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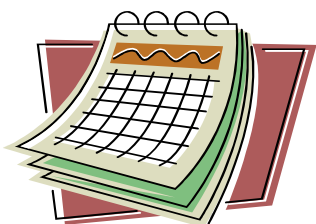
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June 2010

## **Next Chapter Meeting:**

**June 20th, 2010**  
At the  
**Milwaukie, Oregon**  
**Grange Hall**  
**12015 S.E. 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Meeting Begins at**  
**1:30PM.**

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



### **Our next meeting**

**July 18th 2010 Chapter Meeting and Food Drive –**  
Every 2 items given will get you a \$1 raffle ticket

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

## **From the Presidents Desk**

Preston here, it was really nice to see everybody at our last meeting. It also was great to see all if the new people who attended. I hope to see you again at our next meeting.

I have had several people call me at home asking about our club who said they would be there at our next meeting.

Mining season is just around the corner so don't forget our outings are as follows:

**JUNE 25-27 TYROY**  
**JULY30-AUG1 TYROY**  
**SEPT 3-6 TYROY**

With a little luck we may have a new club claim to ad to our outings. We will know more after this weekend and should be able to make a report at our up and coming meeting.

Always keep in mind safety when you are thinking of a trip no matter how long or short. Safety always starts at home. Tee shirts should be at our next meeting hope everyone likes them. There will be three different colors. I would also like to take time out to thank all the officers who help make my job easier as well as thank all the women in the kitchen who also make it possible to have our meetings with success.

**SINCERLEY**  
**THE PRES -- PRESTON GRIFFIN**

## Secretary's Report for meeting dated May 16th, 2009

Meeting opened 1:30 PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

### CALL TO ORDER

**Preston Griffin (Club President)** - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 67 total with 6 visitors.

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

**Club Claim's – Robert Cadwell** – Club books are available to new members who have attended a combination of 3 meetings or club events annually. Passed out insurance waivers for the club claims. These will need to be filled out each year. Redoing attendance sheets, check yours for correct name and email address.

**GPAA Claims – Robert Wedding** – Need reports on claims when you use them. Caly Q on the Calapooia River, recommended to remove from the guide book. Weyerhaeuser has closed the roads.

**Outings – Eli/Jim Dorning** – Ask club members to be thinking about places to go for next year. Contact Eli / Jim or one of the officers or bring it up during the meeting.

**Club Library – Jim Dorning** – Anyone that has reading material, CD's, etc, pertaining to gold, gems, metal detecting and such they would like to donate to the club, please see Jim.

**Bob Rasey (Safety)** – Survival - water work in it, but, don't drink the water in the streams before purifying. There are three general ways to make surface water free from disease-causing microorganisms: A) add extreme heat to the water (boiling and distilling), B) add disinfectant (purification, chemical or silver), and water filtration.

**BOILING** – Historically, boiling water has been the main way to disinfect water from microorganisms because it kills them all if done correctly. Recommendations are to boil water for at least three minutes to kill all viruses. Bacteria and protozoa are dead at the first bubbles. But there are drawbacks to boiling water. First, boiling can require a lot of fuel and cooking equipment. Second, you must consider the long cool-down period. Third, some of the water will evaporate before it is ready to drink. Fourth, the water will still have particulate substances in it, so you should use a clean handkerchief to filter it before drinking. Last, boiling water does not eliminate pollutants, poor taste or foul odors. In fact, boiling can give water a stale taste. A helpful hint to improve the taste is to transfer water from one container to another several times while boiling.

**CHEMICAL** – Two primary chemicals are used for purifying water: iodine and chlorine. These two chemicals are lightweight, low-cost and relatively easy

**WATER FILTRATION** – Water filtration simply means to strain out the impurities from a water source. The larger the impurity particulate the easier it is to filter. The opposite is true also, the smaller the impurity particulate, the harder it is to remove. Thus, the size of the filter pore and the durability of the filtering element are important to the filter's longevity and ability to perform. Most filtering elements are made of ceramic, glass fiber, hard-block carbon, or materials that resemble compressed surgical paper.

**Equipment – Ken Burns** – If you need to borrow equipment call Ken. His number is listed in the newsletter under equipment. Ken has a list of the equipment for loan.

**Website – Curt Barnes** – Web is up. Forum is down. Preston reminded the club that we receive credits each time one of the links to GPAA, New 49er's, D&K ... are used. These credits help pay for the server. URL is <http://www.portlandgoldprospectors.org>.

**Newsletter – Russell Grau** – If you haven't been receiving the newsletter, please email us at [portlandgpaa@aol.com](mailto:portlandgpaa@aol.com).

