

# THE GOLD PAN NEWS®

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### Welcome New Members

Bradley Evans  
Allan Yoshida  
Shane Flaskamp  
Roger Johnson  
James DeBoer

### Special Thanks to:

Dan Radomski  
Lou Schmeltzer  
Wally Slattery  
Mike Borden  
Richard Nash  
Randy Noll  
Devon Nikolas  
Michelle Snyder  
Victoria Noll  
Andy Goodwin  
For their help running the booth at the Black Hills Sport Show as well as the Panning Classes

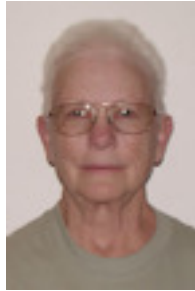
### BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden (605) 341-0483
Vice President	Wallace "Wally" Slattery (605) 717-1512
Secretary	Judy Farris (605) 723-4669
Claims Director	Richard Nash
Outings Coordinator Club Photographer	Dan Radomski (605) 342-7849
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Treasurer/Membership Director Newsletter/Website Equipment Manager	Andy Goodwin (605) 584-4698

### Meeting High-lites

February 20, 2010

The meeting was held at Cabela's.  
Called to order by Vice President Wally Slattery



Mike and Andy were at the booth at the BH Sport Show

1. Vice President Wally report:

a. He will be teaching another prospecting class at the Whitewood elementary school.

b. He will be doing 2 panning seminars at the Sport Show

c. Plan on Ghost Town tour June 4. Will be overnighter to Wyoming

2. Outings: Dan said he will need help with setup, cooking, and take down at outings. Please volunteer

3. Upcoming events:

a. Gem Show last weekend in June

b. Club will have panning display and do demos at Cabela's this summer

c. Outing locations TBA

d. Year end party may be different. Give input.

### New Business

a. A claim near Rochford sold on e-bay for \$3600. Motion made and passed unanimously that member families be asked [not required] to donate \$10 to a pot to buy claims. Larger donations will be accepted. If you know of claims that are available, contact Wally, Andy, Mike, and the other usual suspects. They will do the in-depth research. For more information, talk to Wally.

Meeting adjourned

See you next March 20 at Cabela's

Judy Farris, Secretary

Gordon presented information on paperwork for filing a claim.



## ARGONAUT ADVENTURERS

by  
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

One of the quietest, most self-effacing members of our club has had some of the most experience in gold prospecting and mining. And he just celebrated his 80th birthday. I'm referring to Lou Schmeltzer, one of the best Argonauts in our club whom you've probably never met.

A Lead Native, Lou moved to Spearfish in 1940. He laughs about how the Homestake Mine used to dump unused material, etc., near his home. Some miners thought the dump was an excellent place to hide the high grade they had found. Well, the boy Lou figured this out, so being the enterprising sort, he got a hold of some of that high grade, crushed it and retrieved the gold, filling a vial with the yellow beauties. Lou was so proud of his "find" that he took it to school to show off - where the teacher promptly stole it! Lou never got the gold back, although his father went to the school and confronted the teacher. Lou, even greater fortunes have been found and lost, but we never get over these little tragedies, do we?

Lou eventually recovered from this "tragedy," and started staking claims along Lightning Creek at Cement Ridge about 1957. They grubstaked an old prospector for six claims. Lou reports there was consistently adequate gold recovered from these claims. However, Lou finally decided that there was just not enough gold to keep them happy, so he dropped the claims. A deputy sheriff quickly picked them up.

Together with another friend, he got a good claim on Deer Creek southwest of Spearfish, where he and family members have kept the claim over the years. The family moved to Alaska in 1969, where he

panned and did quite well. However he was forced to return to Spearfish for health reasons. Lou still resides in Spearfish, and has joined the club during the past few years.

Lou loves the club! He states he's learned a lot, and he highly recommends it. Lou has some places he wants to take other club members, and you may be sure that Yours Truly will tag along. Who knows? It might be the next Homestake!

Wallace Slattery

### Panning Class at BH Sport Show



## February 20th Meeting at Cabela's

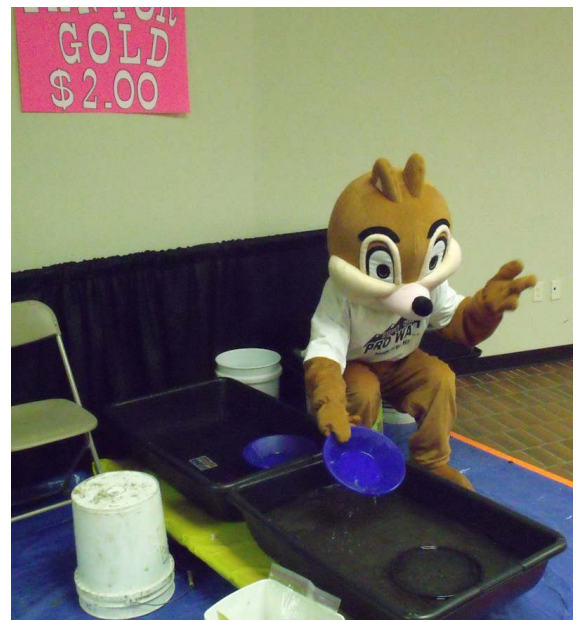


You can see all the photos from this year  
on our website.

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## Booth at the Black Hills Sport Show - February 19th - 21st



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Our Next Outing  
will be...

### Regular Monthly Outing

Date: March 20th  
Place: Cabela's in Rapid City SD  
Time: 10 AM

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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