLY reason. This requirement is not new. The GPAA does not require that the other members of our club be GPAA members.

The other requirements are (1) the Club cannot charge dues, (2) officers can only be voted in by existing GPAA members, (3) a quarterly audit must be done of the Club's funds.

Pertaining to the dues, we have called the \$12 "dues"; however, they are for the cost of the newsletters and the membership cards. If we call them "maintenance fees", it is acceptable.

Our club currently has \$228 worth of credits to buy GPAA items, which we can raffle or sell. These credits are earned for our Club whenever one of our members becomes a GPAA or LDMA member, or goes on one of the GPAA Alaska Prospecting trips, or buys the GPAA Mining Guide.

To clarify some of the things that were said at our last meeting: It does not cost our club anything to be a

GPAA Club; whatever form that Rob received to fill out can be thrown away; the GPAA has no problem with us having raffles; we do not need to be a Non-profit organization (but they are quite willing to help us become one if we want to).

I hope this clarifies our current situation with the GPAA.

Karin Hunter
Treasurer

NEXT OUTING

This will be decided upon at the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, August 4th, 7PM at Dave's Grille
(Shilo Inn on the north side of the Freeway at Nampa's Franklin Exit)
Come early for great food!

OUTDOOR MEDICAL INFORMATION

1. Snake Bites
2. Ticks
3. Sunburn
4. Dehydration
5. Heat Cramps
6. Heat Exhaustion
7. Heat Stroke

SNAKE BITES

- A. If you are bitten, memorize what the snake looks like.
- B. Loosen all clothing around wound.
- C. Clean with soapy water.
- D. Keep wound area inactive
- E. Get to an Emergency Room immediately
- F. DO NOT:
 1. Cut & Suck
 2. Use Ice
 3. Use Alcohol
 4. Use tourniquets

TICKS

Remove by applying a glob of liquid soap on a cottonball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cottonball & swab it for a few seconds (15-20). Tick will back out on its own into the cottonball.

SUNBURN

- Treatment:
- A. Cover exposed skin & get out of sun.
 - B. Watch for symptoms of Heat Exhaustion or Heat Stroke
 - C. Apply Topical Lotions to keep skin moist
 - D. Drink lots of fluids

DEHYDRATION

Symptoms:

For Mild or Moderate Dehydration:

- A. Muscle Cramps
- B. Feel Faint
- C. Increased Thirst
- D. Reduced urine output with dark yellow urine in mild dehydration. In Moderate dehydration: Dark amber or brown urine
- E. Irritability or restlessness
- F. Rapid heartbeat

For Severe Dehydration: (Only need one of the below)

- A. Altered behavior

- B. Faintness not relieved by lying down or lightheadedness that continues after standing for 2 minutes
 - C. Inability to stand or walk
 - D. Rapid breathing
 - E. Weak, rapid pulse
 - F. Cold, clammy skin, or Hot, dry skin
 - G. Little or no urination for 12 hours or longer
 - H. Loss of consciousness
- Severe Dehydration is a medical emergency
 Dehydration Treatment:
 Mild to Moderate: A. Drink more fluids
 B. Get out of sun
 C. Prop feet up
 D. Keep Drinking fluids

- Moderate to Severe: A. Emergency Room
 B. IV fluids - Hospitalization

HEAT CRAMPS

Treatment:

- A. If have heart problems or on low sodium diet, Get Medical Attention
- If Not:
- B. Stop all activity; sit quietly in cool area
 - C. Drink Clear Juice or sports drink
 - D. Stay inactive for a few hours after cramps subside
 - E. Get medical attention if cramps don't subside in 1 hour

HEAT EXHAUSTION

Symptoms:

- A. ALWAYS INCLUDE FAST AND WEAK PULSE COUPLED WITH FAST AND SHALLOW BREATHING

May include:

- B. Heavy sweating
- C. Paleness
- D. Tiredness
- E. Weakness
- F. Dizziness
- G. Headache
- H. Nausea or vomiting
- I. Fainting

Treatment:

Seek Medical Attention & call 911 if symptoms are severe or victim has heart problems or high blood pressure

Otherwise:

- A. Cool off with water on skin in a cool place
- B. Drink cool, non-alcoholic, non-caffeine beverages
- C. Rest

HEAT STROKE

Abnormally elevated body temperature with accompanying physical & neurological symptoms.

Can be fatal if not treated properly and promptly.

Symptoms:

- A. Can mimic a heart attack
- B. Symptoms can come on suddenly without signs of dehydration, heat cramps or heat exhaustion

Can include:

- C. High body temperature

D. Absence of sweating with hot red or flushed dry skin.
E. Rapid pulse
F. Difficulty breathing
G. Strange behavior
H. Hallucinations
I. Confusion
J. Agitation
K. Disorientation
L. Seizure
M. Coma
Treatment:
Call 911 immediately
COOL THE VICTIM

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have been asked to do a panning demo for a group of underprivileged people in Nampa on August 4th, in the evening from 6 until 10 pm. John Cameron has accepted this challenge and can use more help. Yes, this is the same evening as the meeting! If you would like a fun evening showing off our avocation, please call John at 362-6238.

If you were at the last meeting, you heard about Atlanta Gold Inc. We have been invited up for a tour of the site which the club tentatively set for July 31, Aug. 1, Aug. 2. There is room for overnight camping, if interested. If you think that you would like to go (even if it is another date), please contact our President, Rob Forbes, at 989-5169.

Also, one of our members is putting together a rafting trip down the Cabarton run of the North Fork of the Payette for only \$30 per person. This would include professional guides with life vests, etc. (Just like Cascade Rafting does.) This is tentatively planned for some time in August. If you are interested in this fantastic opportunity, please call Trish Garvey at 861-4288.

GPAA is having a GOLD SHOW in Boise in February!! GPAA says that the last time they had one here, there wasn't enough advance advertising, so this time they are going to make up for it! We can have a free table there and if we help with their set-up, we get free donuts and coffee in the morning and free lunch at noon!

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