

The Prospector



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Next Chapter Meeting:

Oct. 21st, 2007
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Oct. 21st, 2007
Chapter Meeting, Toy
and Canned Food Drive
starts plus after the
meeting the Spaghetti
Feed & Silent Auction

Nov 18th, 2007
Chapter Meeting and
Election of Officers

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



From the Presidents Desk

NEWS FLASH: *California Assembly Bill 1032 has been returned without a signature, Vetoed. The letter from Govern Schwarzenegger is on page 3.*

Remember Elections of Club Board Members at the November meeting. See Meda if you are interested in being a Board Member of the club. Also you need to be a member of GPAA or LDMA to vote for or be a Board Member. The Toy and Canned Food Drive starts at this meeting also.

I am looking forward to the report from Penny and the others that went to Emily Camp last month!

Remember Our Roots! D & K has supported us from the beginning and we need to support D & K! NOT some shop south of us or north of us.

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

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated Sept. 16th, 2007th

Meeting opened 1:32 pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) welcomed attendees & visitors. 51 total, 2 new (welcome Harold & Jim).

August 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.). Not present (at Dave Rutan's Little Chetco trip). Meda gave report. Please pickup your Club Membership Cards – new ones will be issued in January. Be sure and sign in at each meeting (legibly, please). Books for new members are \$5.00

Preston Griffin (Safety) – Not Present – Howard Charleboix (*welcome back Howard*) gave comments on watching out for the “chill factor” & letting someone know where you're at when out prospecting.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) – not present. (*if you use a GPAA site, please send in a report*).

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – is working on setting up a River's West get together (Roseburg /Umqua River), a day trip to the Molalla River and is still working on getting a date set up for Minor's Meadow in 2008 (during dredging season).

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) – Not Present (Little Chetco trip) – Richard announced that access to the storage/equipment locker has been suspended with restrictions placed on usage. This was necessitated by lack of care in returning equipment, un-returned equipment and fuel left in equipment. Equipment usage will be discussed at board meeting and check out & return will most likely be thru an officer.

Secretary's Report...

Curt Barnes (Website) – Not Present. *The web site is up and running (working very well). Editor's note: please visit site www.PortlandGoldProspectors.org and see for yourself. We would like to see more folks using / commenting / responding in the forum – it's there for your use. Curt has put some “money making ideas” on the website for anyone interested in helping the club finances.*

Newsletter - (Richard Ruth) should be out the Friday before the 3rd Sunday of the month meeting.

Old Business

Richard Ruth – talked about the review of the Club By-Laws and changes. Also, it was discussed whether the club would keep the storage units for the club equipment.

Richard Ruth – Royal Family Kid's Camp – Tuesday Aug. 21st – Volunteers taught kids to pan (have 34 kids). Didn't go exactly as planned (facility was overbooked) but it still worked out and kids enjoyed the panning lesson.

Richard Ruth – Spaghetti Feed & Silent Auction at the Estacada Community Center – Sept. 15th had 48 people attend. Remember the Milwaukie Grange Hall – Oct. 21st (after our club meeting) \$10 per person. Need volunteers & spaghetti sauce.

Richard Ruth – Public Lands for the People was discussed. The New 49er's need help with sending in letters to Gov. Arnold to veto bill against dredging.

Richard Ruth / Ed Eckersley – Rice Museum went well (only had 4 volunteers thou for the 2 days). Club made \$210 from the bag sales (ran out of bags by early Sunday). Ed said they want us back next year.

Penny or Jeanne – club hats (baseball type) \$10, mugs \$6, T-shirts \$8, sweat shirts \$12 each, bigger sizes are more. 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. Please send them in to Jeanne or Richard, as our club will do a cook book later this fall (for sale too).

Secretary's Report...

Gold Fever Three was renamed Farnsworth Fever and that folks from the club are welcome to use the claim. Please let them know what you find (any activity goes against the requirements for assessment). Thank you Ron.

New Business

Ed Eckersley – suggested for a club event like the Rice Museum sales, that someone have a deposit slip so proceeds can be deposited and not wait until next month's meeting.

The nominating committee have been selected – Meda Chiara, Darlene Schaffer and Steve Jordan. If you have someone in mind to nominate or want to nominate yourself – please see one of them (or call).

Next month is the “kick off” of the annual food and toy drive. Please bring your food items and toys in for the donation drive.

Robert Victoria – suggested that we list the different claims from different groups where our folks could go or even get together for an outing. (Dave – Claims Mgr has been compiling a list of such groups and / or places and will bring to Oct meeting).

Clay Unruh asked that we keep his wife in our prayers and thoughts, as she is not doing well.

For those interested in helping the folks from “Public Lands for the People” or the New 49er's “fight” in California – you can also contact 49er Mike (Mike Higbee) at GoldGold.com.

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.

Next meeting scheduled for October 21st 1:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange Hall.

Raffle – Eli conducted the raffle – lots of good

GPAA Membership Renewal Credits

Buzzard Special	17.50
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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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Portland Gold Prospectors Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction After the meeting from 5PM to 7PM With \$10 for dinner for the.

Unbelievable WIN for dredgers!

The Governor TERMINATES AB1032.

Congratulations to all who have fought this bill since it reared its ugly head!

Thank you to all who wrote-mailed or called to comment.

When we are united we can make a difference

THANK GOD AND GOD BLESS AMERICA

View the governors letter on attachment!

PLP also thanks all who contribute to our fight!

Sincerely,

PLP Board of Directors

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1032 without my signature.

The purpose of this bill is to protect fish and wildlife from the potential deleterious effects of suction dredge mining. Although I appreciate the author's intent and the need to protect our fish, wildlife, and water resources, this bill is unnecessary.

Current law gives the Department of Fish and Game (Department) the necessary authority to protect fish and wildlife resources from suction dredge mining. It has promulgated regulations and issues permits for this activity. Permits for suction dredge mining must ensure that these operations are not deleterious to fish and allow the Department to specify the type and size of equipment to be used .. In its regulations, the Department may also designate specific waters or areas that are closed to dredging.

It is unclear why this bill specifically targets a number of specific waterways for closure or further restrictions. The listed waterways represent only a small fraction of the waters in our State where suction dredging is occurring. The benefit or protection from such a minor closure is negligible and supports the notion that scientific environmental review should precede such decisions.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger

I moved the ad around to see if we would get more hits. I will leave it in the current location for a while to see how it does. (any/all suggestions welcome on placement/content).

As a reminder, they don't cut a check until we reach \$100, but we are definitely on the way.

Curt

Today's Earnings: **\$1.86**

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Storage Unit

The equipment that we had at this storage unit is now stored by Ken Burns.



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