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Welcome New Members

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BHPC Officers

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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

An **IMPORTANT** Message from the Club President !

Back in April we did some reclamation work at the Garnet including re-seeding of the area along the creek. Signs as well as logs were put up to let everyone know to **stay out** of this area. This is the area from the foot bridge up the creek to the main retaining pond where the main walking/ATV trail goes back down to the creek.

Even with all the signs and logs blocking the small walking path that was along the creek from the foot bridge going up stream there has still been people going into this area that is clearly marked **Stay Out.**

If this continues, and **anyone** that is caught in this area (either walking or prospecting) by an **officer** or on **camera**, your membership will be **revoked immediately !**

To put it simply, from the foot bridge up stream to the main retaining pond there is to be **NO walking, digging, panning or sluicing** along this section of the creek, **IT IS OFF LIMITS!!!**

Please respect the hard work and cost that it took to do the reclamation and **READ** signs posted on the claim.

To get to and from the dig area Follow the large, well used walking/ATV trail. Remember, **ANYONE** caught in this or any other area clearly marked **Keep Out** your membership will be **revoked immediately !**

Mike Borden, BHPC President



WILD & WOOLY DAYS IN THE OLD BLACK HILLS

by
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

From BAD BOYS OF THE BLACK HILLS

JOHNNY OWENS

One very noticeable aspect of the old days in the Black Hills is that many people combined both very GOOD and very BAD traits. Johnny Owens was a perfect example. Johnny was a professional gambler, a mean man with a six-shooter, but also one of the most respected men in Wyoming Territory. And he went on to become sheriff of Weston County, serving for 14 years.

Johnny was completely honest, didn't smoke or drink, and kept himself well-groomed and physically fit. Everyone respected him. Yet he started out in this country managing a "hog ranch" near Fort Laramie - one of the worst of the lot. He moved on to manage the Chug Springs stage station 200 miles down from Deadwood until the stage line moved its stop elsewhere. Owens was an outstanding marksman; in 1876 he joined in a shooting match with Wild Bill Hickock, BEATING him in rifle marksmanship! He was known as a quick, dead shot.

Johnny thwarted the last attempt to rob the Deadwood-Cheyenne in 1885. He was tipped by the stage line's owner, Russell B. Thorp, that robbers had been overheard plotting to rob it of its federal soldiers' payroll. He overtook the stagecoach and joined the driver, riding "shotgun." He sat on the boot, with his rifle across his boot, and two six-shooters cinched on. Shortly they were accosted by the robbers, who gave out the standard "Stand and deliver." Owens said, "Not tonight, boys," and the bad boys took off! Owens opened a saloon and dance hall in Lusk, Wyoming, in 1886, but three years later he moved up to Newcastle, where he opened the House of Blazes, a saloon whose name probably came from the number of times guns fired inside.

In 1892 Owens was elected Weston County sheriff, serving for 14 years. He is credited of killing 20 men along the way - always in self defense.

We today may shake our heads at the "mixed bags" many of these people represented, but we can thank them for helping settle this country down to lives of law and order. Perhaps there is a lesson for us today!

Wallace Slattery

UPDATE ON LEW WIGHT

(as of 4/18/2011)

I visited with Lew Wight at the Rapid City Regional Medical Center Saturday afternoon after the club meeting.

Most of us doubtless know that he had surgery to remove a cancer from his tongue. He looked good! He was sitting up in bed, entertaining other visitors from our club, talking about going back to his claim near Mystic. The old spark is back, and he told us he dearly loves working on the claim, as if we didn't already know. He does have a little difficulty speaking, no surprise, but we had no problem understanding him.

I discussed bringing my class members to his claim with Lew, and he got downright animated, telling me how much he would love to see them and show them the ropes.

Lew does expect to go home shortly, within a week or two. Can't wait to see you on the claim, on that 4-wheeler, Lew. We'll be very happy to work with you again.

Wallace Slattery

MEETING Hi-Lights for 4/16/11

Meeting was called to order about 11:15am by Mike Borden, Club President.

