

# Nampa Chapter GPAA Newsletter

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**Nampa GPAA meets the first Tuesday of every month at:**  
**Snake River Elementary School**  
**500 Stampede Drive**  
**Nampa, Idaho**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Except for July and possibly August, the club will meet at the canopy by the Army Tank at Lakeview Park, Garrity & 16<sup>th</sup> Ave, Nampa.**

## Presidents Message

Hello All,

Well it finally looks like we might get some sunny weather to do some mining. I am getting kind of tired of the rain. We had a great time at Out Post days in Murphy over the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup>. The club set out to do some panning demonstrations and showcase some mining equipment. We had a high banker, a 4" dredge and a Desert Fox gold wheel there for all to marvel. I think we (the club) were a big hit. We met lots of people out there that wanted to learn how to gold mine and lots that had some experience already. We met several people that have private land in the Owyhees. They invited the club to come up and do some mining. We also were invited to the Silver City open house. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet more local folks. I believe the Silver City open house will be in August or September.

We had a great outing over the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup>; the club went to Pine Creek. John Church brought his big track hoe over there and he and his lovely new wife, Val, dug some impressive holes. We had about 35 club members there and did an extensive search of the claim and prospected for gold all over the area. We had a great time even when it rained. (Yes, it rained, big surprise huh?)

The next outing in July will be at the Island claim. Tom Ashworth will be putting on a dredge class. You will learn the dos and don'ts from a professional dredger. That will be on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and will start around 10 a.m. Please, if you would like to get in or under the water and do some dredging, be sure to get your 2005 dredge permit. You can obtain one from the Dept. of Water Resources in Boise. The cost of the permit is ten dollars. You do not need a permit if you just plan

on listening and learning. You might also bring whatever wet suit you can find, as the water will be chilly. There is plenty of space there for camping so come and spend the weekend.

Another subject has been brought to my attention. We as a club need to decide whether we are a mining club or a supper club. In an effort to offset some costs of the BBQ we had at the last meeting, we tried to get everyone to donate a buck or two. I have heard some grumbling about this. I would like to go over some of the costs so we can all make a logical decision as to what to do next month and for future potluck meetings.

Here is the cost breakdown for June. The BBQ meeting breaks down like this: the facility rental is \$24, burgers, dogs, buns, condiments, drinks and ice. \$175. Total \$199 dollars. The outing in June cost the club around \$350 dollars; \$200 equipment rental, \$50 fuel costs, and \$80 for breakfast, meat, eggs, pancakes and juice, \$20 plates and condiments. Now there will be a quantity of plates and other items left over from both the meeting and the outing that we can use at a later date.

The total expenditures, outlined here, for the month of June were almost \$550 dollars. That is almost half of the total monies we have in the kitty. The raffle, tee-shirts, hats and nugget drawings, as well as new member newsletter fee and also including \$70 in donations for the BBQ for the month of June was about \$425 dollars, minus the original cost of those items to begin with. So, as you can see, we will not be able to sustain this kind of out lay for very long. I, as your president and all the other club officers, have been looking for any way to raise funds or any idea to offset some of the costs. We have

only just begun the summer mining season and we have a long way to go. We, as a club, have over 15 outings on the calendar and two more BBQ meetings in the park. These cost money, as you can see. So we, as a club, need to decide what course of action we want to take. We all need to think about some idea's to raise funds that will be used in the furthering of our mission. That mission being mining, renting equipment or tools, plan of operation monies, the purchase or rental of new claims, putting on outings and/or shows like the Kuna and Murphy shows, a larger gold show and whatever else the club wants to accomplish.

I'm sure you guys and gals will have other thoughts about these ideas to discuss, so bring them to the July meeting. Here are some options that have been brought up:

1. Charge a small fee to help cover the cost of the BBQ.
2. Develop and sell a yearly mining guide to members that want to go to the club claims. Only those members that have a current guide would be allowed to mine on club claims.
3. Charge a Common Operation fee to the people involved in the Common.
4. Charge a Common Equipment fee to the people at the outings that have dirt brought to them.
5. Charge yearly dues. In doing this the GPAA charter would have to be relinquished.
6. Buy lots more raffle tickets.
7. Increase membership, therefore increasing the raffle ticket sales.
8. Get more members to volunteer their time and money transporting equipment and supplies to and from outings.
9. Change the BBQ meeting to only a potluck. The club would not supply food.
10. Selling water in Nampa GPAA labeled bottles at any and all functions.

