

# NOVEMBER



# 2009

MEETINGS: Borah High School Cafeteria (rear entrance) 6001 Cassia St., Boise, Idaho. No alcohol, tobacco or guns allowed on school grounds. **OUR NOVEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Web address: [www.idahogoldprospectors.org](http://www.idahogoldprospectors.org)

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GOOD NEWS -- Our website is NOW in operation thanks to Cody Holmes (webmaster), and Tom Ashworth. There is some fine tuning that needs to be done; Cody says it is a learning process.

REMINDER OUR NEXT CLUB MEET IS THE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK/PARTY -- Monday, November 9. Borah High contacted me last week and said we had a conflict with our regular meeting date. OH NO, I thought -- That's our Christmas thing-a-ma-jig, NOW WHAT? I asked what dates were open -- Monday & Thursday. I said Monday would work. SOOOO, if you show up on Tuesday with your turkey and all -- YOU'LL be too late.

As we look forward to the upcoming holiday season, please reflect upon our many blessings. Many people are unaware that November 11 is Veteran's Day, a national holiday that actually was known as Armistice Day, which ended World War I, the war that was to end all wars. Unfortunately, that did not happen. Take a moment during this holiday season to thank the veterans for our many freedoms.

The club will NOT have a December meeting so all can enjoy their Christmas with friends and family. We will start up again in January.

Remember the upcoming GPAA show at the Boise fairground on February 6-7, 2010. Be thinking about ideas that we can use in our booth at the show. All we need to do is provide people for set-up and take-down at the show in order to earn our booth at no cost. If you are planning on having a booth of your own, you need to contract GPAA directly.

Happy Prospecting,  
Gary Scott  
President, IGPA

## MEETING MINUTES

Gary opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. All members stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary reminded everyone to sign the attendance form. Gary reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones, or, at the minimum, put them on vibrate. Visitors and new members were asked to introduce themselves. Gary reminded current members and informed visitors and new members that our club is a **hobby club**, it is not a way to get rich quick. Gary invited a guest speaker, Jim Wentzel, to our meeting. Jim has a complete library on mining and information on Knights of the Golden Circle (like in the Nicolas Cage's "National Treasure" movies). Jim will speak at the end of the meeting.

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

Gary informed us that Gary Cameron in Idaho City was life flighted to the hospital due to heart issues.

Gary encouraged all club members who have Internet access to please have their monthly newsletters delivered via e-mail. We are still mailing about 100 copies via U.S. Mail. It costs the club about \$40 a month just for postage. There is another cost for making the copies. Let's try to reduce this expense.

Gold closed today (October 13) at \$1,063.78!

Treasurer's Report: \$7,702.34 in the bank, \$710 for the bond, and \$43.91 in petty cash. The amount in the bank account last month was \$8,000.42.

Bill Gardunia from our Care Committee asked Gary to set some parameters for sending cards, flowers, etc. to those who have had a death in their family or someone who is very ill. Gary stated that the officers will meet and decide on the guidelines.

Gary asked for a vote on whether the club should keep the Idaho Adopt-A-Highway program. The majority vote was in favor of keeping the program. Tami Palin volunteered to take lead on the project. She gave a brief summary of the program, informed everyone about the liability forms that need to be signed for adults and children under 18, and scheduled the litter pickup to take place on Saturday, October 17, at 10:00. We will meet at the Daggett Creek Turnout on Highway 21 between mileposts 24 and 25. After the litter on the one-mile section of the highway is picked up, the members meet at Calamity Janes in Idaho City for breakfast.

Gary reminded everyone about being safe while on the mining claims. Remember to be very careful when backing up your vehicles and watch out for people and animals behind you. It is always a good idea to have someone direct the driver when backing up.

The club's Christmas Party is next month. Gary asked for input from members. Tami Palin reminded us that in the past, the club has provided the meat and drinks, and the members bring a dish (desserts, main dishes, salads, and side dishes) and table service. At the end of the party, members are invited to tell stories, jokes, show the most gold, show the biggest nugget, etc. for which prizes will be given. **UPDATE: OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, INSTEAD OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, DUE TO THE SCHOOL HAVING SOMETHING ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.**

Here are some guidelines on what food to bring to the Christmas Party:

- For members whose last names begin with letters A-F, please try to bring desserts;

- For members whose last names begin with letters G-M, please try to bring main dishes;
- For members whose last names begin with letters N-S, please try to bring salads; and
- For members whose last names begin with letters T-Z, please try to bring side dishes.

