



### UPDATE -

#### EXEMPTING SMALL MINING OPERATIONS

Just a quick note to inform our members that we officers are in contact with Representative Fred Romkema and others to get legislation exempting small mining operations from state environmental regulations passed. We expect to carry out a conference call with Rep. Romkema in the near future, and will carry out further activities as needed. We will keep our membership posted as things progress.

### BHPC Officers

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

## Don't forget to send in your RSVP by October 1st for the Year-End Party !

or contact Mike or Andy for more info.

## FALL 2011 GHOST TOWN TOUR

Folks, this time it's the northern Hills! I just talked with Bill Swanson, and he is working on a ghost town tour of, among other places, Crook City (one of the very earliest towns in the Black Hills, and Terry (where Calamity Jane worked and died). Now this ain't all written in concrete, but, knowing Bill, our trip will be spectacular all the same. Just put him to work on a tour, and watch the results.

We'll meet at the Exxon gas station off of I-90 at Exit 32, 9 am Saturday, October 1. Just get off there and head toward Sturgis - about .2 mile and you're at the Exxon station.

Incidentally, if you haven't already taken Bill's Ghost Town classes (see community education), you've really missed something special. I fervently believe they oughta be **REQUIRED** for Black Hills area residents.

See you at the Ghost Towns tour!

Wallace Slattery



## Wild & Woolly Days In The Old Black Hills

by  
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

### WYATT EARP'S BLACK HILLS SERVICE

You may not be aware that legendary lawman Wyatt Earp spent the winter of 1876-77 in Deadwood. He hoped to find a fortune in gold, but quickly concluded that the best spots were already staked out. He then seems to have tried his hand at cards, but earned his best living that winter cutting and selling wood.

However, he seems to have provided a Deadwood public service on at least one occasion in June 1877, and here's the story.

Earp's reputation as a lawman had preceded him, and he was hired by the stage line Gilmer, Salisbury, and Patrick as a stagecoach guard; in fact they advertised that he was their guard for the stage run. The stage line was to take out the "spring cleanup" of gold, amounting to \$200,000 (almost \$20 million today). The line didn't bother to mention that Earp would be carrying revolvers, a repeating rifle, and a sawed-off shotgun. Actually Earp was likely one of several stage guards, since noted stagecoach driver Johnny Slaughter had been killed only three months previously.

The coach left on time for Cheyenne, but Earp afterward claimed he noticed

several riders shadowing the coach on both sides. Well, Earp was a man who preferred to take quick and decisive action: he shot and killed one of the bad guys' horses. Being willing to take a hint, the highwaymen decided not to demand, "Stand and deliver," but took off for more hospitable parts. The stagecoach made it to Cheyenne without further incident. Earp didn't spend a lot of time in the "Hills," but he is still another notorious Western hero - or anti-hero - who left tracks in Deadwood. May his memory be kept by our children and grandchildren.

From Bad Boys of the Black Hills...And some Wild Women too



#### 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



## Black Hills Prospecting Club

Sept. 17, 2011

### Minutes

**B.H.P.C.** met at the "Garnet" claim site Sat. 9-17-11 with Pres. Mike Borden calling meeting to order at 11:29 a.m. welcoming new members and visitors.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**MIKE** informed members that we are awaiting paperwork to finalize our new claim called "**BF1**" Claim (Brian Fagnan) located on French Creek. Mike thanks Gordon for meeting with Brian. Gordon stated a concern that with 160 acres, we may need more partners. Mike referenced the BLM Handbook.

Our "Garnet" site neighbor, Jeff Haberstroh has graveled the road leading to this claim site. Mike has committed to him that we will split the cost of this with him (approx. \$500.00) The Club has had a sign vandalized which needs to be fixed. Mike is ordering new signs and discussion included where to place the new signs.

An update on the Sun Valley Mining Company involved in selling fraudulent claims (including our own Four Leaf Clover Claim and an attempt to sell Jewel Cave), in which reports to proper authorities have been made. The result is we were told this is a "civil matter" leading now to the attention of the F.B.I. to investigate further. Other alleged infractions include:

improper marking of claims; inappropriate filing; invalid claims; etc.

Some names of the holding companies (in Hawaii as well) include: Tulip; Rosemary; ABC; Black Diamond; Blue Moon Caves; Rock Properties, etc. Due to attempts to sell these on EBAY and mailings crossing state lines, interstate involvement earns the FBI interest.

