

Gold Fever

Nampa Chapter G.P.A.A.

June Newsletter

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Meeting Info:

Next meeting will be a potluck on July 6, 2004 at 6:00 at Lake View Park East
(off Garrity on 16 Street, across from the airplane)

Meeting was called to order at 7:20. President Rob Forbes ask for all visitors and new members to stand up and state their name and where they were from.

- Bill & Andrew Smith of Caldwell (New Members)
- Steve Shyer ? unknown spelling and did not catch where he was from
- Chuck Young from McCall (New Member)
- Kim Robins from Virginia
- Leola Hopkins from Nampa
- Tow Hawk from New Plymouth (New Member)
- Tom & Deb Ashworth of Boise (New Members)
- David McKee of Nampa (New Member)
- Ed Welty of Meridian (had been in Arizona for the winter and missed the sign-up)

Treasurer Lynn Nyland gave the club financial report.

Vice-President Tim Thompson told us the T-shirts with the club logo are at the printer's now. They should be printed up and ready for the new meeting. We will wait until we get the bill for printing to decide how much each item will sell for.

Claims Chairman Randy Evans advised that there are three (3) claim markers up on the Island. He has maps to the claim available for those who need them. He also advised that if you have a GPS, it should be set to NAD27 satellite. He also let us know that Art Church will be back to our club and that he wanted to thank all those who contacted Art to let him know that he was welcome to be a part of our club.

Gold Show Committee Chairman, Larry Steele, was injured and was not able to come to the meeting tonight. He will be back next month with a report on what has been accomplished towards getting the gold show set up.

The Salmon River outing is July 9 through the 11. Rob advised that if anyone wanted to car-pool and/or stay in his 5th Wheel up there to give him a call.

Burnt River outing is scheduled for June 9 through the 11th. Harold Hackworth told the club a little about it.

Rob ask Harold Hackworth if he and Darrell Larsen had been able to locate any new location where we might hold our meetings since we have out-grown Lakey's meeting area. There has been nothing located that the club can afford. It was decided that as long as the weather holds, we would have our meetings in the park and continue with potluck style but we will begin the potluck at 6:00 so the meeting can start at 7:00. From now on, the club will provide hamburger/hotdogs and then the rest will be made up of dishes provided by the members.

President Forbes ask Harold Hackworth and Darrell Larsen if they were still available to do the gold demonstration at the Caldwell library on June 17. It had been cancelled but is back on now. Darrell said he had other plans made since the cancellation.

Outings Director, Al Amos, said there would be an outing at Prospector's Paradise this weekend. Attendance at this outing or the Burnt River outing will count towards the gold nugget drawing at the end of the year. The outing is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday but you only need to be there for Saturday to be counted. Al Amos will be in charge of making sure all the names of those attending are written down and given to Secretary Gloria Hackworth who is keeping track of the attendance at meetings and outings.

Tom Ashworth who has been mining for 25 years told us a little about how to find gold. He has written one book, *Truth About Gold Mining*", and is in the process of writing another book on the subject which will be coming out soon. He outlined the steps needed to find gold. One of those steps is to check BLM claims. There is a web site, BLM.gov.lr2000, which you can go to to check but they are always about 30 days behind. It is still a good starting point and then you can go to the BLM office and check the book for the last 30 days for those claims that have not been entered into the computer program yet. Tom advised that if ask, you are not recreational miners. You are small scale miners. Otherwise there is no protection for you under the law.

Tom Ashworth, a new member to our club, said he really likes to take kids' groups out and teach them the art of gold mining. The young will be the ones to keep the small scale mining going in the future and we need to get them interested.

Chuck Knapp advised he has pics and snuffer bottles to sell if anyone needs them.

Ray Bixler has some gold equipment that he has for sale. Contact him after the meeting for more information.

John Hoffman ask Al Malmstrom what he had heard about the mining in Caribou County. Rumor has it that it is shut down to all but panning for gold. Al said he would check into it and let us know at our next meeting.

