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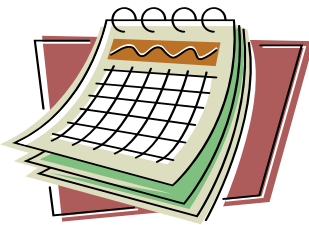
April 2012

Next Chapter Meeting:

April 15, 2012

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

DATES TO REMEMBER...



Our next meeting

Remember at every Chapter meeting we have the Food Drive – Every 2 items given will get you a \$1 raffle ticket – up to five tickets only

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the 2nd Friday of each month (April it's the 6th).



From the President's Desk

Welcome to the 5 new people last month and I hope to see you all this month.

The Gold Show was a big success for us as well as the GPAA, 1969 people on Saturday and 1213 on Sunday for a new record attendance of 3182.

We had 14 members sign up help to in the booth on Saturday at the meeting with 3 more stopping by to help at the show. On Sunday we had 13 signed up and 2 stopped by at the show to help. To all of you that help in the booth a **BIG THANK YOU** we could not have pulled it off without all of you!

The speed panning went quite well too. Another **BIG THANK YOU** to Bob Burns, Ken Burns, Dave Chiara for running the speed panning, with Helen Burns, Melinda Dorning, Karen Moore her niece Quaira Lindup and Beau Gordon for working as barkers.

Dave Chiara and Ken Burns will get some extra time at the April meeting to talk about outings.

Be safe, stay well and may the bottom of your pan be covered with gold!

Sincerely
Richard Ruth

**Secretary's report for regular meeting of Mar 18, 2012
Milwaukie Grange Hall 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie, Or.**

Meeting called to order at 1:30pm by President Richard Ruth. 52 members and 5 visitors present.

Motion made and seconded to accept Secretary's report as written in newsletter was approved.

Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report as read was approved.

See Dave Chiara to get your club card.

Club claims and Outings – National Forest Service want to close down Forest Service Road in the Willowa–Whitman Forest . Chrystal Claim was lost on an error. Dave Rutan gave Dave Chiara information on a claim, but claim was already filed on.

Would like big outings where we could have potluck, and raffles.

Outings to Molalla River, Clackamas River, GPAA Burnt River, TyRoy, Copper Creek, North Santiam River, Beach Trip, Creviceing class and Metal Detecting.

Safety- Might be smart to carry medical information form with you when you are out prospecting. Richard has medical forms. Have extra dry clothes, snacks, water and go with a partner.

Equipment – We have highbankers, combos, tubs, and pans, contact Ken Burns if you want to use any of the equipment.

Website- no everyone got their newsletter, need to make sure your e-mail is written down legible. New people if you would like to receive a newsletter please write your e-mail down.

Library- All the money from the silver bar goes to the club, because the club is footing the library.

Wines Camp Work Party- May 18th, 19th, 20th. Only 20 people are needed to do the work at Wines Camp.

Gold Show- Need at least 2 people per shift. Will have a sign in sheet at the gold show for people that come to the gold show and work as an outing for the club membership, need three meetings or outings to become a member.

Panning at gold show is covered.

Audit Committee Report – went over the Treasurer's books and everything looked good.

This is your club, thank you to all the people who help. Motion made and seconded that the quilt donated to the club will be raffled to club members only for 4 meetings. 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

Raffle – Jim mentioned what we had. Talked about the tickets for the kids and what they could win, 1 ticket per month and a ticket drawn on the 3rd month. A big **THANK YOU TO TOM JONES FOR THE LARGE AND SMALL GOLD PANS HE DONATED TO THE CLUB.**

Panning and Speed panning will be out in the parking lot.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bev Parker, Secretary

April 21-22	Las Vegas – South Point Hotel & Casino	9777 Las Vegas Blvd S Las Vegas, NV 89183
April 28-29	Spokane – County Fair & Expo Center	404 N Havana Ste 1 Spokane, WA 99202
May 5-6	Boise – Expo Idaho	5610 Glenwood Boise, ID 83714
May 12-13	Salt Lake – Utah State Fairpark	155 North 1000 West Salt Lake City, UT
May 19-20	Reno – Sparks Livestock Events Ctr	1350 N Wells Ave Reno, NV 89512

SAFETY ----- Pick, Shovel and Hard Hat -----

Last month we talked about the reasons for having a partner when prospecting and mining. People told me later that the best reason to have a partner is that half of the work is done by somebody else.

Although a partner is great to have around for many reasons, most of the work is done by machinery. While you can't get your partner ready for mining season, you can get your equipment and yourself ready. Here are a few suggestions:

- Yourself - Remember you have not been as active in the winter time. Get out and get more active.
- Machines - your equipment has been in storage. It's time to change the oil and start the motors.
- Yourself - When getting equipment out, remember to lift with your legs and to have help with moving large items on or off of shelving.
- Machines - Shafts and bearings need oiling and/or greasing so they are loose and turn freely, just like your muscles and joints need to be free and loose. Exercise and use will do that for you.
- Yourself - Gloves, shoes/boots, wet suits, goggles, dust masks. These are items that help during the mining process. Begin now to gather the items needed so the complete list can be assembled.
- Machines - Nuts, bolts, belts, pins, clamps. Spare parts are sometimes necessary for mining; get them together with your equipment.
- Yourself - Permits, maps, insect spray, medicines are items you need to keep you healthy and out of trouble so you can enjoy mining without stress.

