



# The Claim Post

Spring 2017

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[www.nwopa.net](http://www.nwopa.net)

## President's Message

### Welcome to the 2017 Spring Break-up Edition of the NWOPA Claim Post

This is **NOT FAKE NEWS**, the exploration season is about to blast off. After a number of false starts the stars are aligning and a good head of steam is building. The demand for commodities is improving, gold is showing signs of encouragement, and the buzz is loud from the brokers. And core box sales are up!!

A good place to get back into the swing of things is at **the April Symposium at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay on April 4-6. See details at [www.nwopa.net](http://www.nwopa.net).** Register early. The new format of a 3-day event will be showcasing not only the northwest but the whole Province of Ontario. There will be lots to see including a "core shack"- new this year and a full room of exhibitors and posters. Come out to the **Awards Dinner on Tuesday, April 4th** and congratulate the NWOPA Award winners.

I encourage you to respond to any of the submissions in the Claim Post. Our goal is to keep you informed of happenings affecting you, the prospector. Your feedback is welcomed.

Good luck in the upcoming field season, play hard, stay safe and I wish you success.

Bob Chataway

President, NWOPA

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## JEAP

- Proposed expenditures totalling \$11,900,000 supported by JEAP grants

For more of information on JEAP visit the OPA website [here](#)

## Junior Exploration Assistance Program

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### Junior Exploration Assistance Program 2016 Update

The deadline for final submissions was February 28, 2017, and final reports for 44 projects have been received, accounting for a total proposed expenditure of \$11,900,000. Some of these projects would not have been completed, or would have been smaller, without the JEAP incentive.

JEAP-supported work on several projects has generated follow-up targets on which additional exploration has been recommended.

As of the time of writing (early March) seven projects have been approved and grants have been issued. The remaining submissions are currently being reviewed by the JEAP Administrators Wally Rayner, Peter Vanstone and Dave Hunt.

JEAP 2016 is funded by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and operated by the Ontario Prospectors Association. JEAP provides grants of 33.33% of approved expenditures to small exploration companies, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per project.

Dave Hunt

JEAP Administrator

## Check out the Northwestern Fur Trappers Association on Facebook

[Click here](#)

## 2017 Annual Trappers Convention

NWOPA participated once again in the NW Trappers Convention which was held for three days on February 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Heritage Building at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition.

The convention promoted education, awareness and management practices of the fur industry. It was a fun filled event attended by trappers, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts from the local area as well as northwestern Ontario. The convention consisted of displays, demonstrations, raffles, pelt handling competitions, and a fur fashion show by Katie Ball of Silver Cedar Studio. An entertaining feature of the event was the children's moose calling contest which took place on Saturday.

Many keen rock hounds visited the NWOPA booth asking about prospector courses, staking and local mining. Visitors were very interested in viewing rock samples on display with one common question being asked "**Where do I find gold?**" A passion & love for the bush enticed participants to visit NWOPA's booth to learn more about the area's rocks & minerals. This was yet another event that NWOPA was proud to be a part of and we look forward to our future participation in the Trappers Convention.

Cyndee Komar, Secretary, NWOPA



NWOPA board members Paul Nielsen and Cyndee Komar answering questions at the NWOPA booth display

## Lakehead University Geology

- 52 Undergraduate thesis research studies
- 11 Graduate students completing MSc. thesis research projects

## Lakehead University Students Heading to Arizona

The Lakehead University student chapter (LU-SEG) is getting ready for a 9-day field trip to Arizona, departing on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. During this trip they have scheduled talks and tours with the Arizona Geological Survey, the Copper Creek Project, the Johnson Camp, the Mission Mine, the University of Arizona mineral museum, the Ray Mine, the Winslow Meteorite Crater, and of course, the Grand Canyon!

The Society of Economic Geologists, Inc., (SEG) is an international organization of individual members with interests in the field of economic geology. The Society's membership includes representatives from industry, academia, and government institutions. Annual meetings, publications, field conferences, and short courses ensure an active communication of economic geology-related concepts within the membership and with the economic geology profession at large. An individual may apply for membership as Fellow, Member or Student Member.



The Society of Economic Geologists (SEG) Student Chapters seek to bring together like minded individuals interested in better understanding our resource-rich environment and the minerals it contains. SEG encourages the formation of such Student Chapters to help promote the Society's objectives, firstly by advancing the study of mineral deposits and applying geological science to exploration, evaluation, and production, and secondly by disseminating scientific information through publications, courses, meetings, and field trips. Student Chapters are the key to linking students with other students and with professional geoscientists in industry, academia, and government.