Old Business: Mike mentioned that we are finishing re-affiliating with the GPAA, including memberships for club officers.

Wally mentioned that his new Prospecting club would start next Thursday, April 21, and that it is full, with a waiting list.

The Good One claim - we have learned from the Forest Service that it is on a Botanical area; therefore no mining improvements will be allowed. Therefore we have decided to allow the claim to lapse. Meanwhile, we intend to set up one or more new claims in the northern hills near Sturgis to take its place.

New Business: Our next meeting will be at the Husker claim, southwest of Sturgis on May 21.

Jim and Sally Olson plan to barbeque beef brisket in return for donations. A word from an old hand to new ones: MMMM! The Olson's barbeque is VERY popular with club members!

Mike also mentioned that we are hoping to get a trip organized to the Zortman, Montana, area. We had a trip there years ago and were very pleasantly rewarded with some excellent gold. Mike will follow up on this.

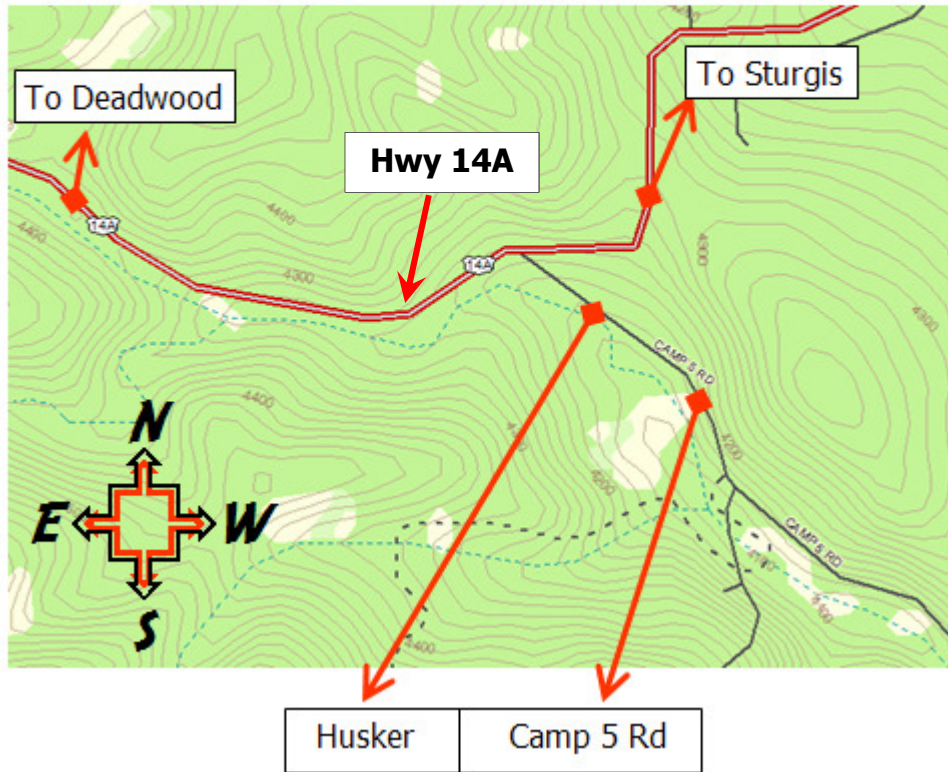
The short meeting adjourned about 12 noon.

Wallace Slattery
for Nyla Potter, Secretary

Next Outing - Saturday, May 21st - 9AM

GPAA Husker Claim

From Sturgis, Travel North on Bolder Canyon road about 5.5 Miles and turn left onto Camp 5 road. Follow the road about 800 ft to the creek crossing and look for claim signs.



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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ALSO VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.blackhillsp Prospectingclub.com

Our Next Outing
will be...

Regular Monthly Outing

Date: Saturday, May 21st

Place: GPAA Husker Claim

Time: 9 AM

Don't forget to bring plenty of drinking water so you don't get dehydrated and bring your lunch too!

May 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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