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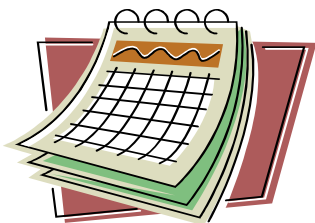
October 2010

Next Chapter Meeting:

October 17th, 2010

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

DATES TO REMEMBER...



Our next meeting

November 21st 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

It was nice to see everybody at our last meeting. Remember, our banquet is coming up in January so keep that in mind. This is our officers way of saying thank for your support of the club and us giving back to the club. Also remember that the offices of Club President, Secretary, Treasurer and Outings/Raffle are up for re-election. Please, please consider filling one of the vacancies coming up.

Thank you Dave for your report on Alaska and your adventure. Jeanne says the coats will be at this coming meeting at a cost of 48.00. If weather permits, I am hoping to have a panning demo 101 for any one who would like to come and take a look see and join in the fun.

P.S. I must correct myself, Jeanne said I could not put the price of the coats as of just yet. She says that they might be more or less. I said okay, the price of the coats are I know 500.00? I bet if the truth was known I am leading up to a lot of hot air. I think I better wait till the meeting so you may get the truth.

See everybody at the meeting next month.

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THE PRES -- PRESTON GRIFFIN

Secretary's Report for meeting dated September 19th, 2010

Meeting opened 1:30 PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 55 total with 5 visitors.

There were no minutes to read due to the previous meeting being cancelled. Treasurer's report was read and accepted as well.

Club Claim's – Robert Cadwell – Correction in the last news letter the cost of club books was listed at \$6 when it should have been \$8

Club books are available to new members who have attended a combination of 3 meetings or club events annually. Cost \$8.00. Will have the decal inside you install yourself as is or trim the borders you decide.

GPAA Claims – Robert Wedding – Need reports on claims when you use them. GPAA claims that he visited in Oregon were clean and looked good. Not many of use have been using them though. If you have not been receiving the “Pick & Shovel” you need to speak to Brent.

Outings – Eli – 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.

Calapooia River Oct 9-10 Potluck on Saturday. With hunting season about to open all are reminded to wear hunters orange safety vests when out in the woods prospecting.

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. Don't forget to bring in your Flavor Pac Santiam labels!

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/Russell Grau – Web is up. Curt has been extremely busy Russell has been lending a hand with this lately thank you Russell

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Preston is checking with other resources to see if redesigning it would be necessary or if there is another method to make us some money. He will have more information at the meeting in October

Old Business

Elections – Preston – Elections – Preston – The President and Treasurer positions will be up for election this year. Please consider running for one of these two positions. The Secretary's position also needs to be filled. 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 it fun.

TYROY – Waiting on financing, donations (for bond money) This bond would allow us to bring motorized equipment in to build another pond. There was a motion to start a fund for the TYROY Bond. It was 2nd and passed. There was another motion that if the fund falters that the monies be kept in a claims fund. This was also 2nd and passed.

The 50/50 Plinko split went towards the bond, other donations to this cause gladly accepted.

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 still good.

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.

New Business

PLP Membership – Preston – Brought up a reminder that our club PLP membership was about to expire. Public Lands for the People is non-profit organization 'dedicated to preserving the rights of the public to access and use of public lands'. The site's purpose is to educate people and government agencies about their rights and the laws that apply to them, with a focus on the use of unappropriated public lands. It includes a legal resource page, with links to everything from the Federalist papers to the UN Declaration of Human Rights. There is also a suggested challenge page highlighting the procedure for addressing a legality challenge while pursuing outdoor activities. <http://www.plp2.org/> There were some discussions describing what this group does for us. Motion to approve renewing the clubs membership to PLP. It was seconded and passed.

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2010

Calapooia River	Oct 2-3 or 23-24	Proposed new dates

New Business

Blue Moon Outing – Al Lewis – Announce outing to our new claim Blue moon on the Calipooia River. Oct 8 – 10th with a Potluck on Saturday. Wear your hunters Orange ! Sign up sheet on the sign in table.

Wishing Well – Preston – One of our gifted members has a wishing well he'd make for the banquet raffle! We'd also like one for the gold show.

Emily Gold Camp Flyer – Steve – Penny had sent out a email with the 5th year Promotion for Emily Camp! \$750 for a 2 night 3 day trip. Gold & Fishing derby etc. More information to come in October. Also Oregon Gold Trips now has a Face book page.

In the Water Work Times – Melinda Dorning – Had copies (25) of the In the Water work times for dredging and other activities. These are also available on the web at <http://www.oregon.gov/DSL/PERMITS/index.shtml>

Nome Alaska with the GPAA Alaska Trip– Dave Chira – Dave told the club of his and Ken burns trip to the Cripple River Camp that they took this summer week 5 & 6. Worked the beach box in an area that hadn't been worked for a couple of years . They were eventually upgraded to one of Keene's new boxes which worked well. The meals were good and as was the selection of foods they had over the 2 weeks. Week 5 200 people & staff the #1 nugget was 6 penny weight. Week 6 there were around 180 people & staff the #1 nugget was 3- 4 penny weight. The experience was good and he was glad he went but felt that they did just as well gold wise at TYROY. They met Sarah Palin and family they were up doing a Discovery Channel shoot. Look for Palins Alaska on the Discovery Channel this fall.

Division of State Lands – Also one of the members brought up that NWMP indicated that the Division of State lands is having a meeting something about filling in holes in streams and to remind us that the DSL requires miners to send a [Recreational Placer Mining year-end report form](#) summarizing activity. Failure to report may result in cancellation of the approval. Oct 7 at 12 noon, Division of State lands in Salem.

Safety – Bob Rasey – If you are out on the claim, walking along the streets in your neighborhood or else where if you come across any glass jars/bottles that are capped with a milky oily looking substance in it DO NOT MOVE or TOUCH IT! It could be dangerous. These have been known to explode. Also as the dry season starts to end may think about moving from streams to tunnels/mines. Be extremely cautious. They can be unstable, rotting timbers, rocks falling, gases. Stay Out of abandoned mines or tunnels. Once again this time of the year wear hunters orange clothing when out in the woods mining or other activities.

Before the weather starts turning bad you should start preparing for winter. Check chains, and other safety equipment. Don't forget to winterize your mining equipment/motors some Stabil gas additive could prevent problems in the spring.

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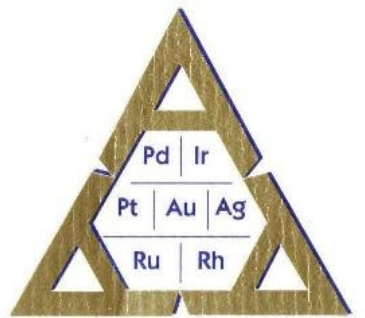
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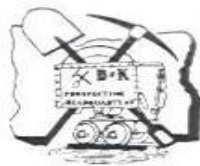
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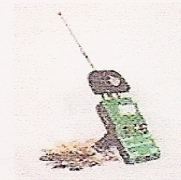
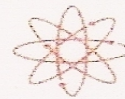
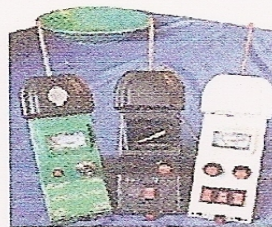
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Alaska Sign - Ups	50.00

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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