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## Chapter Meeting:

January, 18<sup>th</sup> 2015

At the  
Milwaukie, Oregon  
Grange Hall  
12015 S.E. 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Meeting Begins at  
--- 1:30 ---**

## Dates to Remember...



**January, 2015**

## Our next meeting:

**On January 18<sup>th</sup> 2015**

We will be having our Annual Potluck. With a short meeting and then have a lot of fun and some great food.

Thank you to all the members



## The Presidential Post

Portland Gold Prospectors

January 2015

From the President's Desk

Happy New Year!

Come join us on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> for our annual banquet. You won't want to miss it. Please see notice in this newsletter about who brings what. We'll have door prizes and lots of fun

This year promises to be exciting and fun filled, with education, outings and more being offered for your participation.

As most know, GPAAs Gold Show will be at the Expo Center in Portland this coming year (Mar 28, 29) and we're working with other local chapters to make it a great success (with a lot of turnout). If you know of vendors and/or groups that would be interested in participating, please let us know now. We will need your help and ideas.

If you have friends, co-workers or others interested in learning about prospecting, invite them to join us and find out if it's something they'd like to do as well.

This is a great year to be prospecting and having fun and you can profit by others involvement and even find some gold. Remember memories become golden with time.

Sincerely,

David Chiara

# Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Milwaukie, OR

Meeting called to order by President Dave Chiara at 1:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

## Attendance:

30 members in attendance to the meeting.

0 visiting guests in attendance.

## Meeting minutes:

A **Motion** was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report as written and published in the newsletter. The motion was approved by the Association body.

## Treasury report: Beverly Parker

The Treasury report was read by the Treasurer to the association.

A **Motion** was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as written

## Claims:

Dave and Ken went to Long beach and collected Sand for processing. They found gold in all of the collection samples. They ran a total of three buckets of samples overall. A good idea they tried was using a clam gun. By doing this it was like taking a soil sample that showed where all the layers of sand were. It was very telling which layers would show good potential.

Ken handed out a list of proposed day events for 2015 to all attendees. Some of these activities have dates already. The remaining will get dates in the next few weeks.

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| • Gold and Treasure Show                          | March 28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>    |
| • Beverly Beach (Oregon)                          | April 12 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| • McMinnville UFO Festival ( <b>Fund raiser</b> ) | May 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>       |
| • Day Break Park (Washington)                     | June 14 <sup>th</sup>                        |
| • T.Y. ROY (Oregon)                               | June 20 <sup>th</sup> – July 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Rice Museum (Oregon)                            |  |
| • N. Fork Santiam River (Oregon)                  |  |
| • Cape Disappointment (Washington)                |  |
| • Long Beach (Washington)                         |  |
| • Lewisville Park (Washington)                    |  |

**Safety:** No safety topics this month

**Newsletter:** Not in attendance this meeting

**GPAA:** No update this month

**Library:** Joe Weber

One new book added to the Library this month. "Rocks & Minerals" If you are a member, you can check out anything in the Library for one month at a time.

**Gold Show** – Joe Weber

The Gold Show for 2015 will be in Portland. The dates are March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at the Expo center. Our association of miners is participating in the planning phase. This month we learned that there will be a community panning area for all to use. We will need to provide some headcount to help out in this area.

**Annual Banquet:** Jerry Johns

January is our annual banquet. It will be potluck style and the club will provide roast Beef, rolls, bottled water and Coffee. Planning committee has been putting together the details. If you did not receive the mailer please contact Jerry Johns and he will send it out to you. [Jerry.j.johns@intel.com](mailto:Jerry.j.johns@intel.com)

**Education:** Ron Barnas

Ron shared with the group plans by the BLM to close a number of roads in the Mt. Hood wilderness area. You can go to <http://tinyurl.com/Mthoodtap>

**PLP Challenge:** Richard Ruth

Richard handed out a number of cards from the PLP. The goal of these cards are to reduce and even prevent harassment miners are getting from various organizations. If someone approaches you claiming you cannot prospect where you are at, please get all of their information and record it on the PLP challenge card. PLP is starting to find that some officials just walk away and stop any harassment as soon as they see the cards come out.

