

# THE GOLD PAN NEWS<sup>®</sup>

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### Welcome New Members

Brian Bergman  
David Ramberg  
Kurt Meyer  
Richard Meyer  
Gary Sexton  
Theo Wynant  
Robert Draine  
Nathan Hayden  
Robert VanLeuven

### BHPC Officers

President	Mike Borden (605) 341-0483
Vice President	Wallace "Wally" Slattery (605) 717-1512
Treasury	Dean Duncan (605) 350-6364
Secretary	LuAnn Denke (605) 342-0005
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Claims Safety	Richard Nash
Club Photographer	Michelle Snyder
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 Hi-Lights

Black Hills Prospecting Club January 21, 2012 Minutes B.H.P.C. met at Cabela's with 73 persons attending. Members signed in indicating member or new member. Meeting began at 10:00 a.m. with V.P. Wally Slattery presiding. Officers present were Jeff G.; LuAnn D.; Michelle S.; Richard Nash and Andy G. (later). REPORTS Richard Nash advised members of an extreme safety issue when there is digging under the bank or tunneling. Please do not tunnel undercutting the bank. Andy G. has new membership booklets available to hand out today. Mike B. will now be taking over responsibilities for the Club Equipment trailer. There is now a new P.O. Box for all mailing to be sent to in order to consolidate mailings and communications.

OLD BUSINESS Wally S. let members know the Year End Party was very good. NEW BUSINESS Wally S. outlined 2 laws we want passed in SD Legislature: 1. Allow Recreational Miner to use a high-banker up to 5 horse power; and 2. Allow us a mining permit. Wally S. and Mike B. have set up a meeting with Dept. of Environmental Resources for the purpose of introducing a bill. Wally explained this will be a "Permit for Gravel Removal" and read sections of the proposed law to members. Members voted on each section read as acceptable. (Contact Wally Slattery for more specifics on exact wording, etc.) Discussion ensued on topic of high water mark; clarification of specifications; Also, operating without a permit = a misdemeanor. The Federal Government has the right to come in and check on us. UPDATE: Wally S. and Mike B. will be attending and presenting (thanks to Fred Romeka) to SD Legislators our proposed bill on Thursday; February 9, 2012 in Pierre SD. The Southern Gem site has been withdrawn from B.H.P.C. Refer questions to Andy G. The Four-Leaf Clover site is in need of a permit. Issues cited included: Overhang conditions 4 Leaf Clover ? continued 1. An "OMG" hill with a very steep angle and is a very bad road; 2. The tunneling overhangs are dangerous; (please knock down overhangs); 3. This site is not club owned. It is owned by Nick; Jeanine and Devon. Update on the Garnet site: 6 loads of gravel have been added to that road. Our new claim called "BF#1" Claim (Brian Fagnan) located on French Creek. Brian is in the process of marking the site. There MAY be a MAY outing which would include our new members! Wally Slattery has announced that this is his last year as Vice President. The consensus of members request Wally to please stay with us until we see through this legislation. Wally has agreed to do this. Mike Denke led the group in honor applause to let Wally know just how much we do love him! UPCOMING EVENT NEEDING VOLUNTEERS: The Sports Show is set for Feb. 10-12 at the Civic Center. LuAnn sent a sign-up sheet for volunteers to be present at the booth. Mike B. or another officer will contact the volunteer to arrange for dates and times for this. Also, the future date for the Gold Show will be Aug.25-26 of this year at either the Fairgrounds or the Civic Center ... {the last one was 2005 when Tom Massey was there Treasurer's Report = \$6,775.34 as of 01=21=12. GOLD NUGGET WINNERS were Bob Hamm and Jean Holly (new person). The 50/50 Raffle winner was Wally Slattery = \$ 32.00 NEXT MEETING. WILL BE FEB. 18, 2012 AT CABELA'S AT 10:00 A.M.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS Does a motorized vehicle need to be licensed? A: Yes! It doesn't seem fair that the one person who does the drawing of ticket numbers keeps winning gold pieces. The winning person (re: gold pc.) should not be eligible win again until after a pre-determined waiting period. Also, a neutral person should do the drawing(s) in order for fairness to prevail.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

LuAnn M. Denke,

## LEGISLATION PROGRESS

Fred Romkema, South Dakota state legislator from Lawrence County, has introduced House Bill #1262 to simplify and reduce costs of obtaining a permit for gold prospecting/small scale mining. Our sincere thanks to him for this action.

Mike Borden and I met with the DENR Committee January 27 to explain our position on this important matter, and our impression was that the meeting went exceedingly well.

They will remain neutral on this bill, and we are optimistic that this bill can be passed this legislative session.

Could you do all of us a favor? Please call your state legislators and voice your support for HB 1262 easing requirements to obtain a small mining permit. They need to know that this bill follows in the best tradition of America, and it can encourage more small business enterprises in the Black Hills, at a time when they are badly needed.  
Wally Slattery

## DAN RADOMSKI

Sadly, we were just informed by Dan's sister Deb that he has passed away from diabetes. Dan was our club photographer for many years, but beyond that he was a valued and well-liked member of our group, one of those people whom everyone appreciates and respects. Dan was a "whiz" with his Minelab metal detector; he used to love to go up the draw above the Garnet claim, and it seemed that he would consistently come back with one or more nice gold nuggets. He was the envy of the rest of us for his talent with that metal detector, but he worked hard to get the gold. He was also known for his willingness to help out with our club meetings, whether it was to cook our burgers or pitch awnings. If we needed help, we could always count on Dan. Dan, an Air Force veteran, will be buried at the National Cemetery at Sturgis, with a number of club officers attending. God speed, Dan, we will miss you. Happy nugget hunting!

Wallace Slattery

## Jan 21st Meeting at Cabela's



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

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Our Next Meeting  
will be...

### Winter Meeting

Date: Feb 18th 2012

Place: Cabela's in Rapid City

Time: 10 am

## February 2012

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