Harold Hackworth, Equipment Manager, announced that the PA system cost the club \$13.00. The PA was donated to the club a few years ago but it did not work. Darrell Larsen found a microphone and Harold purchased the adaptor and donated it to the club. We used it tonight and it worked great.

Meeting was adjourned for the raffle/auction.

- 50/50 was won by Gene Klefman. He got \$38.50.
- Door prize of a gold nugget went to Karin Hunter
- Rechargeable Lantern was auctioned off and Darrell Larsen got it for \$20.
- Foam Sanding blocks went to Laola Hopkins
- Camo tool apron went to _____
- Knee pads went to Rob Forbes
- Magnifying glass went to Ray Bixler & Bill Gannon
- Concentrates went to Sandy Rose & Al Amos
- Set of clamps went to Al Amos & Tom Ashworth
- Bungie cords went to Harold Hackworth
- Grinder went to Chuck Young
- Prospector statue went to Tim Thompson

- Gold nuggets went to Jason Tully and Darrell Larsen
- Two nuggets were given in the Gold Nugget drawing. One went to Al Malmstrom and the other went to Bob Whaley

I was ask about the name tags I had made for some of the officers. I the club members what the tags were all about and that they will cost \$1 each. If you were not at the meeting, the tags are a way that members can get acquainted with each other. I know that I, for one, have no idea who some of the members are except by name. I cannot a put a face to the name. It also will identify voting members of the group. Members wishing a name tag can contact me either by phone or email. I will need your LDMA or GPAA number if you have one. If you are not a member of either, I will need to know that as well.

After the meeting, President Rob Forbes ask me if everyone who had not gotten their newsletter had talked to me. I only heard from three that they did not get a newsletter. I try to have a few with me so those who did not get it can have one. If you do not get your newsletter, feel free to call my cell phone 880-7768 and leave me a voice mail. I will make sure you get one. For those who have email, I email them out and you should have it on the 20th of the month. I have requested that anyone with something to put in the newsletter, have it in to me by the 16th so that I have a couple days to get the information compiled. The newsletters going out by ground mail will be mailed on the 20th or 21st, depending on when I get the printing and compiling done.

I have compiled a phonebook of club members so if anyone wants a copy, let me know. It will be getting updated as we get new members and I will have a few extra copies of the most recent listing with me at each meeting.

From Rob Forbes, President
From Tim Thompson, Vice President

I have been asking for input of stories or anything of interest to the club for our newsletter. Well, below is a response to my call for help. Hope you all enjoy it as much as I did.

Hey all,

I have not been able to attend the outings or any of the meetings lately. I joined the GPAA originally not just to find gold. But to have a good time with new friends and family. I have had a change in work schedule so I have not been able to have much involvement. But I have been right there with you prospecting in spirit. I work every weekend and holiday any more for the RR. So I try to find time when I can, to feed the fever you might say. I have been panning and prospecting like crazy whenever I can find the time. I have found a few good spots to go panning or high banking along the way. I stop the train just to do a little panning if I think it is a good spot. Yeah the guys think I'm crazy. But they haven't got the fever!

There are some good spots I have found in the Emmett area all the way to Cascade. Well that's where the tracks go right? The bedrock at HSB under the RR trestle is a good place to go have fun with the family. Easy access off the old Emmett Rd. Lots of bedrock to pry open and find the good gold. There is some good gold between the Old Emmett road and the railroad tracks at Johnson creek if you don't mind turning over the big rocks. There is gold all along the Payette River. But only panning or rocker boxes are allowed. Makes for some nice memories with the kids, some good times with friends or a little piece of mind for your self.

So lets keep this between you and me. These are some cool little spots to go have some fun. I enjoy prospecting and I hope this helps you have some enjoyment as well. I know of some more spots but need to check them out. I will let you know what I find out. They may not get you rich, but will bring you some enjoyment along the way.

I really encourage every one to go to the outings and have a good time. You don't know what you are missing. The outings are what I enjoy most. And now I am unable to go. My kids really miss them as I do. So go out and have a good time. That is what the GPAA is all about! Good times, Good friends, and Good Gold!!!

