

Gold Fever

Nampa Chapter G.P.A.A.

May Newsletter

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Meeting Info:

Next meeting will be June 1, 2004 at 7:00 at Lake View Park East
(just off Garrity on 16 Street, across from the airplane)

President Rob Forbes called the meeting to order and ask if there were any visitors in our midst. Danny Jacobson of Nampa and Ken Sutter of Emmett stood and introduced themselves.

Treasurer Lynn Nyland gave the financial report.

Vice President Tim Thomason gave suggestion for fund raiser. He suggested purchasing polo shirts with the club logo on them and selling them for between \$12 and \$15 each. He thought we could also do hats with the club logo for under \$10. He told the members to think about it and we could talk again at the next meeting.

Old Business: The Landmark hard rock mining tour is still on and will probably be in August. We will keep you posted on this.

Salmon Outing is still on. Rob Forbes or Don Fridrich are the contact people.

Larry Steele requested an eight-man committee be formed to assist him in development of a plan of action for the Gold Show we were planning. Members who volunteered to be on the committee are Don Fridrich, Brett and Michael Ann Williams, Al Malmstrom, Al Amos, Jim Kalouska, Ray Bixler, and Bob Barton. A deposit of \$50 was already put down to have the gold show this fall and we discussed if it might be possible to get the deposit back. Roger Malone was president at the time and John Hoffman said he would call him to see if he would be willing to go talk to them about getting the check back.

Larry Steele also wanted the members to think about and decide why we are doing a Gold Show? Is it for membership or for a fun raiser, or what? If it is a fund raiser, how much money does the club need? That will determine how big a show we need to put on.

The club's non-profit status was brought up. This needs to be worked on and filed.

Ray Bixler is still scheduled to put on the metal detector workshop on May 15 at the #2 West Park. Everyone interested is to bring themselves and their metal detector's if they have them. Ray has rented a cafeteria if the weather is bad. Ray is a new dealer and members of the club will get discounts though him.

Harold Hackworth gave a report on what he and Darrell Larsen had been able to come up with so far for a new meeting place. We have outgrown Lakey's meeting room.

Brett Williams advised he has purchased the water permit for this year. He also advised that you can only get the temporary water permits for two consecutive years so next year we will have to get a permanent water permit.

The Island claim was discussed and some members wanted to know how to get to it. See the Members Only page on the website. Don Fridrich will get maps to our claims in the members only area on the website. Also Randy Evans, the Claims Director was ask to put together a claim's guide.

It was brought to the memberships attention that we need to be signing the paperwork when we go work on the different claims. Names, dates and the time spent working the claim need to be recorded for documentation.

Randy Evans addressed the membership concerning Art Church. Art graciously volunteered to assist us in locating and filing on claims. He is very knowledgeable in this field and was willing to help us learn. Someone, we do not know who, took it upon himself to call Art and tell him he was not welcome to be part of our club. He is not a GPAA member anymore and had no right to be using the club's claims. This person did not read the by-laws very well or did not understand them. The club's claims do not belong to GPAA. They are private claims of members who have allowed the club to work them. Al Malmstrom made a motion that we all call and get Art Church back into our club. The motion was seconded by Randy Evans and the vote was unanimous. I will draft a letter and the club officers are all going to sign it and we will send it to Art. Meanwhile, call him and let him know we still want him in the club.

Bryan Tatro addressed the membership about the education programs we have done in the past. He wanted to know if we intended to continue as we had in the past. We did Eagle Charter School and also the Eagle Lions Club. It teaches the kids and gets them involved in something that is fun and healthy and can continue throughout their lives. Bryan called for volunteers to helps with the shows. Rusty Williams, Chuck Knapp and Jim Jenks said they would help. Bryan will get with the schools and the Lions Club to get the dates set. Also, in the past a couple gold nuggets had been donated to the Eagle Lions Club for their fund-raiser. Brett Williams made a motion that we donate 2 small nuggets for the fund-raiser. It was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Secretary Gloria Hackworth bought up about the sign-up sheets and the phone book she is working to put together for club members. There are a lot of members that did not complete the sign-up/renewal form and turn it in. Without it, the club has no accurate record of who are members and where they live, etc. We get credit for the GPAA/LDMA members through GPAA and those credits are used to purchase merchandise for the drawings, actions, etc. Also, if you did not complete a form and return it, I have no record of you being a member and you will not be getting the newsletter. I need accurate information to keep you informed of what the club is doing.

