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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, February 9, 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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WOW - - What a **Gold Show!!!**

I would like to **THANK ALL** our club members that helped to make our booth really work. Saturday, our booth was two and three deep with people asking about our club, and it didn't slow down until about 1:30 pm. I would also like to thank the GPAA for coming to Boise, Idaho and letting us participate, and also the vendors that attended. A **GREAT BIG THANKS** to all who attended on both Saturday and Sunday, the people in charge were quite impressed with the attendance. People not only from Boise, but from all over: Idaho, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Montana.

Our club signed up a lot of new members, as well as renewals. Two of our club members were **LUCKY** enough to win the Alaska trips. Sam Peña won a gift pack that contained a gold pan, a vial with gold, t-shirt, hat, calendar, snuffer bottle and more. I think, as a whole, the Gold Show was a big success.

For our March meeting, I have lined up the BLM to come in and give a talk on filing claims. They will also be giving us information of our claims on Miss Lucy, Paymaster, Golden Rule and China Wine Cup. I think it will be a very interesting night. Also at the March meeting, we are raffling off the little high banker, donated to the club by Finder Keepers.

Remember, February 23, 2010, 2:00PM to 5:00PM is the meeting that the wonderful EPA is holding at:
IDEQ State Office
1410 N. Hilton, Conference Room C
Boise, ID 83706
Phone: 208-373-0502

Let's fill up the conference room, and find out what is happening to our rights as dredgers. We have included websites in the newsletter so you can see what might just be happening.

Happy Prospecting - -
Gary

FEBRUARY 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. He reminded everyone to sign the attendance form. Due to the GPAA Gold Show on February 6 & 7, a lot of visitors attended the meeting. Gary passed the microphone around the room and asked all visitors and/or new members to introduce themselves, tell where they were from and what level of gold experience they had. One of the visitors was Jr. Massey and he thanked the IGPA club for the help with the show. Overall, there were approximately 27 visitors and/or new members at February's meeting.

Gary thanked everyone for their help with the GPAA Show. It was a big success with over 1,700 people attending on Saturday and about 570 on Sunday, for a total of more than 2,300 people. In regard to our club, we had eight individuals renew memberships and four new ones, five couples renewed memberships and twenty-four new signups, and one family renewed membership and eleven families are new.

One of our members, Gay Hintz, slipped and fell on Saturday at the Show, and then unfortunately she fell again at the Show on Sunday and had to go to the hospital. As of this meeting, she is healing and doing better. We hope you are feeling better Gay!

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

Treasurer's Report: \$7,384.61 in the bank, \$710 for the bond, and \$48.91 in petty cash. The amount in the bank account last month was \$7,429.05. Following is a listing of checks drawn and deposits made to the club's bank account for last month. We will keep the club informed of these items going forward.

JANUARY 2010 - CHECKS:

\$18.72	Refreshments
\$94.42	Raffle prizes
\$5.30	Keys
\$88.00	Postage for newsletters
\$100.00	American Land Rights Donation
\$400.00	Idaho Statesman – advertising for GPAA Gold Show
\$706.44	TOTAL

JANUARY 2010 - DEPOSITS:

\$480.00	Memberships
\$182.00	Raffle
\$662.00	TOTAL

Ron Mackelprang was not present to give us a claims report.

OLD BUSINESS

- We are working on maps for the new claims guide.
- We are also working on the plan of operations for the Miss Lucy.
- We are planning to take a tractor up to the Miss Lucy sometime in April for reclamation. We may also plan a follow-up trip the following weekend.
- Tom Massey gave our club some T-shirts from the GPAA gold show. We will raffle them off during the next couple months.

NEW BUSINESS

Last year, the club participated in Kokanee Days in Idaho City. We have been invited to participate again this year. It takes place at the end of August, the weekend before Labor Day. It's a lot of fun and gives the club some good exposure. We need to decide if we want to participate because the folks putting the program together need to receive our information soon so they can prepare the maps.

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.

A new issue has come up that is very important. There will be a meeting regarding dredging in Idaho on Tuesday, February 23, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Conference Room C, in Boise. Gary received an outline of the topics to be discussed at the meeting. However, there is information on the Internet that tells a lot more about the upcoming meeting. Following are the website addresses:

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

<http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/rf/NWW1145-1.pdf>

http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/rf/Joint_App_Instruction_Guide_2010.pdf

Ray informed us that when the EPA got involved in the dredging in California, that is when things went down hill for gold prospectors who use dredges.