(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

**Be on my committee**

**Outings See Ken Burns**

Need volunteers to help check out, select and run outing events.

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# Come Join us!

PORTRLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS INC.

PRESENTS

ANNUAL POTLUCK BANQUET

JANUARY 18, 2015 at 1:30pm

Milwaukie Grange Hall

- There will be a short general meeting and then...the festivities begin
- All Members, Guests and Families Welcome
- Please bring potluck food to share: One dish per family - label foods that contain nuts
- The associations will provide roast beef, coffee, bottled water, rolls.
- If you don't have a favorite dish you are dying to bring, we recommend you follow the below guide based off of your last name:
  - A-D: Salad. (Ideas: Green, pasta, fruit, etc)
  - E-J: Dessert (Ideas: If it is sweet, it is a dessert)
  - K-Q: Side dishes (Ideas: Vegetables, stuffing, mini sausages, meatballs, etc)
  - R-Z: Appetizers (Ideas: Chips, Cheese, dips, etc)
- Please don't bring your own table settings; the association provides plates, cups, silverware and napkins.
- *There will be Door Prizes.* These will be provided free from the association. If you have anything you would like to donate to the door prizes, please let Jerry Johns know in advance for planning purposes. [Jerry.j.johns@intel.com](mailto:Jerry.j.johns@intel.com)
- Special Raffle: Enter to win a Gold nugget or other Gold by making a donation of canned foods. One entry per adult only. Bring 2 or more canned/boxed food items. If you forget the cans, \$5.00 food bank donation allowed for 1 ticket (per each adult, 18 & over).
- Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up - look for the sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

**Plan to come for good food & great friendship**

# Article of the Month

Here are a few places of interest for Gold in Washington state, As always anything you find on the internet you should call the BLM or Forest service in the area of interest to make sure you can prospect in that area. Also you should find out if you need any permits. These areas have had some great Gold found in the past so maybe history could repeat itself. Remember things change on the internet all the time and sometimes places that were ok last year or 5 years ago are not ok now. **ALWAYS CHECK FIRST.**

May you find what you're looking for, May you have a great 2015 and no matter what May you have a lot of fun. Your fellow Prospector and Friend Bill Mutton

## **Yakima County Washington Gold**

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Most of the gold in Yakima County came from the far northwest corner of the county, along the boundary of Pierce County on the northeast side of Mount Rainier.

### **Summit District**

The Summit district is located in township 16 and 17 N, range 10 and 11 E. Near the head of Morse Creek, is the Morse Creek Placer Mine. This mine was said to produce well in the early days and produced coarse to large gold nuggets. In T26N R11E in the NW 1/4 of section 4, the Elizabeth Gold Hill Mine, which produced lode gold, copper, lead and silver. In section 6 is the Highland Mine. In T17N R10E, in section 25, is the Black Hawk Mine. In T17N R11E in SW 1/4 section 29, is the Comstock Mine. Just west of the Comstock Mine is the Crown Point Mine. In the SW 1/4 section 31, is the Damfino Mine and in the S 1/2 , is the Gold Hill Mine 9 (on Morse Creek Rd.) Along the Cascade crest from Bear Gap to Crown Point, in section 31, is the Fife Mine, which has access by road up Morse Creek from Chinook Pass Hwy. and 1/2 mile by trail. In sections 4 and 5 are the Elizabeth Placer and the Gold Links Placer.

### **White Swan**

Southwest of White Swan, across the Yakima Indian Reservation (get permission to enter at the agency) to the Klikitat River, in section 14 of T8N R12E, is the Surveyors Creek Placer. It was real productive.

Tags: [Bear Gap](#), [Black Hawk Mine](#), [Chinook Pass](#), [Comstock Mine](#), [Crown Point](#), [Crown Point Mine](#), [Damfino Mine](#), [Elizabeth Gold Hill Mine](#), [Elizabeth Placer](#), [Fife Mine](#), [Gold Hill Mine 9](#), [Gold Links Placer](#), [Highland Mine](#), [Klikitat River](#), [Morse Creek](#), [Morse Creek Placer Mine](#), [Mount Rainier](#), [Summit district](#), [Surveyors Creek Placer](#), [White Swan](#), [Yakima County Washington Gold](#), [Yakima Indian Reservation](#)

## Skamania County Washington Gold

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There are 27 lode mines and 2 placer operations listed in Skamania County as being gold producing in history of the county. The best chances to find gold bearing deposits of are McCoy Creek, Camp Creek and Quartz Creek areas.