## Key Proposed Dates

- September 1, 2017: Georeferencing ends
- November 1, 2017: Staking Hiatus begins
- February 2018: Launch of new online staking system

For more information about the proposal for double assessment credits for prospecting please see the MAM presentation on our website

[www.nwopa.net](http://www.nwopa.net)

## Updates on Phase III of MAM: Online Staking Timelines

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### Take Action Now

**Don't lose ground; georeference your claims:** Have you georeferenced your borders with other companies? Did you know after September 1, 2017 you could lose ground to your neighbour if your claims are not represented accurately on the map? If you have any important mineralization bordering other claim owners, you should review your claim position.

**Use Conversion to your advantage with Assessment \$:** Did you know you can be strategic with your assessment credit through Conversion? The best way to understand this is to do a one-on-one with MNM of your claim group to understand your unique situation.

**Preserve your internal boundaries:** Fill in your Client Boundary Report with MNM when it becomes available so you maintain internal boundaries in relation to different agreements.

### Proposal: Double Assessment Credits for Prospecting

Prospectors will be drastically impacted by MAM's online staking. The double assessment credit program would be easy to regulate with little to no cost as it targets the activity of prospecting, not who is a prospector.

In recent years, there has been a decline in grassroots exploration. We are working with MNM for this incentive which will put more boots on the ground and generate new discoveries. The program would focus on the activity of prospecting by giving double the assessment credits for prospecting work.

Please see our website for a presentation about this incentive and voice your support to MNM for the program. To date nothing has been done to counteract the impact map staking will have on prospectors, so let's hope MNM will come through on this!

Have a Story  
you'd like to  
share?

Contact your  
NWOPA board to  
have your story  
included in the  
next Claim Post!

## Stories from "The Old Bush Rat"

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The following excerpt is a good example of the Old Timers version of "**Mines are Made not Found**" as depicted in this letter written by Jack Hammel, mine developer of the 1920's to 1930's:

Dear Bill;

Thanks for the report and also for allowing me to keep a copy. These boys certainly do not display any vision, any courage, or common sense. They chopped it off, bottom and both ends, that drill hole stuff is all hooey. We know damn well that we never expect values in drill holes it is a phenomena when we get them. That is only for the brokers to sell stock. These are the best values I have ever seen in drill holes in the north country.

Harry Oakes had 3 drill holes through the main ore body of the Lake Shore and the best he got was \$2.75. M.J. O'Brien lost the Hollinger. He put down 4 holes and missed the \$40.00 section of ore. Good width, it was spotty, sure it was, but the spots come often enough to make mines. Mines are made and not found.

Harry Oakes brought the Lake Shore to me when he was down 125 feet and several hundred feet of drifting. The best assay was 2 feet of \$15.00 ore.

I had 13 of the greatest geologists and engineers supposed to be in captivity on the Howey they all turned it down flat. It discouraged me so bad I went ahead and made a mine out of it. I had the notorious John Hayes Hamond he turned down Cobalt, the greatest Silver camp in north america, paid well over One hundred million dollars in dividends. I had another crackpot John Reid he always wrote his report before he examined the property, and it was always negative. They put a label on him, turndown John Reid. Why these bastards wouldn't know shit from putty unless they tasted it. All they are good for is going through the bush, their pockets full of pencils and blueprints, high top boots partly laced, no hat to keep the little brains they possess from the sun rays, a brunton compass on their belt, and they have to wait until 12 o'clock noon until the sun hits them between the horns to get their direction. The most of them would get lost in an apple orchard.

They have missed out on all the mining camps in the country if it had not been for me like Harry Oakes and Al Wende, a hard rock miner. There would be no Kirkland Lake, every Engineer and Geologist turned it down. The same answer for the Porcupine camp. Does this not ring a bell for you? It is about time for you to

outgrow the drastic mistakes made by these stupid bastards in all the good mining camps in Canada and elsewhere. Mind you I will go along with you that these men are as necessary to the mining industry as the handle on a pisspot. There is two reasons why they act the way they do. First they have no experience. Second fear they might be wrong and make a mistake would be crime to their profession so they take the easy way out. Nothing is any good or worth while spending any money on. Wait for a sure shot.

I am not sore or disappointed just sorry with three groups like ourselves. I thought we might get places, however I am going ahead and making a mine. I am not nuts. They laughed at Flin Flon, Howey, Porcupine Crown. They all made mines this one is easier sure fire.

I am not asking anything for the property, handing it to you on a platter. Prove the property up, pay us back the money we spent, give us one third you take two thirds. I am in for fifty thousand, and committed to another hundred thousand. Take a gambling bet of fifty thousand one white chip on a working option. Don't pay attention to what these bastards tell you about pinching out that is all bunk. Wonder what these boys would have done had they seen Lake Shore at the lab level. Probably have taken a club and killed Oakes for asking money for it before he left Kirkland Lake. In my opinion this property has the most consistent gold assays of any gold property in Ontario at the present stage of development.

