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Next Chapter
Meeting:

February 26th

at the

Milwaukie, Oregon

Grange Hall

12015 S.E. 22nd

STARTS AT 1:30PM



DATES TO REMEMBER...

February 26, 2006 (**note date change**) Club meeting

March 11/12, 2006
GPAA Gold show in Salem,
Or.

March 19, 2006
Club meeting

April 16, 2006
Club meeting

Deadline for newsletter
submissions is the 1st Friday
following the meeting.



From The President's Desk:

January 15 2006

At about 11:30 the meeting was called to order. We ran through normal business, started the important part, the banquet. After the banquet was over I would like to thank JACKIE, JEANNE, HELEN and MERRY FOR AN EXCELLENT JOB. Well done. Thank you all. We then introduced MARV "THE SINGING PROSPECTOR " RAPOSE. Thank you Marv. Job well done. After Marv went to break, the President's awards were handed out to D&K METAL DETECTORS. AMY accepted the award. The next award went to RICHARD RUTH, TERRY HAGELBERGER, SKIP HEBERDEN and PENNEY PARSONS. Thank you all so very much for your help. Raffle next, was a great success. ELI great job for your first banquet. next meeting at Milwaukie Grange Hall 12015s.e. 22nd 1:30 pm

SINCERLEY PRESTON GRIFFIN, PRESIDENT

Hope all had the time of their life, see you Feb. meeting.

**Don't Forget
The February Meeting
Has been changed to The 26th**

Secretary's Report...

Gold Show-

Skip will be the head of the Gold show, he has made up sign up sheets for Friday set-up and sheets to help work the booth for Saturday and Sunday, It's always a lot of fun, so sign up!

Website-

Kirk will be taking over the website. The site is down right now, Kirk and Penny are working together to get it up and running again.

Starlight Parade-

Meda will be the head of the Starlight Parade this year, she will need volunteers helpers, and ideas and lots of lights, for this year's float. Dave has asked Fred for the use of his big trailer. Fred said sure. Meda will be letting everyone know more info at next meeting. Thanks Meda

Auction/ raffle-

Eli gave out lots of winners at the banquet, great job! And right on winners!

Toy drive winner-

With number 028 Skip took home the gold. Right on Skip!!!

Food drive Winner-

With 069 Dave was shocked that he had won the gold. But it was true!!!

Good for the club-

GPAA membership renewals, on application be sure to write you are with the Portland Chapter, also if you phone in your renewal, We get credit for great items for the club.

Closing meeting-

Next meeting will be Sunday February 26th at 1:30 pm, that is the 4th Sunday so don't forget.

Secretary's report continued...

Donations for the meeting-

None at this time.

Meeting was dismissed at-

4:45 pm and thanks to all the helpers that stayed after to clean up.

Board meeting to follow-

no



Photo Contest

Okay, I'll admit that my last contest was ill timed. It was at the end of the season and I didn't give anyone time to find an ugly trailer.

So, take pictures of anything to do with gold prospecting. Outing, meetings or any club function or your own outings. The best pic will win that silver round.

The deadline will be October 1st. Any and all pics will be shown in the newsletter.

Send your pictures taken in the year 2006 to me at goldprospector@direcway.com

Or snail mail them to me at

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All emailed pics must be submitted by Oct. 1st 2006.

All snail mail submissions must be post marked be Oct. 1st, 2006

BBQ WHOLE SALMON STUFFED

By Eli Nicholson

Well it's now February. It is only six months till my next annual family reunion. In August we get together in Astoria for a really good time. Being at the coast in mid-summer is great, not too hot and its not too cold. Last year while attending we went out on a charter into the ocean on a salmon trip. It was my first time fishing for salmon and I had so much fun. It was a really great experience and hope to do it again soon. Now back at camp with all of the fish that had been caught, I bet you cant guess what we had for dinner that night. YES... Salmon, and lots of it. We had it cooked in many different ways that night. One way that I liked the best, was BBQ'd. So I would like to share this recipe with you. I hope you enjoy it.

BBQ WHOLE SALMON STUFFED

1/2 c. BBQ sauce
2 boxes M.J.B. wild rice, cooked
1 lb. scallops, uncooked
1 can water chestnuts, drained & rinsed
1 (6 to 10 lb.) salmon, cleaned

Brush inside cavity with BBQ sauce. Mix together: rice, scallops and water chestnuts and stuff inside cavity. Wrap lightly in foil and keep sealed. BBQ 45 minutes on one side, turn (still sealed in foil) and BBQ 45 minutes on second side.

