

MARCH



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, April 13, 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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Now is the time to start getting ready for another gold season. Dust off your equipment and chase out the spiders, with gold being \$1,100 - \$1,200 an ounce, I am sure there will be a lot of digging going on.

In the next two to three weeks, I will be working up the new plan of operations for Miss Lucy and Paymaster Golden Rule. Any club member that would like to help on this, **PLEASE** e-mail or call me. We need to get it in place with the BLM before the season gets under way. Help is needed in getting our Claims Guide up-to-date with new maps and information.

Last Saturday, the club held a panning class. YES — it was cold, windy, and a little snow on the ground, but school was still held. I would like to thank John Cameron for letting us use his place. We had about 15 – 20 people show up. We will do it again, but for sure the weather will be a lot better.

Remember — our next meeting we will have a special class on the use of GPS's. If you have one, bring it. Maybe we will learn how to turn it on.

Happy Prospecting!!
Gary

MARCH 9, 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: \$9,597.88 in the bank, \$710 for the bond, and \$48.91 in petty cash. The amount in the bank account last month was \$7,384.61.

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

FEBRUARY 2010 - CHECKS:

\$302.59	Alphagraphics – claims guides and flyers
\$28.00	Water Bank Lease
\$57.56	Refreshments
\$114.72	Raffle prize items
\$150.45	Gary Scott <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30.00 – Secretary of State – Reinstate IGPA Corporation • \$22.16 – Digital Prints • \$47.49 – Staples and copies • \$50.80 – Staples and laminating pouches for cards
\$88.00	Postage for newsletters
\$37.13	Mailing memberships
\$778.45	TOTAL

FEBRUARY 2010 - DEPOSITS:

\$1,525.00	Memberships from gold show
\$915.00	Memberships – other
\$230.00	Raffle at gold show
\$229.00	Raffle at the meeting
\$20.00	Donation from Salt Lake City, Utah member to help buy a new pump
\$2,899.00	TOTAL

Treasurer's report was voted on and approved.

Gary took a moment to remind everyone that our gold club is a HOBBY club. No one is here to get rich.

OLD BUSINESS

- Reminder that the club's litter pick up day is coming up in April. It will probably be the Saturday after next month's (April's) meeting. We need volunteers to sign a release before the date of the event. Please contact Tami Palin or Lela Peña.
- Kokanee Days in Idaho City begin August 14. We will probably have a stand/booth at the island claim and another by Gold Bar Mining Company in Idaho City. We can help Quilla take memberships. When you are in Idaho City, if you have a chance, stop by and see Quilla at the store.
- In regard to dredging, Gary is not sure where the EPA stands on water rights, etc.
- Rendezvous Days in Meridian take place in May. We participated last year and will probably participate this year. Gary would like to get together with some high school students before the event and teach them some basics about finding gold. Then, the high school kids can teach the fourth graders better at the event.

- Discussion regarding the motor that needs to be replaced per Danny Prochaska. Harbor Freight has a motor in stock for \$199. Danny would like the club to authorize him to buy two motors (one as a backup). He will do his best to purchase them when they are on sale. There was further discussion about shopping for motors at other businesses as there might be better motors and prices than Harbor Freight, such as D&B. A motion was made, voted on, and approved giving Danny the club's permission to purchase two motors at the best price that he can find.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Mackelprang has prepared a general summary of a plan of operations for the Miss Lucy. Gary will have the general summary put on the club's website. Please feel free to submit your comments, ideas, revisions, etc.
- On Saturday, March 13, John Cameron is offering the use of his back yard to club members to learn how to pan gold. The fun will begin at 11:00 a.m. His address is 10971 Reutzel Drive in southwest Boise off of Five Mile between Amity and Victory Roads. John will have signs up at his place or you can call him at 724-0917 for additional directions.
- Julie Harrison took a few moments to share her story about a negligent claims case against a hospital. If you or loved one goes to a hospital, you could be treated by a doctor without privileges. Then, if something goes wrong during the treatment, operation, etc., you have no recourse against that doctor and/or the hospital. Julie encouraged us to contact our state representatives and ask them to vote NO on Senate House Bill 1373.
- We were given a brief demonstration on using rectangular-shaped gold pans for panning. These pans sort the sands and gold very quickly and efficiently.
- Discussion about the cost involved in sending new member packages to new members. Gary suggested that we start charging a \$5.00 or \$10.00 administrative fee for each new member. Another suggestion was made to charge out-of-state members.

