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## **Chapter Meeting: September 16, 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 8 new people who came to our meeting last month. I hope to see you all this month.

Gladys Templin passed away the morning of Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. She was always with Robert Wedding and always had a smile, even when she wasn't feeling good. She will be missed. My condolences to Gladys' family and to Robert Wedding.

If any one went to the TYROY outing from August 26th through September 6<sup>th</sup> please fill out a mining report with your names, the dates you were there, how much time you spent doing maintenance and what you did. Thank You.

Remember the Little Santiam outing on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Dave Chiara and Jerry Johns are working on some final details as I am writing this.

We have been talking about selling our equipment for a long time now. Please lets every one think about and decide whether or not to sell the equipment and if we are going to sell how do we want to do that.

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 8/19/2012

Meeting called to order by **President Richard Ruth** at 1:30pm. Due to some health reasons, our Vice President Robert Burns will be chairing the meeting for the next couple of months. Today's meeting logistics turned over to Vice President.

**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.

45 members in attendance to today's meeting with 8 new visitors.

**Membership cards:** Dave Chiara is still carrying around multiple club membership cards. If you haven't received yours please see Dave!

**Newsletter:** 10 copies of the club newsletter will be brought to the meeting. First come, first served. However, the newsletter is also posted to the club website and is e-mailed to anyone on the club distribution list. It can be mailed via US>Mail monthly for a \$15 fee (annual).

**Outings:** The club will be going back to the TYROY (outside Baker City) Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome to come for part of or all of the time period. Sign-up sheet is on the table near the entrance. Claim's pond is likely dry this time of year, so dry panning will be required unless you have your own water source. If you attended the first TYROY outing, please turn in your assessment paperwork ASAP. Additionally, the club took a day trip to the Molalla in July and will do another day trip up the North Fork of the Little Santiam on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Safety:** (Jim Dorning) – This is the time of year you have to watch out for heat exhaustion. Heat exhaustion can be life threatening and should be taken seriously. If you suspect you or someone around you might be suffering from heat exhaustion, move them to the shade immediately and have them drink water. Pouring water over their body can also help as it allows a faster release of heat from the body. Do not give them alcohol as it is considered a dieter etc and can worsen the situation.

**Fundraising:** Club is still collecting Flav-R-Pac labels. The Club turns these in for money. Raffle is also available at all meetings. Starting in August, the club will begin raffling off gold nuggets again as part of the \$5 raffle. The Club will also be raffling off a 10 oz silver bar in the gold show next spring. Raffle tickets are available to club members during the Club meetings leading up to the Gold Show.

**Food bank:** The Club is still collecting canned food for the food bank. If you turn in canned food at the Club meetings, you receive free raffle tickets.

**GPAA claims:** - Two claims were recently pulled from the GPAA selections. Reminder for all GPAA member, you have to have your card and GPAA book with you at all times when using a GPAA claim.

**Equipment** – Interest in checking out Club equipment has been very low. Club is looking at possibly selling equipment if interest stays low.

**Website:**- Tom Jones – There has been a couple of new things happening with the website. The site has had a server upgrade to make it faster. Also, the website has had nearly 4,000 visitors (unique IP address visitors) this year. A short reminder to all members, the newsletter is available on the website; as well as many other goodies including pictures from outings.

**Library**- Library available to all Club members. Most recent donation to the library is a DVD series on Gold.

**Old Business:** "TYROY fund" originally started by Club members donating money to develop TYROY property is changing its name to "Claim Project Fund" to allow funds to be used for all Club claims. There was a motion to approve this name change. It was seconded and passed by the attending body.

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)

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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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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.

### ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

North Santiam River – SEPT 8<sup>TH</sup> (Stayton)  
TYROY outing – Aug 23 – Sept 6 - **Discuss**  
Molalla or North Santiam River – day outing & training Oct

PLEASE BE THINKING ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S OUTING SCHEDULE

#### 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.



## Safety TIPS (continued from August)

**When should you seek medical care for heat exhaustion?** Heat exhaustion can be treated by increasing water intake and finding a cool place to rest. Water, electrolyte replacement solutions or sport drinks are appropriate to consume. If nausea and vomiting are present while drinking, you should seek medical attention, and may need IV fluids for re-hydration.

Muscle cramps can be severe and if stretching and drinking liquids cannot relieve recurrent cramps, medical care also may be necessary.

It is important to recognize that if the person stops sweating, becomes confused, or has a seizure, **heat stroke**, a life-threatening condition may be developing. Emergency medical services should be called immediately and move the person to a cooler place, remove their clothing and try to cool the body.

**Tips to prevent heat exhaustion** – Limit time exposed to excess heat. Take breaks. Wear loo-fitting clothing, light colored and cotton. Fill a spray bottle with water and spray your face outdoors. Fans help circulate air and make you feel cooler.

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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.

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