

# THE GOLD PAN NEWS®

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### Welcome New Members

Vincent LaFleur  
John Reed  
Jaeson Steele

### BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden (605) 593-1134
Vice President	Wallace "Wally" Slattery (605) 717-1512
Secretary	Judy Farris (605) 723-4669
Claims Director	Richard Nash
Outings Coordinator	<b>OPEN</b> (if you would like to volunteer please contact Mike at the above number)
Raffles & Prizes	Nelda Thiel (605) 923-4059
Club Photographer	Dan Radomski (605) 342-7849
Treasurer/Membership Director	
Newsletter/Website	Andy Goodwin (605) 580-0249

### Basic Survival Supplies

Water (Bottles or packets)  
Hi-protein Food  
Medium-Large First Aid Kit w/loud whistle  
Blankets or Sleeping Bag / Space Blankets  
Warm Hat & Gloves / Wool Socks  
Leather Work Gloves  
Jumper Cables / Tow Strap / Small Shovel  
Basic Tool Kit (including a good sharp knife)  
Machete or Hatchet  
Duct Tape & Bailing Wire  
Fire Starter or Water Proof Matches  
Road Flares / Insect Repellent  
Sun Screen or a Large Brim Hat  
Raincoat or Light Jacket (for Spring/Summer)  
Compass / Maps / Pencil / Paper  
Candles / Flashlight (extra batteries)  
Spare Door Key (Car & House)  
All of the items above should fit in a plastic tote or duffle bag that you can keep in the trunk or back seat

**Optional** -- Camera / GPS / 12 vt Spot Light  
5 gals of Gas



**BHPC Meeting, January 17, 2009** held at the Minneluzahan Senior Center in Rapid City. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Borden, with \_\_\_ members and \_\_\_ guests present. Secretary's Report: Minutes approved as published. Treasurer's Report: Balance as of yesterday was \$3400 and change.

Vice President Report: **1.** The Boys Club called, and they want us to hold a summer meeting for them, similar to what we have done for the Boy Scouts. Our services will be extended to other youth groups. **2.** Wally urged members to check the ...Peter Schiff was right... page on YouTube re: his predictions on the economy. Wally feels the club should explore commercial development. **Old Business 1.** Need ideas for mega-raffle. Give your ideas to Mike. Suggestions at the meeting: another generator, an ATV, gold scales. **2.** Bill Eide is making restitution payments of approximately \$350 per month. **3.** Partial restitution has been paid by the bank for the errors they made. **New Business: 1.** Gordon transferred the Rio de Oro claim to the club. It is located from the Garnet upstream to the F1 road. **2.** Black Hills Sports Show is Feb. 20-22, with setup on the 19th. We received a booth at a reduced rate, and in return, Mike volunteered Wally to do seminars. We get 2 vendor passes. Sign up sheet was made available. If you wish to help, notify Mike, Wally, or Andy ASAP. Setup Thursday 9am to whenever. Be there at 9am. Shows are Friday 12 to 9, Saturday 10 to 9, Sunday 10 to 4. **3.** The booth will be similar to the one at the gold show. **4.** The meeting February 21 will be a short one at 10am as usual. One or two people will staff the booth during the meeting. **5.** Possibility of new claims was discussed. We would need revenue for this. Sports Show sales and new memberships would help. **6.** The web site has been updated. Town & Country Best Western is listed on the site. Mike is working on members that use the site will get a discount, and a small amount will go to the club. **7.** The Newsletter can be printed and mailed cheaper by using Western Mailers in Rapid City. Don't forget, you can help the club save money by getting your newsletter by email. Contact Andy for this. **8.** The question of liability insurance has been raised. I would be a good idea to incorporate as a nonprofit 501(c)7 organization to eliminate personal liability. Wally moved, Andy seconded to contact attorney Ken Campbell for legal advice. Passed unanimously. **9.** Club needs TracFone to separate club business from officers personal phones. Cost for minutes: \$20 for 240 minutes. Joyce moved, Wally seconded to explore costs and report back on minutes. Passed unanimously. Bob Hamm donated \$20 for the phones. **10.** Andy talked about safety equipment and supplies to take when prospecting.

