

# The Prospector



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## Chapter Meeting:

January 20, 2013

At the  
Milwaukie, Oregon  
Grange Hall  
12015 S. E. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Meeting Begins at  
--- NOON ---

## DATES TO REMEMBER...



**JANUARY 2013**

**CLUB BANQUET  
DOOR PRIZES  
GOOD FOOD  
AND COMPANY**

### 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 (Dec it's the 7th).



## From the President's Desk

Welcome to the 1 new person who came to our meeting last month. I hope to see you all this month.

A reminder our Annual Banquet is this meeting. Please let us know if you are coming and how many adults and children will be coming with you. Also, please one dish for one adult and two dishes for two adults.

This year we are going to start something *new with the food drive at the banquet this year*; a raffle for a nugget. You will get one ticket for any number cans of food you bring. We are doing it this way to give everyone an equal chance to win the nugget no matter how much they may have in their checkbook.

Did you have fun this last year? I did, at least up to the last week in July, my medical problem. We are going to have more outings, TYRoy and closer to us. We are going to have more training.

It is time to reapply for your mining permits, dredging and general mining authorization.

<http://www.statelandsonline.com/>.

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 December 16, 2012**  
**Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Milwaukie**  
**Or**

Meeting called to order by President Richard Ruth at 1:30pm.

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

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

38 members in attendance to today's meeting; with 1 new visitor in attendance.

**Annual Banquet:** January meeting will be a banquet. The club will have an abbreviated club meeting, and then the remainder of the meeting time will be spent celebrating the previous year's accomplishments and the New Year to come. Please see the notice in the newsletter for the details.

**Newsletter:** Dave Chiara. Welcome to all club members. The December edition of the club's newsletter is available on the website. As with most meetings, 10 copies of the newsletter are available near the sign in sheets. (First come, first served). The newsletter was sent out via e-mail for all that have provided the club their e-mail address. If you did not receive the newsletter and was expecting it, please see Dave Chiara and he will help resolve the issue. Additionally, the newsletter can be mailed via US Mail monthly for a \$15 fee (per year).

**Outings / Club Claims** – Dave Chiara Finalizing the 2013 outing list, but there is still time to provide input. If you have a location in mind, please contact Dave.

The club appreciates all inputs for new claims the club can purchase. However, you have to be cautious. Not all claims for sale can be prospected as certain areas in Oregon are off limits for prospecting. Do your homework and if a hot prospect comes your way, please share.

**Gold Show:** As most of you know, the "Gold Lab" is owned and made by two of our own club members. They have donated a "Gold Lab" system for the club to raffle off at the upcoming gold show. THANK YOU! The 2013 Gold Show will be held Friday/Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>.

**GPAA claims:** Robert Rasey – The "Pick and Shovel" newsletter published by the GPAA announces a new gold claim for the GPAA members. The new claim is near the Medford area.

**Equipment:** - Blind auctions continued for club equipment

(being sold) this meeting. This will continue until the storage area is empty.

**Library:** The Club library was available this month. Items can be checked out for 1 month at a time. If you need it longer, please bring it back in and re-check it out for the next month.

**Fundraising:** The Club continues to collect Flav-R-Rac labels. The Club turns these in for money. Additionally, a raffle is available at meetings. The profit from the raffle goes to the Club funds. Other fundraising activities in process are: raffling off a 10oz silver bar and silent auctions.

**Food bank:** The Club is still collecting canned food for the food bank. If you turn in canned food at the Club meeting, you receive free raffle tickets (10 cans = 5 tickets).

**(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)**

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**SAFETY REPORT** By Jim Dorning  
**SAFETY – Medical Emergencies & Winter Driving**  
Not many of us are outside mining during the winter; however, we still need to be ready for emergencies that might happen. A medical emergency is any condition that, if left untreated, could cause severe harm or even death. Getting immediate help in a medical emergency can mean the difference between a relatively simple cure or treatment, and a more complicated intervention.

Always keep a 3-7 day supply of medications, prescriptions and your medical information in your hazard "kit". During storms or a disaster, you might have to wait days to refill medications.

And lately, we hear a lot about the "flu". This is not the same illness as "stomach flu". Seek emergency care as soon as possible if someone has:

- Confusion or can't be woken up
- Difficulty breathing
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Blue lips or skin rash
- Unable to drink or keep liquids down
- Fever in an infant under 3 months old

Help to prevent the spread of flu by washing your hands frequently; cough or sneeze into your sleeve rather than into your hands; stay home if you are sick; and obtain the flu vaccine.

Winter also means different driving conditions due to snow, ice or heavy rain. Remember to slow down, brake gently and use low gears to keep traction. Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady spots where ice may be prevalent.

During heavy rains keep in mind that 6" of water will reach the bottom of most cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling. It's hard to tell how deep water is or how stable the ground is beneath. Wading or driving through flood waters is dangerous. Seek higher ground. American Red Cross.

## Newsletter & eMails

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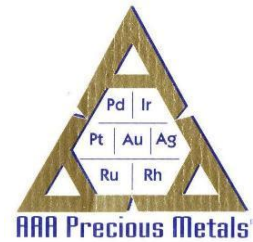
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The WMA is an alliance of miners fighting to restore our legal mining rights. We need all miners to stand together and fight this illegal taking of mining claims and our rights to mine.

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](http://westernminingalliance.org/?page_id=626)



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**Outings – 2013**

**At our January meeting let's discuss where we'd like outings/sites and dates for 2013. If you have suggestions see an officer or Dave Chiara with your ideas.**

**On the list**  
**Wines Camp**  
**TYRoy**  
**Daybreak Park**  
**Molalla River**  
**N. Fork of the Santiam**  
**Beverly Beach**  
**Do you have others**  
**?????**

**GPAA Membership Renewal Credits**

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

**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.



**PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS INC. PRESENTS:  
ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER  
JANUARY 20, 2013- 12 NOON  
at Chapter Grange Hall**

Dear club members,

Our Annual Potluck Banquet is approaching quickly. In order to provide you with a great time,

**we need to know:**

- The number of adults attending, so we can provide enough meat.
- The number of children attending, so we can have enough door prizes.
- The food you'll bring (see the attached flyer for suggestions).

Please RSVP to Gene at [gene.dietzen@gmail.com](mailto:gene.dietzen@gmail.com), or by phone at 360.834.9230.

If you already signed up at the meeting, no need to respond to this email. Attached is a flyer with all of the details about the banquet. Check out the NEW NUGGET raffle-each adult can enter once only by donating two cans of food (or more) for one chance- children under 18 cannot participate. All plates and utensils will be provided ---CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL OF YOU on January 20<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Grange Hall!

**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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