



# Lake City Rockhound News

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

FEBRUARY 2011

P.O. Box 1643 Hayden, ID 83835

Meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM — Public Welcome

See the NFMS web site at [www.amfed.org/nfms](http://www.amfed.org/nfms)

See OUR web site for the club at [www.northidahomineralclub.com](http://www.northidahomineralclub.com)

## CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE!!!

DISPLACED BY THE WATER DAMAGE AT POST FALLS

WE WILL BE MEETING AT

LAKE CITY SENIOR CENTER

1916 LAKEWOOD DRIVE

667-4628

For those who do not know this location. Drive south on Northwest Blvd to the first traffic light by the Riverstone development, turn left at the light and go up the hill about a block. The Senior Center is on the right. We can get into the Center by 6:15 (We met here in days gone by.)

6:15 to 8:15 Meeting and Program (see next page for information)

Note: Post Falls Senior Center will be closed to us for several months, so the decision will be made at this meeting whether to continue meeting at Lake City Senior Center. Need your input. We have their OK.

**PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 17 WILL BE PRESENTED BY DEAN YONGUE ON THE PHOENIX MINE IN THE SILVER VALLEY.—He has been involved in recording the activities in this area as it is preparing to resume mining.**

**There will also be a short talk from Tom Crimmins on the Idaho Recreation Council.**

**Refreshments provided by Joan Gundlach and prospective member Svetlana Miles from Spirit Lake area.**

**Try to be there by 6:15 PM—”Show and tell” and Silent Auction!!!!**

**Field trip on February 28. Meet at 5:45 PM at the new City Hall in Post Falls—park there if you want to car pool to Spokane to the**

**Spokane Community College on Mission Street  
Lair Student Center Auditorium—bldg 6**

**Geology Lecture Series featuring Jeffrey Scovil  
Photographer —————starts at 7 PM!!!**

**INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED MINERAL PHOTOGRAPHER Jeffrey Scovill will present a spectacular visual slideshow on wonders of the mineral kingdom; photo images guaranteed to reveal the beauty and complexities of minerals. This vivid and close-up presentation will examine unique and beautiful crystal specimens from all over the world. Free presentation—(***not to be missed!!Ed.***)**

**Sign up for car-pooling at the meeting on February 17.**

Am going to try to contact every one by phone to tell you about this presentation on February 14—MONDAY at 6 PM. \$5.00—call on Monday morning (or Friday if you get this in time—) 446-1693 or 446-1680 to register for a lecture presented by the U of I Extension Center through the Master Gardener Horticulture Program. 3rd and Poplar in C d' A in the back.

**FEBRUARY 14—ICE AGE FLOODS—BY GARY FORD**—a member of the Ice age Institute since 2001 and a founding member of the Cheney-Spokane Chapter and is on the Board of Directors of the Ice Age. Back by popular demand, he will have revisions to his previous presentation. Come and learn how the ice age floods shaped the landscapes in Western Montana, Northern Idaho, Eastern Washington and parts of Oregon. You will have a much greater understanding of our local soils and how it was formed. Books, DVD's and other material will be for sale at the class. If you come try to bring the exact fee as there will no chance for “change”

The meeting at the Methodist church last month was attended by 13 of us including two guests from Spirit Lake, Bob Giffin and Svetlana Miles. Yolanda Rosales is replacing Maria McDonald as Secretary for the remainder of the year, while Maria is recovering. Maria is planning to attend meetings as she can. BB

### JANUARY 20, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE N.I.M.C.

Warren opened the meeting, thanking everyone for coming. Guests Bob Giffin and Svetlana Miles were introduced—Bob had specimens from rockhounding to identify, if possible. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed and seconded by Mike Rose.

A show board meeting was held at Ev and Erna's on Jan. 8. Ideas are needed, volunteers to construct liners for cases in Feb. or March., and show plans finalized. Bev will get and cut material for the liners (5 sets) and Warren will get sturdy foam for risers. Need to gather sturdy cardboard, thin wood reinforcements (donated by Lowe's), glue, duct tape. Warren asks anyone who can, get in touch with places like Fred's appliances for large—at least 2 x 4 feet pieces of heavy cardboard. Mike says that the cases need lights as well as liners. Bob Bockman offered to fix anything that is needed and we'll set them up in April to make sure everything works. Terry Deal will be demoing his cabbers again this year. If all goes well Norm might be demonstrating faceting. Vendors are lining up nicely. Treasurers report was received.

Warren brought up the by-laws that need amending, and that will be put in the newsletter to be added to the present copy. (Mike is putting all kinds of interesting things on our web site. Hope everyone is looking!!) No old business

New business—membership needs to be increased. **Any Ideas?? Help will be appreciated.**

Three dealers qualified to furnish the grand prize, and since the list that was provided by Bev at the meeting was not accurate (Bend Beads was not one)—the award went to C'Annes of Montana. (She has not responded as yet). Discussed with Mike purchasing findings for kid prizes while they are in AZ. Every one who is tumbling please save all the little ones for making prizes. Donations welcome.

Bev reported on land issues. The BRC was successful in getting gas tax money back for use on ORV trails and roads, which we will also be able to access.

Maria is not able to continue as secretary at this time. (Talked to her this week, and the arm will be slow to heal, but she is doing OK. She has been able to get some home help, which is great! Ed.)