Classified Ads (from the forum)

If your item/s sells or is no longer being offered for sale, please contact the editor and make a statement in the forum stating so. Editor

From Ted Roberts

FOR SALE TREMELL(used at Blue bucket)with better up grades.We made it longer for a better wash now has double belt drive with better ajustment.
3 1/2 hp B&S drive motor
ALSO HIGHBANKER WITH PUMP 75 ft 1 1/2 hose's for setup to 2 1/2 dredge must more all for \$1800 or B.O. any questions 541-399-2475 will bring to meeting on 18th to see

From Ted Roberts

NEW WET SUIT 2XX FARMER STILE 7MM WITH HOOD,GLOVES, BOOTS WEIGHT BELT NEVER USED FIT 6' to 6'2" 205# 220 # \$150.00
for all any questions 541-399-2475 Ted Roberts

From William Parker or Parke

2 med size farmer john style wet suits 1/4" thick
good condition. \$ 55.00 each

1 med 3/8" thick beaver tail jacket good for cold water. \$ 75.00

Minlab Explore II Pro-Model.
all accesories to include 8" & 10 1/2" coils.
\$1630 invested sell for \$1195.00

1 new 4" swivel nozzle \$75.00

1 new 5" swivel nozzle \$ 75.00

1 used once 5" shallow water nozzle \$45.00
this one has the two hoses at the nozzle
so the nozzle is the venturi.

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Tales of California Gold Discoveries

Lewis Swindle

“Bloody Nick,” as he was known, arrived in Ca. in 1850. From his name, there were those who thought him to be a big man, but instead, he was a small thin man, fifty-six years of age.

He had been told of the glittering prospects of Mariposa County, so that is where he went to try his luck. Upon arrival he pitched his tent near Mariposa Creek, in an area that would eventually become the town of Mariposa.

Not being too successful in mining, he tried the butchering business for several years, but that too, was unsuccessful. Bloody Nick resolved to make his fortune elsewhere, but kept the lot on which he had built his dwelling and an adobe building he had for his butcher shop.

In 1858, he returned home, despondent and discouraged. While ruminating on his bad fortune, his guardian spirit, in the form of his wife, who, with their children, was all this time his comforter, suggested that the yard be prospected. She backed up the suggestion by referring to the gold fortunes of the miners who worked on the hillside above their premises.

He took the advice from his wife with little confidence in the proposed diggings, and he commenced operations in the backyard of his property. On February 1, 1858, the result of his labors, with an assistant, was \$1.12. The next day his yield was \$33.25. For the next 11 days, the claim in his backyard averaged a little less than an ounce of gold per day. (Gold was \$18.00 an ounce at the time).

On the 13th day Nick took out a piece of quartz and gold weighing 97 lbs., which was believed to contain not less than \$10,000 worth of gold. When it was found, he was advised to keep it concealed from the “vulgar gaze” of others until the claim was worked out.

From the 13th of Feb. until the 13th of Mar., it was reported the claim continued to pay about \$16 per day. On Mar. 13, 1858, another piece of quartz and gold weighing precisely 20 lbs. was found, valued at \$2,590.

Nick continued to work the claim for the next month with good results. On April 13, 2 more pieces of gold and quartz were found, one weighing 4 lbs. the other weighing 1 lb. An article written in May of 1858 stated the claim in Nick’s backyard was still averaging a yield of 4 oz. a day, being worked by the two men. There were some neighbors who, although they saw some of the products of his labor, still had doubts about the existence of the chunk of gold and quartz valued at \$10,000 as it still remained hidden by Bloody Nick.

A newspaper article in the *Daily Union*, May 19, 1858, stated, “...while conversing with Nick, a rosy urchin in smart dress, and with sprightly air, passed, who addressed Nick as ‘father,’ and glancing toward the dwelling we beheld the wife of the fortunate miner, her face wearing that happy expression which is always the companion of comfort and contentment, while around his board were the unmistakable signs of frugality and thrift and we thought that if, instead of dissipation, excess and folly, all those appearances were the result of his good fortune, well deserved.”

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