P.S. The property referred to was the Pickle Crow yielded \$22,092,760 paid dividends of \$8,250,000 from 1935 to 1945.



## Upcoming Symposiums

The annual northwest symposium is fast approaching on April 4-6, 2017 at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay. Although the name has changed from **Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium** to **Ontario Prospectors Exploration Showcase**, it will be the same event as before, only bigger and with a wider vision. Registration forms are now available on both NWOPA and OPA websites.

Please remember to **designate NWOPA as your regional group**. NWOPA board members work hard to ensure the voice of N.W. Ontario prospectors and junior exploration is heard and as a NWOPA member, you will have a voice with us. Also, as a NWOPA member, you will be sure to receive this newsletter and other important information throughout the year.

The NWOPA Awards Banquet will be held on the evening of Tuesday, April 4 so be sure to get your tickets early to assure a seat. It is always nice to have an appreciative crowd on hand to congratulate the recipients.

This year represents the 100th anniversary of the first prospectors meeting held in Port Arthur with community pioneers such as Peter McKellar and others discussing mining and prospecting activities. For further information on the anniversary, see our Meeting Review in NWOPA's winter Claimpost at <http://www.nwopa.net/>

For registration and further information regarding this event, please visit:

<http://www.nwopa.net/nwomm-symposium.html>

<http://www.ontarioprospectors.com/2017-ontario-prospectors-exploration-showcase-prospecting-where-it-all-begins/>

The 2017 Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium (NEOMMS) will be held on April 18 & 19, 2017 at the McIntyre Arena in Timmins featuring technical talks, field trips and workshops. For registration and further information regarding this event, please visit:

<http://www.porcupineprospectors.com/events/2017-northeastern-ontario-mines-minerals-symposium/>

Respectfully yours in prospecting,

Bob Chataway, President, NWOPA



APGO Networking Event- April 3, 2017  
Scandia Room, Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, Ontario  
Hosted by John McBride, P.Geo., APGO North West Councillor

## PROGRAM

**12:30 PM - 1:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION**

**1:00 PM - 1:15 PM**

**WELCOME REMARKS BY JOHN MCBRIDE, P.GEO.**

**1:15 PM. - 1:45 PM**

**APGO UPDATE BY LOUIS KAN, CEO**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**1:45 PM - 2:45PM**

Implications of the PDAC Health and Safety Knowledge Base for the Professional Geoscientists and Engineers by Bill Mercer, P.Geo.

**2:45 PM - 3:00 PM**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Technical Writing Session by Judith Wright M.Ed. CTD

**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**RECEPTION**

Join us for a drink and hors d'oeuvres. APGO will provide 1 complimentary drink. Cash bar.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & NWOPA ELECTIONS

The annual meeting of the Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 12:15 p.m. at the 2017 Ontario Prospectors Exploration Showcase in the Scandia Room, Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay. The agenda for the meeting shall include: presentation of the Association's financial statements, a President's report, and the election of six Directors. NWOPA is administered by a board of 10 Directors (this includes a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary). Four Directors will remain on the 2017-2018 board for the second year of their two-year term. Five Directors will be elected for a two-year term (2017-2019) and one director will be elected for a one-year term (2017-2018) in accordance with the by-laws posted on NWOPA's website at [www.nwopa.net](http://www.nwopa.net). Nominations are now being accepted for Directors. Any two members in good standing may nominate and second any other qualified member for office.

Nominations may be e-mailed to the Nominating Committee:

[nominations@nwopa.net](mailto:nominations@nwopa.net)

or

Mailed to NWOPA, PO Box 10124, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6T6

The objective of the Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association is to represent the interests and needs of the individual prospector.

**Please attend the annual meeting and cast your vote!**

*All members must be registered at the symposium prior to attending the Annual Meeting.*

## **SAVE THE DATE – 2017 NWOPA CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

NWOPA Board would like to advise the membership that a review of our Christmas Party was done at the January board meeting and a decision was made to continue with the event in the same format as previous years. A booking has been made at the Da Vinci Centre for Friday, December 8. An official party notice will be sent out in early October to the membership.

What may change though is how tickets sales are handled and paid for. We are looking at accepting two forms of payment: e-transfer through our Treasurer or cheque mailed to the NWOPA box with our Secretary co-ordinating ticket purchases. Payment details will be confirmed in the October notice.

We sincerely thank you for your continuous support and look forward to seeing you at this year's Christmas Party.

Bob Chataway  
President, NWOPA

