



### Welcome New Members

Brian Fagnan  
Bill Naylor  
John Szymanski  
Mark Kopec

### BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden (605) 341-0483
Vice President	Wallace "Wally" Slattery (605) 717-1512
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### Secretary's Report - by Kathy Brandiger

Wally Slattery called the meeting to order at 11 am.

1. New Members - the Kopec family was welcomed, including their two young boys - future Argonauts.

#### OLD BUSINESS

2. Wally said we need a new secretary to replace Judy Farris who has requested that she be replaced. Volunteers? Wally said we will be looking for one.

3. Wally informed members that Andy Goodwin has retired as Treasurer, as he is too busy with his duties as Membership Director, Webmaster, and Newsletter Editor. Mike has taken over as interim Treasurer until the Year-end party. Andy has requested that all people with email addresses give them to him so that the newsletter can be sent to them by email. It will mean a much better newsletter quality, and will save the club money. You can contact Andy by email at the website, or call him at 584-4698.

4. Mike recently met the rancher who lives on the same road as our Garnet claim. The rancher informed him that he must pay a lot of money yearly for upkeep on the road. Therefore, the club will send the rancher \$100 to help out with that expense - good relations in mind, of course.

5. The Year-end party. We have put a donation on the very nice facilities of the American Legion Post on St. Patrick Street in Rapid City. Rent is approximately \$450, much less than last year's \$3100!

6. The Jim Olson's will cook our meal. We've had a very positive experience with their cooking at last year's July 4 cookout. Jim said he will serve a meal that costs \$23 elsewhere, but we will charge \$16 for it per person. This will include one door prize ticket. The meal will include tenderloin or a good chicken breast, a fine assortment of vegetables, and desserts to die for. The wet bar will be across the hall - no big deal. Prizes will include a high banker and many others - comparable to the last two great years.

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## ARGONAUT ADVENTURERS

by  
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

### VERNON PINZ

Now Vern is one of those fellas who are always there to help, but who don't toot their own horn to speak of. You have to get to know him to appreciate his many experiences.

Born in Worthington, Minnesota, Vernon never started prospecting until about eight years ago, when he joined the GPAA. He did move to South Dakota in 1962, and tells me he was always interested in Western Americana, including pistols and prospecting - he just never got around to prospecting until later.

Then about 2002 he went gold prospecting through GPAA to Alaska. Vern still laughs ruefully about the fact that he was bothered with fine stuff in the tailings that he kept throwing away - until he was informed that it was GOLD DUST! Vernon admits that he seems to have better luck helping others prospect than he does when prospecting on his own. Vernon likes to prospect in Arizona - he's prospected around Rich Hill and the Flagstaff region - I've been there and liked it. He also enjoyed prospecting around Dahlonega, Georgia. At the Crimson Mine he bought a sample of dirt and got a great find there - 1/4 ounce! He also

prospected around Thermal City, in North Carolina, where he noted the free use of powered suction dredges. His best find he likes to discuss - 15 or 20 pickers in about as many minutes on the Garnet.

Vernon made an interesting comment - "Our club is what it is all about." We need to nourish and take care of it, because it actively protects our rights as prospectors in these beautiful hills. Vernon's around at our meetings - get to know him. He's a very good man, always ready to help.

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

Secretary's Report - Continued...

#### NEW BUSINESS

7. Wally discussed the dues rate voted last month to \$50. He noted that the officers are suggesting that we merely raise dues to \$40 per person PROVIDED that they are paid before January 1 of each new year. This was unanimously approved.

8. Stacy Schaeffer told us of the sister city of Apolda, Germany. There will be a delegation of 12-14 Germans coming over here in October, and our Ghost Town coordinator, Bill Swanson, will be hosting them on a Ghost towns tour on Sunday, October 3, in the morning, while Wally Slattery will take them gold prospecting in the afternoon. Tentatively this will be our club's ghost town tour too. There will be further information given in the near future on this matter. It should be fun!

9. The Outdoor Women of South Dakota thanked us for a successful, enjoyable trip, and would like to make this an annual event.

10. Our next outing will be held at the crossroads of Rochford and Mystic Roads, giving our members free access to the 4 Leaf Clover claim; also they are welcome to work Lew Wight's new claim south of Mystic. Members will be given directions to this claim when they show up. Wally said that some excellent gold has been found lately on Lew's claim.

