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2009

MEETINGS: Borah High School Cafeteria (rear entrance) 6001 Cassia St., Boise, Idaho. No alcohol, tobacco or guns allowed on school grounds. Second Tuesday of every month (except December) at 7:00 pm. (October 13th this month)

Web address: www.idahogoldprospectors.org

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer is gone, but the weather continues to be like summer, enjoy it as much as you can. I am sure we will get our share of winter. Last winter, I just about went crazy not being able to go out and prospect. This winter we will get a break from the boredom of not being able to prospect.

Next February, the GPAA has scheduled a gold show for Boise. It will be February 6 & 7 at the fairgrounds. We have been offered a booth for the show—free of charge—the only catch is that we need to provide them with people to help set up and take down the show. I think this is a great opportunity to put IGPA out in front of the public and show them that prospecting is a fun thing for the whole family. I will be asking club members what they think should be in our booth at our October meeting.

November's meeting – good grief, already – is the club's Christmas party/potluck. I would like to form a committee to help do the planning. The club will provide the table setting, meat and drinks.

Happy Prospecting,
Gary Scott
President, IGPA

MEETING MINUTES

Gary opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Visitors and new members were asked to introduce themselves. Because Labor Day was this week, some members did not realize our meeting was tonight; therefore, there will not be a raffle at this meeting. Gary passed around a sign up sheet for everyone in attendance to sign. He wants to see who is attending and participating at the meetings. Gary reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones, or, at the minimum, put them on vibrate. Last month's meeting minutes were voted on and approved.

Gary acknowledged and thanked those members who assisted with Kokanee Days in Idaho City. Nineteen new members signed up. He volunteered our club to participate in Kokanee Days next year.

Treasurer's Report: \$8,000.42 in the bank, \$710 for the bond, and \$43.91 in petty cash. A club member asked about the decrease in the bank account from last month (\$9,588.69). Gary told us that money went to new t-shirts, pens, lapel pins, two banners, and road signs. Also, Ron Mackelprang paid the assessment fee and mining fee on the claims.

The club's new t-shirts are available in brown, yellow, and blue. They are \$9.00 for S-XL and \$14.00 for 2XL-3XL. Gary announced that we now have miner lapel pins for \$7.00, ink pens and bumper stickers for sale for \$1.00.

Ron Mackelprang was contacted by the Boy Scouts. They need a volunteer to go to Silver City and give a presentation on geology. Please see Ron if you can help out. With the mention of Silver City, a club member asked when the club would have an outing there. Dan Prochaska reported that Silver City has very little water flowing through it. The snow pack melted fast and the water left quickly. We probably will not have an outing there this year.

There was discussion regarding the Idaho Adopt-A-Highway litter pick up program that the club participates in. Some members want to continue with it and others are not interested. Basically, for the past nine (9) years, club members have gotten together twice a year (once in the fall and once in the spring) to pick up litter on both sides of Highway 21 between mileposts 24 and 25. In return, the highway department puts up a sign at each milepost with the club's name on it. After the litter in the mile section is picked up, the participating members eat breakfast in Idaho City and the club pays for it. Generally, the cost of the meal is approximately \$225.00. Some members think that this particular section of the highway is too dangerous, while others say there has never been an accident. Other members think that the \$225.00 could be spent on better advertising for the club. A motion was made and approved for Lela to circulate a copy of the Adopt-A-Highway program to the members with the October newsletter. Members are asked to review the program and vote "YES" if they want to continue with the program or vote "NO" if they want to discontinue it. At our October meeting, attending members will be asked to vote. Their votes will be added to the votes received by Lela and a decision will be made on whether to continue or discontinue the project.

There are two organizations, the New 49ers and PLP (Public Lands for the People, Inc.) organization that are gathering an "army" of miners to repeal Bill 670 (laws against dredging) in California. Gary reported that he receives numerous calls from Californians asking if they can dredge in Idaho. Miners need to stick together. It will not be long until this issue comes up in Idaho. The Nampa gold club donated \$250 to PLP and \$250 to the New 49ers in support of their movement. Rob recommended IGPA donate money to the cause also. A motion was made and approved to send \$250 to each organization from the IGPA club.

We have a problem up on the Miss Lucy. There are some members who have been using heavy equipment (tractor) on the claim. In fact, they were using the tractor before they became members, which was on or around August 10, 2009. They have been told to remove their equipment, but as of the date of this meeting, they have not done so. There is oil in the pond and hydraulic fluid spills on the ground from the use of their tractor and extreme muddying of the waters. They have also posted flags where they are mining and telling members not to mine in the same area. They have also made threats towards club members. Tony approached the sheriff about these problems, but the sheriff would not do anything because the people are club members; therefore, it is considered a civil matter. There was discussion about this problem and a motion was made and approved to rescind the memberships of the offending members. Since they will no longer be members in good standing,

they will have to turn in their membership cards, clean up the oil and hydraulic spills, remove their heavy equipment, and stay off of the claim. A motion was made and approved for Lela to prepare a cease and desist and Gary, along with any other members who wish to go along, will go to the Miss Lucy and deliver the letter to the people on September 9, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Tony mentioned that club member, Ringo Birdsong, is ill and needs to sell some equipment to help with his medical expenses. Please see his ad on the ADVERTISEMENTS page.

Last month's outing was at the Miss Lucy. Dan reclaimed some land with a small Ditch Witch until a track on it broke off. He won't be able to use it again until it can be repaired. There is still water in the big pond so this month's outing will be September 12 at the Miss Lucy again. Also, members are invited to go to the Nampa club's claim. They are also having their outing this weekend (September 12).

Beginning with this newsletter, we will have a section reserved for posting news about members (illnesses, deaths, births, weddings, etc.). Bill and Joanne Gardunia volunteered to be the contact people. If you have information to pass along to them, please call 208-465-7349 or 208-697-3864 or e-mail at bi88ll@cableone.net. Thank you Bill and Joanne!

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

To the friends and family of Randy Evans, who recently passed away.

Last month, Lela mailed 106 newsletters to club members who either do not have e-mail or their e-mail addresses are invalid. If possible, we would like to decrease the number of hard copies that have to be mailed. Please contact either Lela or Judy with your new or corrected e-mail address if you are still receiving a newsletter in the mail.

Gary asked for a volunteer to bring treats to next month's meeting. He then closed the meeting.

**New York Stock Exchange, Sept. 22, 2009
Gold - \$1,014.60 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

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.

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

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.

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.

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: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Birthday (s) Month & Day only: _____

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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 ____

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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: _____

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Annual membership dues:

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

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