



# THE GOLD PAN NEWS

## April 2008

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### Welcome New Members

Doug Hill  
James Kalhorn & Linda Smith  
Clinton Haxton  
Kyle Haxton  
Terry Long



### BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden 341-0483
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### BHPC Meeting, March 15, 2008

The meeting was held in the Celtic Hall at the Central States Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Borden, with 40 members and 1 guest present.

1. Secretary's Report: Minutes approved as published.
2. Treasurer's Report: As of Mar. 14, there was \$6310.25 in the account. Report was approved.

#### Old Business:

1. The CD discussed at the last meeting is the \$1000 bond posted with the DENR on the Garnet re: any environmental damage done at the claim. It is not another separate CD to be used for another bond.
2. Mike reviewed possible prizes for the Mega-Raffle. The prizes will be in place by the April meeting.

#### New Business:

1. Mike talked with Steve Pischke of the USFS. The officers will meet March 19 at 2pm at the Rapid City USFS building to discuss regulations and expectations with USFS personnel. Suggestions were made to show the USFS photos and/or actual equipment used by the Club on outings so we can have a common understanding of the terminology. The idea of a floating bond will be brought up.
2. Thursday, April 3, the officers will meet with Eric Holmes of DENR, and USFS and GF&P reps at the Garnet. The purpose is to see what is required to manage use and reclamation of the claim.
3. Saturday and possibly Sunday, April 5 & 6, will be reclamation of the Garnet. This includes dirt moving and reseeding. Members are urged to come with yard and garden tools, including shovels, rakes, and hand-held seeders. The Club will purchase the special Black Hills seed mix required for reseeding. Part of the reclamation will mean temporary reconfiguration of paths and access to the work site.
4. Metal claim signs will be posted on our claims. Richard will emboss the club information on the signs.
5. Metal detecting hunts were discussed.
6. The Chili cook-off will be at the April meeting. Anyone interested was urged to sign up on sheets provided or to contact Andy via e-mail on the website.
7. Dates for the 2008 outings are:
  - April 5, 6: Garnet reclamation. Bring your own food
  - April 19: Husker. Regular Outing and chili cook-off
  - May 3: Metal detector workshop and outing at the Garnet. Bring your own food.
  - May 17: Southern Gem: Regular Outing
  - May 24: Forrest Goodwin Memorial Dig at 4-leaf. Bring your own food.
  - June 7: Ghost Towns tour. Place to be announced. Bring your own food.
  - June 21: Garnet: Regular Outing
  - July 19: Regular Outing, Garnet pending, depending on water supply
  - Aug 16: Regular Outing, Mystic/4-leaf
  - Sep 20: Regular Outing TBA
  - Oct 4: Ghost Towns tour TBA
  - Oct 18: End of year party, gold split, and Mega-Raffle. Deadwood was suggested as location again.

#### Vice Presidents report:

1. Prospecting class now has 23 enrolled
- Next regular meeting: April 19 at Husker. Be sure to check website for any other news.

Meeting was adjourned.

Judy Farris, Secretary



## Ghost Stories

Black Hills Area  
Ghost Towns  
by  
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

### Tinton

Tinton is flat out NEAT. I've gone well out of my way over the years to show visitors this fascinating little ghost town. The best part about it is that it LOOKS like a ghost town should, with quite a number of old, crumbling homes arranged in streets. My friend Don London and his wife Diane visited it with me about a year ago, and we counted 13 buildings that we could see from the road. My understanding is that there are actually about 20 buildings standing.





In 1879 a group of black miners were sent over to this area from Deadwood - basically to get them out of the way - racism is not a modern phenomenon. To everyone's amazement, they found a fabulously rich strike, to the point that they requested and received US cavalry protection when they left some time later with many pounds of gold! Their entire hill, just south of Tinton, was named "Negro Hill", as long as you are courteous. Placer tin had been known in the area since the earliest days, and in 1884 a major tin strike was opened. By 1904 a town was opened by the Tinton Company, including all the buildings needed for a successful small town. By 1911 over 50 tons of tin had

been shipped out of the mine, but that seems to have been the extent of the production, since little production has been recorded since then into the 1950's.

There is still sporadic mining going on there for rare earths, and the company employees are very vigilant in keeping people out of the town. That's not much of a problem, since you can see plenty and get a lot of good photos from the road running by the town. The best way to reach Tinton is by going west from Iron Creek Road toward Tinton. Several miles down the road it will fork; take the right fork and within about a mile you will see both the mine on the left and Tinton on the right. Take your camera; this is one of the most photogenic ghost towns in the Black Hills.

Wallace Slattery

## CAT TRACKS

	<p><b>Bobcat</b> <i>Lynx rufus</i> To 4 ft. (1.2 m)</p> <p>Large cat has spotted red-brown coat and a short tail that is black-striped on top. Rounded tracks are about 2 in. (5 cm) across and lack claw marks.</p>	
	<p><b>Lynx</b> <i>Lynx lynx</i> To 42 in. (1.06 m)</p> <p>Key field marks are tufted ears and black-tipped tail. Rounded tracks are 3-4 in. (8-10 cm) across and lack claw marks. Fore print is slightly larger.</p>	
	<p><b>Mountain Lion</b> <i>Felis concolor</i> To 9 ft. (2.7 m)</p> <p>Large tan cat has a whitish belly and a long, black-tipped tail. Rounded tracks are 3-4 in. (8-10 cm) across and lack claws. Fore print is slightly larger.</p>	

**March 15th**



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

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Our Next Outing  
 will be...

**Reclamation Outing**

Date: April 5 & 6  
 Place: Garnet Claims Area  
 Time: 9 AM Bring your own lunch

**Regular Monthly Outing**

Date: April 19th  
 Place: Husker Claim  
 Time: 9 AM

**April 2008**

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