**Don't forget to bring table service for each member of your family who is coming to the Christmas Party.**

Gary informed us that 3-4 weeks ago, a track hoe was on the Miss Lucy to do some reclaiming. A track came off of it and Danny Prochaska took it in for repair. Gary requested the club approve \$75 for fuel for the track hoe to do some more reclaiming on October 24 or October 31. There is no charge to fix the track. Gary also requested the club approve of \$250 for fuel for another tractor to work on the Miss Lucy to dig out the slurry pond, bring dirt up on the banks, etc. We won't work on the roads until after winter. A motion was made and approved by the club to allocate \$325 for fuel for both tractors.

The bond that the club currently has is for the Miss Lucy. We need to get a bond for the Paymaster Golden Rule as we are actually working all claims. We must have a bond for each claim that we mine on. Gary would like some volunteers to form a committee to set up a plan of operation so we can get a bond. Tom Ashworth volunteered to head up the committee.

A member relayed a message to us from the BLM, who was at the Miss Lucy not too long ago, regarding issues that have been going on for years. The present issues are (1) holes by the pond are illegal, miners need to be at least 300 feet away from the pond, and (2) the club has not filed the necessary paperwork for digging in the past couple years. Gary informed us that he has not received a letter from the BLM. Until we receive the letter, we can still legally mine on the Miss Lucy.

Gary brought up the subject of paying for the storage rental for the club equipment for the following year. The equipment is being used by members and we can get a discount if we pay for a year at a time. A motion was made and approved to pay the rental fee.

Last month, we approved donations to the New 49ers and PLP (Public Lands for the People, Inc.) organizations. Both organizations sent thank you cards to us. The New 49ers sent us a notice of a raffle they are having on January 4, 2010. We had a brief discussion of what we will do with the prize if we win. Members agreed that we will discuss this issue further if, and when, we win the raffle.

We are renewing memberships for 2010 beginning at this meeting. Our new cards for 2010 will be blue.

We need to make a new mining claim map. Gary asked for volunteers to form a committee to handle this project.

Our guest speaker, Jim Wentzel, gave a very nice presentation. He has a complete research library on mining and he invited club members to contact him if they would like to look through his library. He told us interesting things about the real Knights of the Golden Circle, which is a secret service of the confederate states. The confederacy was strong until 1940. He gave us a history lesson on confederate mines and informed us that Idaho has 183 mining districts. Jim recently had a heart attack and wants to share his research library and Knights of the Golden Circle information with others.

Gary informed us that the Utah club has four continuous claims on Grimes Creek that it is willing to sell at \$3,000 each. The club members have found gold and nuggets up to 3/4 ounce. Gary will get more information.

The former club members who had their memberships rescinded at the last meeting attended this October meeting. They wanted to plead their case. First, Tony explained the situation as he knows it. Then, they told their side of the story. Tony thanked the former members for coming and pleading their case, but the club already voted on rescinding their memberships.

There will be a GPAA gold show in Boise on February 6 & 7, 2010. The club will get a free booth if we can provide volunteers to help set up and take down booths, equipment, etc.

Ray Bachman won the president's drawing. He does not need to bring treats to the next meeting because it will be our Christmas Party.

Gary closed the meeting.

### THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We pray that Gary Cameron is doing better.

Tom Ashworth's wife has been very ill. We pray that she is recuperating and feeling better.

**New York Stock Exchange, Oct. 28, 2009**  
**Gold - \$1,028.50 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

## 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).

For Sale: Gold Grabber with stand – high banker, \$600 OBO. Call Randy Lee at 208-853-2942

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

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.

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.

For Sale: 2004 Lance Camper 8ft., winter package, queen bed, 1 owner, includes instruction books and video. Fully self-contained, outside shower. Call Doug Waybright at 761-7119.

**GOLD BAR MINING COMPANY** in Idaho City has gold jewelry, minerals, fossils, custom faceting and is an authorized mine lab dealer. Stop by and see Gary and Quilla Cameron at 110 Montgomery Street, Idaho City. Phone number is 208-395-4597.

### **FINDERS KEEPERS**

2101 E. Louisiana Dr., Nampa, Idaho, 83686; 208-899-2921. A wide range of prospecting, treasure hunting, and rock hounding supplies for sale.



## Membership Form

### Idaho Gold Prospectors Association

Membership Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (s) Month & Day only: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (s): \_\_\_\_\_

What skills, knowledge, and/or hobbies do you have: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a current card for First Aid and/or C.P.R.? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

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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