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Welcome New Members

Ron Ronneberg
David Moe
Randy Wallin
Robert Valdez

Due to an injury, the Meeting Minutes for the August outing were not ready at time of printing and will be posted on the club's website as soon as possible.
Feel better soon LouAnn!

Thanks for your patience
Club Officers

BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden (605) 341-0483
Vice President	Wallace "Wally" Slattery (605) 717-1512
Treasury	Dean Duncan (605) 350-6364
Secretary	LouAnn Denke
Outings Director	Jeff Geist (605) 722-7018
Raffles & Prizes	Nelda Thiel (605) 923-4059
Claims Safety	Richard Nash
Club Photographer	Michelle Snyder
Equipment & Mechanic	Devon Nikolas
Membership Director	Andy Goodwin (605) 584-4698

Please contact the club officer for the type of question you have to get the best possible answer.

President's Corner

Hello members.

Its been a great year so far and the Year end Party is right around the corner. We have had lot of new members this year and even a new claim or two. That's right I said 2 new claims. Brian Fagnan a member of the club is donating his claim on French Creek to the club. This claim paper work will be final in the next week or so and it will then be open to digging. We will have the rules and the directions for the new claim when it is ready.

Speaking of rules, we had to revoke a membership from Don Colgrove, do to repeated safety violations and digging in areas off limits. PLEASE revue your membership guide for club rules and regulations, digging rules, ect. There are rules put forward by the State and Federal Agency's that we must fallow and I will not let a person that has been repeatedly told ruin it for the rest of our club members. Remember we are here to prospect for recreational fun, if you are in the club to make a living off the clubs claims them you need to go file your own claim and work it.

Andy and I will be working on new, updated membership booklets and should have them available to send out with your renewal for 2012. Remember your membership renewal is due by December 31 so look for your renewal information in the newsletter. Also don't forget the YEAR-END PARTY , it will be great this year. We are giving away over \$3,000 in prizes and door prizes. We also have some great equipment to raffle off, like a Spiral Wheel, Falcon Detector, and more.

I hope to see all of you at the next outing in September and at the Year-End Party in October, until we meet again. GET THE GOLD!!!

Michael Borden
BHPC President



WILD & WOOLY DAYS IN THE OLD BLACK HILLS

by
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

That's No Man; That's Calamity Jane!

Few people have caused more disagreement and outright tumult in the Black Hills than Calamity Jane. A legend in her own time, she has become almost impossible to really define. She has been described as a she-demon and an angel of mercy. She has been depicted as terribly ugly and beautiful. Was she a competent western scout and dead shot, or just a loudmouthed drunk? Again, you will find partisans on both sides. Incidentally, my family knew her - and despised her. One thing is certain; she drew a lot of attention wherever she went.

Even how she got her sobriquet "Calamity" draws wildly different answers. Madame DuFran (She was a madam who wrote a biography of Jane) said Jane got the name from her willingness to nurse people who were ill with smallpox - a calamity. However, Watson Parker, Black Hills Ghost Town historian, said she was likely to give her patrons a venereal disease - a true calamity. Let's visit the facts: Born around 1850, Calamity Jane grew to six feet tall. She was so masculine that some historians have suggested she was bisexual. She entered the Hills in 1875 with the Jenney-Newton scientific expedition, working as a teamster. Thus she was the third non-Indian woman to enter the Hills, following "'Aunt Sarah" Campbell, Custer's black cook, and Annie Tallent, famous pioneer woman. She made a spectacular entrance into the Hills with she rode in to Deadwood with Wild Bill Hickock and Colorado Charlie Utter, all wearing beautiful buckskin outfits. She made a real name for herself in the months following, with her drunken rampages, even howling like a coyote.

It is generally accepted that she and Wild Bill were not lovers, as she liked to claim. She was certainly not the type to attract Wild Bill, and he was a newly-wed, who wrote his wife passionate letters his entire tenure in Deadwood. Jane was "married" a number of times; in other words she lived with a "lucky" man for a time. In fact she showed up in Deadwood in 1898 with a little girl, claiming that she was her daughter. Actually she was the stepdaughter of Jane's latest paramour, Clinton Burke.

Jane was a hell-raiser, no doubt. Among others of her exploits were shooting out the lights in a Cheyenne saloon, and being arrested for brawling in Miles City, Montana. She rode a red bull up the streets in Rapid City, and spat tobacco juice on the gown of the leading lady in a Deadwood play. She was also reported to have beaten up two women in Sturgis at the same time.

