

JUNE MINUTES

The meeting was opened by President Bob Morrison with 31 members present and 12 guests.

The recent Cheyenne Gen Show was a huge success. The Longmont one did not go well; we actually lost more than we made with the cost of sending three people. This recent one, though, made a profit of \$468.35. Thank you to everyone who helped.

A reminder that every meeting you attend and every activity you attend earns you points that go towards chances for prizes at the end of the year. Also, when joining or renewing membership to GPAA, please let them know to give the Cheyenne Chapter credit. If you attend the Alaska outing, the Cheyenne Chapter should also get a credit of 50 points per person.

An idea was proposed to buy a gold nugget, then sell tickets until we reach over what was paid, then to raffle off the nugget the next month. The idea was motioned and seconded.

Heather Campbell was motioned, seconded, and voted in as the temporary Secretary. She will be unable to fulfill the duties from the months of September through possibly January or February due to military commitments.

Lee attended the meeting about the August outing slated for August 25, 26, and 27. A lot of issues still need to be ironed out before it can go through. Fox Park will be the outing location. The Outdoor Channel is still slated to be there at the moment. Lyle got together hotel information for the area. We might need to offer our own personal equipment to make the outing a success. If anyone is willing to do so, please let Bob know. We would like to get a rough count of how many members will be attending for the USFS permit.

We will hold our July meeting during the July 8 and 9 outing at Douglas Creek. Remember to bring something for the pot-luck after the meeting. The end-of-year raffle will be held. Ideas for prizes are: GPS unit, sluice box, gold nugget, set of scales, gold trapper, trinity bowl, and a used metal detector.

Muddy Creek Claim

Bob is still working on the paperwork for those who want to work the claim. If you would like to get a permission slip get with Bob. The fees will be: \$10 for panning, \$15 for panning and sluicing, and \$25 for panning, sluicing, and dredging. High banking will not be allowed but you can use one as a dredge. Dredging will not be allowed until July 1. Prices are subject to change.

Eight new GPAA claims signs have been made. Dennis donated the T-posts and Dave Fortney donated wood for

the signs.

REMEMBER to have your GPAA Club membership card AND your Prospecting Permit with you while working any GPAA claims. Having a copy of the Club's Mining Guide is NOT proof of active membership. YOU MAY BE CHALLENGED FOR PROPER IDENTIFICATION BY ANY CLUB MEMBER OR FOREST RANGER!

Outdoor Channel Outing

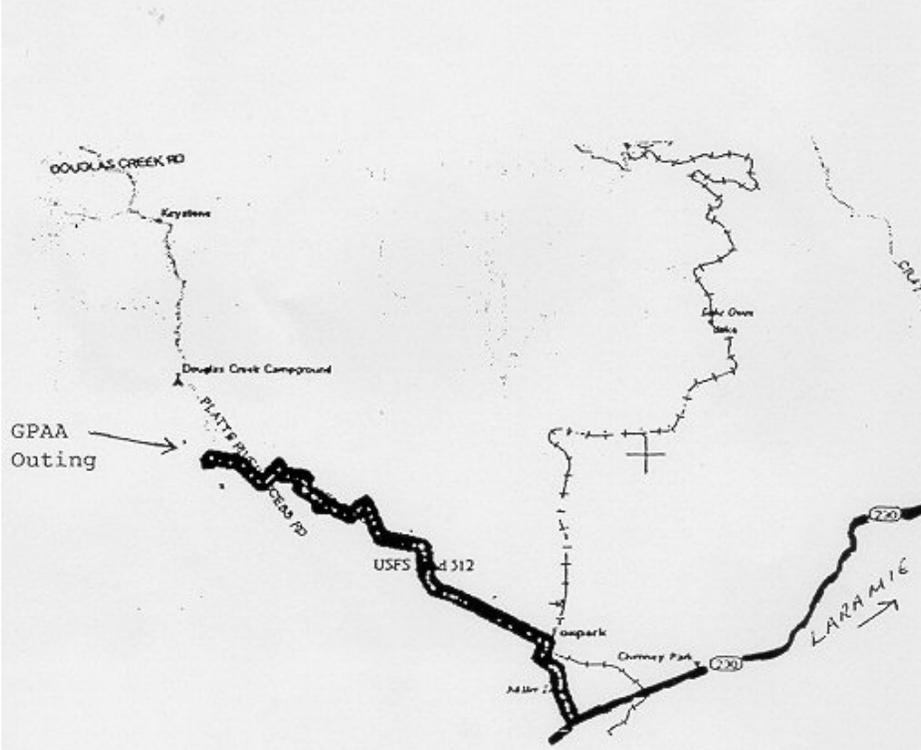
The outing is scheduled for August 25, 26 & 27th at Douglas Creek and is advertised on page 50 of the July/August issue of Gold Prospectors magazine. The Outdoor Channel will be present to film the weekend and will be donating prizes. No word yet if Tom or Perry Massie will be there.

There will be a fee for attending the outing of \$5 for GPAA members (and their families) and \$10 for non-members.

NOTE: We need a head count of how many members will be going to this outing for the USFS Permit. Please contact any of our officers and let them know if you plan to attend.

Map for Douglas Creek Outing July 8 & 9th, 2006

From Laramie take Hwy 230 west for 34 miles to Fox Park turnoff (Route 512), stay on 512 for 7 miles, take the left fork in the road and cross the bridge, the outing will be on the right side of the road in the meadow. Please bring a covered dish for our Potluck after the meeting Saturday.



Dutch Ovens

We have all heard of Dutch Ovens and some of us have even used them. This article is directed toward those that have not tried this fun way to prepare meals.

The Dutch Oven is one of the oldest cooking tools. Pioneers heading west considered their Dutch Ovens among their most valuable possessions. They would abandon furniture, tools, and clothing but not their ovens.

