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Chapter Meeting:

May 20, 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 9 new people who came to our meeting last month and I hope to see you all this month.

We will have some new hats to look at this meeting. There are three styles Safari, Bucket (with a wider brim than what we have had) and Ball Cap. All have a flap in the back to protect your neck from sunburn. Plus they will be in several colors. Thank you Penny for getting the hats for us.

If you were not at our last meeting we have a new Sunshine Committee. Headed by Elaine Ruth with Betty Bench and Darlene Schafer as members. If you know of any one that has become sick, injured or needs help of some kind please call one of these ladies or one of the board members

I have been working on getting Jeff at AAA Precious Metals, Inc. to come to one of our meetings. To tell us about what they do there. He has had an unexpected change of plans and should be able to be at our May meeting. If he has another unexpected change of plans and has to reschedule I will send out a mass email to let everyone know.

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 Apr 15, 2012
Milwaukie Grange Hall 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie, Or.**

Meeting called to order at 1:30pm by President Richard Ruth. 53 members and 9 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.

When you sign in for the first 3 meetings be sure to write legible. Need your email address if you would like a newsletter, if you would like a hard copy we need your address, the cost for hard copy is \$15.00 a year.

Club Claims & Outings - See Dave Chiara to get your club card. To become a member you need to attend 3 meetings or 2 meetings and work at an outing.

Outings to Mololla River, Clackamas River, GPAA Burnt River, TyRoy our club claim, Copper Creek, North Santiam River, Beach Trip, Crevising class and Metal Detecting. Some dates for the outings are listed on another page in newsletter. Forest Service wants to close roads in the Willowa-Whitman Forest. Let your representative know, and be sure to vote.

GPAA Claims- New Mining Guide coming out soon. Information on how to join GPAA is on the front table.

Safety- Information on safety is in the newsletter.

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

Website- Would like pictures from the Gold Show that members took sent the to

webmaster.portlandgoldprosectors.org

Library- couple of dvd's and thank you to Bill and Betty Bench for the book they donated to the Library.

Wines Camp Work Party- is full see Penny to get directions to Wines Camp. \$30.00 per person. Potluck on Friday night.

Motion made and seconded that the quilt donated to the club will be raffled to club members. Drawing will be in June. 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. Kids raffle will be drawn today.

Penny checked on the Safari hats the cost would be \$40.00 with the logo otherwise its \$34.00 per person.

Kitchen when supplies run low, let Helen or a Board Member know.

Elaine Ruth volunteered to be the Sunshine Chairperson would like helpers.

Silver Bar – Will be discussed at board meeting. 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

We have 700 permits applications on front table.

A gentleman from Lebanon, Oregon won the Gold Trip.

The winner of the split the pot is Walter Theil.

Thanks to the ladies in the kitchen and the ladies who brought the cookies

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bev Parker, Secretary

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

Planning to be away from home for a few days or longer? Here is a travel checklist with things to remember:

Before you leave

- Give itinerary to family/friends with where to call in emergency
- Suspend newspapers and mail
- Put valuables in secure place
- Arrange for pet & plant care
- Notify credit card companies if you expect charges from your destinations

On the day you leave. . .

- Turn refrigerator down
- Turn water heater to "vacation" setting
- Unplug appliances/electronic equipment
- Lock all doors & windows
- Turn off all lights/heat/air conditioning
- Close blinds/curtains
- Set answering machine
- Set alarm system

Things to take with you

- Valid Driver's license
- Valid passport (traveling out of US)
- Tickets: air/bus/train/ship
- Doctor's prescriptions
- Photocopies of documents
- Credit/debit cards
- Cash
- List of credit card numbers with Emergency Numbers to call if lost
- Maps/guides/licenses
- List of important numbers at home
- Medicines/vitamins/sun block/insect repellent/hand sanitizer
- Glasses/reading & sunglasses
- Phone card/cell phone
- Camera/memory card/batteries/film
- Electrical adapter
- Clothes suitable for the climate
- Mining equipment

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

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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
- Access to our published reports on mining districts
- Join the Watershed district and the mining district

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

NOTE: IT'S HOT AND SUNNY, SO IT'S TIME TO BUY YOUR CLUB HAT – BE A CLUB SUPPORTER. WE HAVE NEW STYLES AND COLORS AVAILABLE.



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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.

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