Outings Director, Al Amos gave his report. The next outing was scheduled for this weekend at Prospector's Paradise but was put off because this is Mother's Day Weekend. Next weekend is the Metal Detector Workshop so the outing will be the following weekend, May 21, 22, & 23 at the Been Used. Al also reminded everyone of the LDMA/GPAA outing the first part of June at Burnt River, OR. He had a list of outings that are scheduled and will be posting them on the Web page.

Claims director Randy Evans advised he had been into Silver City a couple weeks ago and you can get in but you are bucking snowdrifts about 2 feet deep. He and Darrell Larsen and Harold Hackworth had gone in on their 4-wheelers. Randy also brought up that he would like to see more of the people get their kids and grandkids involved in the activities. The kids are the future of the gold mining and they need to be shown encouraged while they are young.

Al Malmstrom gave the political report. It is in the works for the state to take some more land into the Wilderness area from Owyhees in a land swap with the cattlemen. It is called the Owyhee Initiative. Senator Craig has not made up his mind which was he is going to vote. If he goes along with it, it will pass. No one invited the miners into these discussions and their mines may very well be affected. Everyone needs to call Craig's office and request that he not sign off on this Initiative.

Al also talked about the Bull Trout Habitat that is in the works right now. Right now this action would only affect Oregon and Nevada but we won't be far behind once it gets started. A 30 day comment period and there is a possibility of getting that extended to 90 days. Al Malmstrom is the contact person with all the information on that bill.

The next meeting will be at Lake View Park East and is a pot luck. Everyone bring something really good to eat.

Meeting was adjourned and turned over to the John Hoffman and Greg Nyland for the raffle.

- Harold Hackworth had donated a Walleye fishing trip. Don Fridrich won that.
- Lynn Nyland won \$50 in the 50/50 drawing
- Terry & Ken Hunter, new members won the door prize – a gold nugget
- Rob Forbes, Larry Sears and Tim Thompson (2) won the gold nugget drawings.

In the raffle, several wonderful items were given away. A few of those were:

- Darrell Larson won a leather tool pouch
- Jim Jencks won a small sniffer bottle with a nugget inside
- Lynn Nyland won the rock tumbler

Brett Williams had donated several 24 volt rechargeable batteries. They sold for \$5 each

Hello all,

Well the prospecting season is well under way. Soon we will all be rich from all of the new gold strikes we are going to find. Well we can hope anyway. May has come and almost gone. Graduation's are upon us. Congrats to all of you out there that are or have a graduate.

Ray Bixler had a GREAT metal detector workshop. If you missed it you really missed a great class. We got to meet some folks from the Boise metal detector club. I'm sorry I have forgotten the exact name of their club. But we had a fantastic time with Les Berg from Tesoro. He is a super nice guy and really knows his stuff.

The Been Used outing is coming up this weekend I hope we have a great time and find lots of gold. Also, at the next meeting, I am going to have a list for people to sign up on for the Salmon outing in July. If we could get a good idea of the people who wanted to go we might be able to car pool, as it were, to save some gas money. I have a huge trailer with lots of room to sleep several people. There might be other members who have an extra spot to sleep in their camper or trailer. So if you want to go to Salmon in July sign the sheet. The outing will be the weekend after the 4th of July.

Remember the next meeting will be in NAMPA at Lakeview Park across 16th avenue by the tank. We are having a potluck so bring your favorite dish and your own table service. You might bring a lawn chair if you want to. I believe the club is supplying the water and soda pop. I hope to see you there.

If anyone else has anything that they would like to submit to the newsletter please feel free to send it in. We would love to hear from you. Please E-mail Gloria with your article on or before the 16th day of the month.

As always if you have any question's or comment's or concern's please call me anytime at 465-7863 or my cell at 989-5169

Respectfully submitted
Rob Forbes.

