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Chapter Meeting:

October 18th 2015

At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd

Meeting Begins at

--- 1:30 ---

Dates to Remember...



October, 2015

Our next meeting:

On October 20th, 2015

For every 2 cans of food you bring in you can get 1 ticket for our \$1.00 drawing up to 5 tickets



The Presidential Post

From the President's Desk

Please join us on Sunday, October 18th. Come see what you missed out on with the Vancouver Chapter (at Cape Disappointment). The work party at TYRoy was able to complete activities for reclamation required, come join us for the rest of the story.

If you have not read the notice from Waldo Mining Districts "Oregon Placer Mining Issues" that lets us know what's going to happen with the "5 Year Moratorium", scheduled to go into effect in Oregon January 2, 2016 (3 short months away), please read it. We will talk about what you can do. Donations are needed to help fight this on the legal front – this is for real.

This meeting we will be taking nominations for Officers and Directors, please consider your importance to the Chapter and consider throwing your "hat in the ring". We need your help. We need your help at outings, one to attend and secondly, help others who don't know what you know about how you do your prospecting. If you like to metal detect – come show off your talents with your equipment. You'd be surprised what you can teach others. Consider demonstrating your equipment and skills with it. Everyone has something to share.

Also, don't forget your canned donations, or your "silent auction" items. Bring your checkbook – we'll have two five gallon buckets (again) of TYRoy "paydirt" for the Silent Auction.

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 September 20, 2015

Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie, OR

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

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Attendance:

47 attendees at the meeting

4 visiting guests were present

Meeting minutes:

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

Treasury report: Beverly Parker

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

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

Correspondence:

No new correspondence was received this month. Dave Chiara mentioned that we are an affiliate of Eastern Oregon Mining Association and their monthly newsletter can be found through a link on our website.

Membership: Gary Upton

Gary gave a summary of the requirements to become a full voting member of Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc – that is attending a combination of 3 meetings or outings in a year. There are no dues to join. Once becoming a member, he stated the library is available with materials to check out. Members are not required to join the G.P.A.A., but they are encouraged to do so to use their claims. Dave Chiara mentioned that our association receives our income from donations, a monthly raffle, and participation at the annual GPAA Gold Show

Report on Club Claims: Ken Burns

Ken reported that several members traveled to the Tyroy claim near Baker City on the weekend of September 13 where they rented a backhoe and trailer to dig approximately 70-80 yards of silt/dirt out of the main pond and deposit it over the previous mining area on the claim. Charlie Foster used his Kubota tractor and trailer to assist with the reclamation. A tractor was rented by the association for a little over 8 hours. Unfortunately, Charlie had a slip and fall accident that caused a broken ankle. Ken stated the pond looks good now and the water capacity is about doubled. Not only is the work good for the local livestock, but it should make more water available for our members when processing material.

G.P.A.A.

Dave told the members that we have no one serving as the G.P.A.A. Oregon State Director currently. He asked that if anyone is interested in becoming the Oregon Director, they should contact the main office of G.P.A.A. in Temecula, CA to apply.

Outings: Jerry Johns and Dave Chiara

Jerry had the following events listed on a white board for review:

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| 1. Sept. 27 | Copper Creek, WA |
| 2. Oct 2-4 th | Cape Disappointment, WA beach mining |
| 3. Oct 10th | Beverly Beach, OR beach mining |
| 4. Oct 18 th | PGPI monthly meeting, Milwaukie Grange |
| 5. Nov 10 th | Free Pizza at Round Table Pizza – first Potluck planning meeting |

Jerry mentioned there is a new opportunity to discover techniques of beach mining at Cape Disappointment (Benson Beach) on October 3rd, led by Rodney Chavez. He asked members if they prefer to attend this beach mining location in place of the Beverly Beach outing. Rodney Chavez stated we are able to remove two 5 gallon buckets of black sand per person, per day; however, the buckets are very heavy. He recommends using smaller buckets. Rodney explained the equipment he uses and the area where he will be camping and available to demonstrate to members on Oct. 3rd. He said a Washington State Discover Pass is necessary.

By a show of hands, it was approved to cancel the Beverly Beach outing and attend the Cape Disappointment WA beach outing as a replacement.

Dave Chiara discussed an opportunity to work with the Vancouver Chapter on Sept. 26-27 at the Copper Creek claim where a 2" dredge and possibly a 4" dredge will be used. He asked for at least 5 members to attend.

Safety: Jim Dorning

No safety report this month. Jim mentioned that wearing sturdy shoes with good tread is recommended, as stated by Ken in his report about the accident that Charlie Foster experienced.

Newsletter:

Dave Chiara said he is looking for a newsletter editor. Also wanted are new articles to publish in the newsletter. If any member wants to write an article or give a report on their prospecting experiences, please contact Dave Chiara.

Website:

The webmaster is paid by the association, so if you have any comments on the website, please contact Dave Chiara.

Library:

The library was not at the meeting this month, since Joe Weber was absent. Materials are for the use of members, who are asked to check out items and return them the next month.