Bill Johnson suggested that we get applications to have displays of club work and projects in the libraries and at NIC—needs to be done soon!!

Bev wants to start a biography section for the newsletter so we can get to know each other better.

Warren adjourned the meeting for the program and refreshments. We had a rock identification game which was fun and informative, and four prizes were given—two for beginners and two for more advanced.

Submitted by Yolanda Rosales, Secretary.

**Idaho Recreation Council Meeting Jan. 29 in Boise, ID.**

This is a general meeting held three times per year in Boise.

"The purpose and objectives of the Council are stated as follows: "The Idaho Recreation Council is a recognized, statewide, collaboration of Idaho recreation enthusiasts and others that will identify and work together on recreation issues in cooperation with land managers, legislators and the public to ensure a positive future for responsible outdoor recreation access for everyone, now and into the future.

The Idaho Recreation Council is a collaboration of Idaho recreation enthusiasts on the following activities: 4x4, Equestrian, Backcountry Aviators, Mountain Biking, Snowmobiles, Motorcycles, Rafts/Jet Boats and ATV/UTV's"

One rockhound activist, the writer, joined the Idaho Recreation Council (IRC), representing the American Lands Access Association on behalf of Idaho rockhounds. Idaho-Gem and Mineral Clubs are urged to join the Idaho Recreation Council. We can work to maintain access to rockhounding sites on public lands by working with the IRC in keeping roads and trails open for public use.

Some rockhounds in Idaho also utilize ATV's in rockhounding. Over the years in contacting state and federal legislators the number of people I represented in the telephone call has been important to the official contacted. Our numbers added to state recreational organizations will be important.

David Claycomb, Recreation Resources Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, discussed road closures. Several hundred miles of roads have been closed in Forest Services and Bureau of Land Management lands in the last several years. One of the most effective tools in bringing the situation to public attention has been use of letter to licensed ATV, OHV snowmobile and boat owners. Two letters were sent on proposed road closures on BLM and Forest Service lands and one letter on the possible closure of a boat dock on Lake Coeur d'Alene. These letters generated significant levels of attention.

David's office will continue sending letters, to his data base, regarding proposed closure of roads, trails and boating facilities.

Cooperation and respect for ranchers and others using public lands was discussed. Unfortunately not all recreational users of public lands belong to organized clubs. Members of the IRC have the same problems we have when non-club members are active on public lands and do not observe ethical and respectful behavior toward others and to the areas in which they are recreating.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett L. Headrick

A state trooper pulled a driver to the side of the road and asked him if he realized he was driving without taillights. Seeing that the motorist was visibly shaken, the officer said reassuringly, "Don't worry-it's not a serious infraction." "It may not be serious to you, but it is to me! I've lost a trailer, my wife three kids and the best darn piece of petrified wood I've found all year!"

Rock Licker 9/2004

2011 ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB, INC.

- PRESIDENT WARREN PRICE 457-8226
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- TREASURER MIKE BURTON (818-6317 C)
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- WSMC DELEGATE **OPEN**

2011 COMMITTEES

- HOSPITALITY BOB BOCKMAN 773 5384 FIELD TRIP **OPEN**
- MEMBERSHIP BOB BOCKMAN " SHOW 2011—WARREN PRICE
- NEWSLETTER EDITOR—BEV BOCKMAN " PROGRAMS—BEV BOCKMAN AND Club Members
- WEBMASTER—MIKE BURTON 818-6317 ALAA—EVERETT HEADRICK

**BUFFS AND POLISHING COMPOUNDS** Hatrockhounds, 9-10/04

Many stones polish equally well with several buff and polishing compound combinations. A very hard gem can be polished by a much softer polishing compound. Only one polishing compound should be used on a buff.

Polishing does not remove any material from the surface. If scratches develop the stone must be resanded.

BUFFS; Canvas: useful when polishing heat-sensitive stones :develops little friction.

Muslin: recommended for soft stones and heat sensitive gems

Leather: versatile, efficient, economical. Excellent for polishing stones that will undercut

Felt: useful for polishing glass and stones of even texture. Not for stones that undercut. Heats rapidly

Phenolic: Phenolic tools or lap discs are useful when impregnated with diamond grit.14,000M (pre-polish) or 50,000M (polish) diamond compound can be applied to the surface of a phenolic disc and worked with the gemstone mounted on a dopstick. The diamond will charge the phenolic making smoothing and polishing easy.

POLISHING COMPOUNDS: Cerium Oxide: faster than conventional compounds. and superior polish. Use less. Use on pellaon, felt, foams, thermoplastic polishing pads. Favored for quartz type minerals and others. Not for stones that undercut.

Linde "A": A .3 micron aluminum powder that is carefully graded for uniformity of grain size. Excellent for polishing stones that undercut.

Chromium Oxide: a hard polishing agent, green in color and stains badly. Useful for polishing jade and stones that undercut.

Tin Oxide: an excellent all purpose polish used to provide a high gloss finish.

Diamond: the most efficient polishing medium. Especially useful for polishing difficult to polish stones.

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MARCH 12-13 ROCK & ARROWHEAD KLAMATH FALLS, OR

MARCH 11-13—TUALATIN VALLEY CLUB HILLSBORO, OR.

MARCH 18-20 TIMPANOGOS G & M SPANISH FORK, UT

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