



# The Keystone Chronicle



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March 31, 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: 5 April 2011,  
7 PM, American Legion Post  
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Club Meeting: 3 May 2011,  
7 PM, American Legion Post  
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May 14-15: Gem & Mineral  
Show, American Legion Post  
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Old West Museum Demo

Wy State Museum Demo

CFD Wild Horse Gulch  
Demo

## Websites of Interest

BLM online mining claims:  
[geocommunicator.gov](http://geocommunicator.gov)

U.S. Forest Service,  
Medicine Bow:  
[fs.fed.us/r2/mbr](http://fs.fed.us/r2/mbr)

Wyoming State Geological  
Survey: [wsgs.uwyo.edu](http://wsgs.uwyo.edu)

Legends of America:  
[legendsofamerica.com](http://legendsofamerica.com)

Wyoming Tails & Trails:  
[wyomingtalesandtrails.com](http://wyomingtalesandtrails.com)

Public Lands for the People:  
[www.plp2.org](http://www.plp2.org)

Cheyenne GPA website:  
[www.cheyennegpaa.com](http://www.cheyennegpaa.com)

GPA website:  
[www.goldprospectors.org](http://www.goldprospectors.org)

Wyoming State Museum  
[wyomuseum.state.wy.us](http://wyomuseum.state.wy.us)

## March Minutes

Ken Siders called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Club officers and Board Members were in attendance at the meeting. There were a total of 65 in attendance. The 8 Visitors/Guests were introduced and welcomed. They were Robert Ison; Lewis Coblenz; Robert & Yelena Anderson; Wayne & Patsy Munn; George Vandiel; and Rick Messina.

Ken Siders was told that a thank you card had arrived but did not make it to the meeting. The card was from the GPA Salt Lake City Officers – thanking Ken for donating to help the chapter get up and running. Ken donated commemorative stamps that will be utilized for the chapter.

It was announced that the Gem & Mineral Show will be May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Our raffle items will be: 1) 14 gram gold nugget; 2) Carl Filter hand made knife; 3) Wolf Trap Sluice Box. We will have tickets at the next meeting.

Members were told about the Cheyenne Chapter being a member of the PLP. The chapter joined as a group, and we were encouraged to join as individuals. The monthly passing of the pan was done, our group raised \$75.00 at this meeting for our donation. Our chapter buys raffle tickets with the money and possibly may win merchandise that we can use. Our donation to the PLP helps fight the battles for the small scale recreational miners. Ken Siders told about a couple of items to watch in the Mining Journal and through the PLP site. The following is what was talked about:

ICMJ – Bill supporting small miners. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) introduced S303, a bill that would provide small miners up to 60 days to fix defects in annual maintenance fee waiver filings. The 60 days would apply if BLM did not receive or process applications in time. Existing law allows for a 60-day waiver for maintenance fees for small miners (10 or fewer claims), but only if the applications were received on time by the BLM.

CADFG is recommending a “Reduced Intensity Alternative” that would severely reduce the number of permits allowed to 1,500 and limit those with permits to a maximum of 14 days of dredging. Obviously this is not acceptable. (Note: CADFG has issued an average of 3,650 permits per year.) No provision is made for compensating miners for the proposed “taking.” The Draft SEIR and supporting documents are now available on the DFG website at [www.dfg.ca.gov/suctiondredge](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/suctiondredge), and can be provided upon request by calling (530) 225-2275. Copies of the Draft SEIR are also available for review at DFG

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- Region 2 – 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova
- Region 3 – 7329 Silverado Trail, Napa
- Region 4 – 1234 E Shaw Ave., San Diego
- Region 5 – 4949 Viewridge Ave., San Diego
- Region 6 – 4665 Lampson Ave., Suite J, Los Alamitos (2<sup>nd</sup> location)
- Region 7 – 20 Lower Ragsdale Dr., Suite 100, Monterey
- HQ – 1807 13<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 104, Sacramento

Five public meetings will be held in late March. All interested persons were encouraged to attend to present written and/or verbal comments. Various locations and times were listed from March 23 through March 31. Comments received would be included in the final SEIR that will be prepared for the California Fish and Game Commission.

Ken Siders reported to the group about the Rendezvous that he attended in January. There was a lot of mining information there. He told about the area they were in and a few of the things they did.

The January/February meeting minutes and the Treasurer’s January / February Reports were voted on and approved. This year’s camp in July will be a demo outing. We were asked to bring and express ideas for the outing at the next meeting.

Carol Wolfe and Ron McKee were thanked for their donation of gold for all the children at the events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting is April 5, 2011.

End

## CLUB STORE

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Classifiers #1/2	\$10.00
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Suction Tweezers	\$ 0.25
T-Shirt (adult)	\$12.00
T-Shirt (kids)	\$10.50
Tweezers	\$ 5.00

**The Club store will not be available for the April meeting.**

## Raffle Winners

Mother of Pearl Necklace – Don Ashley  
 Socket / Screwdriver – Mary Ann Bolenbaugh  
 Gold Pan kit – Cort Schaible  
 "Gold Bar" soap – Dave Darling  
 Gloves – John Eggleston  
 18" machete – Mike Wilkins  
 Miner figurine – Pam Gibson  
 1936 Buffalo Nickel – Holly Sullivan  
 .25ct aqua marine – Don Ashley  
 Nome Gold – John Eggleston  
 gold nugget – Flow Frantz  
 gold nugget – George Stumpf

### Attendance Raffle:

silver – Robert Morrison  
 survival tool – Sheri Wilkins

### 50/50 Raffle:

Patrick Sullivan took home \$100.00

## April Guests

Hi ALL. Between Shari and myself we were able to get Tom Florich and Kassidy from the Laramie Forest Service to confirm coming to our April 5th meeting. I will be sure to stress they are our guests and will be treated accordingly. Shari has also been in touch with Mary Flanderka from the Game and Fish and she will either be at the meeting in April or May. Get your questions ready. See ya then.  
 Ken.

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USFS Requests Input  
 On Feb14, 2011 the USFS released a notice asking for input from the public on adopting a new Forest Management Plan for the entire USFS system. The document was too large to include in this newsletter. I have asked Darryl to put it up on the Club's website. **The dateline for comments is May 16, 2011.**

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