Old Business:

Gold Show:

Discussion followed about the next GPAA Gold Show at the Portland Expo in April 2016. A show of hands was asked for those who will volunteer to plan for the Gold Show and a sign up sheet was placed on the front table. Jerry Johns also explained our quarterly gold nugget raffle for those who volunteer. At the October meeting there will be a drawing where names of those who volunteered in July, August, or September will be entered. Working on the Gold Show committee or at the show will count toward a future drawing.

BLM & Tyroy Claims

Dave stated the annual certification of work performed at Tyroy has been submitted to Baker County. He also reported on the status of the reclamation efforts.

Silent Auction Items:

Some of the items up for silent auction are 2 buckets of dirt from the Tyroy claim; a dredge nozzle, hose, and some mining DVD's. Members are encouraged to bring items for others to bid on. The donation helps our association because we do not charge dues.

Code of Conduct: Dave Chiara reminded members to contact a Board member for any concerns about conduct or dealing with other members. The Code of Conduct is available as a hand out.

Demonstration: Golden Ridge Mining, LLC

Chris Cosby, inventor and owner of Golden Ridge Mining in Lewiston, Idaho, gave a talk and demonstration about a new product he has designed and is about to make available for sale. The product is called Gold-Gitter which is a hand-held, top of box classifier. See this at www.gold-gitter.com. He conducted a hands-on demo outside with water and material to show this easy way to cut the time of classifying dirt. Chris Cosby also donated 2 buckets of material from his mine to our association.

Jerry Johns talked about the Oregon DEQ 600 permit for highbanking and sluicing (free) and the 700 permit for dredging (for a fee) that are needed to comply with Oregon laws. In Washington State the new Gold and Fish booklet (free) is required and can be obtained by mail or printed online.

New Business:

Dave stated our intention is to keep our claims safe and keep out people who do not have a right to be prospecting there. He asked members to let him know ahead of time when you plan to visit the claim, what prospecting equipment you will use, and how long you plan to be there. This helps Dave in case of inquiry by the BLM or the local rancher. Also, Dave stated the rancher (Don Foster) has "No Trespassing" signs, so members should carry their PGPI membership card to show, if asked about their reason for being on the property.

A discussion followed about posting more signs to notify people about the claim. Three types of signs were mentioned: 1) Federal Mining Claim, no mining allowed; 2) Caution, Open Pit; and 3) Area Under Surveillance. Other people can be on

the property, but it is a Federal offense to mine there (claim jumping). Also noted, a Baker City resident will monitor activity on the claims from time to time and report back to Dave Chiara about problems if any are found.

Richard Ruth talked about the calendar for 2016 and when it will be best to plan for mining at Tyroy. Several suggestions were made, but it is mainly determined by the weather. By a show of hands, it was determined to plan for mid-May as the beginning of the mining season at Tyroy.

Ken Burns discussed the need for our association to rent equipment to further the operation and reclamation at the claims. Also, having heavy equipment helps to move more material, that makes the mining more beneficial. Ken stated that donations toward the rental of equipment are suggested. He also recommended that those who do mining on the claim should plan to bring a means to move material from the dig site to your processing site, rather than relying on another member to do this. That way, he stated, one or two people will not be needed to do all of the material location and miss out on their own processing time.

Activities with Vancouver Chapter

Bringing the Portland Gold Prospectors and the S.W. Washington Prospectors together for outings was discussed next. Steve Lewin, from the Vancouver Chapter was in attendance and mentioned the Copper Creek claim and his nearby claim are places we can mine without the need to travel as far. He encouraged members to participate with the Vancouver Chapter. He said in 2016 dredging will be allowed at Lewisville Park starting on August 1st. Steve also warned that bears have been known in the Copper Creek area, so he recommends a firearm to be available.

Dave Chiara thanked the kitchen staff and those who donated cookies. He encouraged members to buy club clothing and hats to support our group.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm after the raffle was held. The winner of the gold nugget in the \$5.00 raffle was George Parker.

(Respectfully submitted by Melinda Dorning, Secretary)

Outings Calendar and Upcoming Events

Sunday Oct 18th	PGPI Association - Business Meeting at 1:30pm
Tuesday Nov 10th	FREE PIZZA - 1st planning meeting for Annual (Pot Luck) Banquet to be held in January
Sunday Nov 15th	PGPI Association - Business Meeting at 1:30pm. Annual Elections to be held
Wednesday Dec 9th	2nd planning meeting for annual banquet.
Sunday December 20th	PGPI Association - Business Meeting at 1:30pm
Thursday Jan 7th, 2016	3rd and final planning meeting for Annual banquet
Sunday Jan 17th, 2016	Annual Banquet - swearing in of officers, Door prizes

GOLD SHOW	JOIN THE GOLD SHOW COMMITTEE FOR 2016 - THE BEST YET
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ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

ADVANTAGES OF MODERN PROSPECTORS

By Jim Halloran, original article in Prospecting and Mining Journal May 2013

Modern-day placer miners have many advantages over the prospectors of the gold rush days. Our prospectors can reap many benefits from accumulated knowledge of the last 100 to 150 years, which is a long and impressive list. Before we discuss our advantages, let's look at our disadvantages.

