

APRIL



2010

MEETINGS: Borah High School Cafeteria (rear entrance) 6001 Cassia St., Boise, Idaho. No alcohol, tobacco or guns allowed on school grounds. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Web address: www.idahogoldprospectors.org

Our IGPA club has access to claims in southwestern Idaho ranging from Atlanta to Fairfield, the Boise Basin and Silver City/Creek areas. Anyone with a membership in good standing is allowed to utilize these claims and keep any gold they find. Claims owned by IGPA include: **MISS LUCY, PAYMASTER GOLDEN RULE, CHINA WINE CUP, MANHATTAN, HOLY TERROR and FLORENCE.** Members also have access to: **GRIMES CREEK MOU, K2 #1, FLAP JACK MAC, and WEEKENDERS'S DREAM.**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Once again it's time to dust off our mining equipment and inventory what needs to be fixed or replaced. If there is a new piece of equipment that is on your wish list, maybe it can be added to the inventory. Learning new prospecting techniques and meeting new friends is the best part of this hobby. Of course, finding that yellow metal—gold—is the reward; we not may get rich, but we will have fun doing it.

While traveling in Oregon, the past two weeks, we stayed in a number of state run parks. What a wonderful place to camp overnight. The rates are reasonable, and the campsites are very well maintained. They even have a special rate for disabled veterans, **FREE**, with proper paperwork from the state of Oregon. It takes about three weeks to process, and then you are good to go.

I would like to thank all of you who took part in last month's highway clean-up. It is a good activity that our club does for the state of Idaho, and the people who travel up and down Highway 21. While in Oregon, I ran across this article about the time it takes for items to decompose to a unrecognizable information:

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| Styrofoam | NEVER |
| Plastic Bags | 10-20 Years |
| Plastic Containers | 50-80 Years |
| Leather Shoes | 25-40 Years |
| Wool Socks | 6-24 Months |
| Orange Peels | Up to 6 Months |

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| Aluminum | 80-100 Years |
| Plastic Coated Cartons | 5 Years |
| Cigarette Butts | 10-12 Years |
| Vibram Soles | 50-80 Years |
| Paper Containers | 2-5 Months |
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REMEMBER - - Idaho is too beautiful to litter. We need to be our own litter police.

Special **Thanks to John Cameron** for helping with the Eagle High School students for their part in the up and coming May 21st Meridian Rendezvous Days event for the 4th graders. We will need 10 to 12 club members to help. Please contact Chuck Knapp at 888-3651. We appreciate your help.

We now have lots of NEW members in our club, so I would like to ask all our older club members to step forward and help them learn our hobby to the fullest. Try and meet someone new each time you are out prospecting, and we can make this a BETTER club for all of its members.

PLEASE NOTE:

THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS NOT RENEWED.

If you are receiving the newsletter via US Mail, please consider the Internet, if you have access to it. The cost for the club to mail the newsletter is now about \$88-\$90 per issue.

Happy Prospecting,
Gary Scott
IGPA President

APRIL 13, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Gary opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. All members stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary asked everyone to turn off their cell phones, or at the minimum, put them on vibrate. He reminded everyone to sign the attendance form. Visitors and new members were asked to introduce themselves.

Last month's meeting minutes were voted on and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: \$11,001.50 in the bank, \$710 for the bond, and \$48.91 in petty cash. The amount in the bank account last month was \$9,597.88.

Following is a listing of checks drawn and deposits made to the club's bank account last month.

MARCH 2010 - CHECKS:

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| \$32.17 | Allied Graphics – membership cards |
| \$157.78 | Gary Scott <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$ 3.38 – Copies at BLM• \$ 21.40 – Raffle items• \$133.00 – Gold for President's drawing |
| \$19.97 | Refreshments |
| \$25.18 | Postage for mailing memberships |
| \$235.10 | TOTAL |

MARCH 2010 - DEPOSITS:

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| \$1,000.00 | Memberships from gold show |
| \$552.00 | Raffle to include the sluice box drawing |
| \$1,552.00 | TOTAL |

Treasurer's report was voted on and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tami Palin reminded everyone that the Adopt-A-Highway outing is this coming Saturday, April 17, at 10:00 a.m. Take Highway 21 to the Daggett Creek turnout on the left side of the road.

It's at milepost 24. We have a one-mile stretch of the highway to pickup. After we are finished, we meet at Calamity Jane's in Idaho City and eat breakfast/lunch and the club pays for it. Safety reminders are to watch for traffic, wear the bright vests provided to us, do not pick up broken glass or any hazardous items, and don't try to go down the steep embankments – just pick up what you can by the road. See Tami after the meeting to sign a release of liability form, which has to be turned in before our outing.