Hillarie Jackson is a Lands and Minerals Specialist with the Northern Hills Ranger District-Black Hills National Forest. She provides us with a website which is:

[www.ic3.gov/default.aspx](http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx)

Mike encourages members to report any known fraudulent activity they become aware of from persons you are in contact with or learn of suspicious claim sales, etc. Attempt to get their names and phone numbers which will help the effort of the authorities.

#### Officers Reports

VP Wally S. presented a handout which was read aloud to all present members discussing the proposal and approval was given to contact legislators/legislation in Pierre as soon as possible. The handout is titled "DEFINITION OF CASUAL/RECREATIONAL MINING" in which members responded to very positively and general consensus was that this is a good start. Eastern SD leg. Contact = Jim DeBoer Western SD leg. Contact = Fred Romkena. Wally offered thanks for the hardworking committee members and stated that this was also derived from Montana's rules. This is to be effective immediately upon approval of the lawmakers.

Wally's fall class is full and begins on Sept. 29 at White-wood. He announced that 2 more classes are planned for Spring 2012. Update on Bill Swanson's **Ghost Town Tour** is set for **OCT. 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**RICHARD N.** on SAFETY! "Don't let your dirt hang over your head." Be aware of safety as you prospect. {JEFF and ANDY = no report at this time.}

**NELDA T.** Quilt Raffle reminder and Year End Party needs a count for catering. Please RSVP by Oct 1.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Y.E.P. = Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at American Legion (Rapid City) from 5-6 p.m. Social Hour; 6-11 p.m. Dinner and gala events including a Chinese Raffle; Live Auction; Silent Auction; Mega Raffle; GOLD; silver rounds; knives; pick; sluice; etc. The theme is to dress in the 1970's. Cost = \$ 15.00 p/person Children 12 and under = free. FOOD = Ham; Chicken; Roast Beef; Mashed potatoes w/ gravy; relishes; meat/cheese goodies. **DEADLINE = OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
*Mike Borden is up for re-election.*

**Treasurer's Report** = \$ 5,227.00 as of 9-16-11. **GOLD NUGGET WINNERS** were **Bob Hamm** and **Jean Holly**. The 50/50 Raffle winner was Wally Slattery = \$ 32.00.

#### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

How much was the bond on this Garnet Claim?

A: \$ 1,000.00

Dan R. is donating a hand suction dredging tool to the Y.E.P. prizes. LuAnn and Mike Denke also donated an A.T.V. cover as well for a prize.

**JANUARY 2012** = The first winter meeting will be the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of January** located at **Cabela's**. Meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary LuAnn M. Denke

## Next Outing

Fall Ghost Town Tour

Date: Saturday, October 1

Time: 9 am

Place: Exxon gas station off of I-90 at Exit 32

Bring your own lunch

## Year-end Party

Date: Saturday, October 8

Time: 5 PM

Place: American Legion Post 22

818 E. St Patrick Street

Rapid City SD



## Around the Potbelly Stove - Tip of the Month



### Other Minerals and Gold

We often note that quartz is usually found with gold. That's because the same geological forces that deposited gold on the surface brought the quartz along with it.

When gold prospecting look for yellowish and reddish stains on the rocks. Those come from iron and copper oxides that work together to create the black sand we so often encounter with gold. Being heavy, these materials will work their way down with the gold bearing gravel. Where do we find the most gold? You already know the answer, don't you? Along the bedrock. A number of us have found excellent gold in Lew Wight's latest claim he has been exploiting. The rocks - bedrocks - are full of those yellowish and reddish stains. This ol' prospector will continue to look for places that are full of these stains; and you might be wise to watch for them too.

