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Next Chapter Meeting:

Jan. 20th 2008
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
12:00 noon



Jan. 20th 2008
Chapter Meeting and
Banquet Meeting Starts
at 12 Noon, Banquet at
2PM

Feb. 17th 2008
Chapter Meeting and
Howard Charleboix on
how setup and run the
spiral wheel.

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



From the Presidents Desk

I will start with a big **Thank You** to the 2007 Board of Directors for all of your hard work.

I have set an aggressive agenda for Portland Gold Prospectors Inc for this year, see page 2 and 3. It is one that we can meet, it will take every one and it will be a lot of **FUN!!!** So please every one that has not been to the meeting for a while come on back and join in on the fun.

Next month Howard Charleboix will show us how to setup and run the spiral wheel and the Blue Bowl.

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

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated December 16th 2007

Meeting opened 1:35 pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) welcomed attendees & visitors. 56 total, 7 new (welcome John Sr., John Jr., Jacob & Richard + 3 ladies who didn't sign in). Glad you all could join us.

November 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.). Nothing really new to report. Membership Cards will be handed out at January's meeting for 2008. Be sure and sign in at each meeting (legibly, please). Books for new members are \$5.00 any mailing or e-mail changes, please note them on the sign in sheet.

Preston Griffin (Safety) – If you are going out (in the woods) let someone know where you will be and when you expect to return.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) – Present, but nothing to say. *If you have used a GPAA claim site, please send in a report.*

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – Getting with Dave (Rutan) to finalize things (work/outings). Has a signup sheet for outing/Gold Show at Roseburg fairground in May. *Chapter to set up a get together – Roseburg, Grants Pass/Rouge River area. Tentative Schedules – Gold Show (Salem) Mar 29th (set up day) Mar 30th – Mar 31st. GoldFest 2008 May 16 - 18 Roseburg Gold Show. Estacada Event (Metal Detecting) June 21st. Molalla River / Opal Creek – dates pending. Royal Family Kid's Camp Aug 14th – 19th.*

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) – If you need anything, give Ken a call. His number is in the newsletter. *All equipment is now stored at Ken's place (call to make arrangements to use). There are now rental prices established for each piece of equipment (see list). A portion of the rental charge is refundable if you bring back in good condition and clean. The club now has only one storage locker (for meeting equipment only). Equipment usage will be checked out & returned thru Ken or another officer.*

Curt Barnes (Website) – Not Present. *The web site is up and running (working very well). Our club is making money with "hits" from the sites that are linked to ours. Editor's note: please visit site www.PortlandGoldProspectors.org and see for yourself.*

Secretary's Report...

We would like to see more folks using / commenting / responding in the forum – it is 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

Kathy Henry spoke about the untimely passing of her husband, John. She thanked the club for everything and donated a nugget they found together on one of their first outings and indicated the club could use it as they see fit (raffle or some other use).

Food & Toy Drive – Meda - Thank you for all your generous donations. *This has been another successful effort for our club.*

Workday at Oregon Gold Trips Wine Camp, Jump Off Joe Creek – Penny, Dave Rutan – clean up, fix up of cabin, area near the pond – need volunteers willing to paint, wire, add deck, etc. – time will be exchanged for "play time" prospecting. Sign up – scheduled for March and April.

Chairs – Penny discussed progress (checked with City Liquidators – no older chairs available, just new. Will need to wait until they have some used ones available.

Penny or Jeanne – club hats (baseball type) \$10, mugs; \$10, hats; \$12, M-L, \$14 XL - XXL T-shirts \$14, M-L, \$16, XL-XXL sweatshirts Remember all profits go to the club. *If anybody wants to bring in buckets for club sale, please bring on meeting day.*

New 49ers – Need help with the financial fight (suits by Indian tribe). Please donate to The New 49'ers Prospecting Organization PO Box 47 or 27 Davis Road Happy Camp, Ca 96039

Richard announced that he is instituting a monthly training program within our meeting schedule period. This training will last 20 – 30 minutes and cover some aspect of mining.

