



# THE GOLD PAN NEWS®

## JULY 2008



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### Welcome New Members

Brian & Jona Richison  
Terry & Barbara Richison  
Charlie & Sheri Gould  
Walter & Hazel Williams  
Burton & Debra Weeks  
Roger & Sunni Koch  
Todd & Kristi Bjorlin  
Stacey Schaeffer

### Online Newsletter

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

Contact Andy at:  
BHPCNewsletter@wildblue.net

### BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden 341-0483
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Secretary	Judy Farris 723-4669
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### BHPC Meeting, June 21, 2008

The meeting was held at the Garnet claim. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Borden, with 38 members and 2 guests present.

1. Secretary's Report: Minutes approved as published..

#### Business:

1. A letter was received from DENR re: getting a water permit for mechanized equipment on the Garnet. [According to the Rapid City Journal, GF&P is stocking trout into Battle Creek. Foster Gulch water (Garnet claim) drains into Battle Creek]

2. Gem and Mineral Show at the Civic Center is June 28 and 29, with setup on Friday the 27th. Help is needed.

3. June 7 was the metal detecting outing at the Garnet. Many attended. All of the "planted" coins were found. Gordon Van Loenen found the Oldest coin and won the prize of 5 wooden tokens to be used for the mega raffle.

4. Mega Raffle: do not need to be present to win. Prize list is complete, and verry interesting. Members were urged to buy tickets.

5. Year end banquet will probably be at the Silverado.

6. A message was received from a California organization that the USFS and USDA are considering revisions of the mining codes to virtually prohibit mining, including recreational mining.

7. Next meeting is July 19 at the Garnet. The secretary would really like to have potato salad and brownies for her to eat, as writing these minutes is very tiring. She thanks you for your support. [She would make them herself, but she is a lousy cook.]

Meeting adjourned.  
Judy Farris, Secretary



## Ghost Stories

Black Hills Area  
Ghost Towns  
by  
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

### Palmer Gulch

Palmer Gulch is an interesting "ghost town" because it is an active lodge to this day. The area was settled in the early days of the gold rush, as the miners set up a mining district to exploit the placer deposits. Named after the oldest man in the group, George Palmer, it proved to have spotty and deep gold prospects, and was abandoned after the Deadwood Gulch pickings became known.

In 1925 the Black Hills Country Club was founded by a group; in 1932 its name was changed to Palmer Gulch. A couple of personal stories about the area were related to me by Franklin Mills, my dad's best friend (both are now deceased). There are a number of old gold mines in the area, and he told me that the daughter of one of the owners once pulled open a drawer and showed him a nugget the size of his fist from that mine. I wonder whatever happened to it.

The best story is that of an old rancher who was reputed to have hidden a thousand \$20 gold pieces, which never turned up when he passed away. Mills and my dad spent many a summer day in the 1930's looking for the treasure, to no avail, incidentally using a beat frequency metal detector invented by

Dad. Years later a widowed woman bought the ranch. She was known to be quite impoverished, but suddenly she was buying up all the ranches in the area. One day Mills asked one of her sons, "Did you ever find that old rancher's treasure?" The son's reply: "Not where you were looking!" Wonder what he meant!?

Palmer Gulch is easily located about four miles southeast of Hill City, and incidentally, I found a small gold nugget in a mine tailings pile in the area in 1998, using a metal detector.

Wallace Slattery

#### 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

# Around the Potbelly Stove - Tip of the Month



## The Different Sizes of GOLD

This should help new members as well as the seasoned prospector.

### Small Nugget :

the piece has to be at least 1/4 inch to be considered a nugget



### Large Pickers :

Not quite big enough to be a nugget



### Small Pickers :

Pieces are too big to be sucked up by a snuffer bottle



### Large Piece :

Can be sucked up in a snuffer bottle



### Small Piece :



### Flakes :

about the size of the head of a pin



### Splecks or Flower Gold :

Part Speck part Flake. Smaller than the head of a pin but can still be seen with the naked eye.



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## Photos From Outings



### Metal Detecting - June 7th

Gordon Van Loenen found the oldest coin and won the prize!

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

[www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com](http://www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com)

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## Regular Outing June 21st





**Gem & Mineral Show June 28-29th**



## Information Section

### Lost and Found

We have been finding several items people have left behind while we pack up the equipment trailer and clean up the meeting area. Every month we will list the items and the date they were found in the newsletter as well as on the website.

If you have left something behind or have found something that was left behind, please let one of the officers know and we will make sure it gets listed in the Lost & Found.

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We are asking members to bring lost items they have found in the past to the next outing so we can get them all listed in the Lost & Found section if people don't claim them at that meeting.

Thank You,  
The Club Officers

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### GEM & MINERAL SHOW PRIZE WINNER

We had a gold nugget for our raffle prize at the show and the lucky winner was MICKEY SNOOK

### SAFETY ALWAYS!

We've had a recent spate of reports of mountain lions around our activities while members were gold prospecting. This reminds us that there are all sorts of potential dangers where our club conducts prospecting digs, ranging from bee stings and poison ivy to mine shafts, wild animals, and human predators.

**PLEASE** remember to keep a close watch on your children at all times. All of us feel a responsibility for things to go well and safely, but no one can protect your children like you can. Everyone will feel much better if parents keep their children well within their visual control when we are on club activities.

We all want our club outings to remain fun - and safe.

The Club Officers

## 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.

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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 !!!**

## Don't Forget

If you have something you would like to share be sure to submit your Stories, Tip of the month, Recipe of the Month, a photo of a fun outing or interesting item you found, How-To Project, Jokes (please keep them fun for all ages). You can even submit suggestions of places / times to go for a prospecting outing, if you know of an area to hunt agates or gems, fossils or yes even Gold we'd be happy to post them here in our newsletter and on the website.

But remember, the newsletter is only seen by active club members and the website gets people from all over the world visiting it. So if you want to keep it for members only please let us know.

Printing deadline is the last week of the month.

Send your items to Andy at:

BHPCNewsletter@wildblue.net

## Recipe of the Month - Golden Goodies

2 cups of Bisquick  
1 1/2 cups brown sugar  
3 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 cup chopped nuts  
1/2 cup shredded coconut

Mix all in a bowl and then put in a 13 x 9 inch greased and floured pan.  
Bake at 350° F for 40 minutes.



Let cool before cutting, then you can serve with whipped cream, or any topping you like. Or just eat plain.

Note:

When mixing, you can even add in a cup of butterscotch chips or chocolate chip, peanut butter chips. mmmmm-good!



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*ALSO VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT* [www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com](http://www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com)

Our Next Outing  
will be...

### Regular Monthly Outing

Date: July 19th  
Place: Garnet Claim  
Time: 9 am

## July 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	31		