Wallace Slattery

### Black Hills Prospecting Club August 20, 2011 Minutes

BHPC met at the "Garnet" site Saturday, August 20, 2011. Pres. MIKE Borden called meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. welcoming new members and guests. NEW BUSINESS MIKE has updated information; filed claim papers; explored maps to the BLM when in Billings MT. He has begun to build a rapport with the people there. Recreational Mining in the Black Hills V.P. WALLY Slattery spoke about the laws of Recreational Miners. The committee to work on this is set up to meet on Aug. 27, 2011 at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Rapid City at 3 p.m. Committee members include Mike Borden; Wally S.; Gordon; Bob Hamm; Andy; Ken; Richard Brandiger and Jeff. The Ghost Town Tour with Bill Swanson is set for either Oct. 1 or 2. ANDY G. reported a need for a different service provider as what we have is hard to access. We will have to wait until next July due to technical issues. Andy advised members that all should have received the map of Park Placer? and should place in your membership booklet. (In July newsletter the road no. is wrong but corrected in the Aug. newsletter). Andy indicated to watch for the ?L? shaped signs re: mineral rights. The new membership booklets coming along fine. Reminder: Membership runs from Jan. 1 ? Dec. 31 you may renew membership at any time. [Richard Nash = no report. Jeff was here earlier but was on call and had to leave.] A new incentive is the ?50/50 Raffle? which means 50% of the cash goes to the winner and 50% goes to the club. The club received \$45.00 today. Sunset Valley in Minnesota filed mining claims on EBAY over the ?4 Leaf Clover? site listing it as ?For Sale.? A certified letter has been sent to them. This letter was read aloud to members. We have requested a ?Quick Claim? on this or further action will be taken. The BLM Law Enforcement and Forest Service have been notified of this. A Kimberly Anum is said to be behind the holding companies. (Other names referenced were Tom Metzger (or Edger); Goldsmith; Wyoming Chapter ? Mystic claim; Jim Knudson claim). Discussion on the club having an attorney was raised. One name suggested was Larry Von Wald or a legal person from Belle Fourche as a resource as well. Andy mentioned that some fraudulent activity seems to be going on as new members stated they had bought claims. The public is being misinformed as to ownership; filing claims; etc. Brian Fagnan has a claim on Fr. Creek to donate to the club which we will be looking into some more. NELDA T. Reminds all of the YEP (Year End Party) on Oct. 8th in Rapid City at the American Legion Club. Tickets are \$15.00 p/person / Kids 12 and under are free. The theme: the 1970's and we need an RSVP for the catering count. This will be catered by Am. Legion and the menu consists of relishes; meat/cheese; roast beef; chicken; ham; mashed potatoes w/ gravy. Reviewed items for Mega raffle are: gold; knives; silver round; sluice; pick; etc. Social hour = 5-6 p.m. Dinner = 7-11 p.m. Please check your newsletter which will have a form in it to register for the Y.E.P. OLD BUSINESS THANK YOU to Paul Gates for a \$ 1,000.00 donation =) The Zortman MT trip was Aug. 6-13th. Members attending were Nelda/Ken; Mike B.; Jeff; Lynn; Wally A very positive experience was reported finding good gold (they did show it to us); history of Zortman and Zandusky (father/son); how to get there; places to stay; costs involved, etc. All look forward to going again next year. Next outing will be a pot luck meal. Andy reminds refers you to the newsletter to see who brings what using an alphabetical letters. NEXT OUTING: Will be at the Garnet site on Sat; Sept. 17th Balance in Account = \$ 5,300.00 with today's checks amt. of \$ 600.00 total = \$5,900.00 TODAY's two gold nugget winners are: (#205-409) Ed Hardesty and (#209-487) Michelle Snyder GENERAL INFORMATION \*\*\*ALERT\*\*\*Member DON COSGROVE'S membership has been revoked due to repeated warnings and safety violation issues (digging where not supposed to; fuel leaking into the creek; etc.) via certified letter. He will be arrested if found on a claim but please notify authorities on this. He does have a gun. He is described as having a long beard and drives a little blue pickup. \*\*\*\*\* WALLY will be offering his class in late Sept. in Whitewood once again =) Wally promoted us when he costumed up as a Prospector to those visiting Deadwood. Three cheers or more for our Wally! Members questions: 1. Can we get a larger high banker? A. Mike will check w/authorities. 2. Why did we let that one claim go? A. It was due it being a botanical area Dan Radomski announces he has several items for sale. Deb will provide a list for Andy to put on the website. Mike thanks goes to whoever the someone was that dug a hole in the creek. Tip: Hit claims that lose water early first Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m. Submitted by ?New? Secretary (who offers apologies for the delay); LuAnn M. Denke

## Photos From Sept 17th at the Garnet



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

[www.blackhillsp Prospecting Club.com](http://www.blackhillsp Prospecting Club.com)





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

Our Next Outing  
 will be...

**Fall Ghost Town Tour**

Date: Oct 1  
 Place: Meet at Exxon Station off I-90 exit 32  
 Time: 9 AM

**Year-end Party**

Date: Oct 8  
 Place: American Legion Post 22 (see inside)  
 Time: 5 PM

**October 2011**

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