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

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

Meeting Hi-Lites

June 25th 2011

The meeting at Richard & Kathy Brandiger's Iron Creek claim started a little after 12 pm with about 40 club members that came to pan. Nelda sold raffle tickets and sold squares for a raffle to win a beautiful quilt made by Nancy Skoglund.

Mike welcomed 3 new members, thanked Richard and Kathy for use of the claim. Richard offered advice on the ways to prospect. Everyone was told to watch out for Mountain Lions. Vice-President Wally was out of town visiting family.

Old Business

Gem & Mineral Show did ok, not as much attendance as last year but 4 new members & a couple renewals.

Zortman Montana – Mike will find out when the club can go, as well as motel & camping. Contact Mike about reservations.

New Business

New claim is the Park Placer, panning and sluicing only. Next outing July 16th will be at the new claim. More info on how to get there will be sent in the mail to all current members. Please wait till you get this information before calling about questions on how to get there. The page for the member booklet will have a map and directions just like the other claims in the booklet have. The July 16th outing will be opening day for use of the claim, not before.

Lew Wight offered to sell the club one of his claims, as of this meeting he was out of the hospital but moving slowly. Mike bought an HD video camera and plans on filming outings to make a DVD on the club and prospecting. The year-end party will be at the same place as last year (the American Legion in Rapid City) also discussed other places but the vote was to go back to the Am. Legion. If you have any suggestions for the Mega raffle contact Mike or Nelda

Treasury Report – about \$5,700 (this doesn't include the Gem Show or today's money)

Other business – We need a new secretary
(someone closer to Rapid City)

Meeting adjourned about 12:45pm

Nelda then held the raffle

Nyla Potter Secretary



WILD & WOOLY DAYS IN THE OLD BLACK HILLS

by
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

NAUGHTY WOMEN

There were plenty of them in the old Black Hills, usually working as prostitutes in the various houses in and around mining camps. They and their shenanigans contributed so much to the news in the papers that wives and "nice" young ladies were actively discouraged from reading the newspapers. But should one of the "better sort" pick up a paper, she was treated to a different set of innuendoes.

The word the paper avoided was "prostitute." Instead, a wide variety of words, including "soiled doves, Cyprians, daughters of joy, daughters of sin, sporting women, notorious women," were used, including many more. The Black Hills Times would sometimes comment that Madam Mollie Johnston had welcomed a new group of "bankers daughters" to her place.

And of course these women did not work in brothels, but in "sporting houses, disorderly houses," or even "boarding houses," run by liquor dealers, etc. And the madams kept their "fancy men" close by to handle any problems that might arise with boisterous customers.

One thing you might find interesting:

the proper ladies, by unspoken custom, avoided going to town on Monday afternoons. That was the time when the "ladies of joy" would do their shopping - paying cash, of course. Incidentally, if two of the assorted women - good and not-so-good - would meet on the street (something to avoid at all costs), they would give each other a formal nod, and let it pass at that.

It's hard to believe that these houses existed in Deadwood until the late 1970's, closed down by the IRS, I understand. You can still see manikin "girls" on display in the upper stories of buildings along the lower main street in Deadwood, in memory of the "good old days!"
From Bad Boys of the Black Hills

Wallace Slattery

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO ALL !!!

A lot of people have been prospecting on private BHPC claims thinking they are G.P.A.A. claims. This should clarify what claims belong to each club.

The G.P.A.A. claims in the Black Hills area are :

Migg - Mary-Ann - Rainbow - Husker

You must be a member of the G.P.A.A. to prospect on these claims.

The Private BHPC claims in the Black Hills area are :

The Garnet Area Claims - 4-Leaf Clover

Forrest Gem - Park Placer

You MUST be a CURRENT BHPC member to prospect on these claims.

FAIR WARNING !

If You are not a current BHPC member and are caught prospecting on a private BHPC claim you will be arrested for mineral trespass! We have been working close with the Forrest Service, DENR, and local law enforcement to prospect according to the laws. Law enforcement is sent a monthly update of members that are allowed on the claims, if you are not on the list you will be detained and/or arrested.

Ghost Town Tour

YOU SHOULDA BEEN THERE....

Well, those 35 people who went would have told you as much. We gathered together at Stampers at 9 am, June 4, got organized under Bill Swanson's leadership, and then off we went.

At the Calumet mine works we met the owner, Gareth Patton, and went to "work." Our first stop was at the smelter, where Gareth showed us the shaker table (INTERESTING!) the auger, the Buddha diesel engine, and other interesting artifacts. Then we traveled through a deep adit - mine shaft back 1,000 feet. You could smell the sulfur all through the shaft, and incidentally, we were ready for showers when we got home. We all smelled like H--I - literally! Incidentally, we got to crawl on our hands and knees at one point. It was fascinating, especially when we turned off our lights - we couldn't see our hands in front of our noses.

Then we went to a tailings pile, and out with our metal detectors. All of us, of course, were convinced we were finding valuable gold samples. Then we visited the top of the shaft that funneled down 300 feet to the end of the shaft we had gone through. Incidentally, there's a nearly new-condition jeep way down that shaft. Anybody? My understanding is that some kids took it up there years ago, and the jeep suddenly decided to "drop in." Thank God the kids managed to jump free.

After that we all went prospecting for some of the fascinating rock samples in around there, and they were great. Here's a list of what I saw: gold pyrites (possible gold ore), rich silver ore (soft!), copper ore galore, turquoise, cobalt, and cinnabar (mercury ore). Gareth Patton tells me he is working on a partnership with various mining companies to re-open the mine. Based on what I saw, it could be a real bonanza.

Our best wishes to you, Gareth, and thank you for a fine tour.

Incidentally, you shoulda heard Bill Swanson's stories of the homestake mine, and how rich it actually is!

Wow! Can you imagine floors of solid native gold, so that a steel framework had to be built over them to support the tracks for the ore cars? And giant boulders of gold. Let me at them!

Well, come along next time, friends; Bill has a lot more to show us.

Wallace Slattery

Around the Potbelly Stove - Tip of the Month



How to Tell Iron Pyrites and Mica from Real Gold

They can really fool us sometimes, can't they? But an old prospector will tell you that if you are a little confused by them, shade them - put your hand between them and the sun. The mica flakes and iron pyrites will lose most of their luster - "shine" - while gold will continue to shine brightly.

Wallace Slattery

Gem & Mineral Show 2011



Iron Creek Outing 2011



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

www.blackhillsp prospectingclub.com





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ALSO VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com

Our Next Outing
will be...

Regular Monthly Outing

Date: July 16th

Place: New Claim the Park Placer

Time: 9 AM

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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