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## Chapter Meeting:

November 15<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...



**November, 2015**

## Our next meeting:

**On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, November 15<sup>th</sup> we will be holding elections of officers and directors (board members) and need your vote, help and support. It's not too late to throw your hat in – nominations are open until voting occurs. We will also be going over our Outings plan for 2016 and can use your input.

We will have another manufacturer demonstration on magnetics and removing them from your beach sands and concentrates. If you have concentrates you'd like to test, bring them with you.

The Potluck Committee is having a meeting at Round Table (Oak Grove) on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – so if you want to help and get a pizza dinner too – please let Jerry know you're plan to attend.

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 October 18, 2015

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

Meeting called to order by President Dave Chiara at 1:34 pm

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

## Attendance:

44 attendees at the meeting; 3 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:

A letter from Liberty Mutual Insurance was read by Melinda Dorning. They are changing underwriting companies and a new policy (effective 12/15/15) will be issued that may have changes. Because the new premium is unknown, President Dave Chiara asked for pre-approval so timely payment can be made. A **Motion** was made and seconded to pre-authorize the treasurer to pay the annual liability insurance premium up to \$300.00 when the new policy arrives. The **Motion passed**

## Membership:

Dave Chiara asked everyone to sign in on the roster at the entry table. He explained that attending a combination of 3 meetings or outings in a year qualifies attendees for full voting membership and new association membership cards will be issued in January 2016. Membership allows use of the library materials and use of the association claims, besides being eligible to vote. He mentioned that our association covers expenses from donations, a monthly raffle, and participation at the Gold Show.

## Report on Club Claims: Ken Burns

Ken reviewed the work completed to dig out the ponds on the Tyroy claim. He expects to have members able to visit the claim early next summer and perhaps have more than one outing next season. Members were cautioned not to dig into a bank that could collapse and become a safety hazard. Also members are asked to notify Dave Chiara before traveling to the claims and to limit the type of digging equipment used. There are specific areas used for camping that are not on the BLM land.

## G.P.A.A. State Director

Steve Lewin was introduced as the new G.P.A.A. State Director for Oregon and Washington. Steve is the Vice-President of the Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors (Vancouver Chapter). Steve explained his new duties which include mentoring chapters, assisting with money making ideas, encouraging new chapters to form in Oregon and communication with the G.P.A.A. head office

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

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|-------------------------------|--|
| 1. Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 7pm | Free Pizza at Round Table Pizza – first Potluck planning meeting   |
| 2. Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>       | Regular PGPI Meeting/ Election of Officers – Milwaukie Grange Hall |
| 3. Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>       | Regular PGPI Meeting – Milwaukie Grange Hall                       |

Jerry asked members to consider helping on the banquet or Gold Show committee.

The last event of the mining season was held Oct 2-4<sup>th</sup> at Cape Disappointment, Washington. Dave reported it was great weather for beach mining where Rodney Chavez and Tom helped members find digging spots and instructed them about beach techniques.

## Safety: Jim Dorning

Jim reported that during hunting season members should always have a partner, wear bright colored clothing, and carry extra water. He also talked about water sanitation.

### Newsletter:

Currently, Dave Chiara and Bill Bench edit and submit the monthly newsletter. Dave reported that someone new has offered to do the newsletter. Any member who has articles to publish in the newsletter should contact Dave

### Website:

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

### Library:

Joe Weber thanked the members who donated new books to the library this month. He stated the library is for the use of members to take out a book and return it the following month. There are no library fees. Joe also encouraged members to sign up to plan the next Gold Show (held in April 2016). A committee meeting will be held soon. Also, volunteers are entered into a special gold drawing held quarterly.

### Old Business:

#### Gold Show:

Discussion followed about the next GPAA Gold Show at the Portland Expo Center, April 9-10, 2016. The three GPAA Chapters who are sponsors are PGPI, Brownsville, OR, and Vancouver, WA. Members are encouraged to get involved and volunteer for at least one shift at the show.

#### Tyroy Claim:

Dave reported that Steve Flock from the BLM visited the claim site and said a good job was achieved. Next we need to re-seed with BLM approved seed during the late fall Gold Show:

### 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.

### Speaker:

Bill (Lost) Adams, who has been prospecting since 1974, was introduced. He spoke about restrictions that will affect Oregon miners starting next year and a plan to regain control. He said claim holders (not clubs) can do research to discover if their claim is inside a former mining district. By recovering the old by-laws of the district, a new mining district may be implemented that takes control of the regulations for that district and becomes the ruling entity (by the miners, for the miners, per the 1872 mining laws). More information is available through M.M.A.C. (Minerals & Mining Advisory Council) and Public Lands for the People. He also cited information available from DOGAMI Bulletin 61 (Dept. of Oregon Geology and Mineral Industries) online.

