

# The Prospector



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## **Chapter Meeting:**

**August 19, 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

**To all members and friends of the Portland Gold Prospectors organization – Richard has been hospitalized several times over the last couple of weeks and welcomes your prayers for his speedy recovery.**

**Robert Burns (Vice President) will be officiating the meeting for Richard this month. Richard's recovery is expected to take several months and doctors advised him to take it very easy during his recovery period.**

**You can send greetings to him via his internet email address or by telephone (try to keep your calls somewhat brief). His contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.**

For Richard (Dave the newsletter editor).

**Sincerely  
Richard Ruth**

# Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc

## Secretary's Report 7/15/2012

Meeting called to order at 1:30pm by **President Richard Ruth**. 46 members and 4 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.

**Club Claims:** Discussed option of putting money into the TYRoy site. Due to cost and limitations from the government agencies, it is uncertain if this is going to happen in the near future. The recent trip experience was great. Lots of wildlife was seen both large and small. Area is heavy with clay. Outing received some rain and road became VERY slippery.

Keep this in mind if you plan on attending in the future.

**GPAA Claims:** Robert Rasey – new mining guides from the GPAA will be coming in the mail soon. A new trial is being done that will require you to sign up for the two year membership in order to receive the new claims book.

**Outings:** Two outings coming up in the near future –

- 1) Molalla prospecting trip will take place Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> Meet up at McDonalds at the intersection of Hwy 211 and Hwy 213 at 8 am and the group will leave at 9am.
- 2) TY Roy end of August is still on track . Team members attending the June/July TYRoy event shared their experiences with the group. The trip was very successful and gold was found.

**Safety-** Jim Dorning – Water safety – remember to purify any water you drink when out in the wilderness. There are many claims for gadgets that will purify water, but the most reliable is boiling water and purifying with Chlorine. It's your health, take it seriously!

**Equipment** – Ken Burns – reminder to all that the club has pans, tubs, high bankers and dredges (no motors) available for check out.

**Newsletter** –If you want a newsletter be sure to write legible (your email address or mailing address + \$15.00). Website- Tom Jones –Website now has mine sites up and mining reg's also on the page. If you have any pictures of prospecting trips, please contact any board member.

**Library-** Beau Gordon – Club is looking for a new librarian Beau currently restricted on his ability to store club library materials. If you are interested, please contact any board

member.

## Old Business:

**New club hats:** Some still available. \$15 each (really good price). Hats have a neck flap that helps protect from sun.

**Club Store:** Other items for sale from club include shirts, hats, starter kits. Check out the Club Store.

**Emily Camp Share:** Richard/Penny – Discussed purchase of the Emily camp share and legalities of having a public share in a private club. More to come on this as we decipher what is exactly needed to keep it above board.

**Charity:** Club is still collecting can food for the food bank. You can get raffle tickets in exchange for food donations. Club is also still collecting Santiam food labels.

**Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary**

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

[http://www.icmj2.com/BegCorner/USG\\_SHowToMineForGold.htm#8517h10](http://www.icmj2.com/BegCorner/USG_SHowToMineForGold.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!**

## PROSPECTING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

GPAA / LDMA MEMBERSHIP  
2” HONCOUP HIGHBANKER W/4 HP  
HONDA MOTOR  
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TO PUMP. CONTACT DON ERICKSON  
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GOOD PRICING FOR ALL

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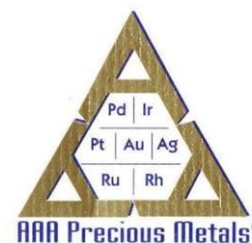
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The WMA is an alliance of miners fighting to restore our legal mining rights. We need all miners to stand together and fight this illegal taking of mining claims and our rights to mine.

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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
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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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**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT AUGUST MEETING**

- 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.

## Safety TIPS

Last month we talked about the safety of water in the outdoors that may be contaminated with bacteria. This month we will discuss the need for water (hydration) while working outdoors in hot conditions. The body cools itself by sweating and allowing that sweat to evaporate. This requires enough fluid in the body to make sweat, air circulating across the skin, and low enough air humidity to allow that sweat to evaporate. Activity in a hot climate can overwhelm the body's ability to cool itself, causing heat-related symptoms.

Heat exhaustion may affect people who are prospecting outdoors on a very hot day.

### Most of us have heard the symptoms of heat exhaustion such as:

- Profuse sweating
- Weakness
- Muscle cramps
- Headache
- Nausea and vomiting

As dehydration increases from the loss of body water, lightheadedness may occur and fainting may happen if the person stands up quickly. A low grade fever also may be present. (More next month)

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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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