

JUNE



2009

**MEETINGS: Borah High School Cafeteria (rear entrance) 6001 Cassia St., Boise, Idaho. (No alcohol, tobacco or guns allowed on school grounds)
2nd Tuesday of every month (except December) at 7:00 pm. (June 9th this month)**

Web address: www.idahogoldprospectors.org

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The snow is all but gone, now is the time to REALLY hit our prospecting, whether it's panning, high banking or dredging.

On May 15th it was Rendezvous Days for the 4th graders of the Meridian school district, and what a time they had. Playing in the dirt and water brings out the best in each of them, and us big kids, too. I'd like to thank the following people who helped out: Chuck Knapp, Bill Gardunia, John Cameron, and Chuck Hoffman. Special thanks to the Eagle High School students that really helped pull it all together.

COMING - - August meeting we are planning a club cook-out. The IGPA will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. We'll do the planning at the June and July meetings. We'll have an auction to raise monies for the club, so bring any items that you wish to donate for the auction. As always kids are welcome, fun for all.

Happy Prospecting
Gary Scott

**New York Stock Exchange, June 3, 2009
Gold - \$964.50 per troy ounce**

MAY 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Gary called the meeting to order. Members were asked to stand and salute the flag. New members were welcomed and introduced. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$10,174.58 in bank, \$710 for the bond, and \$50 petty cash.

Chuck Knapp reminded us that he still needs volunteers for Rendezvous' Day at the Meridian Middle School on Cherry Lane. He also needs material to show the children. Volunteers are needed from 8:30/9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please see Chuck if you are interested.

Gary discussed the need for a PA system. For this meeting, we used the school's PA system to see if it is adequate for our meetings.

August 29 is Idaho City's Kokanee Day. Do we want to set up a booth for the club? See Gary if you're interested. Also, for additional information, see: <http://idaho.sierraclub.org/middlesnake/calendar/e001.html>

Tony discussed different ways to make our monthly meetings more informative and enjoyable. He plans on having a different speaker at each meeting. He would also like to create a "Field Manual" for each club member who wants one. It will be a small 3-ring binder and information from future meetings will be handed out to insert into the binder. The handouts at the meetings will coincide with speakers/presenters at our meetings. Let Tony know if you have suggestions for speakers and/or subjects. Some examples of subjects are dredging techniques, how to find gold, how to read a geological map, etc. Let Tony know if you're interested in a Field Manual.

Gary discussed our club outings. He wants to have potlucks and revive comradeship. He asked for volunteers to act as an outing director. Our outing this month is on May 23 at Miss Lucy. The goal is to do some cleanup of brush and tailings.

Gary also discussed the need for a couple portable potties for the Miss Lucy during June-August. The secretary will check prices and availability.

Our website will be updated soon, hopefully by May 22.

Chuck volunteered his claim for one outing this year.

Tony introduced the speakers Charlie and Joe from the Boise Gem Club, both of whom brought rocks and other materials to show. They spoke about crystals, what we might be missing when we gold pan by tossing out rocks, finding sapphires near Riggins, black tourmalines south of Riggins, star garnets in the Moscow area, and from Idaho City to Arco finding aquamarines, garnets, and platinum. Other items discussed were platinum, manganese, selenite, quartz crystal, and all of their various shapes, sizes, and colors. A good reference book on gemstones is: *Gemstones of Idaho*, which can be purchased at Barnes & Noble.

Steve Klahn won the president's drawing and will handle the refreshments for the June meeting. Sharon Barnes won the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting was adjourned.

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