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Chapter Meeting: February 17, 2013

At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S. E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
--- 1:30 ---

DATES TO REMEMBER...



FEBRUARY 2013

**EQUIPMENT
DEMONSTRATIONS
T-SHIRTS &
SWEATSHIRTS
ORDER TIME**

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 5 new people who came to our meeting last month. I hope to see you this month.

If you weren't able to make our Annual Banquet you missed some good food and some fun.

We will have Panning training at this coming meeting. Bring your pans to have some run. It will be outside under a canopy.

I have received FIVE NEW "Extreme Prospecting, Adventures of a Modern Day Gold & Treasure Hunter" books from Dave McCracken owner of The New 49'ers. He is doing this as a thank you for the support we have given The New 49'ers over the years.

Remember 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 January 17, 2013
Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie
Or

Meeting called to order by President Richard Ruth at 12:00pm.

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.

55 members in attendance to today's meeting; with 5 new visitor in attendance.

Annual Banquet: January was the clubs annual banquet. The meeting started off with an abbreviated business agenda, and then moved into the banquet celebration.

Outings/ Club Claims – Dave Chiara The club discussed current club claims and options to attend a GPAA/Lost Dutchman claim. The club is looking into Burnt River or Blue Bucket GPAA/Lost Dutchman sites for a possible club outing. Dave will update the club as more information comes in. The club members discussed that some GPAA claims (from the book) may have better than others. One of the Club members suggested that if you visit a site in the GPAA claims book, write a review. Not enough claims have reviews.

A proposal was raised to kick off a club outings committee to help Dave visit future outing sites and help him run some of the outings. If any members are interested see Dave after meeting or touch bases with him via e-mail.

Newsletter/Website: Tom Jones. Monthly meeting information is posted on the newsletter (and newsletter is posted on the website) but it is much more than just minutes. Please visit the news site and see all the content available. As with most meetings, 10 copies of the club newsletter are available near the sign in sheets. (First come first served). The newsletter is 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). Tom shared with the Club that the website had 6150 unique visitors in 2012. The average time spent on the site was 5.3 minutes.

Safety – Bob Rasey. One of the toop accidents this time of year is broken wrists. With slippery surfaces. Falls are more prevalent and it can be human nature to try to catch your fall by extending your hands. While it is best not to fall at all, we

all have our times when it is inevitable. Try practice falling at home. This will help you be prepared for when the real thing happens.

Annual audit of the check book is due. Bev sought volunteers to help audit the club accounts. Tom, Larry and Melinda all volunteer to help.

Gold Show: The 2013 Gold Show will be held Friday/Saturday March 29th / 30th. Sign-up sheets are going up now for volunteer help. We will need many club members help this year.

New Shirts and hoodies on the way. Please see Bev if you are interested in reserving one for yourself.

(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

Newsletter & eMails

If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email, email us at 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).

Be on my committee – OUTINGS

Need volunteers to help check out, select and run outing events. Here's the tentative list.

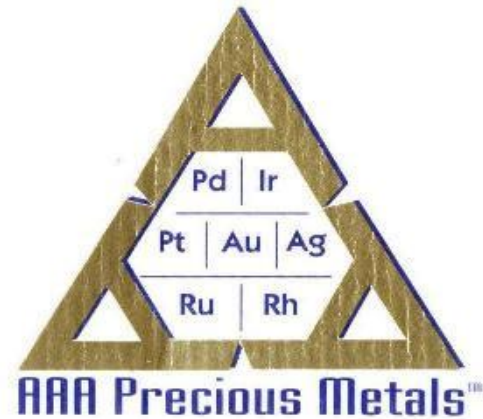
- **Beverly Beach** March and / or April
- **Daybreak Park (Wa)** April and / or May
- **East Fork Lewis or other SW Washington River locations** – pick some dates
- **TYRoy** June 22nd to July 7th
- **Molalla River** July – August
- **N. Fork Santiam R** July - October
- **Blue Bucket or Burnt River** – August
- **Rice Museum** – August ?
- **TYRoy** – August 28th to September 3rd
- **Daybreak Park (Wa)** Sept and / or Oct
- **East Fork Lewis or other SW Washington River locations** – pick some dates
- **Other locations** – August - October

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

<http://www.icmj2.com/BegCorner/USGShowToMineForGold.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.