There are two basic types of Dutch Ovens;
A flat bottomed oven with a domed lid is for use in your kitchen at home.

The Camp Oven has three short legs and the lid has a raised lip. The legs allow the oven to stand above hot

charcoal briquettes while the lid's lip allows hot briquettes to be placed on top. Both may be made out of cast iron or aluminum.

As a rule anything that you can cook at home can also be cooked in a Camp Oven. Stew, fry, roast, bake, or deep fry; the Camp Oven can do it all.

Cast iron ovens must be seasoned prior to use. This is done by coating the inside and the lid with cooking oil, lard, shortening, or bacon grease. Turn the Dutch Oven upside down and place the lid on the legs. Bake in a 400 deg. oven for 1 hr. Shut off the oven and allow everything to cool. Wipe the excess oil out with a paper towel. Store the oven either upside down on a ventilated surface or place a rolled up paper towel over the lip and place the lid on. The paper towel will act as a wick to remove moisture and prevent rust.

Never clean the Dutch Oven with soap, it will get into the pores of the cast iron and come back out in your food. If you accidentally use soap then you must scrub out the interior to bright metal and re-season the oven. Dutch ovens come in a variety of sizes from 8 inches up to 14 inches in diameter and 4 to 6 inches deep. The larger sizes allow you to prepare meals for large groups. Use a shallow (4 inch deep) oven for baked goods such as bread, biscuits and cobblers. Use the 6 inch deep ovens for stews and other main dishes.

Using the oven

Wood can be used as a fuel but charcoal works best. Use a good quality charcoal, Match Light charcoal burns up too quickly. I have found that Kingsford charcoal works very well. You can start your charcoal just like in your standard barbeque but I use a charcoal starter. This is a hollow tube with a handle on one side. There is a grid inside the tube. Place crumpled up newspaper in the bottom and the charcoal in the top section. Light the paper and it will start the charcoal. The charcoal starter allows you to precisely count the number of briquettes and gets them red hot in about 15 minutes.

Follow the recipe instructions and prepare your food. If you will be baking then you must determine what the temperature must be, for instance; If you have a 12 inch oven and you need 350 degs. then you would place 25 briquettes on the top and 17-18 on the bottom. The briquettes should be spread out in a checker-board pattern. Don't bunch them together or they will create hot spots.

Always rotate the oven 90 deg. every 10-15 minutes counter-clockwise and the lid 90 deg. clockwise. This helps prevent hot spots and burning.

The lid of a Dutch oven can be turned upside down over charcoal or on a stove and used as a skillet. Since the lid is concave it is perfect for eggs and pancakes, they NEVER run!

If you will be cooking longer than about 40 minutes then you may have to replace some of the coals as they burn down so have more heating up.

To clean a Dutch oven all you need are hot water and a nylon pad or brush. Scrape out any food stuck to the bottom or sides. Add hot water and lightly scrub the interior. Allow the oven to air dry and then coat the entire oven with vegetable oil, inside and out to prevent rust.

Some of the best cast iron ovens are made by Lodge. They are available in natural or Logic. The Logic brand is pre-seasoned at the factory saving you some work. Wal-Mart carries the Lodge 12 inch Camp Oven in their sporting goods department. Each includes some recipes and full instructions, including a temperature chart.

The Sportsman's Outlet on East Lincoln Way in Cheyenne carries a large selection of Camp Stove Brand cast iron ovens and useful accessories such as lid lifters (\$5), gloves, tongs, and lid stands (\$5). Believe me you definitely want the gloves and lid lifter, the tongs are used for moving the briquettes around.

Lowes Home Improvement Center carries a nice charcoal starter for about \$7.

I found a very good cookbook at Barnes & Noble for \$16: The OUTDOOR DUTCH OVEN COOKBOOK by Sheila Mills.

Byron's Dutch Oven website at papadutch.home.comcast.net has some great recipes and tips on using your oven. Byron even tells you how many briquettes to use on the top and bottom. I've tried six or eight of his recipes and each has been great. I'm going to be using my Dutch oven at the outings and you will be able to try some of my cooking at the pot-luck. Until then, as Byron would say "May your coals always be hot!"

Monthly Raffle

Raffle donations: Dave Fortney donated a pink rock pendant necklace and Ann Lang donated a handmade moose draft-dodger.

Raffle winners:

Mary Bolenbaugh - pink rock pendant necklace

Helen Howell - mini illuminated microscope

Tracy McDaniel - set of pliers

Joyce Vassil - tire inflator

Tracie McDaniel - 8mm peridot

Lisa Foreman - 9 1/2 in. knife set

Don Gochnour - 1.9 gram nugget

50/50 - \$60.50 - Don Ashley

Name tag - Handmade moose draft dodger - Maddie Washkevich

GEM SHOW WINNERS

Mike Sohuite - 9.9 gram Venezuelan gold nugget

Karl Pfoor - Wolf Trap Sluice Box

Ken and Jen Wilcox - Gold/Quartz Concentrates and Colorado Gold Concentrates Bag with pan, snuffer bottle, and vial

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8 & 9 - Douglas Creek Outing

August 25-27 - Outdoor Channel Outing, Douglas Creek

Understanding grains, grams, dwt (penny weight) and Troy Oz

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

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 \$55 (\$50+\$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.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bob Morrison

Vice President: Lee Beatty

Treasurer: Stan Lang

Secretary: Heather Campbell

Newsletter Editor: Peter Somontes

Claims Director: Lyle Shingleton

Prizes/Raffles: Bob Bruce & John Eggleston

Store: Ann Lang

Activity Chairman: vacant

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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

Byron's Dutch Oven <http://papadutch.home.comcast.net>

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