

Nampa ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter

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PRESIDENTIAL NUGGETS

Hello Fellow Prospectors,

Well we keep hoping for summer to get here so we can get out and look for some gold but it seems mother nature has other ideas. Let's hope that we can get up in the hills soon. I want to thank Wayne, our new outings director; he is doing an awesome job. Stay tuned for some exciting upcoming outings.

I think there are several changes coming our way from the governmental agencies that seem to think they are in charge. I have heard of several people receiving some sort of ticket for dredging up on the Middle Fork of the Payette somewhere around Lowman. I hope we aren't seeing some sort of trend here by someone or some agency trying to violate the 1872 mining laws. It sure bothers me when our rights are taken away or violated because of some damn snail that never even existed. I hope we will see some common sense changes in government in the near future.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting and the next outing.

Rob Forbes
President, Nampa GPAA

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 1st, at the Canyon Creek Restaurant in the Shilo Inn
(at the Nampa Franklin exit - North side of the freeway)

We will be meeting in the FAR BACK ROOM this time!!!

Meeting starts at 7pm

Come early to get your raffle tickets, talk with your friends and grab a bite to eat!

BRING YOUR UNNEEDED EQUIPMENT TO THIS MEETING FOR A CLUB SWAP & SELL!

NEXT OUTING

The outing for June 5th is tentatively scheduled for Prospector's Paradise. Come to the meeting to confirm this and get the details! This is a large claim and lots of fine gold has been found here!!

MAY 4TH MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by President Rob Forbes.

Guests and new members introduced themselves.

Minutes of the April Meeting were approved from the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report was read by Vicky Anderson, Secretary.

CLAIMS REPORT: Kasse Gordon reported that we are still looking for new claims.

OUTING REPORT: The outing for May will be on the 7th at the Island Claim near Idaho City. Time: 8 AM until the last person leaves. No dredges, but highbankers are OK. Need volunteers with pickups to help haul equipment up to the Claim and back. Wayne is working on setting up an outing to the Burnt River Lost Dutchman Mine. Watch for email with more information on the outing.

OLD BUSINESS: Hats & T-shirts are for sale!

The mining equipment Swap & Sell will be held at the June Meeting. Bring anything that you want to sell or trade.

Everyone should get a dredge permit for \$10 if you are dredging. You need one and everyone on the dredge needs one. But it was reported that, if you alter a stream or river by shovel or by moving rocks around, you should have a dredge permit. The more permits that are out there, the more power we have. The website to buy the permits is: www.idwr.idaho.gov/watermanagement/streams/dams/streams/dredgingpermit.htm

Please fill in your holes before leaving an outing!

NEW BUSINESS: It was moved and seconded to order 25 pins that can be put on hats. The prices will be \$8.00.

Danny reported that the snow is gone from Miss Lucy and Paymaster (Boise Club Claims) and the water is good.

RAFFLE REPORT: Raffle winners for the evening are:

50/50 Draw: Jeff Runyon

Door Prize Gold Nugget: Danny Prochaska

Gold Nugget Drawings: Vickie Caldwell & Stephen Shell

FOR SALE: Jeff Runyon has a new Minelab GPX with coils for sale. He is asking \$4500.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income:

Membership: \$84

Mining Guides: \$300

Raffle: \$289

Hat Sales: \$48

Donations: \$6

\$727.00

Disbursements:

Checks to:

Intermountain Gas Co. (Mining Guide Printing) \$115.20

Kasold Enterprises (Gold Concentrates) \$60.20

Tammy Vincent (Raffle Items) \$74.57

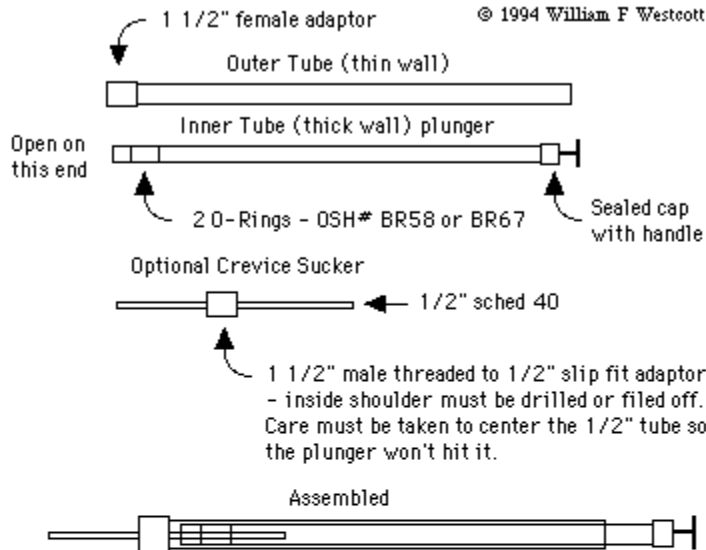
Karin Hunter (April Newsletter printing) \$22.47

\$272.44

OF INTEREST

Gold Sucker V 1.1

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Notes

Outer tube is 1 1/2" type 125 PVC
Inner tube is 1 1/4" sched 40 PVC
Length is about 3 - 4 feet.

Handle is made from two 1/2" PVC
end caps and a 1/2" tee with a
couple short pieces of 1/2" PVC
pipes to connect. The handle is
bolted thru handle to end cap.

Use 1/8" file for O-ring grooves.
Depth of O-ring grooves must be
about 1/2 of the dia. of O-ring
cross section.

The O-ring # given may be a part
for Orchard Supply Hardware,
a No. CA chain. The actual dim. are:
BR67 - 1 9/32 id, 1 9/16 od
9/64 cross section
BR58 - 1 1/8 id, 1 3/8 od
1/8 cross section
Use the one which gives best seal

With crevice sucker attached, the plunger may be pumped several times until the material reaches the top of the 1/2" pipe. Another possible attachment would be a 1 1/2", 45 or 90 degree "ell" instead of the crevice sucker

Since the gold sucker is normally used with the bottom open, you may be asking "how do you keep the stuff from falling out the bottom"? The short answer is ya gotta be quick. Try to keep your bucket or pan as close to the spot you are working and almost submerged so you don't have to move the sucker very high or very far. It also helps if you can get into a rhythm where you are still pulling on the plunger while transferring the material. Clean up any material that falls out every now and then.

Please direct any suggestions/comments to the E-mail addresses below.

Good luck

The drawing is courtesy of the following website: <http://mininggold.com/sucker.html>

ALSO:

PLEASE bring your items to trade or sell to this June meeting! Someone just might need that extra gold pan, sluice, dredge, highbanker, crevice tool, snuffer bottle, etc. that you have hanging out in your garage/shed that you haven't had a use for!

Darrell Larsen will be having a yard sale starting June 3rd which will include a sluice and highbanker. His address is 312 Boise Ave., Caldwell.

If you have joined the National GPAA or LDMA lately (or haven't given us your member number yet), please let the Secretary or Treasurer know at this meeting what your member number is. Our club gets point credits for your memberships which gives us the opportunity to buy items from their store. We can sell or raffle those items to you.

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