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Welcome New members

Remember that there is a Buddy list on the website

www.blackhillsprospectingclub.com

There is also a facebook page *BH Prospecting*. Come join us. There are members that can help lead you in the right direction for getting onto the claims.

Some members may even go on an outing with you!

Welcome ! Have fun and may your pans be lined with gold!



Presidents Corner

President comments September 20 ,2015

Black Hills Prospecting Club is completing another successful outing season with great attendance. The club had several new members and with this new membership, many are younger. With this younger membership is the future of the leaders of this club. I want to welcome all the new members and hope to see you out on the claims looking for that gold.

The water on the claims was probably the best the club has seen in a long time. Every claim this year had plenty of water even the Park Placer. The claims are in excellent shape. Signs and claim markers are in very good shape with each claim marked by a gold sign.

I want to thank all the club officers and members for making this a great year. We can make this year even better by attending the **Year-end**

Party on October 3 at The Shrine club. The theme is to dress for the 1872 mining era. There are lots of very nice prizes to be given away following the dinner. Many of business have been very generous in providing some of the great gifts. Just to mention a few of the gifts. Some of sponsors are the following.

Gold Cube Black Hills Jewelry & Prospecting Rapid City ,SD

RDH Power sluice A & B Prospecting Supply Mesa ,AZ

Felix Gourmet Gold Concentrate Wasilla, AK

Many Gold Nuggets Dakota Coin Rapid City ,SD

Gold miner statue Stamper Gold store Rapid City ,SD

Lots more prizes : gold scales, gold pans, camping grills, camping stools ,Gold earring Black Hills Gold cross, Fall colored afghan, scoops, T shirts ,silver rounds ,copper rounds, bucket wobbler and many more gifts.

Mike Borden has resigned from taking care of the Black Hills Prospecting web site .A replacement will be needed. Lu Ann Denke volunteered to be club photographer . Sam Griner resigned as the Claims director. Sam has done a great job as claims director. We thank both Mike and Sam for their work.

Thanks to everyone who made this a great year for the Club.

See you at the Year-end Party

BHPC Officers

President	Gary Mallams (605)390-7491
Vice President	Don Hamm (605)545-0709
Secretary / Treasurer Membership Director	Kathleen Flanagan (605) 388-9484
Claims & Safety Director	POSITION Available
Raffles / Fundraiser & Newsletter	Kristin Draine (605) 716-3422
Equipment Manager	Chris Draine (605)716-3422
Special Activities & Outings Coordinators	Gary Mallams Don Hamm

Please contact the appropriate member with your questions or concerns.



It was Ladies day at the Garnet Saturday. All the Nuggets were won by the Ladies.



**NEWSLETTER
EXTRA**

*If you would like to
add a story or recipe
or share photos
Please send them to
my club e-mail :
kadhillsgold1@
yahoo.com*

*I will try and get it
into the next issue.
**DO YOU WANT TO
RECEIVE A
NEWSLETTER BY
E-MAIL?***

*Please send me an
e-mail with a short
note and I will put
your address into the
newsletter
e-mail list.
Thank You,
Kristin Draine*

*BYOB
Other beverages provided*

2015 Year End Party RSVP

You are cordially invited to the Black Hills Prospecting Club's Year End Party!

Shrine Club
4091 Sturgis Rd
Rapid City, SD

October 3rd
Social hour @ 5pm
Meeting @ 6pm *Dinner and prizes following*

MEGA RAFFLE TICKETS available to purchase. Need not be present to win!

Some Great prizes for prospecting will be available!

Menu by Catered Two

Chef Carved Herb Crusted Beef Eye of Round
with creamy horseradish sauce
Tossed Salad with Veggies and Dressing Choice
Mashed potatoes and gravy
Dinner Rolls and Butter

Chicken Breast with Béarnaise
Green Beans with Bacon, Almonds and Scallions
Sheet Cakes for Dessert
Iced Tea and Coffee

\$15 per person/ Kids 12 and under Free!

Cut below line and return bottom portion with check or money order

Name _____ **Member #** _____

(found on Club ID card)

Total # Attending _____ **Adults \$15** _____ **Kids (free)** _____

_____ **Unable to attend (still want to purchase MEGA RAFFLE TICKETS)**

Enclosed \$ _____ **for Dinner Tickets** **Enclosed \$** _____ **for MEGA TICKETS**

