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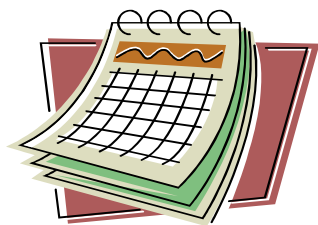
Next Chapter Meeting:

August 15th, 2010

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

CANCELLED

DATES TO REMEMBER...



Our next meeting

September 19th 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

Hidy-ho!! It was good to see everybody last meeting. There were a lot of things to cover and the meeting was longer than usual last time I'm sorry about that, but sometimes that does happen, not to often.

I would like to thank Karen and everybody that gave their report on the outing at Ty-roy. Some nice gold was found and seemed like everyone had a good time.

I would like to welcome all the new club members to be. I hope you will enjoy our club! I would also like to thank all my officers, for without them I could not do what I do. Come to think of it I am not sure what I do well. I guess one of these days I will figure it out.

I have been given reports that the water holes at our claims in Baker city are pretty much dried up.

**SINCERELEY
THE PRES -- PRESTON GRIFFIN**

Note from the Newsletter Editor:

Late breaking news. The ceiling inside the Milwaukie Grange is falling down. Because of the problems in the building, August's meeting has been cancelled. At this time there is no backup plan in place for the meeting. As soon as the officers have any more information, they will pass it along to me and I will forward the data to the members. Be sure I have your GOOD email address so I can send you the updated information and plans.

Thanks,
Russell Grau
Newsletter Editor

Secretary's Report for meeting dated July 18th, 2010

Meeting opened 1:30 PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 64 total with 6 visitors.

June 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. Cost \$6.00. Will have the decal inside you install yourself as is or trim the borders you decide. Club Claim Insurance waivers will need to be filled out each year.

Updated members list with Treasurer. Next meeting books will be ready.

Those that went to TYROY remember to fill out claims work form. Maintenance waiver needs to be in before Sept 1. By Dec 31st Proof of labor and assessments forms need to be in.

GPAA Claims – Robert Wedding – Need reports on claims when you use them.

Outings – Eli – Went over the next couple of outings coming up. Clackamas River July 30 – Aug 1st. One of the members will be going up early to try to get a few camping spots. Molalla River Aug 1st. Calapooia River August 7-8 work party at the Blue Moon. Map will be sent out via email.

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. Jim also wanted to thank the Farnsworth family for their large donation of books and magazines. Save your food labels from FLAVOR pack and bring them in. THANKS to Ron Haas for the donation to our library, 1993 GPAA Club guide, Gold Prospector magazines, Pick and Shovels.

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) - If you need equipment call Ken his number is listed in the news letter under Equipment. We have high bankers, couple of combo dredges, pans, tubs and a couple of metal detectors. If anyone wants to donate equipment to the club, see Ken.

Newsletter & eMails – If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email email us at portlandgpaa@aol.com Don't forget, you can also download the Newsletters from our web site. If you receive the newsletter by regular mail – check the 4 digit number next to your name. That is the month and year your subscription expires (ie, 0709 means your subscription expires with the July 2009 newsletter).

Website – Curt Barnes – Reported by one of the members that some of the links were not working and the newsletters have not been posted since Jan 2010. Russell Grau has volunteered to contact Curt and see if he can help him. Newsletters are up to date through July 2010 and the web pages are now working correctly. Thanks! Russell

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>.

Old Business

Jackets – Jeanne – Club Jackets would be around \$36 each the more we order the less they would be. Several colors to choose from Green, Burgundy, Black, Blue.

DEQ Written Comments to 700J Permit – A meeting was held to go over, answer questions & take verbal comments on the proposed 700J permit for suction dredges and other in-stream devices (hand sluices, rocker boxes, etc) that discharge into Oregon waters at the DEQ office in downtown Portland. Approx 20 people showed up among them 3 were members from our club. Many questions were asked from turbidity to use of hand sluices to max size restriction of dredges for this permit. Up to 4 inch anything over would require a different permit at a cost of \$300 Much of it points to DEQ bending to environmental groups and the past law suit.

It was also pointed out that not everyone has a computer or uses email how was DEQ going to get this information out to those people?

DEQ indicated that sluicing was discussed for the 1997 700J permit but it did not get included. We requested to have these comments made available. Which DEQ agreed to do. They have these comments currently posted on their website along with the 1997 700J permit.

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/mining.htm>

TYROY – Richard Ruth – Waiting on financing, donations (for bond money) There was a motion for a 50/50 raffle to help raise money for the claim bond to be able to use motorized equipment for digging a new pond over a 3 year period. Motion to approve, Seconded, and passed

Food Drive – Eli – The food drive will continue throughout the year. 1 ticket for 2 cans of food or non-perishable food items. Please check expiration labels to make sure the food is still good. The fire departments are EXTREMELY appreciative of our donations of food when we deliver. So keep it UP!!

Announcement before the break – Eli announced a “Pack Raffle” with new mining items being added to a backpack monthly until the drawing. Tickets are \$5 each.