Now keep in mind that some of these ideas are just that, *ideas*. But some have real potential, if you think about them for a while. As a club we should adopt all, some or none of these options, in one fashion or another. So, Write your ideas on a piece of paper; bring them to the July 5<sup>th</sup> Mining Meeting at Lakeview Park and let the discussion begin.

Rob Forbes

## BEST JULY SUGGESTION

Sketter Eversburg advised that new members might need to know that [ineedanugget@iglide.net](mailto:ineedanugget@iglide.net) is the email address that sends most of the Nampa Chapter emails. With this information, emails won't automatically be deleted because the address is unknown. From now on we will try to announce the email address at each meeting and print it on the membership form. Thank you Skeeter, good idea.

## VOLUNTEER WANT ADS

The club is in need of twelve to fifteen **Phone Buddies** (PB). PB's job duties consist of telephoning two or three members that don't have email access and passing on information that needs to be accessed more quickly than snail mail can handle. One or two days before mining meetings and outings, PB's call with time and place reminder. Time allotment should average ten to fifteen minutes for two to three calls. You will not be asked to make long distance calls. A written script will be emailed to you for each message. Messages can be left on message machines or with who ever answers the phone. Contact Dick or Nét Mervin at the July Mining Meeting or try 286-0989/[ineedanugget@iglide.net](mailto:ineedanugget@iglide.net).



To July Birthday Folks, including:

Delwin Unander, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Gayle Welty, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Dick Mervin, July 19<sup>th</sup>

Here's to abundant prospecting and may your cup of happiness runnuth over a gazillion times more.

To complete your family's birthday calendar, contact 286-0989/[ineedanugget@iglide.net](mailto:ineedanugget@iglide.net).

## Classifieds

Be sure to bring your **WHITE ELEPHANTS** to the **August 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Outing at Obermeyer's**.

## July Calendar

July 5<sup>th</sup>, First Tuesday Mining Meeting, Potluck @ Lakeview Park

July 8, 9 & 10 - The Island or Salmon (As in: there are folks going to one or the other so choose to go where you like.)

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Been Used (depending on water) or Prospectors Paradise. Stay tuned for details.

## **SPOT OF HUMOR**

### **THE DADDY TEST**

I was out walking with my 4-year-old son. He picked up something off the ground and started to put it in his mouth. I took the item away from him and I asked him not to do that. "Why?" my son asked.

"Because it's been laying outside, you don't know where it's been, it's dirty and probably has germs" I replied.

At this point, my son looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Wow! How do you know all this stuff daddy?"

"Uh," ...I was thinking quickly, "All dads know this stuff. It's on the Daddy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Daddy."

We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but he was evidently pondering this new information.

"OH...I get it!" he beamed, "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the mommy."

"Exactly!" I replied back with a big smile on my face and joy in my heart.

Thanks Warren & Nancy for the Spot of Humor.☺

### Embroidery For Your Nampa Club Hats & T's

John and Rhonda Anderson have offered to embroider the Nampa Chapter GPAA logo on member's hats or shirts. John announced that for a donation to the club, Rhonda would donate the labor and material. All you need to do to take advantage of this generous offer is make a donation to the club and get your hats and shirts to Rhonda! John and Rhonda can be reached at 463-2469/ [penguin461@earthlink.net](mailto:penguin461@earthlink.net) Thank you Rhonda and John for your thoughtfulness and sharing your skill.

### Advertisements

To advertise in the Nampa Chapter GPAA Newsletter, contact Rob Forbes, 465-7863, email: [goldhunter@rmci.net](mailto:goldhunter@rmci.net) or the GPAA news desk, 286-0989, email: [ineedanugget@iglide.com](mailto:ineedanugget@iglide.com). Our circulation is currently over two hundred issues each month and accessed by readers to the GPAA Web site. Suggested prices for a business card placement are as follows: One month/\$5.00, six months/\$20.00 and 12 months/\$25.00.

### BUDDING JOURNALISTS

Dead line for newsletter input is the second Tuesday of the month. You may call or email your contributions anytime during the month and the newsletter staff will be glad to assist you in making your article, advertisement, joke or classified ad everything you want it to be. Contact:

286-989/[ineedanugget@iglide.net](mailto:ineedanugget@iglide.net)

Your business card could be in this space and you could be advertising to more than another three hundred households a month!  
Call 286-0989 for details.

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Emails may be sent to you from one or more of the above but the address used to send the club newsletter is most often  
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