



The Keystone Chronicle



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: 6 Mar 2012, 7 PM, American Legion Post 6

Club Meeting: 3 April 2012, 7 PM, American Legion Post 6

Websites of Interest

BLM online mining claims:
geocommunicator.gov

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

Wyoming State Geological
Survey: wsgs.uwyo.edu

Legends of America:
legendsofamerica.com

Wyoming Tales & Trails:
wyomingtalesandtrails.com

Public Lands for the People:
www.plp2.org

Cheyenne GPAA website:
www.cheyennegpaa.com

GPAA website:
www.goldprospectors.org

Wyoming State Museum
wyomuseum.state.wy.us

February Minutes

Ken Siders called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Club officers and Board Members were in attendance at the meeting. There were a total of 58 in attendance.

Ken Siders introduced, Beth Bear, from the Wyoming Game & Fish, covering non-native organisms. She spoke about preventing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) by "Drain, Clean, and Dry" anything that has been in the water. On June 18 and 19 in Laramie there will be a certification, all interested are invited. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department conducts watercraft inspections at major waters around the state on a rotating basis. Aquatic "nuisance species," as they are known, can be either aquatic or terrestrial organisms introduced into rivers, lakes and streams across the country. They have no natural predators, so their populations go completely unchecked. This gives them the ability to take over entire aquatic ecosystems. Aquatic Species includes both aquatic plant and aquatic animal species. Invasive aquatic plants are introduced plants that have adapted to living in, on, or next to water, and that can grow either submerged or partially submerged in water. Invasive aquatic animals require a watery habitat, but do not necessarily have to live entirely in water. As prospectors, all equipment (dredges, hoses, pans, buckets, waders, etc.) used in the water should be cleaned thoroughly. Inspect once cleaned to make sure everything is clean. Completely dry gear and equipment. Effective suggested dry times are: 5 days in the summer; 18 days in the spring and fall; or 3 days of freezing. Many AIS can live out of water for long periods of time. These invasive species can hitch a ride on your equipment to other waters – ruining your favorite lakes, rivers and streams. Once established, they cause irreparable harm: introducing disease, killing off native species, competing for food, altering food chains, changing the physical characteristics of bodies of water, devastating water delivery systems, and negatively impacting local and national economies. Once introduced, they are impossible to eradicate without damaging other components of the ecosystem. Ken Siders asked for questions and Beth was thanked for coming. The By-laws will need to have further revisions

because of the changing of elections to September. Ken will have revisions available for the next meeting. PLP information is found at www.plp2.org and the phone number is (909) 889-3039. The PLP Mission: **"to represent and assist outdoor user groups and individuals interested in keeping public and private lands open to prospecting, mining, and outdoor recreation through public education, scientific data, and legal means."** On the back of the PLP card there are suggestions for procedure to follow if you are challenged by a governmental Agency or Public Servant regarding the legality of your activity in their area. The "Mining Journal" has good information on current mining activities. The website is: <http://icmj.com>. The Pick & Shovel Gazette has had many good articles in it and has updates on the mining claims. If you are a member of the GPAA this newspaper is mailed to you. The Range Magazine provides free articles online at www.rangemagazine.com. Interesting articles on Agenda 21 or Un-21 can be found for your interpretation. These articles explain how the environmental agenda will take away areas of prospecting. We need to keep informed and the above sites will help you to be informed. The Game and Fish have asked that anyone seeing any person(s) netting fish illegally, to please turn in information of what you see, when you are out in the forest areas. The 5 Visitors/Guests were introduced and welcomed. They were Robert Cyr, Brian Weber, Kevin and Garrett Weber. Ken Siders, president, asked for any correspondence, the bank statement was the only item. The treasurer's report was given. Members accepted the treasurer's report and the minutes of the last meeting. It was announced that Denise Hubbard wishes to resign as secretary, and that anyone who would be interested in that position to please contact her about the job duties. It was brought up that we plan to have a metal detecting event and possibly a coin shoot at Don Ashley's. The PLP had donations of \$67.50. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

CLUB STORE

Classifiers #20	\$23.00
Classifiers #4	\$23.00
Classifiers #1/2	\$10.00
1 1/2" gem jars w/tray	\$10.00
1 1/4" gem jars w/tray	\$10.00
1 3/4" gem jars w/tray	\$10.00
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1 oz plastic vials	\$ 0.50
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1/2 oz glass vials	\$ 0.40
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Gold Concentrates	\$10.00
Chuck's Gold Trapper	\$75.00
GPAA Donkey	\$10.00
Magnets	\$11.00
Tom & Perry Mini Sluice	\$20.00
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Scoops	\$ 7.00
Single plastic loupe	\$ 2.00
Snuffer Bottle	\$ 3.00
Snuffer/vial/Tweezers	\$ 8.00
Suction Tweezers	\$ 0.25
T-Shirt (adult)	\$12.00
T-Shirt (kids)	\$10.50
Tweezers	\$ 5.00

**Gold Show Dates
2012**

SPRING CIRCUIT

Red Bluff, CA	Mar10-11
Puyallup, WA	Mar 17-18
Salem, OR	Ma 24-25
Fresno, CA	Mar 31-Apr 1
Las Vegas, NV	Apr 21-22
Spokane, WA	Apr 28-29
Boise, ID	May 5-6
Salt Lake City, UT	May 12-13
Reno/Sparks, NV	May 19-20

FALL CIRCUIT

Rapid City, SD	Aug 25-26
Casper, WY	Sep 8-9
Butte, MT	Sep 15-16
Denver, CO	Sep 22-23
Mesa, AZ	Sep 29-30
St. Joseph, MO	Oct 13-14
Dayton, OH	Oct 20-21
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Lou Lopez 778-8434

Nome Gold! Marvin & Mel Terry at www.oldgoldme@Charter.net
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For Sale: Wet suit, XL, one piece, hood, gloves, booties. \$100
Cort Schaible 635-4810 Cell: 286-5335

For Sale: MAX II 800T 6 Wheel ATV, Kohler 624CC 20 HP, T20 Skid steer trans, WT 700lbs, Asking: \$2,000, Originally \$8,500 NADA \$2,180-\$2,870
Don Ashley 307-220-8751

 To have your ad placed here Email Peter Somontes at psomontes@Yahoo.com or see me at the meeting.
 Your ad will also be on the Chapter website.

