

The Prospector



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Next Chapter Meeting:
Sept. 20th, 2009
At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Our next meeting
October 18th 2009 Chapter Meeting and Food Drive –
Every 2 items given will get you a \$1 raffle ticket

Don't forget the outings schedule at the end of this newsletter.

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the FIRST Friday of each Month.

From the Presidents Desk

No message this month.

Secretary's Report for meeting dated August 16th, 2009

Meeting opened 1:30PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 45 total with 3 visitors.

June meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted. Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Other Correspondence - Email from WRD about water use permits for high banking. Existing ponds where you are pumping the water back into it are OK to use. They are primarily concerned with taking water out of a stream. There is an existing well water exemption that they indicated we could use on a stream but it is for only 5000 gallons a day. They are still not sharing a lot of information but would like to join us in Sept.

GPAA email on supporting PLP group.

Request from Jerry Hobbs PLP need donations for fighting California dredging ban

Robert Caldwell (Club Claims) – Club books are available to new members who have attended a combination of 3 meetings or club outings. Needs Work sheets back from those that have been going to TYROY and the other 2 TY claims. He also has 1 year and 5 year club cards

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) - Called and talked to Ken Rucker, Got into heated argument and Ken would like individuals that was at Blue bucket to call him.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – Next outings: Mollala River Aug 22-23 Eli to lead the Caravan for those who have not been there before.

TYROY Sept 12 & 13 and then TYROY Sept 26th & 27th

Trip to Mike Malloy's Claim has been CANCELLED

Bob Rasey (Safety) – Plan trips to where your going and when to be back. Should also plan when you get there more than one way out if possible in case of unexpected events after arriving. The way you got in may be blocked so always good to have an alternative way out.

While out always keep an eye out for wild animals. Scope your surroundings frequently.

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) - Went over some of the donated items the club has if you need equipment all Ken his number is listed in the news letter under Equipment.

Road to TROY recently during our summer rains The road was muddy and messy. Rained a lot managed to get stuck on the way up there. Had to spend the night under tarps. Rain stopped by Sunday. Set his trommel up no water to classify material to ½ in. and it worked well. Had pictures of his operation on the tables in the kitchen area. Lots of yellow jackets were out.

The area that some folks have been working in and getting quite a bit of gold is now petering out. Need to do some more sampling around the claim to find other areas.

Brought some lumber up to cover the well as the wood that was there was pretty old and dangerous

Curt Barnes (Website) - Web is up, Forum is down (checked 8/14/2009). We get credits each time one of the links to GPAA, 49r's, D&K ...links are used. These credits are used to help pay for the server. Remember to go to the web often! www.portlandgoldprospectors.org

Dave Chiara (Mining Activities) – SB 670 passed Gov signed. No dredging in Calif. PLP launching plans to fight this need donations!

See August newsletter for information on what they are working on and where to send donations. There is also a raffle to help raise money some nice prizes!

Old Business

Blue Bucket – Robert Wedding – After much discussion the club felt it best to let things cool down. Then contact the national club office later. For those of you who attended the TYROY outing please remember to fill out a Placer Mining Report form for the club!

Candidates for Secretary and Vice President – Club needs people to consider being candidates for Secretary and VP. Also need election committee volunteers to help canvas club members for the offices.

Club Library – Jim Dorning – If you have any prospecting, metal detecting books or magazines you would like to donate to the club library, see Jim.

Oregon Gold Work Trip – Oct 15th – 18th CANCELLED

PLP Tickets – Melinda Dorning – Those people that bought PLP raffle tickets last month need to contact Melinda. The tickets, once filled out, need to be sent back with the money to PLP.

Drawing Dec 18,2009

\$1.00 each or a book of 12 for \$10.00.

They went fast!

On the list of items to win

4 in Dredge Proline \$3575

4 in Keene Dredge \$3000

1 oz of Placer Gold \$900

Garret Scorpion Gold stinger MD \$ 500

A 3 Day trip- From Oregon Gold Trips \$500

And several other items ranging from \$100 - \$300

Don't forget the food donations. For every 2 items brought in, you will get a \$1.00 raffle ticket.

Announcement before the break – Hat's \$10, Bucket Hats \$11, T-shirts M-L \$12, XL-XXL 14. Sweat shirts M-L \$14, XL – XXL \$16.

