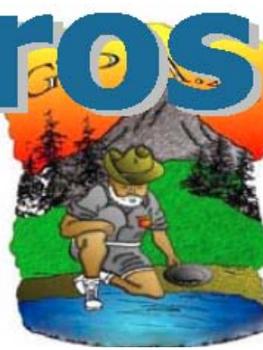


# The Prospector



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**Next Chapter Meeting:**  
**November 16<sup>th</sup> 2008**  
**At the Milwaukie, Oregon Grange Hall**  
**12015 S.E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Begins at 1:30PM.**



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

November 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 Chapter Meeting, Election of Officers and Toy & Food Drive

December 21<sup>st</sup> 2008 Chapter Meeting and Food Drive

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 Annual Banquet, Chapter Meeting and Food Drive

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



## **From the Presidents Desk**

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

It is time for our election; we will be electing a new President this year. The office of Treasurer will also be voted on this year. Ken Burns will be staying on as Equipment Manager and Eli will stay in charge of the Raffle. We will need some one for the positions of Outings Coordinator, Claims Manager, Safety Person, and one or two more people as Board Members at large. Please think about it and become part of the leadership of our club, Portland Gold Prospectors Inc.

At this meeting, we start our annual Toy and Food Drive, 1 Raffle ticket (for a GOLD Nugget) for 3 cans of food and 1 raffle ticket for each toy. This year it will not end in December but continue through the year.

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

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

## Secretary's Report for meeting dated October 19<sup>th</sup> 2008

Meeting opened 1:30PM  
Milwaukie Grange Hall

### CALL TO ORDER

**Richard Ruth (Club President)** - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 59 total, 12 new. Glad you all could join us.

October. meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

**Correspondence**, David Wu contacted JP would like to learn more about Dredging.

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

### REPORTS

**Robert Cadwell (Club Claims)** – In addition to TYRoy / the club has filed for TyRoy & Pat 40 Acres/ TYPat 20 Acre. Robert has membership cards; new people need to attend 3 functions - combination of meetings and/or functions to receive one. When you sign in PLEASE print clearly, include your email address, if you have one. This way we can send you the club newsletter by email! Books for new members are \$5.00. Mailing or email changes please note them on the sign-in sheet.

**Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.)** - Robert is still doing OK, No updates on GPAA Claims. If you use or have used GPAA claims, be sure to send in report... Visiting one of the GPAA claims requires filing a report.

**Eli Nicholson (Outings)** – 1 outing left in the schedule for this season. Oregon Gold Trips work Party! Thurs Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Meet Dave at Abbey's Pizza @ 6 PM in Rogue River. \$20.00/person to cover food.

**Safety** - Need a new safety person - volunteer -

**Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.)** - Went over the equipment the club owns. Good selection for Club to borrow. Call Ken @ 503-631-3011 for info.

**Richard (Website)** Web site up but forum still down.

### Old Business

**Oregon Gold Trips Work Trip (Richard)**  
Along with great food, each person will be assign tasks. Ken Burns will be heading this up. 8hrs by each individual the rest of the time will be for PLAY.

## Secretary's Report...

Painting inside, trimming brush around the pond and the road to the Hi Banking area. Cover for the loader. Gate to put up, another path from the new cabin to the pond. Get the place ready for winter. Bring tools, Clippers, chainsaw, shovels, paint brush, hammers, hand saws

**PA system** Neither Jack or Wayne was at the meeting.

**Eli** went over the items he had for the raffle. If you are in D&K be sure to thank them for their donations and support.

**Show N Tell. Richard** brought in his Platinum recycle vial and some of the tools he uses.

A new member brought in the gold she and her friend found down at Yellow bottom discussed her spiral panner and asked questions about it.

There was the **Big** rock with gold that **George Parker** found at Blue Bucket a couple of years ago. We then went around the room and even though most of us did not have something to show there was quite a few that described what they had found during the year.

**Ken Burns** showed off the gold he got from Felix's Paydirt. Impressive!

All in all Good job everyone!

### New Business

**Banquet Committee (Richard)** Gene to head Banquet Committee need 4 to 5 volunteers, Set up prepare and serve.  
**Food & Toy Drive** Bring in your food and toys for the Nov meeting and food for the Dec. Meeting

**Ken** brought a brochure of Camp Dakota, which is a privately owned forest campground that is open to the public. They offer a wide variety of camping options including yurt rentals, tee pee rentals, RV sites, and tent camping sites. Visit Camp Dakota and enjoy a family friendly activities include [Paintball](#), [Disc Golf](#), [Gold Panning](#), as well as horseshoes, volleyball, basketball, and a playground for the kids.

Nearby in the Santiam State Forest there are several [waterfalls](#) to explore, [ATV and OHV trails](#), fishing holes, high mountain lakes, and hiking trails. Swimming is a short drive from camp at either [Butte Creek Falls](#) or at [Scotts Mills County Park](#). Of course, for those of you who just want to sit by the campfire and relax or read a good book we have that too. We have a designated area where the kids can practice archery and shoot air rifles as well.\*

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## Secretary's Report...

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**Darlene Schafer (Nominee's needed)** Position's open are President, Treasurer, & Board member's need people to at least consider running for these position's when asked.

**IMPORTANT!!!** Members visiting our claims, please report assessment work done and the hours to Robert Cadwell.

**Email for newsletter (Richard Ruth)** If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email please email us at [portlandgpaa@aol.com](mailto:portlandgpaa@aol.com) a lot of email addresses are showing up as not valid when we try to send them out.

