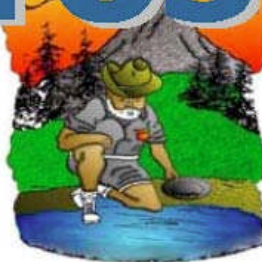


The Prospector



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March 2008

Next Chapter Meeting:

March 16th 2008

at the

Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall

12015 S.E. 22nd

Meeting Begins at

1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

March 16th 2008

Chapter Meeting and Bring your Metal Detectors and stay for the Spaghetti Feed and silent Auction at 4PM.

March 29th & d 30th 2008
GPAA Salem Gold Show

April 11th 12th & 13th 2008
Workday at Oregon Gold Trips. Tentative date for the first work group

April 20th 2008
Chapter Meeting. Steve Lilly & Richard Ruth will show their Trommels

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



From the Presidents Desk

Welcome to the seven new people! I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Be sure to bring your Metal Detectors!

After the meeting, at 4PM, we will have the Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction. Only \$5 per person. Please stay for this. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between our club and the city of Estacada's new park.

As most of you know, in last month's newsletter I did not state my question correctly! ☹ Below is the corrected version.

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

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Question: Is it possible to make about \$300.00 in about 3.5 hrs without having a college degree, selling drugs or working up a sweet?

The Answer, YES!

Question: Will you need any special tools, chemicals or safety equipment?

The Answer will be in next month's newsletter.

Secretary's Report for meeting dated February 17th 2008

Meeting opened 1:30PM
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 60 total, 7 new. Glad you all could join us.

January meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

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

REPORTS

Robert Caldwell (Club Claims) - Your new club cards are ready please see Robert. Books for new members are \$5.00 any mailing or e-mail changes, please note them on the sign in sheet.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) - No reports until the snowmelts. *If you have used a GPAA claim site, please send in a report.*

Eli Nicholson (Outings) - Spaghetti feed and Silent auction after March meeting

Preston Griffin (Safety) - Preston or Howard not in attendance. Richard reminded everyone if you are going out to let someone know where you are going, when, and when you are expected back.

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) - Not present.

Curt Barnes (Website) - Not present. Website still up and running, reminder to visit click on links club gets 50 cents per click. Receive a check when there is a \$100 built up. www.PortlandGoldProspectors.org and see for yourself. *We would like to see more folks using / commenting / responding in the forum - it is there for your use.*

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

Old Business

Chairs (Penny) - Got 25 chairs at \$10 each plus carts for a total of \$286.00, Grange women really like the arm rests.

Workday at Oregon Gold Trips (Penny) - Tentative date for 1st work group April 11, 12, & 13. At this time, the camp is snowed in and so no work can be done. We need to have the snow gone before going in to do the work. If the snow is not gone buy the March meeting this will be moved to May 8th - 11th.

March Spaghetti Feed (Richard) - Club voted on and approved to change cost from \$10 to \$5 per person. Starts at 4 with silent auction

Secretary's Report...

New Business

New Oregon Gold Trips Raffle (Penny) - Raffle for a fly in trip for 1 to the Emily Camp August 28 through Sept 2 @5.00 per ticket. (Donated by Dave Rutan) Tickets will be sold at club meetings, and at our booths at the Salem and the Roseburg gold shows. Drawing to be held at the June 15th meeting. Attendance not mandatory to win. Results will be posted in the newsletter and on the Websites.

Wine Camp Drawing (Penny) - There was a motion to also draw for a trip for one into the Wine camp (also donated by Dave) from the remaining tickets from the Emily camp raffle until someone in attendance wins. This was seconded and passed.

Oregon Gold Trips (Dave Rutan) - Mentioned he had made a trip down to check access to Wines camp but too much snow could not get in. He also ordered another cabin 12x 16 with a loft for Wines camp. He is also looking for another patented Claim in the Roseburg Grants pass area. He had a booth at the recent Sportsman's show said it was successful. He will also have a booth at the Salem, Oregon and the Monroe Washington shows.

GPAA Salem Gold Show (Penny) - Need people to help Setup on Fri March 28th at 8:30 a.m.

Sat 1st shift at 9:30
2nd shift at 12:00
3rd shift at 2:30

Sunday same shifts times as Sat.

Need teardown crew on Sunday after 5PM.

Sign up sheet on the table.

Speakers (Penny on the Wheel & Richard on the Blue Bowl) - At 2:30 we went outdoors where group of members demonstrated a water bucket brigade and were joined by Penny on the use of a Gold wheel and Richard on the Blue bowl. Finished up around 3:10 Good job!

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.

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.

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

Next meeting scheduled for March 16th 1:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange Hall.

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

I AM SELLING MY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IN THE LOST DUTCHMAN'S MINING ASSOC. NEW MEMBERSHIPS ARE SELLING FOR \$3750.00. I AM SELLING MINE FOR \$2000.00.

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**4" D&K Dredge with Proline pump
Single box with air \$1,300.00
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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

“BUTTIN IN” WITH Gold Sally’s TRIVIA



What waste product did the Spanish cannon makers use?

Platinum

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

Work day at Oregon Gold Trips

Tools Needed

Shovel, Gloves, Highbanker, Hammer, Brush and Tree Nippers, Gold Pan, Paint Brush and Roller, Strong Back (maybe), Good Attitude, Smiles, Energy. Bring ONLY the tools you already have, please do not buy any thing for this!

This will be the first work party on April 11th, 12th & 13th if the snow has melted. At this time, the camp is STILL snowed in, and no work can be done. We need to have the snow gone before going in to do the work. If the snow is not gone by, the March meeting this will be moved to May 8th to 11th.

SPAGETTI FEED

At \$5.00 per plate plan to stay after the Meeting this Sunday. We will have Spaghetti and garlic bread with salad. There will be a very interesting Silent Auction.

WIN A TRIP TO EMILY CAMP

\$ 5.00 per ticket.

The Portland Gold Prospectors Inc. is raffling a 4-day trip to Emily Camp. The trip will be for Aug 28 thru Sept 2 an \$1850.00 trip. You will Helicopter into the Kalmiopsis wilderness. Where beautiful cabins await you with all of your meals provided. You will have 3" combo dredges/High Bankers to use.

Plus any other equipment that is needed to have a great prospecting trip.

Explore a load mine or just enjoy the beauty or evening campfire.

The drawing will be held at the June 15th meeting of the Portland Gold Prospectors and the results will be posted on the web at:

www.portlandgoldprospectors.org

www.oregongoldtrips.com


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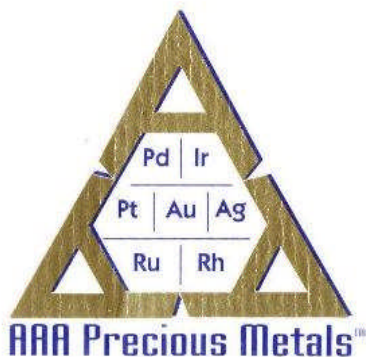


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