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Welcome New Members

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello Members,

I would like to take the time and welcome all the new members we have had over the past year. Without the great people of this club we would not be here to share or stories, share prospecting techniques, teaching the GREENHORNS the ropes, and just having a great time playing in the creek.

I would also like to thank all the members that help this club grow every year and help keep things going. Thanks to our Officers such as Wally Slattery VP, for there hard work. Also Gordon Van Loenen our potty man, Dan Radomski our outings director/photographer, Andy Goodwin Membership/Newsletter, Nelda Thiel Raffle Coordinator, Bill Swanson Ghost town tours, Richard Nash claims, Judy Ferris secretary, Michelle Snyder and Devon Nikolas, Vern & Norma Pinz, Brian Meyer and all the rest of the members that help this club operate. Its great to see the member stepping up and helping. If its storing the equipment trailer or buying hot dog for the outing , every little bit helps.

I hope to see all the members at the Year end Party this year at the Post 22 legions club in Rapid City on Oct 9th. We are going to have over \$3000.00 in prizes and a Beef tenderloin or Chicken meal to die for put on by Jim and Sally Olson. The Olson's are donating there time and labor for this event witch would be double the cost without there support.

Once again it comes down to you! Without you , (The Member,) we would not have any of these great times or memory's. Come out and support your club and hope to see you soon, on the creek.

Michael Borden
President Black Hills Prospecting Club



ARGONAUT ADVENTURERS

by
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

MARK ROWLAND

Mark is one of the guys who sorta hang out and are there to help when help is needed. This RN enjoys outdoor prospecting without making a big fuss.

Born in California, Mark remembers his grandfather with affection.

Grandfather used to take him hiking, fishing, and panning around Pearl, Colorado (amazing how many of our adventurers used to have Colorado panning adventures, isn't it?) during the 1960's and '70's.

Mark moved here to the Hills area in 1992, and spent several years panning, etc., on his own. He met Lew Wight in 1994-95, and spent a lot of time helping Lew with his early prospecting. However, Mark also did a lot of prospecting on his own, even going to Alaska at one point. In Alaska he found a couple of ounces of beach gold, as well as one or two pennyweight nuggets. He also joined the GPAA.

Mark also has spent a lot of time metal detecting in Arizona. The highlight of that was metal detecting around General Patton's training camp and desert center. His best find there was an 1803 large cent, which Mark is convinced was a good luck charm.

Incidentally, Mark and I have done some metal detecting together in the Black Hills (don't ask me what I found!).

Mark loves our outings and meeting people. Incidentally, he is the Lead Investigator for the Black Hills Paranormal club. He got Unexplained Mysteries TV program to hold a paranormal conference in the area. The club covers western South Dakota and eastern Wyoming. Well, I guess Mark covers all bases - he can help you if your are dealing with the living or the dead! Get to know this quiet, competent adventurer.

Wallace Slattery

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

A LITTLE HELP REQUESTED

Lew Wight was burglarized on Monday, September 20, of approximately \$25,000 in gold. Please be alert and report any unusual gold selling you may note to the Pennington County Sheriff's office (Rapid City). Our sincere sympathy to Lew, and we hope for a speedy recovery of the gold.
Wallace Slattery

Meeting Hi-Lights for September 18th

September 18 meeting was called to order about 11:30 am by Mike Borden, President. He welcomed everyone, including new members, Sam and Monica, and introduced Nyla Potter as our interim secretary, pending election at the year-end party. Nyla replaces Judy Farris, who had resigned owing to pressing personal business.

Mike Borden gave the Treasurer's report - \$2,349.88, and indicated that at this point it is very adequate.

Vice President's Report: Wally Slattery reported that 9 people had enrolled in his fall Prospecting for Gold in Them Thar Hills class, and that they were the most enthusiastic group he has entertained yet. Also, the class will hold its field trip to Lew Wight's claim on October 9.

