



THE GOLD PAN NEWS

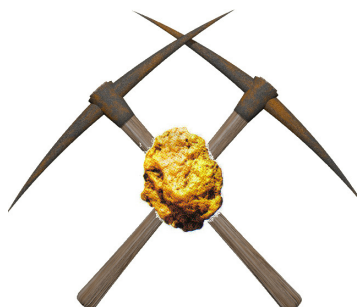
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Welcome New Members

Charles & Tammy Arch
Steve & Linda Shivers
Gary & Robin Mewes



BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden 341-0483
Vice President	Wallace "Wally" Slattery 717-1512
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BHPC Meeting, February 16, 2008



The meeting was held in the Celtic Hall at the Central States Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wally Slattery, with 34 members and 2 guests present.

Old Business

1. Mike has been very ill with a staph infection. He is now at home recovering
2. Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved as read.
3. Treasurer's Report: As of Feb. 15, there was \$6071.76 in the account. This amount is from memberships and carry-over from 2007. Report was approved.
4. Membership Report: We now have 146 renewed and new memberships.
5. Vice President's Report:

The Whitewood class is full. There is a waiting list for next Fall, when the class will be offered again.

The 'new gold rush' will affect our claims in the near future, as gold is now \$900/oz. Wally reminded us that gold claims give rights to the minerals, but not to the land. Outsiders cannot 'go for the gold', but they can camp on the land, hike on it, and take photos. Claim jumpers will be a problem, as various law enforcement bodies may be reluctant to assist. Discussion included contacting USFS law enforcement, BLM [in Miles City], Highway Patrol, and/or county sheriff's department.

6. The club received a letter from Victim's Awareness: Regarding the embezzlement from last year, we will begin to receive repayment after the Boy Scouts are reimbursed.
7. Suggestions for the Mega-Raffle: Mine Lab Detector, Wet/Dry Vac, Portable generator, GPS unit, stream shovel, pick hammer, pick, folding chair, rebate on tickets for 2 to year end party + room costs for staying at location, good quality gold scale, portable sluice, crevice tool, brushes, gloves to clean rocks, 1 year free membership which recipient could give to a new member, certificates from businesses for boots, waders, vests.

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Ghost Stories

Black Hills Area

Ghost Towns

by

Wallace "Wally" Slattery

This ghost story is about a place that more than a few of our members have visited - Fort Meade.

Originally called Camp Ruhlen, it was founded in 1878 to form one of a ring of forts around the Great Sioux Reservation. It was also the home of Custer's 7th Cavalry. You remember - the cavalry regiment almost wiped out by the Lakota in the Battle of the Big Horn.

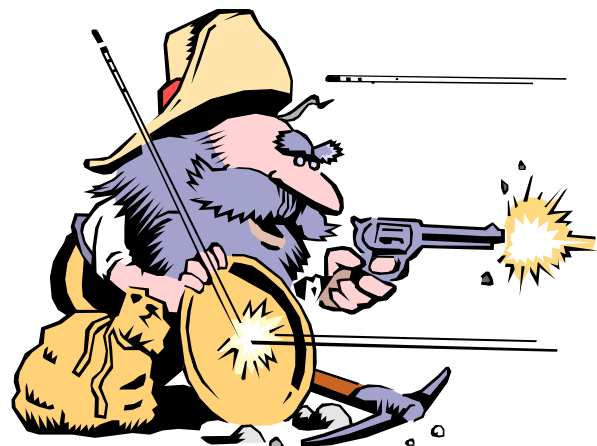
In 1892, when Colonel Carlton assumed command of the post, he ordered the Star Spangled Banner played at all public functions, and that all personnel within hearing must remove their hats during the rendition. This led eventually to The Star Spangled Banner becoming our national anthem.

An interesting and sad note about the post: You may remember that Major Reno was an important part of the Little Bighorn Battle story, having commanded a part of the 7th Cavalry, leading to his court martial over same. He was exonerated, but years later at Fort Meade, he met Colonel Sturgis' (then commander) beautiful daughter. One night she was preparing for bed, when she suddenly caught sight of him outside her window, watching her! Of course the guard was called, and Reno was arrested.

In his court martial, he claimed that she was so beautiful he just couldn't help himself. He was cashiered out of the Army, and ended his days a pauper. Of course the post has a V-A hospital, where I was pleased to visit with Lew Wight last spring during his serious illness (we're all delighted you are so hale and hearty today, Lew). And the fort museum is a MUST SEE for anyone who lives in these wonderful hills.

How to get there? Just follow the signs from Exit 30 on I-90 through Sturgis and you can't miss the V-A hospital. Remember to take in the museum, for a nominal charge - you won't regret it.