However, Jane was also loved for her caring side. Having survived smallpox as a child she considered herself immune, and she ministered tenderly to victims during the Deadwood smallpox epidemic of 1878, which killed about 350 children. This alone meant that she would be remembered as an angel of mercy by many townspeople.

Jane died in 1903 at Terry Peak, of alcoholism. We all know that she is buried next to Wild Bill, which may mean that Bill has been spinning in his grave ever since. Like so many of us, she had both a light and a dark side.

The West may never see another like her.

Rest in Peace, Calamity Jane!

From Deadwood: The Best Writings on the Most notorious Town in the West, by T. D. Griffith

REMINDER -

The ONLY material you are allowed to take home are your concentrates.

DO NOT take buckets of dirt from the claims to process somewhere else ! If you are caught doing this your membership will be revoked.

2011 Year-End Party R.S.V.P.

**You are Cordially Invited to the Black Hills
Prospecting Club's Year-End Party!**



At the American Legion Post 22
- 818 E. St Patrick Street, Rapid City SD
- October 8th
- Starting at 5 PM

Mega Raffle Tickets are available prior to the party (need not be present to win)

Recalculating High-Banker

MineLab Metal Detector

Sluice

GPS

Gold Nuggets

Much More !

Menu as follows (Single Pass Buffet Style) Starting at 7 PM

Roast Beef

Ham

Fried Chicken

Baked Beans

Mashed Potato/Gravy

Mixed Veggi

Tea/Coffee

\$15 per person / Kids 12 and under Free!

I would like to get my Mega Raffle Tickets now. (I understand that I don't have to be at the Year-End Party to claim my winnings)

I enclose \$ _____ for _____ Mega Tickets
(\$2 per ticket)

Name

Member Number

(Found on your Club ID card)

Please print/cut out this Mega Raffle form and send it along with your check or money order made out to the Black Hills Prospecting Club (BHPC) If you are also sending your RSVP for the party you can combine the totals and just send one check.

Black Hills Prospecting Club

Attn: YeP

c/o Mike Borden

6317 W Elmwood

Black Hawk, SD 57718

Please send in your RSVP/Mega
Raffle form before October 1st

Next Outing - September 17th, 2011

Regular Outing

DATE: September 17th
TIME: 9AM
PLACE: Garnet Claims Area

Pot-Luck -- Club will supply Hot dogs

(Last name / please bring)

A-G -- Pop/Chips

H-M -- Sides (Beans, Chili, Cheese etc.)

N-R -- Salad

S-Z -- Dessert

and plenty of water to drink.

-- outing places & times may change do to weather/water conditions --

Year - End Party RSVP

YES! I am planning to come to the **Year-end Party** October 8, starting at 5:00 pm at the American Legion Post in Rapid City (818 East St. Patrick St.).

I enclose \$_____ for _____ people
(\$15 per person / children 12 and under Free)

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 Club President

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Photos From August 20th



Around the Potbelly Stove - Tip of the Month



Dishing

- a simple gold panning method.

Have you ever been out picnicking in the Hills, say, and seen a stream that gave strong hints of gold? You looked for your pan - Doggone - They're all in the truck at home! Well, you don't need a gold pan.

Simply scoop up some of that inviting sand and gravel onto a plate, dish, or even pie pan, and swish it around. Get rid of the lighter material by letting it flow over the edge, until you are left with the heavies, including black sand. More swishing, until you have a "tail" of black sand, then inspect it for gold.

I heard of a family in Idaho that went fishing after heavy rains in the mountains. They came to a pool, and Hmmm - that looks like gold. A quick inspection - it was gold. Fishing was forgotten; they got out a pie pan and went to work. They pulled out 9 ounces of gold over the next few days! Just be resourceful, and success can follow.

Wallace Slattery



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

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



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 c/o Andy Goodwin
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ALSO VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com

Our Next Outing
 will be...

Regular Monthly Outing

Date: Sept 17th
 Place: Garnet Claims Area
 Time: 9 AM

Pot-Luck (see page 4)

Please Send your Year-End Party / Mega Ticket Form to Mike Borden (to the address listed on the form) Thank You !
 Hope we see ya'll there!

September 2011

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