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Welcome New Members

Robert Salazar
Dennis Volmer
Christopher Koopman
Gregory Haskell
Carol Novak
Ron Van Winkle

BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden (605) 341-0483
Vice President	Wallace "Wally" Slattery (605) 717-1512
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Secretary	Nyla Potter
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.

MEETING 3/26/11

Mike Borden, Club President, called the meeting to order about 15 minutes after 10 am. We had three new members and three guests at the meeting.
NEW BUSINESS: Mike opened with Wally Slattery talking (1) about his new class starting this April being full (2) about pursuing possible legislative exemptions for small miners and prospectors, being pursued with Fred Romkema, state legislator from Spearfish. Mike then noted that we had an excellent Sports Show, basically breaking even financially, while gaining a lot in good will. We raffled off an outing for \$125, something Wally will handle.

GPAA - Mike is working toward our club rejoining the GPAA - he is filling out the membership papers. We are very hopeful that the GPAA will have a gold show in the Civic Center during 2012 - we understand that GPAA has reserved it for next year. Wally then added that we made a contact with the local chapter of the Tea Party, and there is a paid lobbyist, who will gladly work with us for favorable legislation.

Mike also said that at the Sports show he attended the Forest Service talk about the new permit/map system. It is frustrating - things have NOT been ironed out, and there are more questions than answers. However, it has been pointed out that as prospectors under the 1872 law we don't need permits to go to our claims. There is generally no problem with 4WD trucks.

Andy Goodwin reported that we got four new members and three renewals at the Sports show. He reminded people to wear their membership tags on outings. Richard Nash said there is a dangerously undercut tree at the Garnet claim; stay away! We'll cut it down and use it to build up our little bridge. Richard reminded us to watch out for mountain lions and rattlers.

Jeff Geist said our outing April 16 will be at the Garnet claim we won't furnish food. Jeff is checking to see if we can get the star of Dirtiest Jobs to visit our club.

OLD BUSINESS: Our outings include:

May 21	Husker or our new claim
Early June	Ghost Town tour
June 18	Iron Creek
July 16	Garnet or new claim
August 20	Iron Creek or Lew's

We are planning to rent an excavator and clean out the settling pond, which will cost our club \$500.

We are thinking of having a clean-up there the weekend of April 8-9.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have \$5517.78 in the account, and about \$50.00 plus change in cash. That is up SHARPLY from last year.

OTHER ITEMS: We'll be at the Gem & Mineral Show - June 18-19, this time at the Fairgrounds.

Shall we have a coin hunt in July?

If anyone wants to metal detect an old plane wreck, he/she should contact Steve's Furniture in Rapid.

Our Ghost Town tour - should we try to have another one like last year's Hole-in-the-Wall tour? Perhaps Bighorn Battlefield? Also, maybe the sapphire mine in Montana?

Meeting adjourned about 11:45 am.

Wallace Slattery
for Nyla Potter



WILD & WOOLY DAYS IN THE OLD BLACK HILLS

by
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

Scott (Quick Shot) Davis

We all know about famous or infamous personages of the old Black Hills, such as Wild Bill Hickock or Calamity Jane. Well, there were plenty of other characters, and perhaps I can bring them back to "life" with some yarns about their deeds and misdeeds.

Scott Davis (also known as Quick Shot) started driving freight wagons into the Hills from Cheyenne in 1876. He was driving a twenty-mule team near the Hat Creek stage station when he and other freighters were attacked by Lakota Sioux Indians. Together they held off the Indians until the US Cavalry arrived, allowing them to proceed on their way.

Afterwards he became a shotgun messenger on treasure stage coaches, usually riding up top with the driver. That - along with other armed guards - wasn't enough to deter robbers - the stakes were too seemingly good. On September 26, 1876, the stage was held up by Dunc Blackburn and James Wall near Jenny Stockade. Davis was shot in the thigh, but two months later was back on the job.

Davis was a tough hombre. That November Blackburn and Wall stole eight horses from the stage company.

Taking five soldiers along, Davis pursued them on a 375-mile trip, culminating in his capturing the two road agents west of South Pass in Wyoming. By that time he had left the soldiers alone, and he was alone. It didn't matter; he brought the men back by train to Cheyenne. When he arrived with his charges, he was surprised to see a big crowd gathered to see the man with enough gumption to capture two armed bandits by himself!

In 1878 Davis led a posse after two road agents after a big Canyon Springs robbery. It is believed he led in the lynching of two men found hanging near the Jenny Stockade. It worked - they never robbed another stage line!

Scott Davis lived a long, full life, serving as a special guard for the Union Pacific Railroad and as a livestock inspector, passing away in 1927 in Denver. May his bones rest in peace.

From BAD BOYS OF THE BLACK HILLS

Wallace Slattery

Next Outing is April 16th at the Garnet Claims Area Starting at 9am
This time it is a Bring Your Own Lunch.
Be sure to remember to wear your ID cards (we will be checking)

Photos From March Meeting and Sport Show



New photos coming soon....
You can see all the photos from
past years on our website.

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ALSO VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com

Our Next Outing
will be...

Regular Monthly Outing

Date: April 16th

Place: Garnet Claims Area

Time: 9 AM

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