The biggest disadvantage of the modern prospectors is that those darn old-timers got there first. Too true, they found and mined it first; but they did not get all the gold or other precious minerals. They mined most of the best shallow ground, but they often backed away from the expensive deeper or leaner ground. And they did not always recognize some of the obscure valuable minerals, such as platinum.

In addition to finding the original bonanzas, they had another advantage that we will never enjoy—they enjoyed the lack of government restrictions everywhere they turned. All the land was open to exploration and development. There were no conservation areas, such as parks and designated wilderness areas, and no environmental regulations limiting where they went and what they could do when they got there. I wonder if they realized and appreciated the freedoms they had.

Perhaps the old stampedeers' biggest disadvantage was the difficulty of access. They had to bushwhack their way, following wild animal paths or no paths at all. Whenever they could, they no doubt followed rivers and creeks, especially the ones that put some glitter in their pans. Thankfully they pioneered in the first roads and trails into a region for us to use.

Their second biggest problem was probably their lack of technological knowledge about prospecting and mining. They had little understanding of the geology of mineral deposits and most effective techniques to recover the minerals. Sure, some gained knowledge of these matters, but it took their valuable and limited time. Eventually they poked enough holes in the ground to figure out some natural earth processes and tinkered with their machines and techniques to increase their gold recovery. They accomplished a lot, but they did not get all the gold.

We have accumulated knowledge of the last century, such as geologic models for various mineral deposits, and we know how to identify them. We have published geologic and mineral resource maps. Today, the Internet serves up mineral resource information. The Internet also supplies us with videos of how to use all the new widgets and gizmos for finding and recovering precious metals.

The early miners had no pumps (or poor pumps), no bulldozers, no excavators, no high-speed drill rigs, no all-terrain vehicles, and the list goes on. Much of their equipment was hand-powered or animal-powered. Their digging was largely done with picks and shovels. Today, one man and the right machine can easily do a hundred times as much work in a day as they could.

Our main advantage is our knowledge accumulated from their efforts. We are “standing on their shoulders” to use a common phrase. We have their mining history and the location of mineral belts. They are responsible for the pick and shovel symbols on the maps with the dashed lines of mapped trails telling us where they found gold. Our small-scale mining equipment is comparable to theirs, but ours is motorized and more efficient. We have suction dredges that allow us to mine where they could not for the most part.

Look at the ads in magazines for nifty machines that we can use to increase our fine gold recovery and deal with all the black sand. We have wheels, spirals, trommels, tables, highbankers, nugget detectors, dry washers, and so much more. They developed prototypes for a few of these machines, but they were not as effective as what we have available to us.

Some of the other pluses in our column include airplanes and helicopters, power boats, 4x4s, better camping facilities, magnetometers and other geophysical instruments.

If you ask me which modern advantage I think is the best, I must go with accurate topographic maps and aerial photos. How could the early explorers have known what was over the next hill or mountain range without climbing over to see for themselves? Up until that time, no one had even been over the hill to see. Or, if someone had, they often did not leave any information about what they found there. A huge undiscovered deposit may have been hiding over that hill. We at least know there is a mine or a wilderness over there because we have a topographic map of the area and perhaps a road into it. This is an immense advantage for us, but the maps no doubt contribute to much of the land being closed to our activities.

When you compare the advantages and disadvantages, remember that most of those old timers did not hit the mother lode or find a bonanza placer. In fact, most of the stampeders were forced to work for wags and very few ever got rich. Yes, they staked the richest claims on the creek and the gold they recovered are someone else’s wealth now. Did they have fun prospecting and mining? We are having fun doing it, right? So maybe we have it better than they did.

You can draw your own conclusions from all of this, just remember that they certainly did not get it all.

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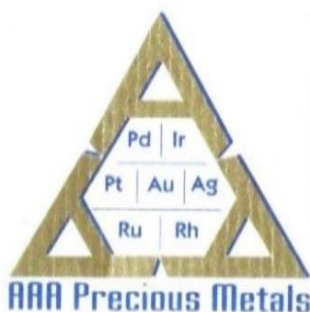
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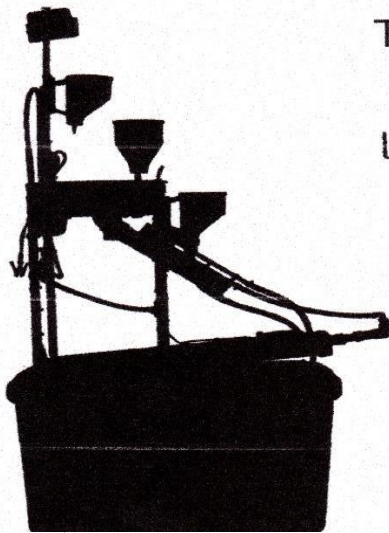


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All members note:

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