Meeting adjourned.  
Judy Farris, Secretary



## Ghost Stories

by  
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

### REYNOLDS RANCH

I said that the last story was my last ghost town story. Then my old friend Dennis Olson, who grew up around Hot Springs and Rapid City, reminded me of Reynolds Ranch. This old ranch, south of Deerfield, was established in the very early days as a stage stop. The story says that when Indian raiding parties would appear, one of the family sons would climb the top of nearby Flag Mountain and with a flag or bugle make a pretense of summoning the U. S. Cavalry, thus driving off the Indians. Wonder if something like that would work in Afghanistan? Anyway, the raiders would then pull out in passing gear!

Here's an old Slattery family story I know you will enjoy. My great Aunt Cora eloped with Charles Davis in December 1895 from the old Slattery ranch west of Chadron. Here is the actual newspaper account of this adventure:

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From the Columbus [Nebraska] journal, January 8, 1896  
Married: Davis-Slattery - The following, to the Omaha World Herald, of Dec. 30, will be read with interest by many of our readers who knew the lady in question as a young girl in this city years ago.  
"Friends of Miss Cora Slattery, a dashing

young Chadron school teacher of some 23 summers, were much surprised to learn this morning that she had eloped in company with a Deadwood miner, Charles Davis, who has borne a rather shady reputation hereabouts. Davis came to town Saturday night in a lumber wagon, met Miss Slattery, and together they repaired to the residence of the county judge, who married them. They then proceeded to the home of Mrs. Slattery and secured the bride's trunk, bicycle[!], etc., and drove to Dakota Junction, where they boarded the train for Deadwood. Miss Slattery was a highly respected young lady, a graduate of the high school and Chadron Academy. Mrs. Slattery, the girl's mother, is heartbroken over the affair. None of the family were apprised of the intention of the couple but her brother Ernest [my grandfather] who received a short note the following morning, saying that that she intended to get married." It is to be hoped there is some mistake about the young man and that he is better than he is painted.

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OOOEEE! Can you imagine a paper writing up a marriage in that fashion today? You would have a lawsuit worthy of a story on Fox News!  
Actually, I don't think Charlie Davis was that awful - he was the first elected sheriff of Harding County, where he served two terms.

If YOU have a good family (or otherwise) story from the early days, please call or write me (605-717-1512), let me get it down, and we'll put it into print!

Wallace Slattery

## **PETER SCHIFF WAS RIGHT**

Several people asked me to put the title of You Tube video clip I discussed during our club meeting. Here it is: PETER SCHIFF WAS RIGHT Type that into your home page; click on the You Tube video clip when it comes up. You will be stunned. Here is an economist who flew in the face of the conventional economists (watch them mock him!), but who turned out to be dead-on, bulls-eye right about the state of the US economy. Incidentally, I just changed all my stocks placement after watching him and reading his book.

WALLACE SLATTERY

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## **DAVID WOLFF TO SPEAK**

We are delighted to inform our members that David Wolff, eminent Black Hills State University Historian, will speak at our February 21 meeting, accompanied by his lovely wife Kathy.

He will give a presentation on the history of prospecting in the Black Hills complete with plenty of "war stories".

This has been something that Wally Slattery has been working to bring about for months, and we can guarantee that this meeting will be memorable and special - something no one will want to miss.

David is considered one of the top two or three Black Hills historians, and he is especially interested in prospecting.

See you there!  
- THE CLUB OFFICERS -

## **Renew Your Memberships**

Everyone's membership is from Jan 1st to Dec 31st.

If you would like to renew your membership/newsletter subscription for 2009 it is \$35/year.

Please make your check or money order out to BHPC and send it to our Membership Director before February 28th 2009. Thank You !

Black Hills Prospecting Club  
c/o Andy Goodwin  
11228 Cougar Ct  
Lead, SD 57754

Note:

We do not pro-rate the renew price any more.

It is \$35 any time through-out the year.

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## **The BHPC will have a booth at the Black Hills Sport Show**

February 20-22, 2009

Friday 20th - Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd  
Noon-9pm - 10am-9pm - 10am-4pm

Our Winter meeting is on the same Saturday, so we will have a short meeting and **SPECIAL GUEST speaker** -- then go across the street to the sport show.



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

Our Next Meeting  
 will be...

**Winter Meeting**

Date: February 21st  
 Time: 10AM  
 Place: Minneluzahan Senior Citizens Center  
 5th and New York Streets in Rapid City.

**Black Hills Sport Show**

February 20-22 (Friday-Sunday)

**LOCATION:**  
 Rushmore Plaza Civic Center  
 444 Mt. Rushmore Rd. N.

**LOCATION PHONE:** 605-394-4115

**February 2009**

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