In April, the club will be participating in its Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup program on Highway 21. The club has a one-mile section of the highway where members get together twice a year to pick up litter.

Gary had a plastic tub full of gold prospecting "tools" that he showed to us. The tools included a shovel, five gallon buckets to put material in, a mixing tub, strainers/colanders for sifting materials, picks for breaking up material, gold pans (they come in all different sizes), trowels, little scoops/diggers, vials to hold the gold in (plastic and glass), snuffer/sucker plastic bottles, and little funnels to move gold from snuffer bottles to vials. Gary reminded us and informed new members about the equipment the club owns and rents out to its members. Also, Chuck Knapp makes picks, sucker bottles and sells gold.

Tony showed us some simple equipment that he has made and is easy to use. He made a finishing sluice (from a metal sign) that sits on a stand. It has a hose that attaches to it to rinse materials into a bucket. A person can run their material through it really fast. Next, he showed us his \$27 sucker gun for sucking stuff out of cracks between and in the rocks. It's very efficient and productive. If you are interested in making or getting one of these items, contact Tony. As people prospect more and more, they end up inventing tools and equipment that helps them. Tony invited new members to come to an outing and existing club members will be happy to show people how to use equipment, find gold, pan it, etc.

Our club's claims become available at different times of the season. It depends mostly on the weather and the condition of the roads into the claims. Metal detecting is allowed on all our claims. On the Miss Lucy, prospectors don't have to dig deep to get to the bedrock to find gold. Even after a place has been dug up, there are still a lot of cracks in the bedrock where there is gold. Gary informed us that once gold prospecting season is here, he will put the club's big yellow signs up to help new members find their way.

Members are welcome to go to the claims on the outings with the club or any other time by themselves. If new members are unsure of what to do once they are on the claim, they are welcome to approach other members and ask for instructions. It's a good idea to take samples of dirt from different areas and then pan the samples. Go back to the area where the most gold was found.

Rules for prospecting are: (1) No undermining, which is digging under trees and/or rocks. Undermining kills the roots of trees and eventually will kill the trees. Undermining under rocks is dangerous – rocks fall without dirt underneath to support them. Good rule of thumb is to dig a shovel's length away from the trees. (2) Keep the walls of your holes straight up and down – no slanting. Embankments can be very dangerous when they slope in. (3) No tunneling. Before digging, rake leaves and debris off the area, remove the top soil and pile it to the side, and then dig the dirt underneath for panning. (4) Members must have their cards on their person while on the claims. (5) Have fun while you prospect. (6) Clean up after yourself before leaving the claim.

A question was asked about how long members can stay on the claims. There were several different answers, such as: 14 days on the claim then 14 days off; 14 days on the claim then 24 hours off and then 14 days back on the claim; the 24 hours off the claim must be at least 25 miles away. Due to the various answers, Gary is going to check with the BLM.

Other miscellaneous discussion included: There are no bathrooms on the claims. No motorized equipment like backhoes and tractors are allowed on the claims unless approved by the club beforehand. Four wheelers (ATVs) are allowed on the claims. The claims are marked with corner posts made of 4x4s or PUC pipe. There are jars on the posts that hold the claim information. No pumping water back into waterways. A suggestion was made by a member to organize some road trips to the claims to help members get acquainted with the claims.

At next month's meeting, we will have a visitor from BLM who will talk to us about the dos and don'ts for prospecting on the Miss Lucy and Paymaster.

Gary informed the visitors and new members to get a raffle ticket from Tony for coming to the meeting. Everyone who attends a meeting, gets a ticket. Members can also buy extra tickets to increase their chances of winning fun stuff. Gary adjourned the meeting and Tony took care of the ticket raffles.

Steve Marsh won the president's drawing and will bring treats (something to drink and something to eat, such as punch or juice and cookies or chips) to the February meeting. Al Hopkins won the 50/50 drawing.

**New York Stock Exchange, Jan. 29, 2010
Gold - \$1,116.00 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).

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.

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

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 Montgomerv Street, Idaho Citv. 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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