

# THE GOLD PAN NEWS<sup>®</sup>

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### Welcome New Members

Al Ruckdaschel  
Ernie Rupp  
Steve Garness  
Paige Croff

### BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden (605) 341-0483
Vice President	Wallace "Wally" Slattery (605) 717-1512
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### 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

### Meeting High-lites

March 20, 2010



The meeting was held at Cabela's.  
Called to order by President Mike Borden  
Officers reports:

Veep Wally: His class will be in Whitewood in April  
Prexy Mike: Bob Hamm is recuperating at home after a serious auto accident. [Come back soon, Bob. We miss you] Don Rather of the Gem/Mineral Club passed away March 15th.

Outings Dan: Chili cook-off and feed at the April outing. Bring your best. Or bring toppings and underpinnings for the chili. Heat sources are available, including a generator, at the outing.  
Claims Richard: Garnet has downed trees that need to be removed. He has 4-WD and trailer. Needs help. March 27 was suggested.

Richard will be the enforcer of badge wearing at all outings. We are having a problem with claim jumpers at Garnet. If you don't have your badge visible, he will not let you on the claim.

Membership Andy: All members need to fill out new membership application/disclaimer so records can be updated

Secretary Judy: BHPC and Wally donated one day's prospecting to the Tri-State Museum fund raising banquet in Belle Fourche. In the auction, it sold for \$200.

#### Old Business

We did well at the Sports Show

Investigation of internet claims sales found that the claim data is OLD. One claim being offered, for example, includes the Rochford fire station property. Many claim large number of acres, but very little square footage of land for prospecting. Be careful.

June Ghost Towns meeting will be an overnight in Buffalo [Wyoming, not South Dakota], with the big trip the next day.

#### New Business

Belle Fourche Boy Scout Troop 252 wants to go panning with the club—tentatively at the Iron Creek outing.

The Gem show is the last week in June.

The Club will be doing panning demos, sponsored by Cabela's, this summer.

Outings: The Olson's can't do the big roast this summer, as they are all booked for other events. As there are no fireworks at Mt. Rushmore on the 4th, the July outing will be on the regular date.

See you April 17 at the Garnet.

Judy Farris, Secretary

Bill Swanson gave a Ghost Town presentation.



## ARGONAUT ADVENTURERS

by  
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

This time we will feature **TWO** of our younger adventurers. It's about time we recognized some of the young people in our clan; both of whom have made - and are making - a real contribution to the club.

### MICHELLE SNYDER

You will readily recognize Michelle who is consistently up front at our club meetings, quietly helping out with our raffles, passing out papers, and generally making herself helpful. Michelle is a Rapid City native, who proudly states that she first learned gold panning from her grandfather, Lyle Snyder, when she was only three years old. Way to go, Lyle! Ever since then, Michelle has been "hooked" on gold prospecting.

Michelle, an 8th grader at Dakota Middle School, enthusiastically speaks about gold panning on the Garnet claim, as well as digging on her Grandpa's claim. Her best gold-digging memory? Father's Day, when her Grandfather discovered a pocket containing a gorgeous nugget longer than a dime is wide, also a number of nice pickers.

Michelle loves our club meetings (who doesn't?!). She enjoys all aspects of them, including being outdoors in this lovely scenery, camping, the horseplay, panning, and variety of new places we visit, and meeting a lot of really nice people. She says a lot of her friends are really jealous of her because of these exciting adventures.

We will see a lot more of Michelle in the future, I'm sure, as she matures. She will always be a positive influence in our club.

### DEVON NIKOLAS

We all recognize Devon, right? This tall, curly-haired lad of 16 is consistently at our club meetings, usually hanging around his grandparents, Nick and Jeanine, but he's quick to leave them to join the panning, digging, and sluicing fun. Devon's first recollection of gold prospecting? When he was very young, he came to one of the club's first outings, around 2000, so he had to be about six or seven years old. He vividly remembers that his grandparents were sluicing, and he readily joined in the fun. And he loved the gold they found!

Last summer Devon really got serious about prospecting, and the rest of us became familiar with Devon's hard work helping with our digging and panning. He was a real help, I assure you. He has an unusual hobby - he loves to take jewelry and industrial gold or silver and turn it into nuggets! Ask him; he always has some around and will gladly show you samples. Devon's best finds have been large pickers from the 4 leaf clover, which is co-owned by his grandparents.

Like Michelle, Devon loves the outdoors aspects of our club, including panning, prospecting, camping, and getting to know new people. He also will be part of the continuing growth of our club in future years, I am sure.

Both of these young people are friendly, outgoing, fun, and worth knowing. You will really enjoy making friends with them, and that is a fact!

Wallace Slattery

## March 20th Meeting



Robert Reznicek won the  
Commemorative 1 gram silver bar  
in the raffle!

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

[www.blackhillsp Prospectingclub.com](http://www.blackhillsp Prospectingclub.com)

## April 17th Outing at the Garnet Claims Area

### Chili Cook-Off

Bring your best chili and try to win Best  
Chili of the Year!

We also need chips, crackers, soft drinks,  
corn bread, what ever you like to have with  
chili.

If you would like to bring food or drinks  
Please contact our Outings Director  
Dan Radomski at (605) 342-7849  
or

Membership Director  
Andy Goodwin at (605) 584-4698  
to let them know what you can bring or  
have questions.

Our First Outing of the Year ! Make sure to  
wear your ID Cards !

### For Sale

#### Whites MXT Metal Detector

Virtually brand new -- used twice.

Warranty should transfer for over a year.

Includes stereo headset, Bull's-eye pin pointer, case,  
and batteries.

\$700 Call, Chuck @ (605) 342-2216

### For Sale: Two Garrett detectors

One is a late 80's Freedom 3 Coin Commander. This  
seems to be in good working order. I put 2 older 9v batteries  
in and it turned on O.K. and beeped and chimed. I know little  
about detectors other than these were popular in there time.

The other is a Grand Master Hunter CxIII vintage about  
1995. The 6 C cell batteries were left in this one. I cleaned it  
the best I could, but when I put new batteries in I couldn't get  
it to turn on.

I checked the voltage at the battery pack and did it  
did not register on my volt meter. Any ideas?? The battery  
pack slides out of the housing and is probably available from  
Garrett.

The Coin Commander sold for around \$350 new and  
the Grand Master was over \$800. There is also a new carrying  
case for the Grand Master, an old set of headphones, instruc-  
tion video and some literature.

These belonged to my late step-dad and have not  
been used for at least 5-6 years. I am not a treasure hunter so  
these need to go to someone who will get good use from  
them. Any \$\$ I get will go for my son's college expenses since  
these detectors were his grandfather's.

If interested please call (307) 283-2077 (Beulah, WY)  
or email me at [jroberthadden@yahoo.com](mailto:jroberthadden@yahoo.com)

Thanks, Bob Hadden

## NEW CLAIMS UPDATE

Okay, we have been getting a lot of calls and  
e-mails from members wanting to know if there are  
any new club claims. The answer is **YES** the  
Good-One claim in the Northern Hills in the Tinton  
area. **BUT** as it stands right now this claim is **VERY**  
**HARD** to get to! And in a **VERY** remote area!

The Club Officers will be working on finding an  
easier, safer access route to the claim this season.

When we have a good route to the claim we will  
send a map and directions page to add to your  
membership booklet, THEN and ONLY then will the  
claim be ready for use by ALL members.

**This claim will be PAN and SLUICE ONLY !!!**  
**We will be watching this claim closely!**



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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: April 17th

Place: Garnet Claims Area

Time: 9AM

Chili Cook-Off

## April 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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