From Tim Thompson, Vice President

Nothing submitted!

From Lynn Nyland, Treasurer

Nothing submitted!

Once again I am looking for something to put in the newsletter to spark an interest in others to come out and join the fun. Our membership began when I wanted to find something that would interest my husband besides fishing. Don't get me wrong, I like to fish but I was looking for something else we could do together. Harold had talked to me several times the last few years about gold prospecting. He used to do some gold mining when he was much younger but had given it up to raise his family. Now he was retired and my job had forced us to move away from what he considers the good fishing and he was at a lose as to what to do with himself. He watched Gold Prospectors all the time on TV so I sent for the GPAA starter kit for him. He found the club listed in the magazine and the rest is history. I must admit that I had not planned on getting quite so involved but there you have it. We have made some wonderful friends and have enjoyed the camaraderie that we find within the club. The outings provide us with much needed exercise and a chance to visit with some great people. The club members keep discussing get the kids involved. Harold and I take our grandson along with us whenever we can and he loves it. He asked us in January if he could go to Burnt River with us again this year. He went last year at the old age of 5 and really enjoyed himself. He took part in the children's common dig and got a share of the gold. He knows how to use a gold pan from watching his Grandpa and from doing it for himself. This last Christmas he ask for a 'gold-finding thingy' (metal detector) and a green bowl (the gold pan). Well, one out of two isn't bad – he got his green bowl. I enjoy the outings and I usually get right down there and dig with the guys. There are other things for the girls to do if they

would prefer not to work the dirt. This last winter the outings were mostly up above Burnt River and the women got designated to fix the lunches and keep the fire warm. There is something for everyone to do on the outing and it is all about having a good time while you search for the Yellow stuff. Harold has made some games that are great regardless of the age that he plans to bring to the outings. We would like to see more people come out to the outings. Believe me, these outings are a lot of fun.

Please, if anyone has a story to share or anything at all they would like to see in the newsletter, just let me know. You can email me at gloribug@isp.com or call me at 453-9691 or 880-7768. I will be more than happy to add it into the newsletter. I have set a deadline on the 16th of each month so that I can get the newsletter out by the 20th. That will give everyone a chance to think of things they want to bring up at the next meeting.

Gloria Hackworth
Secretary/Newsletter

From Randy Evans, Claims Director
Nothing submitted!

Planned Outing Information:

- June 9 – 13 GPAA Burnt River Outing. If you want some other outing besides this one, let Al Amos know at 888-3570
- June 25 – 27 Proposed joint outing with the IGPA at their 3 new claims in the Owyhees. 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

From John Hoffman, Raffle Co-Chairman
Nothing submitted!

From Greg Nyland, Raffle Co-Chairman
Nothing submitted!

For those who don't think there is any gold on the Prospector's Paradise claim, you should have been there for the outing on April 18 and 19. Everyone found really good gold and a lot of it. They sat around the campfire in the evenings and socialized. Several got loaded there, too. All there had a lot of fun and really enjoyed it. The weather was very cooperative and it only sprinkled on them a little. The temperature was just right for hard digging...not too hot...not too cold.

Those who worked the claim were Juniper Jones, John Hoffman, Don Headrick, Stanley Skarzynski, Randy Evans, Ken Held, Norm Mallonee, Larry Steele, Brett and Michael Ann Williams, Greg and Lynn Nyland, Jim Jencks, Leonard Sears, Rob Forbes, Darrell Larson, Don Fridrich, and myself, Harold Hackworth. We would like to see more of you come out and socialize and enjoy the good gold digging.

I have the hoses that were donated all fixed up and on the hose reels. Anyone needing to use 1 1/2" connections can contact me to borrow the hoses. Remember, this is all club property and members are welcome to utilize them.

The PA System that was donated and turned over to me as Equipment Manager is now working. Darrel Larsen located a microphone for it and I purchased and donated the converter jack. Total cost to the club is \$13.00. Now we have sound for our outings, meetings, etc.

Everyone is invited to bring along the kids for the potluck meeting coming up. I have made a game that we will set up and the kids can play it. I want to see how the kids like playing it so I know whether to include it when we have our outings.

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

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