## Chris & Penny's ADVENTURE 2008

### Week Five

At Fort Myers beach, we had a great time visiting with our daughter and seeing the sights. We met Geri's Dad Red and he is quite a comedian. Chris and I enjoyed our time visiting with him. We Went to Bonita Springs to the Everglades wonder park and saw alligators and crocodiles, turtles, snakes, birds, and numerous plants, along with numerous stuffed animals. Leeanna drove us to Sanibel Island to the ding a do wild life preserve. Which we drove thru and saw a lot of fish jumping, Tree crabs, eagles, pelicans, and other birds. Then it was off to the beach for shelling. The tide was coming in and bringing a lot of shells, we were able to get several and of course wet. Sunday was our anniversary so we took a ship ride out into the gulf and had dinner and a drink. We played in the casino about a ½ hour and then went out to watch the lighting storm. I was able to get several photos of the lighting that was fantastic. It was a great evening. Monday was a lazy day and Tuesday morning we drove back to Bill's with the next day starting to Arkansas.

Arriving at the Crater of Diamonds State Park Thursday, setting up camp and getting ready to hunt for a diamond on Friday. Well we tried to find a diamond and didn't. There were only 3 diamonds found that day and the day before, with about 150 to 200 hundred people looking. So we gathered up the trailer and moved to Mt. Ida, AK. We found a nice camp ground and went crystal hunting in the morning. Boy did we find some crystals. We went to Gee & Dee's crystal claim. Gee used the track hoe to open up some new ground and we found an open pocket. Chris and I worked about a half a day getting the crystals out of the pocket in groups. The outside rocks where fractured so it came out in the pieces. I also found a closed pocket of individual crystals. We got some beautiful clear crystals with perfect points. We had so much fun we did it again the next day and found more crystals. We were going to go to Mason TX., for topaz. But the ranches where you dig were closed for gem hunting, as it was deer season. So we are headed to New Mexico, and more gem hunting. We have about 3 days of driving.

# Chris & Penny's ADVENTURE 2008

The Final Week

Well this is the final week of our trip to see the USA. We were going to do the sky tram in Albuquerque, NM. but the wind was blowing too much. It is a 2.7 mile ride up the mountain.

We drove on to Laughlin, NV and spent a couple of days enjoying the sun and playing. Chris is ready to be home so we are skipping the rest of the gem hunting for now. We will be home on Wednesday late afternoon. Now we need to clean up the trailer and find all the rocks and stones that I have stored everywhere in the trailer. We will be ready to share pictures with our family and friends, over 1000 photos taken. Chris had emptied his feed trough so it must be time to be home.

See you all soon or at least talk to you.

Penny and Chris Parsons

## Coin Drop Version 4

**The quarter drop is where you can win. In Version 4, you have a chance to win the Nugget on display, on display because it is too Big to fit into the vial! 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 vial. It is luck of the draw pull. If you select the vial with a kernel of Unpopped popcorn in it, you Win the Big Nugget. There are many others that are smaller you could win also. It only takes one drop to win. Please come to the meetings and try it, see what you could win.**

Eli

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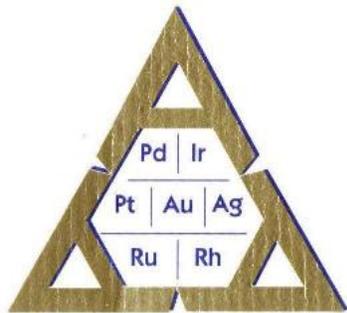
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## Outings

**Done** Spaghetti Feed March 16 - Penny & Richard

**Done** Gold Show - Robert Cadwell & Penny Parsons - March 28<sup>th</sup> setup, March 29<sup>th</sup> & March 30<sup>th</sup> .

**First one!** Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns - May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Done** Southern Oregon Gold & Treasure Show- Eli & Richard Ruth - May 30<sup>th</sup> Setup, May 31<sup>st</sup>, & June 1<sup>st</sup>

\*\*\* Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns - June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - \*\*\* *Canceled due to River Levels.*

**Done** Estacada Event - Penny & Richard - June 21<sup>st</sup>

**Done** Outing W/Roseburg Chapter – Eli & Richard Ruth – June 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Done** Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns – June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Done** Oregon Gold Trip – Eli – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup> – Work Trip

**Done** Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns - Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

\*\*\*\* Blue Bucket – Richard – \*\*\*\* **Will setup for next Spring!**

\*\*\*\* TYROY – Richard - Sept. 11, 12, 13 & 14 - \*\*\*\* **All Ponds were dry!**

\*\*\*\* Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns - \*\*\*\* **Canceled due to TYROY & Mike Malloy's outings!**

**Done** Mike Malloy's Claim on the Klamath River. - Mike Malloy & Ken Burns August 31<sup>st</sup> – Sept 6<sup>th</sup>

**Done** Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns – Oct 3, 4 & 5

\*\*\*\* Oregon Gold Trip – Eli – Nov 7, 8 & 9 Meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> – Work Trip \*\*\*\* **Due to a lost email**

## GPAA Membership Renewal Credits

Buzzard Special	10.00
1 Year Mining Guide Renewal	7.50
2 Year Mining Guide Renewal	12.00
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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