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



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WEAR YOUR "COLORS"
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T-SHIRTS MEDIUM – XLARGE \$20.00

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2XLARGE – 3XLARGE \$30.00

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BE A CLUB SUPPORTER – WEAR YOUR “COLORS”

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.

PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS INC.

ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

at Chapter Grange Hall

RESULTS FROM GENE DIETZEN – BANQUET CHAIRMAN



Dear club members,

I just wanted to say a BIG thank you to everyone for a most excellent banquet this year!

Here's the breakdown of number---kinda interesting.

Total people (taken from the sign in sheets) 65+8 not signed in-73

 Show ups-at least 10

 Guests-8

 Kids-0

 Pre-registered-39

 Not registered-16

Volunteers

 Signed up-20

 Showed up-20

Door prize Donations

 Bill Bench

 Ken Burns

 Larry Sharp

 Penny Parsons

 Royal Mfg.

 Rosewind Mining Supply

 D&K

Main Door prize winner was Bruce Fuller of Troutdale, OR

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.

The Killing of a fish

So you are a Gold Prospector? I know all about you. An endangered species is what I heard? Hah! That's what you get for taking yellow rocks out of my rivers and streams. As the keeper of the land, I don't like you to mess with my streams; you know that-don't you? You need to be band and severely controlled-no matter what it takes! You ruin everything that you touch. I am tired of watching you trash my environment by filling my waterways with pollutants and discharging poison and filth into my rivers and streams. Who do you think you are? Don't you realize that you are killing my fish, changing my water, and trashing my shores? What do you have to say for yourself?

Whoa! Seems to be one sided for sure. You seem to be a nice enough guy, but as long as we're educating each other, let me be sure that you understand a few things and the way that I feel. Let's start with that ownership idea of yours. If we're talking about prospecting on public lands; how can it be yours, because if it's yours-then it's mine too! "We the people..." is what it says: It chaps me to hear you say that it's only yours and that you get to say how it's used. How come I can't have my opinion? I get to use it too-you're no getting it.

You don't have a clue what's really going on-do you? As a gold prospector, I remove gravel-sand-and dirt from the water; that's true! It's also true that I put it right back. If there's any gold in that gravel I might get to keep it-usually an amount equal to less than wages. Mother Nature, not you or me, put the gravel-sand-dirt and gold all there together. You say, that I'm killing your fish, that's certainly not happening nor is it my intent. By-the-way, they're not your fish either. Again Mother Nature gets the credit for the fish too. I hear what you're saying; my recreational dredge sucks up the eggs. What are you talking about---I can't even dredge when the eggs are there! Surely you've heard that, because I have; so much that it's staggering. I need to follow Government rules, timing charts, when you can, when you can't, and equipment regulations to boot. That, or be fined, jailed, or both. What planet are you living on? Do you actually fish for your fish? It's the same kinda rule structure dude. What amazes me is that YOU helped write the rules and now you either can't remember them, or don't wanna follow them---sour grapes huh? I follow the rules because in a society we have laws-so everyone gets to do-it the same way. We've all gotta use the same rules. So don't tell me that I'm sucking up eggs: that happens with the uneducated or illegal operations-not mine-not with the large majority of us miners either. We are law bidding! In fact, did you know that I'm a member of a prospecting club? (Actually five of them) You know at every one of the monthly meetings, in each club, we go over the rules, we talk about repairing any damages that might occur like a small pile of gravel needing to be spread back out, filling holes up, and not damaging any vegetation. We are informed, educated, trained, and up to date on our permits and any changes to the laws about prospecting as imposed by the State. We all want to follow the rules! The rules that YOU helped write! Jerk! Now you're starting to piss me off!