Wally discussed the combined Ghost Towns tour for October 3. It will combine with a tour of Germans from Apolda, Germany, meeting at 8 am at Stamper's. Bill Swanson, our Ghost Towns Coordinator, will conduct us all on a tour of ghost towns in the central Hills, culminating around 12 noon at Tigerville, above Mystic. Then Wally Slattery will take over and take the Germans gold panning on

Lew Wight's claim in the afternoon. Bring your own lunch!

Wally further mentioned that he has contacted the Days of '76 Parade in Deadwood, and believes that we will enter a pickup serving as a float in the next parade in July 2011.

Old Business: The Year End party will be held at the American Legion Post 22, 818 E. St. Patrick Street in Rapid City, on Saturday, October 9, starting with a social hour from 6 to 7 pm. After the great dinner, furnished by Jim and Sally Olson at cost, there will be the Megaraffle and other drawings from 8 to 10 pm. It will cost \$16 per person (\$30 per couple, with children under 12 admitted for \$8), which will include one door prize ticket. There will be \$2,500 to \$3,000 given away in prizes! Please RSVP by October 1! Incidentally, you don't need to be present to win the Mega raffle. The menu will include either beef tenderloin or chicken, baby bakers, asparagus, salad, rolls, a fabulous dessert, coffee, tea, punch and water. The bar is available next door in the club.

Nelda Thiel indicated she needs volunteers to help decorate in our Halloween theme. She plans to be there at 4 pm.

Mike noted that Randy Noll, our club member, is also the new GPAA South Dakota Representative, so we can contact him if we have questions about GPAA business.

New Business: Mike told the group that Western Mailers will handle the mailing of newsletters, starting in October. Andy Goodwin will still compile the newsletter and email it off to them. Mike also told the group that Dean Duncan's wife Mary will take over as interim treasurer, pending her election at the Year-end party. Thank you!

Nelda Thiel talked about some of the more interesting prizes at the Year-end party, including the highbanker, some gold nuggets, a mega shark's tooth, and coins. A nice number of prizes were then raffled off, including an excellent picker. We want to thank our cooks for doing an excellent job. It was a really nice meal.

Meeting then adjourned.

Nyla Potter, Secretary

Around the Potbelly Stove - October Ghost Town Tour



GHOST TOWNS, GERMANS, AND GOLD

Now that we have your attention, here's the low-down:

Sunday, October 3rd, 8 am, at Stampers (south of Rapid City on Hwy 16). We meet our German guests for a ghost town/gold panning tour led by distinguished Ghost Towns expert Bill Swanson. We will be hosting 13 Germans from Apolda, Germany (sister city of Rapid City), and 5 local hosts, who will be in 2 vans. Bill will give us another outstanding ghost towns tour in the central Black Hills, culminating at Tigerville, above Mystic. Those who've gone on the "Ghost Towners" in the past will attest to their remarkable interest and

learning opportunities.

After lunch, Wally Slattery will take the Germans and their hosts to Lew Wight's hot new claim where they will spend the afternoon digging and panning for - you guessed it. And we all bring our own lunches and drinks, of course.

In the evening Bill will conduct his Moonlight Ghost Towns tour. He will fill us in with details during his daytime tour. I've heard great things about this one, and personally plan to attend it.

You are welcome to
come along, Pilgrims!
Wallace Slattery

For Sale

MineLab Explorer 2
New was \$1,100
Selling for \$500

Call Ed for more info
(605) 645-1269

Photos From Sept 18th



You can see all the photos from this year on our website. www.blackhillsp Prospecting Club.com



Comic sent in by Russ Roots - If you have a prospecting related comic or story send it to BHPCNewsletter@gmail.com



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ALSO VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com

Our Next Outing
will be...

Ghost Town Tour

Date: Sunday, Oct 3rd

Place: Stampers on Hwy16 South of Rapid City

Time: 8 AM

Year-End Party

Date: Saturday, Oct 9th

Place: American Legion Post 22,
818 E. St. Patrick Street in Rapid City

Time: 6 PM

October 2010

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