New Business

Membership Lists – Melinda Dorning – Members agreed that sending the list with phone #'s and email was okay.

Eli's Alaskan Cruise – Eli said he had a great time. The only draw back was the limited amount of time for excursions. Did some panning and found some color.

Eli also spent a week on the South Umpqua river and found some good color.

Ideas for Other outings? - Eli – If you have any other ideas for club outings for the next year, please be thinking about them and bring them to the next club meeting.

Bob Shaw Surgery – Scott from NWMP – Surgery went well and Bob is doing okay.

Washington's Gold and Fish Pamphlet – Thanks to Scott from NWMP. redging from now until Feb in some areas. For Washington State must have a 2009 Fish & Game Pamphlet. You may print out the Gold and Fish pamphlet from <http://wdfw.wa.gov/habitat/goldfish/> or request one from a WDFW office.

Mail Order Gold (Felix's Alaskan Paydirt) – Carl showed what he had received from a 3 pound bag of material. He found 2 grams of gold and 3 to 5 pickers. He felt it was worth the money.

Bill and Linda's Prospecting Page – Has plans for trommels, drywashers, vac pacs, etc. Here is their website: <http://prospecting.50webs.com/1prospecting.html> and here is the site for the vac pac – <http://prospecting.atspace.com/vacpak1.html>. You can also find a **BUNCH** of plans at the GPAA forum website: http://www.goldprospectors.org/newforum/forum_posts.asp?TID=435 (you have to create a user login to access the GPAA site).

Attention all GPAA and LDMA members!

The Public Lands for the People (PLP) are presently involved in the following lawsuits:

Karuk Tribe vs CA. DFG, Hillman et al vs CA. DFG (taxpayer lawsuit), Hillman et al vs CA. DFG (Preliminary Injunction on suction dredging),
Public Lands for the People Inc vs Eldorado National Forest (Opposing Travel Management Plan)
and finally, preparing for a federal lawsuit to enjoin the state of California from prohibiting suction dredging (SB-670-Wiggins).

PLP has been involved in numerous Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management planning projects. PLP has appealed many of their decisions, going to court on some and resolving others in favor of the prospecting community. We have a "no compromise" philosophy. PLP doesn't feel we have a right to compromise the rights of the people we try to represent, we win or we lose, but do not give anything away once we get involved.

The Eldorado National Forest was the first forest to complete their Environmental Impact Statement on the Travel Management Plan. Most, if not all, other forests are using the Eldorado Plan as a template to complete their Travel Plan. There were 28 appellee's who appealed the Eldorado Record of Decision. PLP is the only one at this point in time to have filed a lawsuit. It is our hope that we can affect all of the forest plans by making sure that Eldorado does not get away with arbitrary implementation of road closures that affect all users.

PLP supports itself with memberships, fund raising raffles and donations and we are in hope of pulling the users of these public lands into supporting each other and PLP. Most of what we have been and are now involved in would not be possible if it were not for manufactures and groups like Gold Prospectors Association of America. Together we can continue to protect all of our rights.

PLP website has a great deal of legal information on it and can be viewed at plp2.org. If you would like to help PLP in the fight to protect mining rights in the form of voluntary work, donations, or to make your voice heard contact a representative by phone or email. To send donations or join, go to the website and click on Pay Pal or downloading the membership application. You can also make contact with:

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Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2009

✓ Molalla River Aug 22 & 23

~~Mike Malloy Klamoth River Aug 30 through Sept 7 CANCELLED~~

TYROY Sept 12 & 13 or Sept 26 & 27

~~Oregon Gold Trips Work Party Oct 15th through 18th CANCELLED~~

Open Oct 24 & 25

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The Love Letter

To my darling husband,

Before you return from your business trip I just want to let you know about the small accident I had with the pick up truck when I turned into the driveway. Fortunately not too bad and I really didn't get hurt, so please don't worry too much about me.

I was coming home from Wal-Mart, and when I turned into the driveway I accidentally pushed down on the accelerator instead of the brake. The garage door is slightly bent but the pick up fortunately came to a halt when it bumped into your car.

I am really sorry, but I know with your kind-hearted personality you will forgive me. You know how much I love you and care for you my sweetheart. I am enclosing a picture for you.

I cannot wait to hold you in my arms again.

Your loving wife,

XXX



P.S. Your girlfriend called.

GPA 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.

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