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Next Chapter Meeting:

**February 15th 2008
At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.**



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Our next meeting

March 15th 2009 Chapter Meeting and Food Drive

GPAA Gold Show March 28 and 29. Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, Oregon. Setup on March 27th.

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

From the Presidents Desk

I hope everybody is having a good day.

It was good to see all of your smiling faces at our annual banquet. I had a great time and hope you did as well.

I would like to thank Richard and all of the club officers who served last year for a job well done.

This will be a short news letter. I would like to welcome the officers serving this year and I am looking forward to working with everyone in the club over this next year.

In closing let's make this a safe and fun year, and...

MAY THE BOTTOM OF YOUR GOLD PANS BE FILLED WITH GOLD.

Sincerely

Preston Griffin

Secretary's Report for meeting dated January 18th 2009

Meeting opened 1:30PM
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 68 total, 3 visitors. Glad everyone could join us.

November. meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

Bev Parker (Outgoing 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.
There will be new membership cards at the next meeting. (February 2009 meeting)

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) - Has not been able to get a hold of the main office. Soldier creek claim not in the guide not sure. Would like volunteers to help him find some additional GPAA claims. Also if someone has a claim they are letting go contact him. Could be added to the Guide. 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) – Tentative schedule still being worked on. Let us know what outings you'd like a few suggested in Nov news letter.
Molalla River May 9&10, June 13 & 14, Jul 11&12, Aug 8&9??
Blue Bucket June 26, 27, 28??
Tyroy June 29 – July 5 (could include the Crystal Claim)??
Mike Malloy Klamath River??
These are all just suggested dates and places you help us decide.

Estacada Coin shoot Is June 20th need a few volunteers to run this.

Work Party at Jump off Joe is a possibility. Will know more later. Dave Rutan was sick and could not make it to the meeting

Safety – Still need a new safety person - volunteer -

Ken Burns (Club Equipment) - Ken went through the list of equipment the club has. 2 Dredges 1 of these is a 3 inch combo, 2 metal detectors, 1 spiral wheel, T&P cleanup sluice, gold pans, some other sluices. Contact Ken Burns if you would like to use them.

Newsletter (Richard Ruth) – Needed a volunteer to produce and distribute the news letter. Russell Grau has volunteered.

Secretary's Report...

PA system Chris gave us a demo of the new PA system he brought in (grandson's toy). He then proceeded to tell us the old system had nothing wrong with it except for needing new batteries. With the money they didn't spend on a new system a second Mic was purchased so we now have a portable mic for out on the floor..

Eli noted we'd only have the 1 dollar raffle this time as well as the Food drive, toy drive nugget drawing and the door prize drawing.
He is accepting \$5 raffle money for the mini cleanup sluice highbanker concentrator that D&K donated. Drawing for this will be in March.

Political Activites for Miners - Dave Chiara mentioned that things had gone real quiet if still interested contact him.

Dave Mac's 49er Action alert Karuck's back at trying to stop dredging /mining activities in California.

Someone mentioned we should look into getting a copy of the NW mineral prospector's news letter or contacting them on what they are doing and how we can help.

Installation of New Club Officers – Richard handed the keys to the club to Preston

Break for 15 minutes then Banquet

New Business

Food & Toy Drive - Food drive will continue throughout the year. 1 ticket per 3 cans of food or non perishable food items. Please check that the expiration date on the labels is still good.

Penny introduced three of the Grange members that were invited to the banquet. Carmalita, Shirley and Harold

New Officers - President Preston Griffin, Treasurer Melinda Dorning, Board members - Jim Dorning, Mike Malloy, Jeanne Gieg, JP, and Robert Burns

Food Drive Nugget Winner – Melinda Dorning

Toy Drive Nuggett Winner – Steve Williamson

Secretary's Report (Continued)...

Raffle – A lot of great door prize items were given away although a surprising number of the **guys** elected to take flower arrangements.

Good for the Club – A big thanks to the banquet set up crew and the girls in the kitchen, food was great and everyone appeared to have a good time.

Also to D&K for their donations and friendship through out the year.

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

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

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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Outings 2009

TBD – Please speak with Eli about your ideas for outings for this year!!

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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