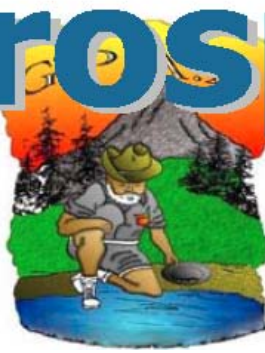


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**Next Chapter Meeting:
July 16th, 2006
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.**



DATES TO REMEMBER...

July 16th, 2006
Club Meeting,

July 29th to Aug 4th, 2006
New 49ers Outing

August 20th, 2006
Club Meeting

Please submit
Newsletter Reports
before the 2nd Friday of
each Month.



FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK...

The Vice President called our meeting to order at 1:30 pm. there where about 80 or 85 people. Which was a great turnout; considering that it was Father's Day. Thank you all for taking time out to show up. There were several new faces. I would like to welcome you all. This newsletter will have a different flavor to it. There are several of our members who have belonged to this chapter from the beginning, and have been out on several outings together. They have become good friends. Some has opened their hearts and let them become a part of their family. They laugh, vacation, (in our case) prospect together, and do most everything together. Ask your self what friendship means to you, or what does family and family values mean to you. Well, at the last meeting Skip asked if he could have a couple of minutes of our time to talk. Skip wanted us to know and understand the importance of FRIENDS AND FAMILY. One is helping each other when needed. Skip and his wife Melodee are not only close friends to Chris, Penny and Jackie Parsons; but have also been accepted in their family as a family they can trust. They have fun with and share parts of their lives; even though they have different personalities, attitudes and lifestyles. Skip asked for some help. A part of their family has become ill (Chris Parsons). Skip has asked for help to move Chris and family when the time comes. We need to pull together as not only friends but also family. Chris and Penny have done a lot more for the club than anybody else; except Skip and Melodee. GANG as your president I ask each and every one of you who can to make an all out effort to help this family when they need it. If it where you, they would be right there. Next club meeting is July 16th at Milwaukie Grange Hall 12015 S.E. 22nd, Milwaukie Oregon. The Meeting starts at 1:30. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Come early to visit & help put out chairs. Please remember to support the club raffle as it is our only way of support for the club.

Thank you

SINCERLEY PRESTON GRIFFIN PRESIDENT

Thank you again Skip in your own way saying the importance of friend's family and trust.

P.S. Good luck prospecting this summer and get all of that yeller gold in your pan and be careful. PRESTON

Secretary's Report for meeting dated June 18th

Meeting opened 1:30pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers

Preston – asked for approval of last months meeting minutes, seconded and approved.

Bev – read Treasure's report, seconded and approved.

Preston – all new people were welcomed; (secretary's note: please sign in whether you're new or not and please write your names, addresses and other information legibly, so we have it correctly noted in our records)

Claims Report – Dave asked if new people heard about this meeting at the Rose Festival booth PGPI had at Water Front Park. None responded. Asked who had been to club claims this year and if they had filed out reports on what cleanup efforts they had performed (dates, hours worked, how many people helped, how long on claim etc.). Need reports no later than August (better if in July), so we can get paper work in. This is a must to maintain and keep claims open for the club. We really need members to visit claim sites to monitor conditions.

GPAA Oregon Claims – Robert Wedding – announced claim pulled at Canyonville – due to lack of maintenance

Questions were raised about Oregon Gold Trip (where to meet, time, etc). Eli indicated that we meet at 6 pm in Rouge River at Abby's Pizza, Thursday June 29th. Outing is scheduled Thursday – Sunday. Eli said reports are indicating that they're finding good color.

Eli also reminded us about the Blue Bucket / crystal mine trip scheduled for Sept 25th – 30th. Some discussions on access, current conditions (too wet, water too high, current access) for Burnt River claim and area.

Howard – Safety Report – Howard was not present, so Preston covered safety issues. Cautioned all to drink lots of water to ward off dehydration. Be careful of ticks, too.

Secretary's Report...

Richard Ruth – spoke about clubs storage unit and where / how to get to unit. Penny Parsons reported on equipment stored at storage unit. CAUTION – do not leave gasoline in equipment or store containers with gas in storage unit. Those who borrow equipment need to make sure they return equipment (all pieces) clean and in good condition. If damaged, let Penny or another officer know, so it can be repaired.