### McCoy Creek

On Mccoy Creek, in T10N R8E, in section 15 is the Hudson and Meyers Placers which were very rich. In section 10, is the Perry Mine, which was a lode gold mine in arsenopyrite. Along both sides of Camp Creek in Section 10, the Primary Gold Mine and the adjoining Bruhn Mine. Both of these produced free milling gold and platinum. The Primary Gold Mine can be accessed 4 miles by trail from end of the Niggerhead Road. In the creek bars and bench gravels, the Camp Creek placers were very productive.

### Quartz Creek

On the north side of Quartz Creek, in SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 section 7 T8N R8E, is the Plamondon Mine. You can access 3.5 miles by trail from end of road. This mine was 29 claims and produced gold in chalcedonic quartz.

### Spirit Lake

Northwest of Spirit Lake, in extreme northwest corner of the county, on Black Mountain, in sections 2, 3, 10, 11 T10N R5E is the location of the Independence Mine. This mine was 6 claims that produce copper, lead, silver and minor gold. Opposite Spirit Lake is the Minnie Lee Mine, which was a lode gold with copper and silver mine. Near Grizzly Creek, probably in section 20, is the Grizzly Creek Mine. You can access this by trail. It produced lode gold with lead and silver. Northeast of spirit lake,in T10N R6E, in sections 8 and 17, is the Germania Mine. The Germania Mine was 12 claims for lode gold and copper. Near the W 1/4 corner section 16 is the Golconda Mine. You can access the Golconda mine .5 miles up Ryan Lake trail from the Green River Trail.

### Stevenson

Northwest of Stevenson, in E 1/2 section 25 T4N R5E, is the Texas Gulch Placer, which was very productive.

Tags: [arsenopyrite](#), [Black Mountain](#), [Bruhn Mine](#), [Camp Creek](#), [Germania Mine](#), [Golconda Mine](#), [Gold Mines](#), [Gold Mines in Washington](#), [Green River Trail](#), [Grizzly Creek](#), [Grizzly Creek Mine](#), [Hudson Placer](#), [Independence Mine](#), [McCoy Creek](#), [Meyers Placer Mine](#), [Minnie Lee Mine](#), [Perry Mine](#), [Plamondon Mine](#), [Quartz Creek](#), [Ryan Lake trail](#), [Skamania County Washington Gold](#), [Spirit Lake](#), [Stevenson](#), [Texas Gulch Placer Mine](#)



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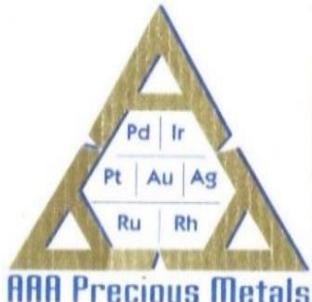
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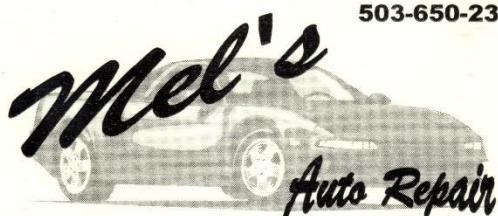
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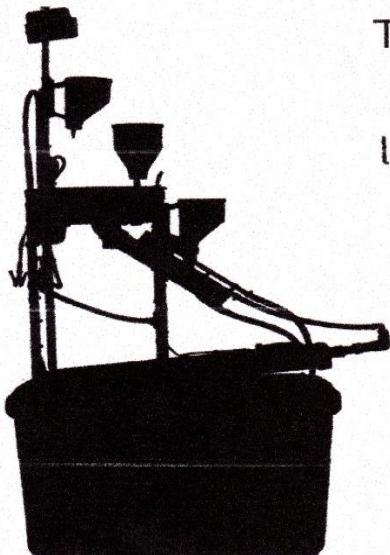


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