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Welcome New Members

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Online Newsletter

If you have Hi-speed Internet you can get your newsletter by e-mail.

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BHPC Officers

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BHPC Meeting, May 17, 2008

The meeting was held at the Southern Gem claim. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Borden, with 25 members and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Report: Minutes approved as published..

Old Business:

1. Wally is on his way to Ireland.
2. Wooden nickel tokens may be turned in at the end of the summer for either a share in the gold split or for the Mega raffle.

New Business:

1. Recovery of funds owed to us by the bank is getting closer. Eventually, will change banks to make transactions more convenient for officers
2. Gem and Mineral Show at the Civic Center is June 28 and 29, with setup on Friday the 27th. Help is needed, so volunteer online or at one of the next outings in June.
3. June 7 is the metal detecting outing at the Garnet. Bring your own food.
4. May 31 is the Ghost Towns Tour, going to Carbonate camp. Meet at the Heritage Center in Spearfish at 8:30 a.m.
5. Officers will explore idea of renting port-a-john for outings so we don't have to service it.
6. If you have internet service, please sign up to receive newsletter online to cut club expense of printing and mailing.
7. Garnet has water. Please run tailings into big hole that is marked for tailing, not into creek or holding pond.
8. Gordon announced the name change of the Southern Gem claim to "FORREST GEM" in honor of Forrest Goodwin. He explained how the paperwork should be handled. The documents are based on BLM policies and procedures, the CFR, or Current Federal Regulations, available at BLM offices.

Meeting adjourned.

Judy Farris, Secretary



Ghost Stories

Black Hills Area
Ghost Towns
by
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

DEADWOOD-LEAD and vicinity

You will probably be amazed to learn that 20 towns made up the present Deadwood-Lead urban area. Miners would set up their own hopeful town site, only to have it absorbed into the present towns. The towns (courtesy of Bill Swanson) were:

Montana City, Elizabethtown, Fountain City, Chinatown, North Deadwood, South Deadwood, Whoop up, City Creek, Cleveland, Ingleside, Pluma, Gold Run, Blacktail, Gayville, Golden Gate, Anchor City, Oro City, Pimlico, Central City, and Lead. Can you imagine the mailman's plight, trying to keep everyone's addresses straight? Let's discuss some of the more interesting little towns, not including Deadwood and Lead:

Montana City was on Whitewood Creek near the mouth of Split Tail Gulch, above the huge slag pile on the north end of Deadwood. It was big enough to merit a 4th of July oration by Judge Maguire.

Chinatown was the largest town of its ilk in the country back in the late 19th

century. The Chinese had their own fire company, their own masons, and many shops and clubs. According to reports, you could smell the incense/opium a block away.

Pluma, at the confluence of Gold Run and Whitewood Creeks, has the electrical generating plant and a number of stores. It also used to have a large gold smelting industry, and was often mentioned in the newspapers of the time.

Central City is between Lead and Deadwood, on Route 85. It has a number of small businesses and the Broken Boot Mine. If you are looking for a convenient place to go gold panning successfully, park just up the hill on Rt. 85 from the Broken Boot, and pan in the creek - but look out for mountain lions!

Wouldn't you have just loved to visit the area in the early days??

Wallace Slattery



Around the Potbelly Stove - Info of the Month



IMPORTANT INFORMATION !!

A lot of people have been trespassing on private BHPC claims thinking they are G.P.A.A. Claims. This should clarify what claims belong to each club.

The **G.P.A.A.** claims in the Black Hills area are **Migg - Mary-Ann - Rainbow - Husker**. You must be a member of the G.P.A.A. to prospect on these claims.

The **Private BHPC** claims in the Black Hills area are : **Garnet Area Claims - 4-Leaf Clover - Forrest Gem**

You **MUST** be a **CURRENT** BHPC member to prospect on these claims.

FAIR WARNING !

If You are not a current BHPC member and are caught on a private BHPC claim you will be arrested for trespassing!

Please Remember to wear your ID Cards!!

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT !!!

Claim Amendment

The formally known placer claim named Southern Gem (BLM# SD/MMC 212710) in Custer County, SD will from this date May 13th 2008, shall be named and known as "Forrest Gem" in memory of the late Forrest Goodwin, good friend and partner.

Submitted by Co-Owner:

Gordon Van Loenen



Weight Conversions

	1 Troy (Ozt)	1 Imperial (Oz)
Grams	31.0	28.3
Grains	480	437.04
Dwt	20	18.21

Converting Calculations

Convert	to	Multiply by
Grams	Grains	15.4324
Grains	Grams	.0648
Grams	OZ(AVDP)	.0353
Grams	Ozt	.03215

May 17th at the Forrest Gem (Southern Gem)



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

www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com



May 31st Ghost Town Tour





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ALSO VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com

Our Next Outing
 will be...

Metal Detecting Outing

Date: June 7th
 Place: Garnet Claims Area
 Time: 9 am

Regular Monthly Outing

Date: June 21st
 Place: Garnet Claims Area
 Time: 9 am

Gem & Mineral Show

Date: June 27th Set-up / June 28 & 29 Show
 Place: Civic Center in Rapid City
 Time:

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					