Please return this form with Check or Money order BEFORE Oct. 1

I would like to make a donation to the Club \$ _____

Black Hills Prospecting Club

Attn: YEP

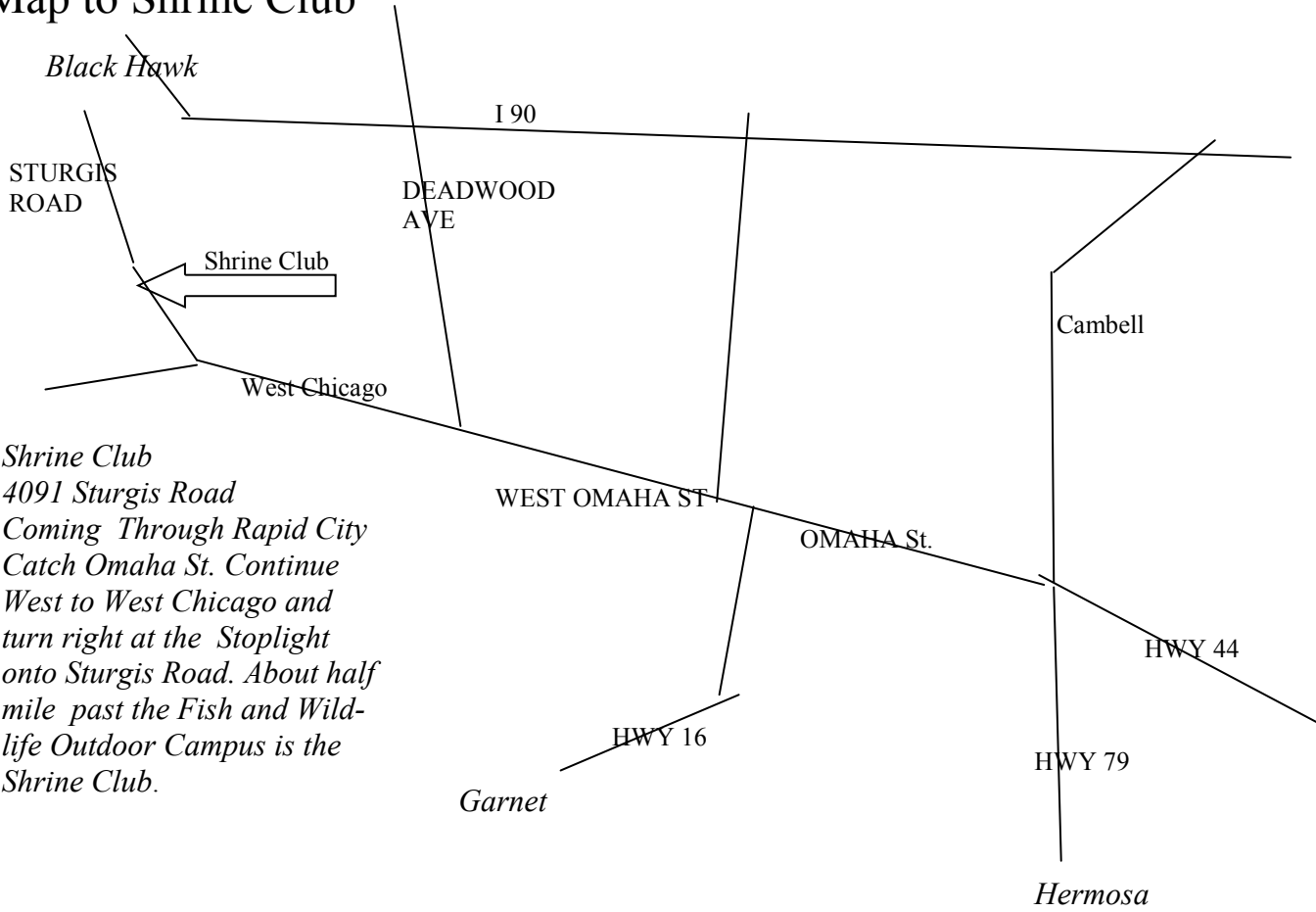
*Mega Tickets
\$2.00 Each*

Box 386

Black Hawk, SD 57718

*Need not be present to win!
It only takes one ticket, to have a chance to win!*

Map to Shrine Club



*Shrine Club
4091 Sturgis Road
Coming Through Rapid City
Catch Omaha St. Continue
West to West Chicago and
turn right at the Stoplight
onto Sturgis Road. About half
mile past the Fish and Wild-
life Outdoor Campus is the
Shrine Club.*

I apologize for my crude map making skills. If you can't find it the night of the party give me a call. Kristin 593-6349



*Sometimes the smallest things
take up the most room in*



*your
heart*



Weight Conversions		
	1 Troy	1 Imperial
	(Ozt)	(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



<https://goo.gl/maps/7inAb49Qoyr>MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am at the Garnet Claim by Gary Mallams with 22 members, 4 guests and 6 officers present. Participation is needed on the USFS plans to shut down roads and trying to eliminate prospecting, mining and other PUBLIC USE. Ken Theil said it would be beneficial to send letters to ALL of our representatives in Washington to let them know how the 300 plus members of the BHPC feel about their activities. Gary Mallams stresses the importance of members getting involved in the comment period for all issues with the USFS concerning all public use, not just mining. Hit them in the pocket book and they will come around. There is currently a comment period on the Wyoming side and we should be heard on that too. The Year End Party is upon us. October 3 at the Shrine Club on Sturgis Road. We need to give the caterer a pretty accurate count for the meal by the 1st of Oct. so please get your RSVP in as soon as possible. Don Hamm and Gary Mallams gave a run-down of some of the great prizes for the MEGA RAFFLE. Tickets are \$2. Each and you don't have to be present to win so everyone has a chance to win even if you can't make it to the party. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!!!

