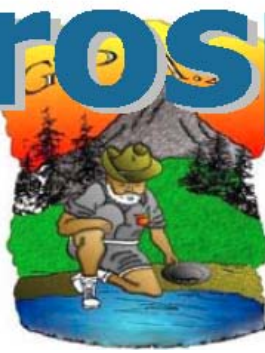


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Next Chapter Meeting:
November 19th,
2006
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

November 19th, 2006
Club Meeting, **Election of Officers, Food and Toy Drive**

December 17th, 2006
Club Meeting

January 21st, 2007
Annual Banquet

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



From the Presidents Desk

Vice president Richard Ruth called the meeting to order. There were 63 with 1 new person in attendance.

Remember this is your club so if you want to become involved and become an officer be sure to see one of the officers to put your name in or nominate someone.

Remember the "Peoples Choice" award, this award would be give to the person YOU feel deserves it. So put on your thinking caps and decide who you feel did a great job this year in supporting the club and promoting its interests. We will have a place for you to cast your vote at the next meeting.

If you would like a "brimmed" club hat like our Vice President Richard Ruth wears, we will be taking orders at this coming meeting. Because this will be a special order, Jeanne will have the price, we will need the money at the meeting. In addition, we still have some T-shirts left.

Also a friendly reminder your club makes money in only one way that is the raffle so be sure to buy your tickets and win some neat prizes. In addition, remember at your meetings, the main thing when meeting is not going is to B.S. a lot and enjoy being part of one of the friendliest club around. And it is growing very fast. Be sore to keep all the gold in your pan.

Sincerely, Preston Griffin

Secretary's Report for meeting dated October 15th

Meeting opened 1:31pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) opened meeting, welcomed attendees & visitors. 63 total, 1 new – Welcome and glad to have you with us.

September meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

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

REPORTS

Dave Chiara (Claims Mgr.). Reported that club members were working on acquiring a new claim. More info to come.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) present – no report. Preston emphasized that we should also be using the GPAA claims in southern Oregon (*be sure and fill out a form too, to help keep these claims active*).

Eli Nicholson (Outings) Working on next year's schedule. Penny reported that she had spoken with Blue Bucket folks – our club will have an outing there in August. Will most likely schedule a Crystal Claim outing at the same time. Other outing discussed - Oregon Gold Trip, Rice Museum (April tour), Fossil Dig / Richardson Ranch (thunder eggs), Quartzville / Minor's Meadow, South Umqua (River West campground), Oregon Sunstones/ Nevada Opals, Gold Fever Five. Please let your club officers know which trips you're interested in. Penny also talked briefly about obtaining another claim. They'll have details later.

Secretary's Report...

Howard Charleboix (Safety) Not present – no report. Preston talked about concerns on West Nile virus and exposure to ticks (Lyme fever). If you're going out by yourself, be sure and let someone know where you're going and when to expect your return (makes finding you much easier if you don't return as planned).

Derek Sweeney (Equipment Mgr) Not present – no report. Preston – club has equipment at the "Storage Place" for club members to use.

Curt Barnes (Website) Not present – no report. Dave indicated if you submitted a website access form (last several months and don't have access – please resubmit – Dave mailed forms to Curt, but they were never received). *Those wishing access to the website (and you haven't submitted your form" - see Club Book for signature sheet).*

Newsletter (Richard Ruth) They should be out by 2nd Friday of the month (i.e. before the 3rd Sunday of the month meeting).

Penny Parsons – Elections Asked if anyone wanted to run for an officer or director's position. Ed Eckersley indicated he would like to run for Director At Large. There we no other volunteers. Voting is at our November meeting, so come and voice "your opinion".

Penny also indicated we need to be thinking about "People's Award" nominees, to be voted at November's meeting.

New Business

Dave Chiara discussed Toy & Food Drive (one raffle ticket per toy or 1 ticket for 3 items of food donated; drawing at January Banquet). Be sure and bring in toys and canned / boxed food items to the November meeting.

Secretary's Report...

Club hats (baseball type) are currently for sale (\$10). It was asked if anyone would like a "brimmed type" (like our Vice-president Richard Ruth wears). A number of attendees indicated they would.

Next meeting scheduled for November 19th
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, **Penny (Dennis' wine)**, **Kurt** and **Kathleen (press / juicer)**

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



For Sale

**2 1/2 Highbanker dredge
combo with air for sale. 4 hp
B/S motor \$650.00 OBO 503
829 3340 thank you Brian
Welch**

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
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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

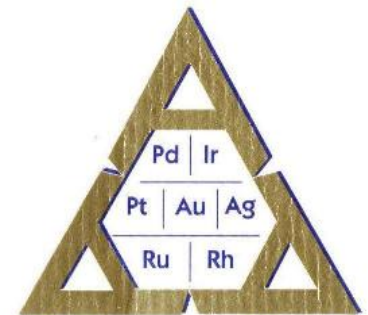
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We have units 46 and 47. Club equipment is in **46**.

To enter you will need to show your Membership Card at the office to get the key and the code ***462000#** 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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AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WE STARTED A RAFFEL FOR A 4 X 6 FOLD UP UTILITY TRAILER. THE TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH WITH THE WINNING TICKET BEING DRAWN AT OUR ANNUAL BANQUET ON JANUARY 21 2007.