

# THE GOLD PAN NEWS®

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### Welcome New Members

Chris Weber

### BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden 341-0483
Vice President	Wallace "Wally" Slattery 717-1512
Secretary	Judy Farris 723-4669
Claims Director	Richard Nash
Outings Coordinator	Carl Goetz 721-7708
Raffles & Prizes	Nelda Thiel 923-4059
Club Photographer	Dan Radomski 342-7849
Treasurer/Membership Director	
Newsletter/Website	Andy Goodwin
Equipment Manager	584-4698

### 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



### BHPC Meeting, July 19, 2008

The meeting was held at the Garnet claim. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Borden, with 31 members and 4 guests present.

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

#### Business:

- 1.** The Gem Show in June went well. BHPC revenues were about \$450. There was discussion about approaching the rock club to see if they would like to join forces with us to do a combined show.
- 2.** A directive was received from the G.P.A.A. requiring that all officers of affiliated clubs, such as the BHPC, be members of the G.P.A.A., and that more officers be appointed, some of whom must also be G.P.A.A. members. Credits allowed for chapters are being reduced, and apparently prices for merchandise that the club can get with the credits is going up. Mike will respond to the G.P.A.A.
- 3.** Some of the officers will approach Cabela's about being part of their grand opening August 7.
- 4.** Discussions are continuing with the bank in regard to receiving the funds they owe us.
- 5.** Mike reported that Cathy can help set up an on-line page for new member applications, membership renewals and merchandise purchases. This secure page will also have a FAQ section for members.
- 6.** The next meeting is at the Four Leaf. It was noted that the Rochford flood changed some of the Rapid Creek channel, and that the road to the claim is more eroded. Four-wheelers are currently the best way to get there. Efforts will be made to repair it before the August 16 outing.
- 7.** Wally will be teaching the Prospecting class again in the fall.
- 8.** Stephen Geraghty, Wally's friend from Ireland, will be a special guest at the August outing.
- 9.** Gordon moved, second by Linda, to have restroom facility at meetings before good can be served. It was agreed to pay Gordon to haul and service the rolling outhouse to outings.
- 10.** The potato salad and brownies were wonderful. Thanks to all. The secretary has gained 2 pounds, although given her total body mass, that anyone would notice!

Meeting adjourned.  
Judy Farris, Secretary



## Ghost Stories

Black Hills Area  
Ghost Towns  
by  
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

### ROCHFORD

I was going to write about Newcastle, Wyoming, a little town I am personally somewhat familiar with, but evidently people there don't want any publicity, as I didn't get a callback about their history. So we'll write about Rochford. Rochford is a favorite 'ghostie' of mine, partly because of its beauty and partly because of its picturesque ness. It was founded in 1877 by R. B. Hughes and M. D. Rochford, who gave the place the honor of his name. Because of the excellent mines found in the area, by 1878 it had 500 people 200 houses, a city block of stores, even a school. The Evangeline, Minnesota, Stand By, and Balkan mines all provided excellent work for decades to come, although the Balkan was the "weak sister" of the group. Its promoters were forced to "salt" the mine to promote it - with cut-up gold coins, no less! This led to disaster when a group of would-be investors commented on the nugget inscribed "E Pluribus Unum." I don't know how they would have reacted if they'd found a nugget with an Indian head on it! Although Rochford is now a "ghost" of itself, with only a few dozen denizens, it is definitely worth checking out. There is the Rochford Mall, an excellent burger place (Note the hundreds of baseball caps stuck to the ceiling!), and the old city jail, among many picturesque buildings. The mills have largely been torn down, but the old workings are still there. Grab a gold pan and see what you find in Rapid Creek, and get some photos of the old buildings while you're at it.

WALLACE SLATTERY

### ATTENTION !

On Saturday, August 16th Wally will be bringing a Very Special guest with him. He will be traveling a very long way for this visit to the Black Hills!

So be sure to come to the next outing/meeting and meet Stephen Geraghty from Ireland, our first Honorary International Member !

### For Sale

2.5" dredge PJ 4 H.P. Honda  
motor # 2503HCPJ  
L.P. Air System W/ 1x20' hose # LP120

This was purchased on August 2nd 2007 by my husband Marc. We used it for MAYBE 20 hours. Marc Passed away in February so this was only used for a very short time. He was a fanatic about keeping things clean, this was his baby :o)  
The price he paid for it was \$2,195.00.  
I am asking \$1,600.00 He purchased it from Keene. I do have all the paper work for it.

If you are interested please call

Chris @ 1-608-434-6192 cell  
1-608-253-7192 home  
Please Leave a message





July 19th 2008



You can see all the photos from this year on our website. [www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com](http://www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com)



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

**Our Next Outing  
will be...**

### **Regular Monthly Outing**

Date: Saturday, 16th  
Place: 4 Leaf Clover  
Time: 9 AM

If you have an ATV it will be easier to get up the hill

## **August 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
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