

Coker Creek G.P.A.A. Newsletter

March-April 2008

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50 / 50 Winner!

Oscar Tyler, won the Quarterly 50/50 drawing. His cash prize was \$92.00!

Congrats!!!

The chapter will start a new 50/50 at the April Meeting. Come buy tickets and have a chance at the big prize in June!

Presidents Report

By Tim LeGrand, President – Coker Creek GPAA

Since I have been elected as the president of the chapter, I have made my first priority to get this chapter back on it's feet, and being an active and growing chapter.

I have not changed my plan. I have been a bit overly busy lately, but that will ease up soon, so I can refocus on the growth of our chapter.

We had over 50 people at the January and February meetings, and 36 at the March meeting. My goal is to see over 100 people at the meetings. That looks possible at this point.

I can't do it without your help – BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

I am opening a new prospecting store with gold panning and a gem flume, in the old Coker creek post office right across from the welcome center. This will also help drive a lot of new members our way.

I am paying for the printing and mailing of the newsletter personally, in exchange for the full page add accompanying this newsletter. Hopefully we can reach some of our old members, and get them to come back and join us at some meetings.

Next Meetings: April 19th and May 17th.

Financial Report

Between raffle sales and T-Shirt sales, the chapter brought in \$176.00 at the March meeting. Adding that to our \$97.84 balance brings the chapter total to \$273.84 with no money owed out.

This is a great step towards our kids day fund.

Property Report

We don't have any new news on a new lease property for the chapter yet.

However:

We have 1 Key for the Beaty Property.

This key will be raffled off at the April 19th Meeting.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

Tickets will be \$5 each. We must sell at least 20 tickets, or we will auction the key off with a starting bid of \$65.00.

If you want a key to the property, bring enough cash in case we have to auction it off.

No other keys are available.

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JUNE - Alabama Gold Camp Trip

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The chapter is going on an outing to the Alabama Gold Camp, on June 6th, 7th, and 8th. As a group, they have offered to give us free tent camping for the 3 days. If you want a full hook up site for your RV, they are \$20 per night. For those that care – they also have wi-fi Internet connection.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING!

Sign up form is included with this newsletter. Please let us know if you will be there.

POT LUCK SUPPER ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Jeff, the owner, also said he will put in his 8 inch dredge, so some of our experienced dredges may have a chance to run it for a while. **We do not want novice members getting hurt**, so if you don't have experience, please don't ask to run the hose.

You can bring your own equipment: Pans, sluices, high bankers, and dredges. If you don't have your own, they have rental equipment. You **MUST** call them soon, if you want to reserve a high banker or dredge.

They have a very limited supply of rental equipment.

Members that have extra equipment, if you could be so kind as to bring it for others to use, that would be great too.

There are costs involved with this outing. Daily fees for the prospecting type you will be doing.

Their website is at: <http://www.alabamagoldcamp.com> phone: 1-256-396-0389

Their rates are as follows:

Prospecting rates when prospecting with your own equipment.

Visitor passes \$5.00 per day per person, children 11 & under free with adults

Visitor pass includes panning, sluicing, and metal detecting.

Additional Prospecting Rates

2" dredge \$15 per day

3" dredge \$20 per day

4" dredge \$20 per day

5" dredge \$25 per day

High-banking: Small \$15 per day -- Large \$20 per day

*Dredge and High-banker rental available – call for prices and to reserve your equipment.

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Water Report

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Well, not too much for the water report this month. We have been getting some good rains lately, and that has got the creeks and rivers up to normal, or at least near normal depth.

With gold hitting the amounts it is lately, the rangers have seen more people in the last couple of months getting permits than they have in the last several years combined!

The weather is warming up.

Happy Panning!

Do Your Part!

Doing your part means a lot to the chapter. As a club member, it is up to all of us, to make sure the club is doing well, and can continue to do well in the future.

When we have a meeting, **please show up**, be heard, support the chapter with the raffles, and **make friends**.

On work days, show up! Bring your gear to prospect, but we will have set work hours for work days. We will have at least one mandatory work day per year. We will set up a few, then you will need to be at one of them. It takes a team a short time to do what one person can do in a day. We wont work you to death, but if we want more properties then we have to take care of them to keep the land owner happy.