Don Hamm said the author of the book "Black Hills Prospecting" has given us a deal on several of his books to be available to us. Tom also said he would like to include the BHPC in his next update of his new book because of the caliber of our club. This is a great way to promote the club. We need to look at new ways to promote it.

The website should be up and running current soon. Hopefully we will also have more pictures to include on the site. Luanne Denke has volunteered to be the new club photographer. These pictures are important to the club as we have lost some members recently and we can reminisce about them in the club if we have photos.

Reclamation on the Garnet Claim was discussed at length. We had an A+ from the DENR on our last report. It was decided to wait until the creek is drier to do it. The current area of mechanical use was discussed and it was stated that there is still a LOT of gold lying on the bedrock just waiting to be found.

Sam Griner gave a report on the existing claims: Park Placer has no water again which is usual for this time of year. He said there is gold at the point of origin on the claim; BF-1 has an issue with the entrance road off the Upper French Creek road to the claim. There are many washed out large rocks and gullies washed out to get high-centered on; VSP 1&2 has been getting a few washed out areas on the road also but there is good fine gold there if you are willing to work for it; The Garnet is another one you have to look at the strata to decide where to dig but there is good gold there too, especially on the bedrock. Some of the bedrock is only a foot deep so keep on digging.

After Sam Griner, claims director, gave his report he surprised everyone by handing in his resignation of an officer of the club. He has been diligent in working with the USFS for ALL prospecting issues but is retiring. Thank you Sam for your service. This position is open if anyone would like to volunteer for it. All the officers are volunteers in the BHPC but any extra time you can donate is appreciated.

The porta potty and trailer was put up for sale at the August meeting. It was sold to Sis Sanders at this meeting. She also joined the club. Welcome Sis and thank you.

Gary mentioned the possibility of a claim on Box Elder creek again. Hopefully we can get this checked out and some movement on it by the Spring prospecting season. The claim at the end of the Garnet was claimed by Sam Griner. The BHPC did not wish to claim it due to the infraction of so many people upon the ranchers property and did not wish to cause him any duress upon his pasture.

Treasurers report: \$3497.98

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 followed by another delicious and plentiful pot-luck lunch. The pot-luck is a much appreciated event at all of our outings. If any of you would like to submit those recipes for our newsletter please email kadhills-gold1@yahoo.com. We also have a very active facebook page at BHprospecting which lets you keep in touch with other members.

Nuggets won by: Shirley Winstead, Sandy Hannan and Kathleen Flanagan

50/50 was won by Nelda Theil \$32.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE YEAR END PARTY OCTOBER 3. COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST 1872 ATTIRE.

*There was an Old Cowboy
That lived in A Barn
He had too Many Horses
But didn't give A Darn
He loved them, And Fed
Them, And Trained
Them to Ride....All
Because he Loved How
It made him Feel Inside*



*YEP the Year End Party is right around the corner...
And the excitement is building!*

*Mega Prizes, All packed up and ready to go...
GOLD CUBE, POWER SLUICE & GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!*

The colors are changing and it's getting Cold,

*Don't forget it's that time of year...
You can now renew your membership
For next year!*

*This is what it is all about! Getting out and enjoying
the time spent on a claim looking for gold!!!*





RNA and BA Mineral Withdrawal #45590

Commenting on this Project

Comments, including anonymous comments, will be accepted at any time. However, comments posted after the close of a designated comment period may not be able to be given full consideration. Anonymous comments and comments submitted after the close of the final designated comment period will not provide the commenter standing for administrative review.

The Forest Service values public participation. Communications from the public regarding this project, including commenter's names and contact information, will be part of the public record.

Submitting Comments

If you wish to submit a comment, please send it to:

Chelsea Monks
Black Hills National Forest All Units
1019 N. 5th Street
Custer SD 57730
chelseamonks@fs.fed.us
1-605-673-9200

Prospectors and fellow Club Members, e-mail
Chelsea Monks
Tell the BHFS that the RNA and BA Mineral Withdrawal #45590 needs to be stopped because of the Bias toward Prospecting and recreational mining.

For more information about the
Mineral and Mining Advisory Council go to :
[http:// www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org](http://www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org)

Who to Contact with Questions or concerns:

Black Hills National Forest Service
www.fs.usda.gov/main/blackhills

SD Senator John Thune
www.thune.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-john

Black Hills Forest Service Head Ranger
Craig Bobzein cbobzien@fs.fed.us

SD Senator Mike Rounds
www.rounds.senate.gov/content/contact-mike

SOPA—Schedule of Proposed Actions
www.fs.fed.us/sopa/forest-level.php/110203

SD Representative Kristi Noem
noem.house.gov/index.cfm/email-kristi

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YEP
 YeeHaw! YeeHaw!
 There are loads
 Of Prizes!
GOLD! GOLD!
 And More **GOLD!**

October 2015

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

