

# The Prospector



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**Next Chapter Meeting:**  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
at the  
**Milwaukie, Oregon**  
**Grange Hall**  
**12015 S.E. 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Meeting Begins at**  
**1:30PM.**



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

**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Chapter Meeting**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Chapter Meeting**

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



## **From the Presidents Desk**

If you weren't at the Estacada Annual Coin Shoot and Prospecting Show you missed a lot of fun and only got a little wet. OK, it started raining about half way through the first hunt and continued for the rest of the day but this is Oregon and we had fun anyway. More details at the meeting.

**Dave Rutan** will be at the meeting explaining non typical Placer Gold and bring us new pictures of the Little Chetco River camp.

**Jackie Parsons** will have 3 new lamps for everyone to see these are already sold but she can get more. Please let her know if you are interested.

**Stay safe, stay well and we will see you at the next meeting.**

**Sincerely**

**Richard Ruth**

## Secretary's Report for meeting dated May 20, 2007<sup>th</sup>

Meeting opened 1:30 pm  
Milwaukie Grange Hall

### CALL TO ORDER

**Richard Ruth (Club President)** welcomed attendees & visitors. 70 total, 0 new - It was noted that it's very unusual to not have any new attendees.

April meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

**Bev Parker (Treasurer)** read Treasure's Report. Report accepted as read, (see report)

### REPORTS

**Dave Chiara (Claims Mgr.)**. Club Membership Cards – It takes 3 functions (a combination of monthly meetings and / or outings to qualify for membership). Be sure and sign in at each meeting (legibly, please). Also, if you need a Permit (600, 700 or DSL) see Dave at the break.

From the previous meeting (April) it was set up that if the weather cooperated we would have a metal detecting class at the May meeting break. Unfortunately the weather didn't break at the break. *Hopefully, we can have another class soon.*

Dave brought up the question about "Club Claims". A show of hands was requested to help the club officers determine how many of the club members wanted the club to have claims. A lengthy discussion followed covering the pros and cons of a claim. It was decided that a list of claims (GPAA, other club's claims, open prospecting areas) be developed.

**Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.)** – present – please send in reports on GPAA claims you've worked (these are needed for assessment).

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

**Penny** – indicated June 2<sup>nd</sup> she'll need some help sweeping the fields for the **Estacada Coin Shoot** event. Let her know if you want to help. Also, she needs help for the "main" event scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already talk with her, give her a call.

**Penny or Jeanne** – club hats (baseball type) \$10, mugs \$6, T-shirts \$8 and buckets (5gal @ \$2 and square @ \$1). Remember all profits go to the club. *If anybody wants to bring in buckets for club sale, please bring on meeting day.*

**Cook Books** – we're still looking for recipes for the **Montana GPAA** folks (to buy a new claim). Please send them in to Jeanne or Richard. Also, our club will do a book later this fall (for sale too).

**For those of you who renew your GPAA memberships on an annual basis – please let them know you are a member of this club and we'll get credit for it.**

### New Business

Pledge of Allegiance – our club will have a vote on it later this year.

Next meeting scheduled for June 17th 1:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange Hall.

Raffle Items: Eli had "lots of good prizes" Everyone's a winner. Thank you to those who donated items for the silent auction this meeting.

The Oregon Gold Trip ticket is the next big raffle item. Be sure and buy your "chance to win"

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHOCAME TO ESTACADA 6-2-07 FOR THE CLEAN UP SWEEP IN PREPERATION FOR THE COIN SHOOT AND PROSPECTING SHOW ON JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>. WE CLEANED UP 10 LBS OF SCRAP FROM THE GROUNDS AND MARKED SEVERAL AREAS OF LARGE DEPOSITS OF METALS.**

**Penny**

**“BUTTIN IN” WITH Gold Sally’s TRIVIA**



**What paper Published the First Announcement of Gold and When?**

Californian – March 15, 1848

**GPAA Membership Renewal Credits**

Buzzard Special	17.50
1 Year Mining Guide Renewal	12.50
2 Year Mining Guide Renewal	20.00
3 Year Mining Guide Renewal	25.00
Gold Life Membership	25.00
LDMA Membership	50.00
Alaska Sign - Ups	50.00.

The 2 & 3 yr. Mining Guide renewals credits are adjusted because the member is getting a reduced price.

For Alaska sign-up information, please contact the Alaska Administrator.

These credits are used to buy things from the GPAA Catalog. If you do not have a GPAA Catalog, you can go to <http://www.goldprospectors.org/catalog/index.asp?PageName=Catalog> to see what all they have. If there is anything in the catalog that you would like to have for the raffle Please let one of the board members know .

Richard

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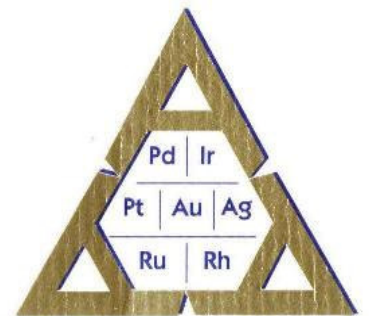
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 Chuck 509-773-6969

## 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 **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 ect... are color coded so please take only the color for the Highbanker you pick.

It has been brought to my attention that our storage unit was in a big mess and some of the equipment is missing and not signed out. Most of this equipment was donated to our club for the use of every one in our club. Please keep the storage unit clean and neat. When you barrow some equipment sign it out. And bring it back in good working order and clean with no gas in the motors.