January – nothing scheduled due to our banquet.

February – Howard on the wheel

March – metal detecting (possibly someone from

D&K).

April – Trommel – Steve Lilly and Richard Ruth

May – Metal detecting

June – Ed concentrates

July – Panning - Preston and Richard

August – demonstration, sluice box – Eli and Ed

September – Thrift shop prospecting – Megan

October – Show and Tell – all members present.

November – to be determined (dowsing?)

December – to be determined

Secretary's Report...

Outings

Spaghetti feed March 16 (Penny & Richard)
Gold Show March 29th setup – March 30 – 31
(Robert Caldwell & Penny Parsons)
Rice Museum – TBD
Cracker Creek – Late April or Early May –
Howard
Southern Oregon Gold & Treasure Show –
May 30th setup, May 31- June 1 (Eli &
Richard)
Estacada Event (metal detecting) June 21st –
Penny & Richard
Weekend trips to Molalla River or Opal Creek
– Mike Malloy & Ken Burns
Outing with Roseburg Chapter – Eli &
Richard
Dave Briton's & Mike Malloy's claim on the
Klamath River – Late Aug or early Sept –
Mike & Ken
Oregon Gold Trip – Eli
Royal Family Kid's Camp – Aug 14th – 19th –

Richard

Blue Bucket – TBD (may schedule something
in May ?).

*Our banquet is scheduled for Jan 20th meeting to start at
noon (12:00). Banquet to follow meeting. Be sure and
bring something (potluck).*

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

Next meeting scheduled for January 20th 12:00 p.m. at
the Milwaukie Grange Hall.

Raffle – Eli conducted the raffle – lots of good prices.

Meeting adjourned a 3:30 pm. Board meeting to follow.

For Sale

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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

“BUTTIN IN” WITH Gold Sally's TRIVIA



Who discovered gold on Clear Creek?

P. B. Reading

**At the Oct. meeting, we
started something new. We are
giving away gold. The quarter drop
is where you can win. You now have
a chance to win a 4-grain nugget. If
you drop a quarter into the jug of
water and it lands on the gold pan
in the middle, you win your chance
to draw a vile. It is luck of the draw
pull. We have two 4 grain nuggets
plus many others that are smaller
you could also win. It only takes
one drop to win. Please come to the
meetings and try it, see what you
could win.**

Eli

For Sale

**4" D&K Dredge with Proline pump
Single box with air \$1,300.00
Contact Chris or Penny Parsons
503-344-6838**

For Sale

I am selling my LDMA membership. I am a paid-in-full member, but have developed a disability and can no longer prospect. I am hoping to sell my membership. I would sell for \$3000 if someone is interested answers this email vparks@columbiainet.com or phone 509-545-8105.

Thank You, Vic Parks

Revised Rental Schedule

Equipment	Rental Price	Deposit Price
Dredge	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
Combo Highbanker Dredge 3"	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
Highbanker Blue	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Highbanker Red	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Highbanker From Howard	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Genie Spiral Wheel	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
White's Goldmaster	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Coin Master	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Fisher M Scope	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Sluice 1' x 4'	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50
Sluice 1' x 5'	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50
Mini Sluice	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50
Tom & Perry Cleanup Kit	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50
Cleanup Tub large	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Cleanup Tub #1	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Cleanup Tub #2	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Cleanup Tub #3	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Sifter 4"		\$ 0.50
Sifter 8"		\$ 0.50
Black Gold Pan		\$ 1.00
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Classifier		\$ 0.50
Pro Cat Heater	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
White Stag Propane Stove	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
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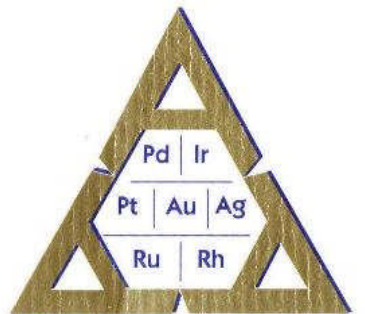
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