Meda Chiara – Rose Festival booth – Meda let all know about the success of our booth at the Rose Festival's Water Front Park. Lot's of folks stopped by and got a panning lesson and club info on meeting day and time.

Skip Heberden – Skip asked for assistance for Chris, Penny & Jackie's move coming in August.

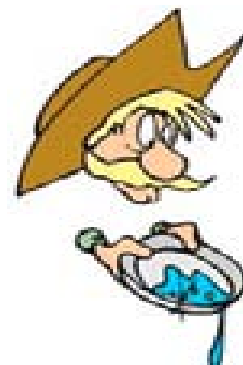
Preston asked for someone to volunteer for Equipment Manager (to take over for Chris Parsons). Derek Sweeney volunteered. Thank you Derek.

Some discussions were held concerning GPS units and how to use them. Eli knows of a seminar that offers help on use. He'll get more info on when it's offered, etc.

Members discussed Washington Fish & Game rules (and difficulties) of dredging / in-water prospecting in Washington. Consensus is that Oregon is much more amenable.

Raffle winners – Keith, Carl, Darrell, Steve, Jim, George, Jim, Penny, Chris, George.

Meeting adjourned



Oregon Gold Trip

All met at Abby's Pizza in Rouge River (Thursday evening) and traveled to gold camp on Jump Off Joe Creek. Weather was threatening (lighting and thunder), but stayed dry all weekend).

Turnout was great (all showed who pre-paid). Thursday evening was utilized to get things set up and ready for start on Friday (this is basically a primitive camp for those who have not been there – has some “modern facilities”, but still only the basics).

Ken Burns gets the early riser and start award (he was up and at it by 5:45 am).

Dave Rutan and crew did a great job in keeping all supplied with material (gold bearing gravels and dirt) and of course, the evening bon fire sessions (history of claims, current happenings, etc. was discussed).

No 1 oz. nuggets were reported but good color was found all weekend.

Common operation was held Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. Nice splits for all participants (some pickers, but mostly course flakes).

Departure Sunday was at 2 pm (Dave and crew go home) and I think all attendees were also ready – 2-1/2 days of “hard digging” takes it toll even on the young ones.

News from the New 49'ers.

WE WON!

On June 16th Alameda Superior Court Judge Sabraw

Issued a written Order denying motions from both

The Karuk Tribe and Department of Fish & Game

To enter a judgment affirming the stipulated agreement

Which would have shortened or eliminated important

Suction dredge seasons in Siskiyou County, CA.

Please check out WWW.goldgold.com



Storage Unit

Name - **A Storage Place of Clackamas**

Address – **15700 SE McKinley Ave.**

Just off I205 at Exit 12, West side of I205
We have units 46 and 47. Club equipment is in 47.

To enter you will need to show your Membership Card at the office to get the key and the code *472000# to go through the gate.

There is a sign out/in sheet Please use it! And return all equipment in good working order, clean and NO gas in the pump engines. The Highbankers, Pumps act... are color coded so please take only the color for the Highbanker you pick.

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4" D&K Dredge single box. Used 3 weeks at the most, \$2300.00
Contact Penny Parsons @ 503-630-2830

Greetings,

I was phoned this morning by a lady in Canada, after Temecula referred her to me, inquiring about selling her "Life-Time" LDMA membership.

Deanna Dugdale and her husband Stan purchased the membership many years ago and were "snow-birding" to Stanton. However, Stan passed away a number of years ago and Deanna was just informed by LDMA that she could sell the membership, #664. Hence, her call to me.

The membership cost to them was \$2,500, and she would like to recover whatever she can of that expense.

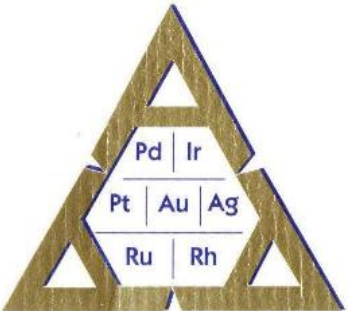
Deanna can be reached in Calgary, Alberta, Canada until November 1, 2006, at (403) 283 - 3005. From November 1 through April 15, 2007 locally at (480) 373 - 4624. She can also be contacted on-line at

ddugdale@shaw.ca.

I told her that our meeting would be this week and that an announcement would be made to the general membership.

Best regards and gold luck, - Bud

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