



The Douglas Creek Dribble

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April 5, 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting : Tuesday 7 April 2009 at Cloud 9

Club Meeting : Tuesday 5 May 2009

GPAA Show 2-3 May 2009, National Western Complex, Denver

Cheyenne Rock & Gem Show 16&17 May 2008

Websites of Interest

BLM online mining claims: www.geocommunicator.gov

U.S. Forest Service, Medicine Bow: www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr

Denver Museum of Nature & Science: www.dmns.org

Wyoming State Geological Survey: www.wsgs.uwyo.edu

Legends of America: www.legendsofamerica.com

Wyoming Tails & Trails: www.wyomingtalesandtrails.com

Nome Gold: www.oldgoldmel@Charter.net

March Minutes

Ken Sidors called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, with 40 members and 4 guests in attendance. Visitors Gerald and Judy Smith of Rawlins, Wyoming, John Appleton of Cheyenne, and Andy Fenske of Cheyenne were introduced and welcomed.

Treasurer's report was given. Expenses \$300.64, Revenue \$329.00, Bank Balance is currently \$3,586.54.

On Feb 10, 2009 Club President Joe Still resigned as president in an e-mail to the club officers. Ken Sidors assumed the duties of president in accordance with the bylaws. Ken was nominated and unanimously voted in as president, and Mike (Bear) Gibson was nominated and unanimously voted in as vice president. Both will serve out the remaining terms which expire in May.

The Board of Directors concluded that the "community dredge" at the annual outing in July should be scratched, and instead we will have several workshops/demos that people can attend. We would like to have some volunteers to be "instructors" for these. Please contact any Officer or Board Member and let them know if you would like to get involved. Mark Bolenbaugh has graciously agreed to allow us to use his claim, right next to the camping area, to hold these sessions.

Ken also went and talked to the new owners of the Cloud 9 Restaurant about holding our meetings there. They have a large area downstairs from the main restaurant area that we can use. The Board of Directors met there and talked with one of the owners and looked things over. It was unanimously agreed that this would better suit our needs. This was brought before the full membership, and it was unanimously agreed that we give it a try. We will hold our April meeting there.

Bear & Pam Gibson are participating in the MS Walk and asked for sponsors.

Ken also reminded members once again to tell the GPAA that you are members of the Cheyenne Chapter when you renew your membership, so that we get credited properly. He also reminded the membership that we need volunteers for the Gem & Mineral Show and for the Gold Show in Denver.

Don Ashley announced that the "Big Nugget" was paid for and will be raffled off tonight!

End

NEW MEETING PLACE!

The April meeting will be held at the Cloud 9 Restaurant located at the Cheyenne Airport. We will be meeting in their downstairs room. Free parking is available in the long term lot on the west side of the terminal building.

May Elections

Nominations for all Chapter Officer positions will be asked for during the April meeting and the election will be held during the May meeting. Please plan on attending both of these important meetings.

End

CLUB OFFICERS

Acting President: Ken Sidors

Treasurer: Don Ashley

Acting Board Members: Peter Somontes, Darryl Adams

Newsletter: Peter Somontes
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Ast. Claims Director: Larry Duvall

Activity Chairman: Bear Gibson

Acting Vice President: Mike Gibson

Secretary: Don Wegner

Claims Director: Lyle Shingleton
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Prizes/Raffles: Bob Bruce & John Eggleston

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Green pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$17.00

The Store will be open at the next meeting. See George or Peggy Stumpf.

Raffle Winners

Jade Belt Buckle (by John Eggleston)
- Stan Lang
Bag of Colorado Concentrates - Darryl Adams
Bucket of Arizona Concentrates - Don Wegner
Bag of Alaska Concentrates - Don Ashley
1,75 gr Gold Nugget - Patrick Rafferty

50/50 Drawing - \$72.00
David Oman

Nametag Drawing (we had 2 this month) - Digital Scale - Louise Morrison
100 gram weight - Annabelle Lang

The "Big Nugget" was won by -
Lorrie Ashley

A Gentle Reminder

When renewing your membership be sure to mention that you are affiliated with the Cheyenne Chapter. This brings the chapter credits from the national that we can use towards purchases at the GPAA Shows. The nearest GPAA show will be in Denver 2-3 May 2009 at the National Western Complex. End

California Sees Modern-Day Gold Rush

By **TERRY MCCARTHY**

March 29, 2009—The 1849 Gold Rush on California drew unprecedented numbers of prospectors to the American West. Now, 160 years later, as the recession bites across the state, there is still gold in them thar hills -- and new treasure hunters have joined the chase. With the precious metal trading at almost \$1,000 an ounce, it's a gamble that, for the lucky ones, could really pan out. From Downieville in the north to Modesto and the Mojave desert outside Los Angeles, the state is seeing prospectors in growing numbers. Pat Keene, who runs a mining equipment store in the Chatsworth area of L.A., says his customer base doubled this year. "I know a lot of people who have lost their jobs who are out prospecting for gold," he says. Unlike the gold prospectors of the 19th century, today's diggers have the benefit of sophisticated metal detectors that can help them zero in on nuggets hidden in the clay. But apart from that, the methods have changed little in a century and a half. In river beds they use sieves and on dry land they use small shovels and pickaxes □ which makes for thirsty work under the California sun. Many prospectors join clubs that go out together for a weekend, digging for gold by day and sitting around campfires swapping stories by night. Keene is a third-generation prospector, and says he has gold in his blood. But it is the rising price of gold that attracts many of the newcomers. Five years ago an ounce of gold cost \$420. Today that same ounce costs \$923, as people see gold as a safer investment than many of the financial instruments that have crashed over recent months. We met one rookie, Ian Oeder, from Paso Robles, who had come out for the first time and found a small gold nugget just five minutes after starting. He was almost speechless. "It is so cool. I don't know what to do. I am not selling it, that's for sure," he said, proudly showing a little fleck of gold that is worth at most \$20. But the excitement of finding gold goes beyond the financial payback. "It is kind of like being a modern-day pirate," says Keene. "You're looking for treasure, and when you find it, there's nothing quite like it."

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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 \$70. If you would like to order a bag or two;

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