I get the feeling that you think that I am one of those miners that you see on TV. It's true that I have been on TV, but only to show kids how to pan for gold. We recreational prospectors don't do anything to the land like you're watching on TV. On TV they strip vegetation, shove dirt to the side by the acre, change the course of a river, hell-even remove a small mountain!!! What I do can't even be seen. You'd never know that we were there. As good Stewarts of the lands that we use we clean up after ourselves. The Boy Scouts taught us that. Didn't they have Scouts where you grew up? What you are not seeing on the TV shows is that major land reclamation MUST be done in order to satisfy the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and other watch-dog groups which I am thankful that they are there and I'm sure that you're a member of all of them. Don't you read your newsletters? It looks pretty bad at the end of the last episode for sure, but the land must be leveled out and top soil re-distributed. Us miners don't use bulldozers, excavators, or backhoes. We use shovels gold pans, sluice boxes (small ones limited in size by law), high bankers, and suction dredges (small ones-again limited in size). You know that TV show where they suck the bottom of the ocean in Alaska. Those are huge machines. One of them even has an excavator mounted to the boat. Us recreational prospectors are limited to the size of dredge that we can use. 6" is the max in a lotta places, but some restrictions will only allow a 3" unit. Have you got any idea how much a 6" dredge costs? Thousands of dollars. Most of Us can only afford a 2" or 2-1/2" dredge and trust me-not everyone has one! Anything over a 6" is considered commercial equipment. It's funny though-if I wanted to set-up a commercial operation in the Bering Sea I would only need the permit (which is easily obtained) and be able to use a 10", 12" or larger suction dredge. Us miners can't even compete with that-it would be like transporting a football team to the away game in a VW.

You bark about pollution-When you fish for your fish, you're the one throwing the lead sinkers into the water which get snagged up and left in the water! I don't throw lead in the water. In fact, I remove your fishing lead in my pans, high bankers, and dredges. We take it out as we find it and take it home. We don't leave it in the environment-you do- don't you though! What's with that??? On a more serious note: we also remove Mercury from your water system. That's right: Mercury; One of the deadliest toxins on the planet. It's heavy like gold and ends up in our pans and equipment. It's one of Mother Nature's cocktails which, in time, end up in the Ocean, then in the fish that we all eat. We take that home too. In 1978 the State of Idaho issued me a small dredge permit. They said it was the first one ever issued??? In order to get the permit I needed to meet with the Head State Biologist and was interviewed. He concluded that it was good for the fish and not harmful to the environment. He claimed that dredging removed silt, algae, and harmful bacteria-cleaning the fish egg beds, as well as providing food and nutrients to the fish. Fish are resilient; they are often seen clustering around the nozzle darting in and out of nozzle grabbing a tasty morsel-waiting around the discharge for stirred up gravels to feed from. Ya, I'm just a polluting machine-what on Earth are you using?

You're so willing to condemn me for enjoying my outdoor interest. Just because you don't share the same interest-I'm doing something bad. Very narrow minded sounding to me. Mother Nature does a lot more damage to you stream beds than any of us could possibly do. Every spring the run-offs force water 20, 40, 60 feet up over the banks of the streams and rivers-trust me-this is really, really big water. It moves boulders the size of cars, rips trees from their roots, causes major erosion, and death gripping flooding. If I would place you in a row boat, in the middle of the Ocean-no one would ever see you. It's the same for us recreational prospectors; in the big scheme of things you would never know that we were there. As it works out-Nature repairs itself each and every year. Thank God for that!

That said: It continues to amaze me that you insist on telling me that I am ruining your land! You present no facts or evidence to back your claim and you insist that I listen to you only because you say that you're right! I just can't do that! Your methods seem muddy, your research is unfounded, and your conclusions are biased. How can you be taken seriously by anyone? My way or the highway is your motto. There can be only one??? Is that what you're thinking?

Who do you think you are-God? I don't think so. But whoever you, are you're killing the fish-not us.

Gene Dietzen,

GPAA Portland
Amateur Astronomer
Jewelry Instructor

Banquet Photos!



Jerry and Gene hand out door prizes at the banquet.



Board Members at the Annual Banquet



Dave Fuller won the big door prize donated by Royal Manufacturing.



Richard thanks Tom for his hard work on the club's website.



A good time was had by all!

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