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Guest Speaker – Lori Gundley from the BLM. Lori has been with the BLM for 31 years. Lori shared a lot of information with us. She discussed the basics of locating land to mine, laying it out on paper, determining if it is a lode or placer claim, coming up with the legal description, filing a claim with the county and submitting it to the BLM. Once you file your claim with the appropriate and necessary information, it's BLM's goal to find your actual, physical claim by using the layout and legal description you provided to them. The BLM office has computers for the public to use for research purposes. The public can also use the geocommunicator on BLM's website. There are step-by-step instructions for doing all of this in BLM's book. Lori brought some books to share with us.

The basics of mining are: Don't disturb streams. If you dig a hole, fill a hole. Know where you can dig.

Lori also went over paying various claim fees such as recordation fees, location fees, maintenance fees and when the deadlines are to pay such fees. If you miss a deadline, you risk losing your claim.

Lori informed us that you can stay on your claim for 14 days in a 90-day period, in a 25-mile radius. If you want to stay longer, you need to speak to a geologist at BLM and perhaps set up a plan of operation. That is how you get permission to do what you want on your claim. Work with your geologist.

BLM's office is located by Walmart on Overland by the social security office. Lori's number is 373-3868 if you have questions.

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Miscellaneous: An orange rectangle or square on a tree, log or stump means "Private Property" / "No Trespassing". Also, if you are going to dredge on Grimes Creek this year, be sure to get permission first. People will be run off the land if they do not get permission.

At next month's meeting, we will have a visitor from the Sportsman Warehouse who will talk to us about using GPSs.

Mark Slifka won the president's drawing (vial of gold) and will bring treats (something to drink and something to eat, such as punch or juice and cookies or chips) to the April meeting. Liana Rodden won the 50/50 drawing.

We finally had over 100 entries for the sluice box drawing – Doug Inglis won the drawing! Congratulations!

Last, but not least, a motion was made, voted on and approved to make Chuck Knapp a lifetime member of the club.

Meeting was adjourned.

**New York Stock Exchange, March 23, 2010
Gold - \$1,105.20 per troy ounce**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

BRAND NEW IMPORTANT BUSINESS:

Gary received the following e-mail from Chuck Galloway.

Dear Recreational Dredger, you are receiving this email because we have recently discussed the Department of Water Resource's program. The Department's website now has the instructions (24 pages) and the LETTER PERMIT available. Below is the link to these documents or you can quickly get there by going to "D" on the "A to Z Index" and finding dredging permits near the end of the list. Understand that this year there have been changes in the permit, changes in open and closed waters, and the requirement for additional information for some areas. Please read and understand the instructions! If the stream you wish to dredge is not listed as open, it is closed. Stay safe and good luck, Chuck Galloway, 208-287-4919

<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/StreamsDams/Streams/DredgingPermit/DredgingPermit.htm>

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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Would you be interested in First Aid and/or C.P.R. classes? Yes ____ No ____

Disclaimer/Release

I acknowledge that prospecting and prospecting locations can be dangerous, with numerous natural and artificial hazards. I hereby agree to hold the Idaho Gold Prospectors Association (IGPA), its officers and members free and clear of any group or personal injury that I or my family or guests may incur while attending IGPA functions or while on any property leased, owned or under control of the IGPA. I also agree to abide by the Constitution, by-laws, code of ethics and rules of IGPA.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Annual membership dues:

- Individual - \$20.00
- Couple - \$25.00
- Family - \$30.00

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