



Welcome New Members

Jamie Aberle
Rich Telsrow

NEW Photo ID's in 2010

We will be taking members photos during the Year-End party and at the winter meetings. If you can't make the Year-End party or winter meetings and would like to send in a photo with your 2010 membership renew or e-Mail one to Andy at
BHPCMemberDirector@gmail.com

The new color ID Cards will also include a member number.

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September 19, 2009

The meeting was held at Iron Creek at the Brandiger Claim. Called to order by president Mike Borden

1. Vice President Wally's report:

a. He will be teaching another prospecting class at the Whitewood elementary school. Eleven are already enrolled. Members will be assisting him.

b. Ghost town tour will go to upper and lower Carbonate. Leaving from High Plains Heritage Mu-

seum in Spearfish at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 3. Bring your own lunch. Road suitable for 4-wheel drive only. Ride-sharing will be available at the museum. There is not any extra parking at the road that goes up to Carbonate.

c. Bill Swanson is also teaching "Ghost Towns III" through continuing education. It starts Oct. 22 at Central High in Rapid. Call Community Education at 394-5120 for more information.

2. Treasurer/Membership Andy's report:

a. \$12 for year-end party due by October 1.

b. Dues due by first of year. Will be doing photo ID's this year. Pictures will be taken at year end party and elsewhere, or you can submit one by e-mail.

3. Claims director Richard: If you pack it in, pack it out. Garnet is getting messed up. We don't know if it is our members or not, but please be neat and tidy.

4. Richard Brandiger: In May, 2010 the Brandiger's will host another meeting at Iron Creek. More information later. Same thing in September 2010.

5. Money Lady Nelda

a. Year-end party theme is Western.

b. Will have ticket packets at party: \$20 = 12 regular and 12 mega-affle tickets; \$30 = 20 regular and 14 mega-affle tickets. If you live way far away, contact Andy or Nelda about getting tickets-by-mail.

c. Winter meetings in Cabela's meeting room at no charge. Cabela's also very generous with mega-affle items.

Old Business

a. Year-end party at Holiday Inn Express in Deadwood. Book rooms now, as there is big poker tournament that weekend. Some motels in Spearfish run a shuttle to Deadwood, so that is another option.

b. On club claims, it is first come, first served. Just because you panned there last month does not mean you get the same place this month. During an outing, you can reserve the same spot **IF** you mark the claim with a bucket or other item that has your name and the date on it.

See you October 3 and 10.
Judy Farris, Secretary



ARGONAUT ADVENTURERS

by
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

Richard and Kathy Brandiger

This article may well be about the most experienced argonauting couple we have in the entire club. Richard is rather modest about his experiences, but when he opens up about his prospecting and treasure hunting history, it's like unblocking a waterfall - it just keeps coming and coming.

Richard, like many of us, lived in a number of metropolitan areas while growing up, but spent much of his youth in Alamogordo, New Mexico, where he became interested in geology and fossil history. He became interested in Black Hills history when he moved here while working for the Federal Aeronautics Agency as a crash investigator. He quickly realized that the history of the Hills revolved around the search for gold. He decided to try to prospect in his spare time, but had absolutely no luck. Then he read a book on gold prospecting, and that changed his luck. He was hooked! He started researching gold prospecting at the School of Mines, where he credits professors like Jack Ridden and Dr. Griese with greatly influencing his prospecting style.

Another major change in his prospecting life came about 1982 when he was rudely run off a man's claim in the

Hills. Feeling that prospecting should be something for everyone, he began getting his own claims and making them available to others. Soon he had upwards of 30 claims; however when 1992 a law was passed changing the rules, he was forced to drop all but his 10 best claims. Incidentally, Richard used to own the Garnet Claim (check it out in the back of the club membership booklet).

Richard freely admits he LOVES to go gold prospecting, and the best part is when he takes clubs or groups out prospecting. Their biggest "find"? About 1990 he visited the Mel Fisher Museum (remember the man who found the Atocha treasure galleon?). Mel showed him gold treasure from the wreck; Richard showed Mel what it came from - three gold nuggets. Richard is proud that they have several personal letters from Mel. The Brandigers also met Bob "Frogfoot" Weller, a renowned treasure diver. Shortly they were certified in diving (in the winter at Pactola Lake!). They then got to treasure dive near Ft. Pierce, Florida, on the Senora de la Noresta Nievas. Can you imagine bringing up gold and silver coins? They got to do so! Another time they got to help work with an 8-inch dredge in the Yuba River, where they were bringing up two ounces of gold per day! But after all that, Richard says his best "find" has been the "neat people" he has met along the way. And I must concur.

Richard and Kathy tend to go to Hawaii for the winter, so make your acquaintance with them while It's warm. You will be amply rewarded for just a little effort.

Wallace Slattery

Photos from the Sept 19th Outing



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

www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com



Year-End Party & Memberships

Please send in your R.S.V.P. for the Year-End Party by October 1st so we can give the Gold Dust/ Holiday Inn Express a correct head count of attending members so the Club won't have to pay for more seats than we need. If you need another R.S.V.P. you can print it from the website or you can send your name/phone number and how many adults & kids to Andy.

Adults are \$12 each kids up to 16 are \$6.

Renew your membership for \$35 before January 2010

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Our Next Outing
will be...

Ghost Town Tour

Date: Oct 3rd
Place: High Plains Heritage Center
in Spearfish
Time: 9 am

Year-End Party

Date: Oct 10th
Place: Gold Dust / Holiday Inn Express
in Deadwood
Time: 5pm - 11pm

October 2009

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