- On May 1, we hope to get a tractor on Miss Lucy to do some reclamation that we could not do last year.
- Discussion regarding the plan of operations for the Miss Lucy. Gary passed around several copies of a professionally laminated claim map, which were done by Greg Minard of Sign, Inc. – at no cost to the club. Thank you Greg! Greg also made the GPAA banners for the gold show. This map is a sample of what we will include in our claims guides. They will be three-hole punched for binders and will be removable from the claims guides. If you have any comments about the maps, please see Gary. We have to submit them to BLM in a couple weeks along with our plan of operations. Because of the additional weight of the laminated map, the club discussed charging \$5.00 to out-of-state members who receive their claims guide via U.S. Mail. A motion was made to charge such a fee, it was voted on and approved.
- Friday, May 21, is Rendevous Days in Meridian at the Meridian Middle School on Cherry Lane. At this event, the fourth graders go through stations/booths and learn various things from the old pioneer days. We will have a gold panning station there. There will be high school students there to help teach them. We want to educate the high school students beforehand so they can teach the younger students the correct way to pan for gold. It is a lot of fun. Please contact Chuck Knapp if you can help.
- August 14 is Kokanee Days in Idaho City. We will have two stands/booths – one at the island claim and another by Gold Bar Mining Company in Idaho City. We will need about 12 volunteers at the island claim booth and 4 to 6 volunteers at the booth in town. Last year, our booth at the island claim was voted #1!
- There was discussion about dredging. Every member is encouraged to buy a dredge permit even if they don't dredge. It will help keep dredging in Idaho. If you are disturbing the water flow, please consider buying a permit. The permits are only \$10.00. Dredging is getting to be more restricted every year. This year, there are only six weeks when dredging is permitted, instead of all year long. Chuck Galloway has the state code and guidelines if you are interested in looking at them. Go to the following website to buy your permit:
<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/StreamsDams/Streams/DredgingPermit/DredgingPermit.htm>

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion regarding our May club outing. Gary suggested we have our outing on the last weekend of May, which is Memorial Day weekend. He spoke to a member who does Dutch oven cooking and who would be willing to help us cook the food. We could have ribs, chicken, baked potatoes and vegetables. Club members would help by bringing salads and desserts. Then, on Sunday, we could have a potluck. We would charge \$5.00 to adults (18 years old and over) to help cover the cost of the meat.
- We were expecting a guest speaker from the Sportsman Warehouse regarding GPS use, but he was unable to make it tonight. He will be at our next meeting on May 11.
- Since we didn't have a guest speaker, Danny Prochaska gave us a demonstration on various mining equipment that every prospector needs.

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Presentation by Dan Prochaska. Dan started out by telling us that he purchased two reconditioned pump motors for \$99.00 each at Harbor Freight. They are in the storage unit. There will be a rental fee when members use them. We want to keep them in good working order and keep up on the maintenance.

Dan went over the different types of equipment for prospecting. There are a lot of different kinds and sizes of gold pans. He recommends one with a lip at the bottom. You will need different sizes of classifiers to sort out the rocks and bigger sands. You can use colanders and strainers, and/or you make them from PVC pipe and screens with clamps or you can pick up metal pans from the second hand stores and cut out the bottom and secure a screen to it. You will need boots with good traction, five gallon buckets to put dirt in, gloves, claw hammer to move rocks, pick (large and small), small shovel, brushes to clean rocks, cans for special rocks or gems, screwdrivers and spoons to get in the cracks in and between rocks. For your gold flakes, pickers and nuggets, you can use pill bottles, plastic vials, or glass vials. When you clean the bedrock, make sure you clean in the cracks – there is a lot of gold there.

Dan relayed a message to us about the GPAA show in Boise, which was very successful. They really appreciate our help with set up and take down. They will be back next year.

Dan spoke about his family's new business, Summit Mining and Equipment. The company belongs to Dan, his wife and two sons. They have met a lot of people who have become gold club members. Dan encourages the seasoned prospectors in our club to help the new members. Please check out Summit Mining's website at www.summitmining.com. Sign up to receive their newsletters and you will be entered in a drawing to win a Pro Inline Screen.

Quick reminder about safety. It never fails, someone always gets hurt when we are prospecting. Keep up on your training in First Aid and CPR. Make sure you have a First Aid Kit in your vehicle.

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Vicki Anderson won the president's drawing (gold nugget) and will bring treats (something to drink and something to eat, such as punch or juice and cookies or chips) to the May meeting. Lana Feiling won the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting was adjourned.

**New York Stock Exchange, April 27, 2010
Gold - \$1,168.40 per troy ounce**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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| 24 Grains = | 1 Penny Weight (dwt) |
| 20 dwt = | 1 oz Troy |
| 480 Grains = | 1 oz Troy |
| 12 oz Troy = | 1 lb Troy |
| 5,760 Grains = | 1 lb Troy |

CLUB ADVERTISEMENTS

Ringo Birdsong has a Gold Grabber II/3" Dredge Combo for sale. It has a 5.5 HP motor with 165 gpm capacity, 14' water pick upline with one way valve, 25' water line for high banker, 18' 3" dredge line with 3" swivel tip and venture. He has upgraded it to include miner's moss. Everything is new, never been used except for the highbanker. Call him at 891-4880 (cell) or 362-0604 (home).

Clayton Perkins is selling a 3½ HP Briggs & Stratton that is like new. The price is \$100. Contact him at 208-376-0529.

LeRoy Hanson has a mini-recirculating highbanker for sale. It is brand new, home made. He is asking \$250 for it. His number is 208-365-1097.

Chuck Knapp has gold and silver for sale. He also has picks for sale. If you need some PVC pipe, give him a call at 208-888-3651.

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Birthday(s) Month & Day only: _____

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Yes ____ No ____

Would you be interested in
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Yes ____ No ____

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Signature: _____

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Date: _____

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