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2010

TYROY	July 30 – Aug 1	
Molalla River	Aug 1 st	
Clackamas River	July 30 – Aug 1	
Calapooia River	08/07/08	Work party
TYROY	Sept 3 - 6	
Clackamas River	Sept 4 – 5	
Mollalla River	Sept 18	
Clackamas or Mollalla	Sept 25 and 26	
Calapooia River	Oct 2-3 or 23-24	Proposed new dates

New Business



TYROY Outing – Ken/Dave – SHOW US THE GOLD!
weight nugget and approximately 2 penny weight in flakes.

There was a nice 2 penny



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sunrises and sunsets.

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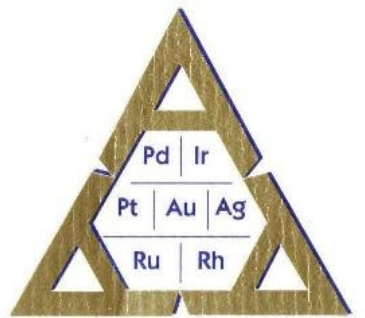


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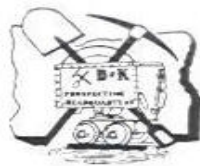
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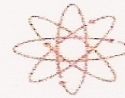
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Black Sands – Dave Chira – Just wanted to remind everyone that when you are done with your black sands he'd like to get them to reprocess any fines recovered would be given to the club.

Elections – Preston – The President and Treasurer positions will be up for election this year. Please consider running for one of these two positions. The club will also need someone for Outings and Raffles. These are very important positions in this club. Remember it is your participation that makes this club work and makes the fun.

National Forests – Karen Moore – Requires permit from DEQ, subject to in the water work times, these times are set by the ODFW. FS will also place restrictions on where you can enter the river and camp. Gold panning may occur anytime and almost anywhere, including wilderness areas.

Safety – Bob Rasey – Snake bites can be deadly if not treated quickly. Children are at higher risk for death or serious complications due to snake bites because of their smaller body size.

The right antivenom can save a person's life. Getting to an emergency room as quickly as possible is very important. If properly treated, many snake bites will not have serious effects.

Poisonous snake bites include bites by any of the following: Cobra, Copperhead, Coral snake, Cottonmouth (water moccasin)

All snakes will bite when threatened or surprised, but most will usually avoid people if possible and only bite as a last resort.

Snakes found in and near water are often mistaken as being poisonous. Most species of snake are harmless and many bites are not life-threatening, but unless you are absolutely sure that you know the species, treat it seriously.

Rattlesnake bites are painful when they occur. Symptoms usually begin right away and may include: Bleeding, Breathing difficulty, [Blurred vision](#), [Eyelid drooping](#), [Low blood pressure](#), Nausea and vomiting, [Numbness](#), Pain at site of bite, Paralysis, Rapid pulse, [Skin color changes](#), Swelling, Tingling, Tissue damage, Thirst, Tiredness, Weakness, Weak pulse

First Aid

1. Keep the person calm, reassuring them that bites can be effectively treated in an emergency room. Restrict movement, and keep the affected area below heart level to reduce the flow of venom.
2. If you have a pump suction device (such as that made by Sawyer), follow the manufacturer's directions.
3. Remove any rings or constricting items because the affected area may swell. Create a loose splint to help restrict movement of the area.
4. If the area of the bite begins to swell and change color, the snake was probably poisonous.
5. Monitor the person's [vital signs](#) -- temperature, [pulse](#), rate of breathing, and [blood pressure](#) -- if possible. If there are signs of [shock](#) (such as [paleness](#)), lay the person flat, raise the feet about a foot, and cover the person with a blanket.
6. Get medical help right away.
7. Bring in the dead snake only if this can be done safely. Do not waste time hunting for the snake, and do not risk another bite if it is not easy to kill the snake. Be careful of the head when transporting it -- a snake can actually bite for up to an hour after it's dead (from a reflex).

DO NOT

- x Do NOT allow the person to become over-exerted. If necessary, carry the person to safety.
- x Do NOT apply a tourniquet.
- x Do NOT apply cold compresses to a snake bite.
- x Do NOT cut into a snake bite with a knife or razor.
- x Do NOT try to suck out the venom by mouth.
- x Do NOT give the person [stimulants](#) or [pain medications](#) unless a doctor tells you to do so.
- x Do NOT give the person anything by mouth.
- x Do NOT raise the site of the bite above the level of the person's hear

Prevention

- x Avoid areas where snakes may be hiding, such as under rocks and logs.
- x Most snakes are not poisonous, avoid picking up or playing with any snake unless you have been properly trained.
- x If you hike often, purchase a snake bite kit (available at hiking supply stores). Sawyer snakebite pump kit \$20 or less.
- x Do not use older snake bite kits, such as those containing razor blades and suction bulbs.
- x Don't provoke a snake. That is when many serious snake bites occur.
- x Tap ahead of you with a walking stick before entering an area where you can't see your feet. Snakes will try to avoid you if given enough warning.
- x When hiking in an area known to have snakes, wear long pants and boots if possible.



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