Roland Courtenay (The Kid)

Luck of the draw fishing trip report

Well the fishing trip that I won in the draw at our May meeting turned out extremely well. We caught lots of fish, had great company and I was treated like a king. Harold and his brother Don were great fishing partners. There's only 1 thing I can say about Harold and fishing. Boy can he fish. I still have the imprints of the boat seat in my, uh, well let's just say where the sun don't shine. I was told before we went that they fished from sunup till noon, came back, ate lunch, then fished till dark. Those 10:00 pm dinners sure were good but don't make for great sleeping as I think all can attest to. Probably will come back in for dinner next time then back out till dark. We caught literally a boat load of 2 - 4 pound trout, some Walleye and a few bass. I took home a ton of fish. You couldn't keep the trout off your hook. And boy did they fight. Great trip. Anybody that wants to catch a lot of fish should try Salmon Falls reservoir. Thanks Harold for a great fishing trip.

Don Fridrich
Web Master

Harold and I took our 6 year old grandson with us to Burnt River again this year. You who do not take advantage of this place are making a mistake. During the outings, you do not have to be LDMA members, only GPAA members. We had a lot of fun. We found some really good gold. We met a lot of really nice people. We brought two more families into our group. This is a really good location and is close enough to drive up for a day of digging if that is the only time you can spare. This was the last outing that will be held there as LDMA has purchased the Blue Bucket and will be having its fall outing there. The Burnt River camp will remain open for all LDMA members who wish to use it. The clubhouse is great in the winter for fixing your lunches and staying warm, etc. My grandson is already talking about the next outing. He got his share of the gold on the kids common and they really got into some good gold on Saturday's dig.

If anyone has anything that they would like to see in the newsletter, please let me know. I would be happy to oblige by putting it in there. I will even help compose it if that is what is needed. Just give me a call.

Gloria Hackworth
Secretary/Newsletter

Hey everyone!

First I want to say thanks to Tom Ashworth for speaking at our last meeting and welcome to our club!

Also thank you to all of those that donated items for our drawing and brought food. Don't worry about the drinks, Brett has offered to let us use his coolers for the next meeting so there won't be anymore sore backs. (Sorry guys!)

Greg and I went to Burnt River on Saturday to see the big outing and join LDMA. It was a blast! We were not involved in any of the digs so I can't tell you about the gold, but the people were friendly, the sun was shining and, we were outside. What better way to spend a day.

Don't forget about the Salmon outing. I know it is going to cost a small fortune to go but it will be well worth it.

May all your days be memorable and your pans fill with gold.

Lynn Nyland
Treasurer

From Randy Evans, Claims Director

Planned Outing Information:

- June 25 - 27 Proposed joint outing with the IGPA at their 3 new claims in Silver City. We will keep you posted as to confirmation of these dates with the IGPA
- July 9 - 11 Salmon Outing. Cost will be either \$20 or \$25 per rig. Talk to Al or Rob about signing up
- August 6 - 8 Our yearly BIG outing with potluck, breakfast and our big cookout. Location has not yet been set
- September 22 - 26 GPAA Burnt River Fall Outing. Prices: 3 day is \$100 and 5 day is \$175.

Let Rob Forbes or myself know if these dates fit your wants and/or needs. WE NEED FEEDBACK...

Al Amos 888-3570
Outing Director

I want to thank all of you that have donated items for the raffle drawings. Harold and I looked at some bags of concentrates while we were up at the LDMA Burnt River outing. I thought some members would be interested in ordering some. The vender that we talked to had \$5.00 and \$20.00 bags. The bags are the same size, about 1 pound. The bag that I bought had 10 - 15 pickers. Another option would be to order some bags from Felix . Their bags are \$30.00.

John Hoffman
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From Greg Nyland, Raffle Co-Chairman

Harold Hackworth alias 'Hack'
Equipment Manager

FOR SALE

Anyone interested in a set of the
Hose reels like the club has
Or an expanded metal box for the
Front of an ATV

contact

DARRELL LARSEN
454-2167