**APOLOGY – D&K Ad** – Our apologies to D&K. Their ad was inadvertently left off the May newsletter.

### Old Business

**Oregon Gold Trips Work Party** – Penny expressed a BIG THANK YOU from Dave Rutan for those that came up for the work party. The stairway and cleanup around the cabin (they are still burning brush that was cut down). GREAT JOB!!

**Old Miners Meadow** – Pat Locnikar – Reservation for the group site at Old Miners Meadow for three nights - June 6, 7 & 8 (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday). This would not be an official club outing, but I figure there are enough retired folks or those who could get away from work for this that it could be fun. Send me an email at [plocnikar@surfbest.net](mailto:plocnikar@surfbest.net) or see me at the April club meeting for more details. The camping fee is \$40 per night, so help covering this cost is appreciated - Pat Locnikar

Arrive no earlier than 2:PM Sunday – Leave Wed by 11AM

June 1 is the in the water work times for Quartzville Creek which miners meadow is on. Since the 700j permits are in question not sure how this would be effected.

**DEQ Town Hall** – Public Hearings held at:  
6PM Thursday, May 27 – 10 S. Oakdale, Medford  
Place: Jackson County Courthouse Auditorium

6PM Tuesday June 1 – 811 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland  
Place: DEQ HQ, 10<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference Room EQC-A

6PM Thursday June 3 – 1601 SE Court Ave, Pendleton  
Place: St Anthony's Hospital, Cascade Room  
Written comments to DEQ will be accepted through 5PM  
June 8

# Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2010

| GPAA Gold Show                 | March 27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>    | Setup March 26 <sup>th</sup>  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| ✓ Oregon Gold Trips Work Party | April 30 <sup>th</sup> – May 2 <sup>nd</sup> | \$30 for food, potluck on Friday<br>Arrive Thursday, leave Sunday @ 2:00 PM |
| ✓ OPEN                         | May  |   |
| TYROY                          | June 25 – June 27                            |   |
| TYROY                          | July 30 – Aug 1                              |   |
| OPEN                           | August                                       |   |
| TYROY                          | September 3 – 6                              |   |
| OPEN                           | October                                      |   |
|                                |  |   |

## Old Business (Continued)

**TYROY – Richard Ruth** – Waiting on financing/donations (for bond money). If we had a van would you help pay for the gas to go to TYROY? Those going, if willing to share a ride, please let others know. Someone asked about bringing buckets of dirt back. Does this sound like a good idea? How much would you be willing to pay? It would go to the club.

**On-going Food Drive – Eli** – Food drive will continue throughout the year. 1 Ticket per 2 cans of food or non-perishable food items. Please check expiration labels so you are giving food that is still good.

**Eli announced a new Pack Raffle with new mining items being added monthly until the drawing. Price – \$5 per ticket.**

## New Business

Hats have been ordered. Sweatshirt suggested colors Black, White, Forrest green, pink, navy blue. Order sheet went around specify color, size & quantity. M- L \$14, XL-XXL & above \$16

**Black Sands – Dave Chira** – Mentioned that when you are done with all the processing that you want to do with the black sands you could donate them to the club. The black sands could then be used when we make up the gold bags for the Gold Show and other events.

**Preston** – Received word about a possible claim on the Calapooia River that the club may be able to take over. On highway 34, Canyon Creek to RD26. Preston, Robert and a few other members will be checking it out before the next meeting.

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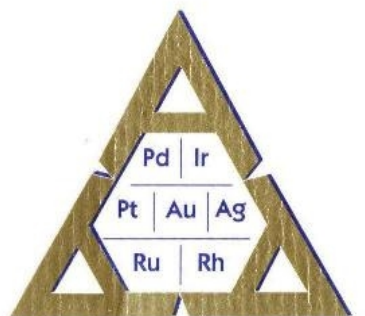
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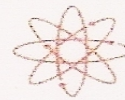
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**For sale – Ernie Stinson** – Asking \$350. The new NUGGET system for trapping your fine gold is here! This unit has an upper slide drawer and punch plate in the hopper box. The carpet provided will not allow the gold to pass through. In the lower box we have inverted riffles to help keep the sluice clean of unwanted gravels. With the expanded metal and ribbed carpet included, you're sure to recover all the gold that passes the hopper. This unit also comes as a 12 volt system, The 1700 Atwood pump Will Give give you all the power you need. The dimensions are 26" long X 7" wide X 3" tall side walls. The hopper box is 13" long X 7" wide X 4" tall. This total package includes all hoses and a pump. You only need to add the 12 volt battery.

This unit comes with: Tub, 2 baskets, A/C-D/C power converter 10 amp. Asking price \$350  
Contact Ernie Stinson at 503-760-1571

### 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.

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