

# The Prospector



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**Next Chapter  
Meeting:  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
at the  
Milwaukie, Oregon  
Grange Hall  
12015 S.E. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Meeting Begins at  
12:00PM.**



## **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007  
Annual Banquet  
Starts at NOON.  
Bring your favorite  
dish**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Chapter Meeting**

**Please submit  
Newsletter Reports  
before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday  
of each Month.**



## **From the Presidents Desk**

Meeting started as usual with the bang of the hammer. I believe we had about 45 or 50 people at our last meeting. Don't forget you will have new officers starting at the banquet. I am looking forward to a fun and full season of fun and I hope a lot of gold. Well this is my last President's letter but I will still be at the meetings. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

**Sincerely, Preston Griffin**

**GRIFF11546@AOL.COM**

## Secretary's Report for meeting dated December 17<sup>th</sup>

Meeting opened 1:30pm  
Milwaukie Grange Hall

### CALL TO ORDER

**Preston Griffin (Club President)** opened meeting, welcomed attendees & visitors. 56 total, 9 new – Welcome and glad to have you with us.

November meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

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

**Dave Chiara (Claims Mgr.)**. Please sign in and give us your e-mail and / or address for the newsletter and other information we send out from time to time. Please write information legibly and clearly. New cards will be issued in January, along with updates to the Club book. *The club members names & contact information (e-mail, phone #'s) will be issued – PLEASE REVIEW & MAKE CORRECTIONS OR CALL ME AT HOME PRIOR TO MEETING (503-285-8553) WITH CORRECT INFORMATION, IF YOU THINK or KNOW IT'S NOT.*

**Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.)** not present – no updates.

**Eli Nicholson (Outings)** We have a working list and will put together next year's schedule, based on confirmed or tentative dates. *We've discussed – Gold Show (Mar 31 /Apr 1), Rice Museum (unscheduled due to weather related damage), Estacada Metal Detecting Event (June 9), Oregon Gold Trip (July), Blue Bucket / Crystal Claim / Chris & Penny's new claim (Aug), Quartzville / Minor's Meadow (Sept ?subject to availability). Other outings suggested, but not scheduled; Fossil Dig/ Richardson Ranch (thunder eggs), South Umqua (River West camp ground), Oregon Sunstones/ Nevada Opals, Gold Fever Five. Please let your club officers know which trips you're interested in.*

## Secretary's Report...

**Howard Charleboix (Safety)** Not present – no report. Preston talked about concerns on 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). Also, if you have medical issues, please let Preston or Richard know (see form in Club Book) and let them know what your needs are (information is kept confidential). Since we're changing officers, please fill out a new form and give to Richard Ruth.

**Ken Burns** has taken Derek Sweeney's place as equipment mgr – if you need something equipment wise – talk with Ken or give him a call (503-786-3021). The equipment is at "The Storage Place of Clackamas" 157000 SE McKinley Ave (off I-205).

**Curt Barnes (Website)** present – reported that the web site is "running smoothly". It was asked if we could have an open site, so others could respond to question raised (password versus no password required). *Let your club officers know what your preferences are. If you do experience troubles, let someone know so we can resolve it.*

**Newsletter - (Richard Ruth)** should be out the Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month meeting.

**Canned Food & Toy Drive – (Meda Chiara)** thank you for bringing in the food and toys. Remember to bring your raffle tickets to the banquet (drawing date).

**Trailer Raffle** – Remember the trailer raffle is \$5 and proceeds support our club. Drawing is at our January banquet. You can still buy tickets up to the time of the drawing.

### Election Results:

**Richard Ruth, President**  
**Penny Parsons, Vice-President**  
**Meda Chiara, secretary**  
**Bev Parker, Treasurer**  
**Dave Chiara, Claims.**  
**Board Members At Large:**  
**Andy Miller**  
**Ed Eckersley**  
**Jeanne Gieg**  
**John Henry**  
**Ken Burns**

## New Business

**Steve Howard** was contacted by **Dick Miller** (who works with disabled kids), he would like to set up a gold panning event sometime this summer (to show kids how to pan). Steve Lilly volunteered to have the event at his place.

**Jeanne** – has club hats on sale - “brimmed type” (like our Vice President Richard Ruth wears) \$11 each and baseball type are \$10 each. See her to get your Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc hat. Remember proceeds support our club (*and wearing it helps promote the club*).

Next meeting scheduled for January 21st NOON (annual banquet) at the Milwaukie Grange Hall. Bring your favorite dish.

Thank you to all who have donated items to the “silent auction”, all proceeds help support our club. Folks that donated for this month; Larry (polished rocks), Julie (wreath), Sandy (Frosty).

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



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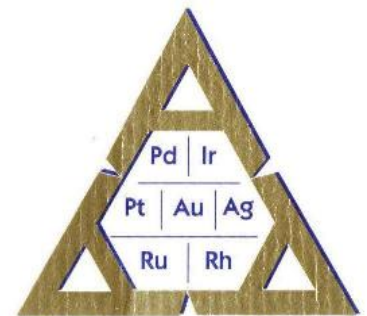
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Name - A Storage Place of Clackamas  
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Just off I205 at Exit 12, West side of I205  
 We have units 46 and 47. Club equipment is in 46.  
 To enter you will need to show your Membership Card at the office to get the key and the code \*462000# to go through the gate.

There is a sign out/in sheet Please use it! In addition, 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.



## RAFFEL RAFFEL RAFFEL RAFFEL RAFFEL

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.