Wallace Slattery



Around the Potbelly Stove - St. Patrick's Day – Celebrating the Green



St. Patrick is believed to have driven the snakes from Ireland. Once a pagan himself, St. Patrick is one of Christianity's most widely known figures.

The modern secular holiday is based on the original Christian saint's feast day also thought to be the date of the saint's death. In 1737, Irish immigrants to the United States began observing the holiday publicly in Boston and held the first St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City in 1766.

Today, the tradition continues with people from all walks and heritages by wearing green, eating Irish food, and attending parades. St. Patrick's Day is bursting with folklore; from the shamrock to the leprechaun and to pinching those that are not wearing green

Wearing of the Green Goes Global

Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by people of all backgrounds in the United States, Canada, and Australia. Although North America is home to the largest productions, St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in other locations far from Ireland, including Ja-

pan, Singapore, and Russia.

In modern-day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day has traditionally been a religious occasion. In fact, up until the 1970s, Irish laws mandated that pubs be closed on March 17. Beginning in 1995, however, the Irish government began a national campaign to use St. Patrick's Day as an opportunity to drive tourism and showcase Ireland to the rest of the world. Last year, close to one million people took part in Ireland's St. Patrick's Festival in Dublin, a multi-day celebration featuring parades, concerts, outdoor theater productions, and fireworks shows.

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May your blessings outnumber  
The shamrocks that grow,  
And may trouble avoid you  
Wherever you go.

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May your pockets be heavy
and your heart be light,
May good luck pursue you
each morning and night.



February 16th 2008



You can see all the photos from this year on our website.

www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com



New Member Charles Arch
February 2008
Gold Nugget Winner

BHPC Meeting, February 16, 2008 Cont...

New Business

1. A letter was received from SD DENR wanting to know why we had not responded to first letter. First letter was not received [was not forwarded to Mike's new address]. They will re-send the forms.
2. Officers will meet to set up a summer schedule. No input was forthcoming about special outings on holiday weekends.
3. We will have an environmental cleanup at the Garnet in early April.
4. Club has CD maturing in March. Mike had suggested we use \$1000 as a bond to the USFS for using the Trommel on our claims. We would like a date-specific bond, so the Trommel could be used at all outings where feasible.
5. Terry Peak has over 100" of natural snow, so water on the claims in the northern Hills should be good in the spring.
6. A suggestion was made to have either a formal or informal outing for metal detectors. This could include demonstrations for novices.

7. Discussion of summer service activities included a] Central States Fair, but booth costs are high, b] Days of '76, c] Gold Days in Custer, d] and looking into other Hills summer activities. We are not on the GPAA schedule for this summer.
8. Lew Wight reported on the history of one of his claims on Castle Creek. He recommended the California Prospecting and Mining Journal, and 'Gold Panners' Guide to the Black Hills of SD'. Lew will be expanding gold finding options this summer. He invited club member to outings or as individuals, on a 'gold split' basis. Please notify Lew BEFORE you begin panning, and wear your badge where it can be seen.

Wally Slattery explained the use of the 'Gold Exorcist'.

Next meeting: March 15, at Celtic Building.
Be sure to check website for any other news.

Meeting was adjourned.

Judy Farris, Secretary

Recipe of the Month - Corned Beef & Cabbage w/Irish Whiskey Sauce

- 4 lb Corned Beef Brisket
- 3 Cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 whole cloves
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 head green cabbage, about 2 lbs
cut into 8 wedges
- 1 Tbs. butter or margarine
- 1 shallot, minced, about 1/4 cup
- 1/4 cup Irish Whiskey
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 Tbs. Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 2 Tbs. chopped fresh parsley

In a large pot combine brisket with garlic, cloves, bay leaf and enough water to cover by 2". Cover, over medium-high heat bring to a boil. skim



foam from liquid. Reduce heat to medium-low, simmer until meat is tender. 3 - 3 1/2 hrs.

Transfer meat to jellyroll pan, cover and set aside. Add cabbage to same liquid meat was cooked in. Cook until tender, about 20 min. In a small pot melt butter over medium-high heat. Add shallot, cook until it begins to soften. Stir in whiskey, bring to a boil. Cook until most of the liquid evaporates, 2 - 3 min. Stir in heavy cream, mustard, salt & pepper. Bring to a boil. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture thickens and reduces by 1/4, about 4 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in parsley. With slotted spoon remove cabbage from pot. Serve with meat and sauce. 8 servings



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Our Next Meeting
 will be...

March 2008

Regular Monthly Outing

Date: March 15

Place: Celtic Cub (Rapid City Fair Grounds
 west side of the Soulé Building)

Time: 10 AM

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