Also, if you have an item, that you think could help the club in the raffle, you can bring it in to the meeting. We can always use things for the raffles. Anything that can be used for camping or prospecting usually do well. Thank you for your support!

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Watch the web site

I would like to thank Robert and Dawn Harvey for continuing to host and edit the chapter web site. They have done a great job with the recent re-design of it.

We will be posting newsletters on the site now, and more things may follow later.

Our website is at: <http://tnchapter.rdcss.com>

Thank you again to the Harvey's for their support!

NEWBIES CORNER

Welcome to you all! I would like very much to meet every one of our new members at our meetings. I feel that with all that is going on lately, that I have dropped the ball just a bit, in that area.

Sometimes, it is hard to get a moment to meet each of you, because people keep walking up to me and talking.. Please, if I don't get to you at a meeting, come over and say hello. I want to meet you, and answer any questions you may have personally.

Remember, if you need any information at all, please email or call. Ask on the forum, ask at meetings. We are all here to have a great time, so let's have a great year! Find people to prospect with and learn from. You will be glad you did.

Remember, do not use a sluice box in Doc Rogers Field, until it opens for dredging. Also, do not use a sluice box in the National forest without the dredge permit. It is needed for a sluice as well. The permit is free, just call the ranger station and they will gladly mail it to you.

There is some great gold being found. Get out to the creeks and do some prospecting!

Advertise with us.

You can buy advertising space in the newsletter for your business. Selling advertising to local shops and businesses will make it possible to print and mail out our newsletter without having to come from the chapters funds.

Space was sold in the newsletter for years, then it all vanished. The news letter is back, so we need advertising revenue to get it back in print and the mail. If you, or someone you know is interested, please call; Tim LeGrand at 423-310-4445 10am to 8pm, please.

June Outing Sign Up Form

It is very important that we know how many are coming to the outing at the Alabama Gold Camp, on June 6th, 7th, and 8th. This is a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The outing is mostly for Saturday, and Sunday, but some of us are going a day early. You may too.

However, they need to know how many of us are coming, so they can be prepared. We also need to know, for the pot-luck planning, and other possible reasons...

Please, fill out the form and mail back to us right away, if you will be coming.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Best time to reach you if we need to: _____

Number of people in your group: _____

Expected date of arrival: _____

Dish you can make for the Pot-Luck: _____
(please make a dish that will feed 6 or 8) More if it is really good.... hehe

Will you need rental equipment: _____

If yes, please call the Alabama gold camp and reserve it NOW. **1-256-396-0389**

If you have some kind of extra equipment that you wouldn't mind letting others in our group use, please bring it with you. I am sure the camp won't have enough high bankers and dredges that weekend.

Please mail this in as soon as possible, or fill out the form at my site.

Thank you,

Tim LeGrand

Coker Creek GPAA, Chapter President.

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GRAND OPENING!

First weekend of April, 2008. (4th, 5th, and 6th)



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12309 New Hwy 68. Right across from the Welcome Center in Coker Creek.

Projected opening date: April 3rd, 2008

Your one stop gold prospecting shop! Great prices on mining supplies!

We are doing our best to cover all of your prospecting needs. We will be carrying Proline, Keene, Jobe, Camel, and many other brands. We will also try to keep a full line of rock tumbling supplies in stock.

Gold Pans, Sluices, Gold Buddy mini high bankers, Metal Detectors, diving supplies, pry bars and bedrock tools, Gold jewelry, Shovels, picks, pocket knives, camping needs, dredges, high bankers, classifiers, and lots of accessories.

We will have soft drinks and snacks, and soon will have bags of ice and firewood for your camping needs.

For the **Gem stone lovers**, you can get **Gem Buckets** with a great variety of gems, and use our on site Flume. Of course, **You can pan for gold too.**

If you are new to prospecting, or just interested, we can give you hands on panning lessons in our panning area, and teach you the basics. Then you can go right down the street and pan for gold in Coker Creek.

Come see our store, and tell your friends.

Thank you,
Tim LeGrand, Owner & Coker Creek, Tn. G.P.A.A. Chapter president.