



APRIL MINUTES

Bob Morrison opened the meeting with 30 members present and 4 new members/ visitors.

Nominations for the 2006-2007 Chapter officers were accepted at the April meeting and further nominations will be accepted at the May meeting. The nominations were:

President - Bob Morrison-accepted
Vice President - Lee Beatty-accepted
Treasurer - Ken Wilcox-declined
Don Gochnour-accepted to assist elected Treasurer. Bob Morrison will check with Stan to see if he wants to continue as Treasurer
Secretary - Peggy Stumpf-declined
Pete Somontes-declined
Newsletter - Pete Somontes-accepted
Claims Director - Lyle Shingleton-accepted
Raffle/prize Coordinator - Bob Bruce-accepted
Ass't Raffle Coordinator - John Eggleston-accepted
Activity Chairman - open
Ass't Activity Chairman - Pat Gochnour

More nominations will be accepted in May prior to elections. We need to fill the Secretary position and the Activity Chairman position.

Treasurer's Report - Approx. \$420+ in checking.

April 21st & 22nd will be the meeting in Casper between the State Director and the Chapter Presidents to try to finalize a location for a summer outing with Perry Massey. Lee Beatty will be going and Bob Morrison will also try to be there.

Don Gochour reported that Gary Hawley from Denver will be scheduling another outing to the Central City/Blackhawk area sometime in June. If you've never been to one, it's a very informative and entertaining tour. Gary takes the tour through the Central City/Blackhawk area and the surrounding Gold Towns, plus he is very knowledgeable about the history of the area. More details will be available at a later meeting.

If you're interested in working the Muddy Creek Claim, contact Bob Morrison. Don Schafer will be issuing permission slips for anyone that wants to work the claim. You will need a slip before you will be allowed to work on the claim.

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets to sell or buy at the May meeting. The drawing will be at the Cheyenne Gem Show on May 21st. Tickets are \$1 each and the prizes are:

- 1st - 9.9 gram Venezuelan gold nugget
- 2nd - Wolf Trap Sluice Box
- 3rd - Gold/quartz concentrates & Colorado gold concentrates bag w/pan, snuffer bottle & vial.

Tickets will also be sold at the Gem Show.

The Chapter is also having a separate raffle for a Gold Specimen. The tickets are \$1 each and they will only be sold at the April and May meeting - drawing will be in May

We need volunteers to run the panning booth, a sign up sheet will be at the next meeting.

Gold Prices

Gold rebounded on Friday 21 April after a loss on Thursday.
Gold prices gained \$4.90 closing at \$628 per troy oz.
Silver declined by \$0.125 closing at \$12.40 per troy oz.
Platinum closed at \$1130.70 per troy oz. on the NY spot market on Friday.

Raffle

Raffle Donations: Lee Beatty - 1804 replica gold dollar
Ken Wilcox - small liqueur bottle w/gold flakes

Raffle Winners

bottle w/gold flakes - Don Ashley
Indian Head penny - Cort Schaible
knife set - Jerry Bruce
compact binoculars - Ken Stivers
nugget - Ken Stivers
replica gold dollar - Lyle Shingleton
grill topper - Mike Shepard
gold picker nugget - Dale Fisher

50/50 \$55.00 - George Durako

Nametag - Winchester pocket knife - Cort Schaible

New Book

April 5, 2006; The Wyoming State Geological Survey announced the release of a new publication, Bulletin 72, Minerals and Rocks of Wyoming- A guide for collectors, prospectors, and rock hounds. This book was written by Senior Economic Geologist W. Dan Hausel and replaces WSGS Bulletin 66 published in 1986. The book costs \$10 + 6% sales tax and \$6.00 S&H and can be ordered by phone at 307-766-2286, fax 307-766-2605 or by email at slaes-wsgs@uwyo.edu.

Wilderness First Aid

On 11-12 March I had the pleasure of attending this course at the Farish Recreation Area in Colorado. The course was arranged by Outdoor Recreation at Peterson, AFB and taught by instructors of the Wilderness Medicine Institute (WMI). WMI is part of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) located in Lander, WY. The course is a mix of classroom instruction and hands-on practice. The instructors divided up the class into three groups, each group took a turn as the patient while the other two would act as the rescuers.

The emphasis in each case was determining

- if: 1. Was it safe to approach the patient.
- 2. Method of injury (MOI).
- 3. Establish body substance isolation (i.e. latex gloves, etc.)
- 4. Number of patients.
- 5. Patient's level of awareness.
- 6. Airway management.
- 7. Breathing management.
- 8. Circulation.
- 9. Disability.
- 10. Treatment.

We practiced wound dressing, heat injuries, examination, and patient extraction.

We would receive a classroom presentation on a subject and then do a 'live-fire' drill outside with a patient.

On Sunday a cold front moved in and we were often practicing our newly learned skills in snow squalls. This really added a level of realization to the training.

I'm happy to say that I passed this course and I am waiting for my WFA certification card to arrive. I recommend this class for anyone that is in the backcountry and may have to depend on themselves in an emergency. By the way, the definition of 'backcountry' is if you are at least 1 hour away from medical facilities. I think the Douglas Creek area meets this definition.