11. The equipment trailer and porta-potty will be stowed behind Stacy Schaeffer's barn for the winter, in exchange for free membership dues. Our sincere thanks to Stacy for this kind gesture. It is a real help to the club.

12. Wally read a GPAA letter to Mike, saying that the GPAA would like us to re-join the group and offering several concessions, including gold shows and over-all better relations. Wally said that Mike and he will continue to negotiate with the group and will get back to our club at the next meeting. We

do view this as a very favorable move.

13. Wally said that we are seriously considering letting Western Mailers send out our newsletter in the near future - that it should save the club some real money. More about this later.

14. Members are invited to contribute articles relating to outdoor life, especially prospecting, to Andy, to re-start the popular "Around the Pot Bellied Stove" feature.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

15. As of August 20 there is \$2,324 total in our club fund. There is no separate fund for claims - in answer to Richard Markovich's question - has not been for several years.

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

16. Wally noted that the Outdoor Women of South Dakota had a successful, and enjoyable dig at the Garnet claim. He also said that there had been several sightings of a mountain lion during the dig. Members beware!

17. Wally's prospecting class will meet in late September - this has been a big "plus" for the club in the past.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Richard Markovich is offering a dredge for sale. (It was sold not long after the outing.) Richard and Kathy Brandiger will again host an outing on their Iron Creek claim next May. This has been a great success, over-all, this spring and summer.

Stacy Schaeffer asked about access to the Good One claim on Beaver Creek. Wally said it is still extremely difficult to reach, but that we are working on it.

After lunch, the raffle was held, and many nice prizes won, including a very nice picker.

Kathy Brandiger/Wally Slattery

## Around the Potbelly Stove - Story of the Month



### Deadwood Dick Coin Finally Found !

Two weekends ago Ron and I drove to the Garnet Claim for what we thought was the monthly club outing. Ron had made a big pot of beans, I was armed with a camera, and he brought his White's DFX treasure hunting metal detector along because he had recently adjusted it and wanted to try out the new settings. Alas, we had our weekends mixed up and no one was there! So I started taking close-up flower pictures while Ron decided to hunt the old coin hunt area. A couple of years ago, the club had a coin hunt on the 4th of July outing. Many old coins had been buried but the ground was so wet the detectors couldn't find them all and some had been deemed to have ended up in China and lost forever. Many folks had tried to find the missing coins at various times, but no one had found the "piece de resistance", the Deadwood Dick silver round. Until Ron came. He tuned up

the detector, hunted 5 minutes north of the road, and, eureka, he found it! The DFX registered silver, but it was a quiet tone. The coin was only 2-3 inches deep and slanted sideways. What a find! He hunted for another hour or so and found a 1950 wheat penny, I took more pictures, and we fed the beans to the mountain lion (just kidding!) It was a fantastic day and we thank the club for a great time!

Ron and Sue Cleland



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## Photos From August 21st at the Garnet



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

[www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com](http://www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com)

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## Year - End Party RSVP

YES! I am planning to come to the **Year-end Party** October 9, starting at 6:30 pm at the American Legion Post in Rapid City (818 East St. Patrick St.).

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people  
(\$16 for individual, \$30 for a couple, \$8 for children under age of 12 )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Number

(Found on your Club ID card)

Please print/cut out this RSVP and send it along with your check or money order made out to the Black Hills Prospecting Club (BHPC) to our Member Director

Black Hills Prospecting Club

Attn: YeP

c/o Andy Goodwin

11228 Cougar Ct

Lead, SD 57754

Please send in your RSVP  
before October 1st

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## September 18th Outing

Lew Wight's (Glory Hunters Gold Mine)

From HWY 385, turn west onto Rochford road and travel until you come to the intersection of Rochford and Mystic roads. Turn South on the Mystic road and follow about 4 miles to Lew's

Bring salads, desserts, pop, chips to go with the burgers & hot dogs

Be sure to wear your ID Cards !



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

Our Next Outing  
will be...

### Regular Outing

Date: Sept 18th

Place: Lew Wight's Claim near Mystic

Time: 9 AM

## September 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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