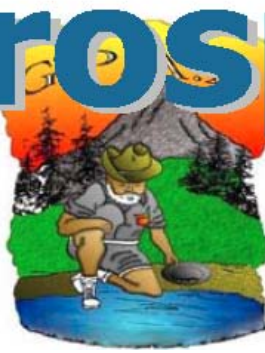


The Prospector



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**Next Chapter
Meeting:
September 17th,
2006
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.**



DATES TO REMEMBER...

September 17th, 2006
Club Meeting,

September 25th & 26th
Crystal Claim Outing

September 26th to 30th
GPAA Blue Bucket
Outing

October 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2006
Oregon Gold Trip

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



From the Presidents Desk

On 7/20/06 at 1:30 the sound of the hammer yep you guessed it; Richard Ruth brought the meeting to order, so time for me to quit the B.S. (that is one of the things I do best). At our last meeting, we had about 62 or so in attendance. Robert Rasie will be giving a class on how to use a GPS system so if you have any questions please feel free to ask at the end. Club hats will be at the meeting this Sunday. Be sure to check with Jeanne in the kitchen. Keep in mind the food drive is coming up so let us make this our best year ever. It will be talked about at the meeting. Well I hope you all, some how got all kinds of the yellow gold in their pan this year. See you all Sunday!

Sincerely, Preston Griffin

Secretary's Report for meeting dated August 20th

Meeting opened 1:30pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) opened meeting, welcomed attendees & visitors. 63 total, 4 new folks (Stan, Kevin, Terri and Daryl) – Welcome, glad to have you with us.

July minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

Bev Parker (Treasurer) read Treasure's Report. Accepted as read (see report)

REPORTS

Dave Chiara (Claims Mgr.) Reiterated all new folks be sure and sign in, giving the club address, telephone information for our records. Dave stipulated all information is kept confidential, except as posted in our Club Information Binder. Please, it is requested that all information provided, be written legibly, so we get names, addresses correct. Please check the information written to verify that it's correct. Asked if anybody has been to the Club claims recently and if so to make out reports (see Club binder for report forms). Dave, with Ken Burns visited to Gold Fever 5 for inspection. Also went to Prineville claims (Gold Fever 1, 2, 3) performed inspection, cleanup and assessment. Need reports from anyone that did work on claims. Discussed Washington's Fish & Gold (Green Book) that you need with you when you're prospecting in "waters" in Washington State. Need one book per 6 people (assumes all are together).

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) Not present – no report.

Howard Charleboix (Safety) Covered dangers of mosquitoes and ticks – best advise is to wear long sleeves and long pants and use repellents.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) Covered - Oregon Gold Trip – Oct 5th – 8th. Charge \$85 per digger (high banking / common) – Need Payment this coming meeting (Sept). Need minimum of 20 people to a maximum of 25.

Penny talked about Crystal Springs trip, September 25th & 26th. GPAA/LDMA is having an outing between Sept 27th and Oct 1st (LDMA 3 day \$60, 5 day \$100 / GPAA 3 day \$100, 5 day \$175). There are some camping spaces in the vicinity of Chris & Penny's claim (no hookups). Anyone wanting to stay at Blue Bucket will have to make their own arrangements (they have hookups and non-hookup sites available – you'll need to check with them)

Derek Sweeney (Equipment Mgr) not present - no report.
If you need equipment for the Blue Bucket or Oregon Gold Trip, call Derek or see an officer. Remember when returning equipment to the storage unit – on gas in the tanks please.

Secretary's Report...

Curt Barnes (Website) Not Present – no report. *Those wishing access to the website (and you haven't submitted your" form" - see Club Book for signature sheet), we'll get to Curt for processing.*

Meda Chiara (acting Secretary) asked if any "new folks" with us today had joined us because of our Rose Festival booth – one responded, yes.

Skip Heberden (Board Member) announced that he will "handle" Salem Gold Show this coming year. *Thank you Skip. It would be a great loss if Oregon didn't have a Gold Show every year*

Ed Eckersley – Rice Museum event – had 5 volunteers (could have used a few more – but it worked out ok) for the demonstrations (show was Aug 5th – 6th). Ed said the club did ok from the "bag sales" and that everyone had fun.

Ron Farnsworth (Club Member) showed off his "Washington State" shaped nugget he found at the Oregon Gold Trip in July.

Preston Griffin (Club President) asked about the "Cedar Creek Grist Mill" (in Washington) and wanted to know if anyone interested in a field trip – there is a signup sheet at the front table. Preston asked about purchasing gold for events like the Rice Museum and whether we (as a Club) should go through someone like "Felix Pay dirt" site (or some other source) since most of our members don't want to part with their gold. Also discussed the donated utility trailer, our annual banquet and Club hats (can prepay today - \$10 each – they'll be in next meeting). When you renew your GPAA membership, be sure and let them know you are a Portland Gold Prospector's Inc. member (our chapter gets "bennies" from National when you renew – if you let them know).

Next meeting scheduled for September 17th 1:30pm

Thank you to all who have donated items to the "silent auction", all proceeds help support our club. Folks that have donated recently are **Vern (paintings), Larry (polished rocks), Sandra (raspberries & cucumbers), Carl (plums & boxes), Robert (cakes), Penny (bucket rocker).**

Raffle: Eli had "lots of good prizes" for both the \$1 and the \$5 tickets. Lot's of winners.

Also, anyone wanting a club hat, be sure to let Jeanne know (she's ordered 50).



Eli has arranged for an other
OREGON GOLD TRIP!

After the great gold gotten at
the last one.

Oregon Gold Trip

Oct 5,6,7,8 2006

**\$85.00 we need 20 to 24
people.**

Contact **Eli** if you would like to
sign up. The money will need
to be paid by the Sept.
Meeting or Oct. 1st.

Eli Nicholsan

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side of I205

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equipment is in **46**.

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your Membership Card at the
office to get the key and the code
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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.

Correction: Last month I had the
unit and code numbers wrong.
They are correct now, sorry for the
mix-up!

Richard Ruth

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The email address's that are not corrected by the end of the **September meeting will be deleted! Please Correct them!**

Elections are coming In November

**Everyone needs to look into themselves
And ask do I enjoy this club?
Well then YOU need to get involved.**

**The Portland Gold Prospectors Inc.
Needs your help.**

**As per our by-laws, all positions are up for election.
President, Vice-President, Secretary,
Treasurer, Claims Chairman,
And 5 board positions.**

A committee of 3 for nominations is needed at the September Meeting.

**We will also need volunteers for:
Gold Show Chairman
Outings Chairman
Newsletter
Hospitality
Equipment
Safety
website**

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Both Donna and I both the "new" 600 permits. This gives the greenies an pther shot at us. I presumed that everyone else did also? Clarence.

Meeting 1: September 11, 2006
 6:00 pm
 Baker City Hall

Meeting 2: September 12
 6:00 pm
 DEQ Headquarters 811 6Th Ave. Rm. 3A
 Portland

Meeting 3: September 13, 2006
 6:00 pm
 Anne G. Basker Auditorium 604 NW 6th St.
 Grants Pass

Meeting 4: September 14, 2006
 6:00 pm
 Salem Public library 585 Liberty St .SE

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STARTING AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WE WILL BE HOLDING A RAFFEL FOR A 4 X 6 FOLD UP UTILITY TRAILER. THE TICKETS WILL \$5.00 EACH WITH THE WINNING TICKET BEING DRAWN AT OUR ANNUAL BANQUET ON JANUARY 21 2007. THERE WILL BE PICTURES AT THE MEETING AND IN THE NEX NEWSLETTER.