If you are interested in taking this class the cost is around \$190, depending on location. Class schedules and locations are available on the NOLS website at www.nols.edu and click on the WMI tab.

Wyoming State Park Pass

Almost all Wyoming state parks require a fee. You can purchase an Annual Daily Use Permit for \$25.00. An Annual Overnight Camping Permit is \$30.00.

Non-Resident fees are \$40 for an Annual Use Permit and \$60 for an Annual Overnight Camping Permit.

Permits are available at the following locations:

Arts, Parks, History Store
2301 Central Ave.
Barrett Building 1st Floor
Cheyenne, WY

Sportsman's Outlet
2115 E. Lincolnway
Cheyenne, WY

Platte County Chamber of Commerce
65 16th Street
P.O. Box 427
Wheatland, WY

PROSPECTORS CACHE

Felix Paydirt Gourmet Gold. Club member
John Eggleston is taking orders for the 2 LB bag
of Felix Paydirt. John orders a case of 10 bags at a
time and receives one free bag which the club uses
as a raffle item. The bags are \$45 (\$40+\$5 Shipping).

If you would like to order a bag or two,

Contact John at 635-0229

Quartz epidote crystals hand dug from
the Fox Park area. Each crystal has been
hand dug, polished and mounted in either a
pair of earrings or as a necklace. Buy separately or
buy them as an earring/necklace set.

Assorted styles available. \$10-15.

Call Louise Morrison 632-7895,

Lmrr3964@aol.com

For Sale: White's Metal Detector w/power
pack and case.

Call Bob or Louise Morrison, 307-632-7895

Center latch louvered tailgate. Fits late
model Chevy or GMC, cost \$313, sell for
\$150. Front mount receiver hitch. Fits most
late model trucks & SUV's, half price, \$50.00

Call Francis Oline, 307-634-1133.

Wanted: 1 1/2" Proline Highbanker/Dredge Combo

Call Dallas Lake at 307-214-5619

LDMA Membership - sells for \$3500 at the gold
shows - all that's needed is to get it transferred to
your name \$2000(buyer pays \$400 transfer fee) or \$2400(Mike pays the fee).

Call Mike Hayes (307) 640-4378

2" Proline Floating Dredge, \$750

Call Dallas Lake at 307-214-5619

If you have items for sale, contact Peggy
Stumpf at 307-632-9945 or email her at circlestar@Yahoo.com OR email Peter Somontes at
psomontes@Yahoo.com to have your ad placed here.

Your ad will also be on the Chapter website.

Cabins for Rent

The USFS has cabins for rent in the Medicine Bow/Hayden National forest. Prices vary depending on the location and size of the cabin.

Most of the cabins are available year-round, however you may need to ski, snowshoe or snowmobile to reach them. For more information go the Internet and check out: www.fs.fed.us/recreation/

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bob Morrison

Vice President: Lee Beatty

Treasurer: Stan Lang

Secretary: Peggy Stumpf

Newsletter Editor: Peter Somontes

Claims Director: Lyle Shingleton

Prizes/Raffles: Bob Bruce & John Eggleston

Store: Ann Lang

Activity Chairman: Pat Gochnour

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting: Tuesday May 2, 7 p.m. Sandalwood's Restaurant, Holiday Inn.

Cheyenne Gem Show: May 20 - 21, Holiday Inn, Cheyenne

Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 7pm, Sandalwood's Restaurant, Holiday Inn, Cheyenne

July - Outing

Gemstones of Wyoming-Geology, Occurrence and Exploration- W. Dan Hausel
Denver Museum of Natural History, May 11th, 7:30 pm.

North American Diamonds
W. Dan Hausel, Wyoming Geological Association, May 19th, noon.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Wyoming Geological Survey
www.wsgs.uwyo.edu

The Perth Mint of Australia

www.perthmint.com
Click on 'Natural Gold Nuggets'
then click on 'About Nuggets and
Gold' for some interesting facts.

Garmin GPS products go to
www.garmin.com

Magellan GPS products go to www.magellangps.com

My website www.geocities.com/psomontes/

Smoky Mountain Knife Works
www.smokymountainknifeworks.com
www.KnifeForASoldier.com

Rocky Mountain National Park www.nps.gov/romo/index.htm

USFS Cabin Rentals www.fs.fed.us/recreation.reservations

National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) www.nols.edu

CLUB STORE

Coffee mugs \$ 5.00
Green pocket T-shirt \$16.00
Other color pocket T-shirts \$10.00
No pocket T-shirt \$ 9.00
GPAA mesh caps \$ 7.50
Chapter caps \$12.00
Green gold pan \$10.00
Black gold pan \$ 8.00
Classifier \$10.00
Scoop \$ 7.00
1/2 oz. vial \$.35 ea. or 3/\$1.00
1 oz. vial \$.40 ea. or 3/\$1.00
Suction tweezers \$.40
Snuffer bottle \$ 3.00

KITS

Black pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$15.00
Green pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$17.00