Happy mining - And let's be safe out there.

Jim

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If you won't stand up now we will lose all of our rights. We are an organization founded by some of the most experienced miners alive. We are teamed with other organizations fighting to take back our rights for land use, timber management, fishing, hunting and the other activities we, as Americans pay taxes to use.

We are supported by the mining equipment manufacturers; small businessmen; political representatives and of course by our claim holders. As a member of the WMA you will receive:

- Monthly e-mail updates on the legal fight
- Flash messages on critical events
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- Join the Watershed district and the mining district

Here's a link to more info
http://westernminingalliance.org/?page_id=626



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Outings – 2012

At our March meeting we discussed the proposed outing sites and dates – below are the locations & tentative dates. See an officer or Dave Chiara with your ideas.

Wine’s Camp – work party May 18-20
Molalla River – day outing & training June 9th
TyRoy outing – June 23 – July 8
Molalla River – day outing July 21st
Little North Fork North Santiam River – Aug ?
or
North Santiam River – Aug?
Clackamas River – day outing - optional
TyRoy outing – Aug 23 – Sept 6
Molalla River – day outing & training Sept or Oct

Do you know the Portland Gold Prospectors Inc Code of Conduct and Claim Permit?

1. Carry your Membership Card & Claim Permit At All Times.
2. Member Agrees To Obey All Local, State & Federal Regulations Applicable To Their Activities.
3. Member Assumes Personal Responsibility For Obtaining All Permits Required for Their Activities.
4. Member Is Responsible For Maintaining Claims, Markers, Trash Removal & Keeping Claims Safe For Animals and People.
5. Pets Must Be Under the Control of Their Owners At All Times. Clean Up After Pets in Camping Areas.
6. Member Will be Courteous To All Members and Campers
7. Member Will Show Their Membership Card Upon Request.

GPAA Membership Renewal Credits

	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	1 Year w/o mining guide
Buzzard Special	1,365	1,820	2,730	
GPAA Membership Renewal	1,365	1,820	2,730	1,365
Gold Life Membership		Paid in Full 22,750		Payment Plan @ Sign-up 2,275
LDMA Membership		68,250		18,275
Alaska Expedition			Once Expedition is Paid-in-Full 22,750	

WHEN RENEWING, PLEASE WRITE A NOTE OR BY PHONE SAY YOU BELONG TO THE PORTLAND, OR GPAA CHAPTER TO REQUEST THE CLUB CREDITS.

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.

All members note:

Our club earns purchasing points with renewal of GPAA Membership. Please tell them you’re a Portland Gold Prospector member.

The American Mining Law Forum

A fellow GPAA member Larry Chance contacted the club to let us know about a new mining law forum that is available. He and others have been discussing mining law on the GPAA forum for some time now but thought it was difficult to control so they started a new forum for specifically discussing mining laws. They have a SWOMA fellow or two keeping them on the right track. They will continue the discussion at the GPAA forum but wanted to get the word out about their new forum. They believe that by uniting and educating the miners as a whole, we can ensure our rights in the future. Here's the link:

<http://americanmininglawforum.myfastforum.org/index.php>

You can also check out the past discussions at the GPAA forum:

http://www.goldprospectors.org/forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=22323&title=learning-mining-law-regs-rules

PGPI has started a children's drawing

Gold Prospecting is for everyone, including families and kids. Kids 15 yrs and under who attend a PGP meeting will receive 1 free raffle ticket for a special Kid's Raffle. The first drawing will be held at the April meeting and every 3 months thereafter. The more you attend, the better your chances to win!

Raffle News

Thank you to all the Members who have donated items for Raffles & the Silent Auctions. Tickets are \$1.00 and \$5.00 ea. You must be present to win.

Public Lands for the People, Inc

Grand Raffle – June 21, 2012

Order tickets at www.plp1.org or contact Guy Nesbitt email
out4gold510@hotmail.com

message 818-363-0963 (leave call back)

Tickets are \$1.00 ea or Book of 12 for \$10.00

Food Drive Time

Bring non-perishable food to donate to a local Fire Dept food bank

Earn Cash for Portland Gold Prospectors Inc.

Our club will earn 5 cents for each UPC symbol we turn in from Flav-R-Pac, Santiam, or Westpac canned or frozen vegetables or fruits.

Save the label or UPC symbols on Santiam cans or frozen products

Bring the labels to the club meeting

Thank you for your support

If you're wanting to highbank or dredge this summer and don't have your permits – we'll be talking about those at our April meeting.

**2012
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