### Nomination of Officers and Board Members:

Bill Bench presided as the Elections Chairman. The election will be held at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for the positions of President, Treasurer, Claims Chairperson, and retiring Board Members (currently held by Richard Ruth, Joe Weber, and Penny Parsons). Bill read the responsibilities of the officers from the Association By-Laws. The nominations for President were opened and Jerry Johns was nominated and he accepted the nomination. Nominations for Treasurer were opened with Bob Burns, Bev Parker, and Bill Bench nominated. Nominations for Claims Chairperson were opened with Ken Burns and Joe Wood nominated. Those nominated for open Board Member positions were Richard Ruth, Elaine Ruth, Joe Weber, Dave Chiara, and Matthew Barner. The Nominations were closed, but will re-open for additional nominations at the November meeting prior to voting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm after the raffle was held. The winner of the plinko split-the-pot was Dorothy Ruth

(Respectfully submitted by Melinda Dorning, Secretary)

## Outings Calendar and Upcoming Events

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**

[http://www.goldrushtradingpost.com/prospecting\\_blog/view/41825/what\\_will\\_el\\_nino\\_mean\\_for\\_gold\\_miners](http://www.goldrushtradingpost.com/prospecting_blog/view/41825/what_will_el_nino_mean_for_gold_miners)

By now you've probably heard that climatologists are predicting that the winter of 2015-2016 will be unusual because of "El Niño." An El Niño weather pattern is a periodic warming of the central and



eastern equatorial Pacific

Ocean. For reasons still not well understood, every two to seven years, this patch of ocean warms for six to 18 months. When the warmest waters in the Pacific shift eastward, it causes changes in the normal direction of trade winds. The result is usually a series of powerful winter storms in the Western U.S., wetter than average weather in the Southern U.S., and warmer than average weather in Western Canada and Southern Alaska. It generally affects weather around the globe.

*"There's no longer a possibility that El Niño wimps out at this point. It's too big to fail,"* Bill Patzert, a climatologist for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, told the LA Times. *"And the winter over North America is definitely not going to be normal."*

Most farmers and ranchers in the West are hopeful that these predictions are correct, especially those in California and other states that have been plagued by years of drought. Gold miners are generally hopeful because lots of rain and flooding moves gold around and re-deposits it. While terrible property damage can occur, depending on the severity of the storms, flooding can cause the renewal and reformation of pay streaks and refill crevices with gold. If flooding does move around some gold over the winter, there will be great opportunities in many Western gold-bearing areas come next spring and summer!

The consensus of many experts is that El Niño will persist through winter 2015-2016, before weakening, as most of these weather patterns typically do, in spring 2016. Mike Halpert, the deputy director of the Climate Prediction Center, said this El Niño is the second strongest he's seen at this time of the year.

*"The atmospheric response to the equatorial sea-surface temperature anomalies, measured by their atmospheric ENSO index (AEI), is the strongest event since at least 1948,"* said Dr. Todd Crawford, chief meteorologist at WSI, the professional division of The Weather Company.

According to NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is a federal agency focused on the condition of the oceans and the atmosphere), the winter of 1997 was the second warmest and seventh wettest on record. Severe weather included flooding in the southeast and California, an ice storm in the northeast, and tornadoes in Florida. During that winter, Oklahoma had some its warmest temperatures and wettest weather. Of course California miners didn't advocate for the destruction caused by the floods, but they were pretty happy with the resulting redistribution of gold in rivers and areas that previously had been "played out." Mother Nature has a way of replenishing gold!

Looking at past moderate-strong El Niño, here are the predictions for temperatures and precipitation from late fall 2015 through spring 2016 across the country:

Wetter: Southern U.S. from California to the Carolinas then up parts of the East Coast

Drier: Parts of the Ohio Valley, Great Lakes, Northwest and Northern Rockies

Cooler: Desert Southwest, Southern Plains, northern Gulf Coast

Warmer: Northern tier of states from the Pacific Northwest to the Northern Plains, Great Lakes, and Northeast

The scientific evidence for El Niño seems strong right now, but it's still a little bit early to say for sure about the strength of the upcoming storm patterns. Still, if you're planning your prospecting trips and activities for the next six months, you might want to consider the potential golden bonanza an El Niño might bring!

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*Your contributions (in word) would be greatly appreciated. The PGPI Newsletter is a vehicle to voice your thoughts and opinions. Please strengthen our organization with your participation.*



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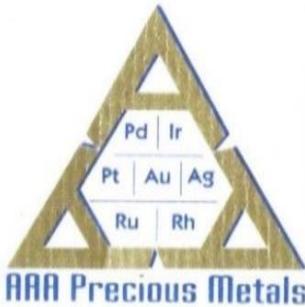
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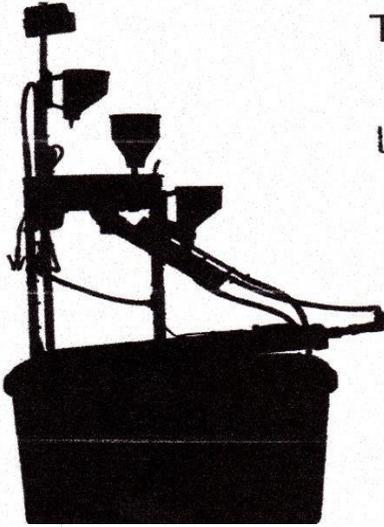


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