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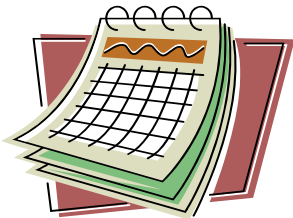
July 2012

## **Chapter Meeting:**

**July 15, 2012**

At the  
Milwaukie, Oregon  
Grange Hall  
12015 S. E. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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 2 new people from our meeting last month. I hope to see you this month.**

**At the TYROY outing, first week, we had a total of 19 members plus one new member, Larry, from the Baker City area. Not everyone was there for the full week. But we had a lot of fun and got gold. We tried several new spots and most of them delivered well! More at the meeting!**

**The new hats worked well and 4 more were sold in the first week. I am a red head I normally burn rather than tan. Thanks to new hat I had no sun burn on the back of my neck or on my ears.**

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

**Sincerely  
Richard Ruth**

# Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc

## Secretary's Report 6/17/2012

Meeting called to order at 1:30pm by **President Richard Ruth**. 33 members and 2 visitor 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.

**Would you welcome Jerry Johns, he has offered to take over the Secretary position.**

When you sign in for the first 3 meetings be sure to write legible.

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.

**TYROY** outing will be the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>. Will have a potluck and raffle. We encourage anyone and everyone to go. There is a signup sheet on the table if you plan to come. We will have a good time. We will have a common dig, one share for the club. Will call is weather is bad.

If you have any suggestions talk to someone on the board. GPAA Claims- Basically nothing at this time because of the Alaska Gold Trips. When renewing your membership be sure to tell them you are with the Portland Chapter and we will receive points.

**Safety**- Nothing at this time.

**Equipment** – We have highbankers, combos, tubs, and pans, contact **Ken Burns** if you want to use any of the equipment. No one is checking out the equipment.

**Newsletter** –If you want a newsletter be sure to write legible. **Penny** will be back to take care of the newsletter. Website- Nothing at this time.

Library- You may check out books, videos & dvd's just be sure to return them at the next meeting.

**Raffle** – **Anthony, Dave Chiara grandson has offered to do the raffle.**

Quilt was won by **Karen Moore**.

Tickets for the kids. 1 ticket per month and a ticket drawn on the 3<sup>rd</sup> month.

**The new club hats will be at the next meeting. We have only 15 hats at this time to see how they sell. They will be**

**\$15.00.**

**Starter kits are \$20.00**

**Jim Dorning** is requesting someone take over the raffle. Emily Camp 2 shares, first share paid by using the raffle, the second share maybe use the **TYROY Reclamation Fund**. We are waiting for the farmer to approve, and write notes in a way that the BLM would approve the reclamation. Second choice is to take a loan out of the **TYROY Fund**. One member said no to the **TYROY fund**. Maybe use some of the money from **TYROY Reclamation Fund** to by a claim, that is another option also. Talked about the shares, Would have a raffle that it is for the members of the club would be using the shares to **Emily Camp**. It was brought up that it would have to be an open raffle to everyone. Will check into this.

5" to 1.5" fire hose anyone interested in the hose check with Jeff at AAA.

Some complains on the size of the gold in the quarter drip was very small. Have corrected this.

Next meeting is June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

**Respectfully submitted by Bev Parker, Secretary**

## How to Mine & Prospect for Placer Gold (link below)

<http://www.icmj2.com/BegCorner/USGShowToMineForGold.htm#8517h10>

**To paraphrase a Mark Twain quote  
"The rumors of our demise are greatly exaggerated", Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. club is alive and well!**

## Newsletter & eMails

If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email, email us at [portlandgpaa@aol.com](mailto: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).

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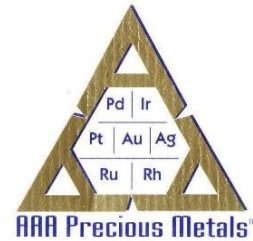
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Here's a link to more info

[http://westernminingalliance.org/?page\\_id=626](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.

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 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

**GPAA Membership Renewal Credits**

	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	1 Year w/o mining guide
<b>Buzzard Special</b>	1,365	1,820	2,730	
<b>GPAA Membership Renewal</b>	1,365	1,820	2,730	1,365
<b>Gold Life Membership</b>		Paid in Full 22,750		Payment Plan @ Sign-up 2,275
<b>LDMA Membership</b>		68,250		18,275
<b>Alaska Expedition</b>			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](http://www.goldprospectors.org/forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=22323&title=learning-mining-law-regs-rules)

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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!

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### 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.

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### Food Drive Time

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

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### 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

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If you're wanting to highbank or dredge this summer and don't have your permits – See an officer for help.

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### **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.

**2012  
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