Treasurer's Report

The Club presently has \$8,470.17 in our bank. This includes \$385.54 earmarked for the PLP.


Special Guests This Month

Kassidy Kern and Nate Haynes from the Forrest Service will be here for the meeting on Mar 6. They will be giving us a 'State of the Forrest' and let us know what will be happening this season.

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Prize list - PLP Legal Fund Raffle

June 21, 2012

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Two Week Trip to Alaska all expenses paid, includes air fare \$ 3500.00
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Keene 4" Honda Suction Dredge \$3175.00
Donated By - KEENE ENGINEERING

One Ounce of Gold \$1700.00 +
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Keene 151 Vibrostatic Dry Washer \$1495.00
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Whites GMT Metal Detector \$ 800.00
Donated By - WHITES ELECTRONICS

Fisher Gold Bug Metal Detector \$ 800.00
Donated By - FISHER LABS

One Week Trip To Roaring Camp (1 or 2 People) \$ 750.00
Donated By - ROARING CAMP

Pinch Of Gold For PLP (One 1/2 Ounce And Climbing) \$ 750.00 +
Donated by - PLP CONTRIBUTORS

20 - One Ounce Silver Rounds \$ 700.00 +
Donated By - AAA PRECIOUS METALS (Portland, Or.)

Gold Cube With Stand And Pump \$ 480.00
Donated By - MIKE PUNG

Two - One Year Memberships To Golden Caribou Mining \$ 250.00 ea.
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Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$10.00 for a book of 12
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button. <http://plp1.org/raffleticketsandprizes.html>

Raffles

General Raffle:

Loupe set – Teirnan Lake
Chocolate – Don wegner
Desert Gold – Jen Wilcox
Binoculars – Jen Wilcox
Chocolate – Rob Arey
Pan and scoop – Larry Duvall
Copper ore – Linda Golden
Watch – Gary Madsen
1982 coins – Dallas lake
1936 Nickel – Kevin
Nugget – Paul Mansfield
Nome gold – Rob Arey

Attendance Raffle:

Flashlight – B B Rhodes
Cap light – Hunter Crawford
Bucket handles – Don Ashley

50/50 Raffle:

\$106.50 was the raffle amount – unknown at time of newsletter who won it.

Gold plunges as Bernanke signals no bond buys

By The Associated Press | Associated Press – Feb 29, 2012

Gold plunged \$77 per ounce Wednesday, the biggest one-day drop since September, as traders dialed back their expectations that the dollar would be weakened by another round of economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve.

Gold for April delivery settled at \$1,711.30 an ounce, its lowest close since Jan. 25. May silver also fell sharply, giving up \$2.563 an ounce, or 6.9 percent, to settle at \$34.642 an ounce.

Both metals fell after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke gave no hint in testimony before Congress that the central bank was planning more bond purchases. Bernanke also said the economy was better than the Fed had expected and that inflation was subdued, suggesting that the Fed might back off its pledge to keep interest rates low through 2014.

The dollar soared and precious metals plunged after Bernanke's remarks. Investors tend to buy the metals as insurance against a weak dollar and against inflation. Bernanke's remarks suggested that both of those scenarios were unlikely.

Gold and silver have been climbing sharply this year after the Fed indicated in January that it was likely to keep interest rates low for another two years, implying that the dollar would remain weak. Gold is still up 8 percent this year, silver 24 percent.

Jon Nadler, senior analyst at Kitco Metals Inc. in Montreal, said that surge was overdone. "They got carried away," he said. Nadler noted that there were no threats to precious metals supplies or increases in consumer demand to justify the huge advance, which he said was likely being driven by short-term speculative traders.

If anything, demand from individuals for gold appears to be waning, Nadler said. The U.S. Mint, for example, reported that sales of gold coins plunged to 21,000 ounces in February from 127,000 ounces in January. For all of 2011, the monthly average was 83,333 ounces, according to the U.S. Mint's web site.

Prices for other metals also fell, though not as sharply. May copper fell 4.2 cents to \$3.8795 a pound; April platinum fell \$30.90 to \$1,692.60 an ounce and June palladium fell \$13.80 to \$708.40 an ounce.

Agricultural commodities mostly rose. In May contracts, corn edged up 0.75 cent to \$6.58 a bushel, soybeans rose 7.5 cents to \$13.20 a bushel, and wheat fell 0.25 cent to \$6.68 per bushel.

Prices for energy contracts mostly rose. Crude oil rose 52 cents to settle at \$107.07 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gasoline futures rose 3.25 cents to \$3.2572 a gallon. Gasoline is still down nearly 2 percent this week but it's on track to finish February with a gain of 13 percent.

In other energy trading, natural gas futures rose 8.3 cents to \$2.71 per 1,000 cubic feet. Heating oil fell 1.42 cents to \$3.2059 a gallon.