



# Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc

GPAA Portland Oregon Chapter



# The Prospector

## President's Blog October 2016

Presidents Blog - September 2016

We're down to the final two outings of the year. A beach trip to Cape Disappointment and a claims shutdown (work party) near Baker City. Both should be fun in their own special ways. As we enter the winter months the chapter will be focusing on planning for the upcoming year. Our Chapter is taking the leadership role to organize the Portland Gold and Treasure show. We will also be planning our annual banquet/pot luck and we can't forget elections for Officers and Board Members.

*Happy Prospecting, Jerry Johns- President - Portland Gold Prospectors Inc.*

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### Come Join Us at Our Next Meetings

October 16th at 1:30 pm

Milwaukie Grange Hall

12015 SE 22<sup>nd</sup>, Milwaukie, OR 97222

The Portland Gold Prospectors meetings are the third Sunday of every month beginning at 1:30pm. All interested parties are invited to attend the monthly meetings. Become a member of the Portland Gold prospectors, Inc., a Chapter of the Gold Prospectors of America. For information contact Jerry Johns,

[jerryjohns@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjohns@gmail.com) or visit  
[www.portlandgoldprospectors.org](http://www.portlandgoldprospectors.org).

### 2016 Events Calendar

**October 7-10th: TYROY trip – Reclamation work and opportunity to bring dirt back.**

**October 15th: Cape Disappointment – Joint outing; beach mining with SSWG (Led by Rodney Chavez -we will align event date to tides as we get closer)**

October 16th: PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm

November 20th: PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm

December 18th: PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm



Pictures from the recent Cabela's gold panning demonstration. The group picture is on page 3.



## Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. September Minutes

Secretary's Report September 18, 2016  
Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Milwaukie, OR  
Meeting called to order by President Jerry Johns at 1:30 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

### Attendance:

53 attendees at the meeting, 4 visiting guests were present.

### Meeting minutes:

A **Motion** was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report of the previous month as written and published in the September newsletter. The motion was approved by the members present.

### 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 given.

### Correspondence:

No new correspondence was received since last month. Jerry Johns mentioned that the association receives a monthly newsletter from Eastern Oregon Mining Association that is available for members to read through a link on our website.

### Newsletter:

Jerry Johns reminded members that a current email address is needed on the sign in sheets so information from our Chapter and newsletter can be sent out. Jerry recognized Larry Hellie as the PGPI Newsletter Editor since the beginning of 2016. He has included excellent, informative articles that members should take time to read. Jerry noted our association newsletter is available to read at our website. For members who wish to have a copy mailed to them, there is a \$15.00 annual fee to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

### Membership:

Jerry Johns explained the details to become a member of Portland Gold Prospectors, a non-profit organization and Chapter of the Gold Prospector's Association of America. Membership with GPAA is not required to participate with the Chapter; however, it is encouraged. One needs to attend 3 meetings or association events (at least 1 regular meeting) for full membership. Be sure to sign in at each meeting to record your attendance. Since there are no dues, the Chapter gains funds from monthly raffles, quarter drop, donations, sale of clothing, and the silent auction at the meetings. The Chapter also has GPAA new member kits available for purchase at our meetings that include a gold pan, DVD, and Mining Guide of USA claims. Renewal of existing memberships can also be purchased at meetings.

### Library:

Joe Weber gave a report on our library materials that include a large number of books, DVD's and maps. After you have attended the required meetings to become a regular member, the library is available to members for no cost. Books, DVD's, maps, or magazines can be checked out and returned the next month. He said new items can be purchased for the library as requested by members.

### Outings:

Jerry Johns told members that the road into claims on the Lewis River

in Washington has been closed from 9/15 through 10/15/16. This means the planned outing there is cancelled. He expects to have the first spring 2017 outing there to check the new claims we have obtained.

Also he said the Cabela's Store in Tualatin will hold an event on 9/24-9/25 where our Chapter may be able to hold a panning demo. Joe Weber volunteered to contact the store to make final arrangements. Members were asked to sign up as volunteers at the booth.

One of the final outings of the year will be beach mining at Cape Disappointment in Washington. Rodney Chavez explained the activities that are planned for Oct. 14-15-16. The main event will be Oct. 15 with a potluck lunch planned. Camping will be available on an individual basis. He asked members who attend to bring a potluck food to share. Rodney also reminded that the Washington Gold and Fish Book, and Discovery Pass (parking) are required in Washington state. Metal Detecting at the site requires a separate permit. Rodney said he will do sampling and will be available to show members beach techniques that have worked well for him. Participants may be asked to help with trail cleaning as well. Small buckets, or bags, gold pans and shovels were suggested tools. Rodney said the Gold Cube has been successful for beach mining. A sign up sheet was passed around.

### Tyroy Claim – End of Season Plans:

Charlie Foster and Dave Chiara reported on the reclamation work that needs to take place by mid October. Volunteers were asked to sign up if they are available to help.

Also, Dave reported he has received approval for the Plan of Operation to continue next year as described in the documents submitted to the BLM.

### Old Business:

Jerry stated the yard sale in August brought in a little more than \$900. Funds generated help to cover the cost of maintaining several claims. Along this line, Dave Chiara said he has some new mining items that he can sell to members at reasonable costs and profits will be donated to PGPI. See Dave if you are interested.

### Education:

During the coffee break Richard Ruth set up a Blue Bowl recovery system to demonstrate one way to separate gold from material that has been gathered. Jerry Johns reported he recently processed black sand at his home with a Blue Bowl and was able to recover more fine gold than he expected.

### Elections:

Jerry talked about the upcoming election of officers and board members that takes place at the November 20, 2016 meeting. He said the By-Laws call for one-half of the officers to be elected each year. Also there are four board member positions who served for 2 years ending in 2016 that will be open for elections. Nominations will begin at the October 2016 meeting for Vice-President and Secretary and the board member positions. Nominations will also be taken at the November meeting followed by the election. Members were asked to participate in decision making for the Chapter by running for one of these positions.

### Silent Auction:

Some items in the silent auction today included local honey, a black catch bin, bags of dirt from the Tyroy claim, and a small motor. Members can bring something they would like to donate that others may find interesting and may purchase through the silent auction. Funds

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help support the Chapter activities.

#### 2017 Gold Show:

The first meeting for Gold Show planning was announced as September 30<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-9pm at the Milwaukie Grange Hall. The meeting is open to members of Portland Gold Prospectors, SW Washington Gold Prospectors, and Mid Valley Prospectors. By starting early Jerry Johns said we should be able to plan a very successful event for March 24-26, 2017. He asked for help with the planning phase and there will be monthly meetings from Sept. through March.

Jerry thanked Elaine Ruth, Dorothy Ruth, and Vicky Weber for helping in the kitchen and to those providing great cookies and wraps. The coffee donation can is located near the refreshments.

A raffle was held with \$1.00 tickets and \$5.00 tickets. A nice gold nugget was awarded to the holder of the first \$5.00 ticket drawn.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.

(Respectfully submitted by Melinda Dorning, Secretary)

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE Quartzville Mining District Linn County, Oregon**

The Quartzville Mining District is getting organized and updated with the assistance of the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC).

The Quartzville Mining District is located in Linn County, Oregon, and was established July 29, 1864.

A meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2016**, at Lum's Garden Restaurant, 1236 Price Rd. SE, Albany, OR 97321. (Exit 233 off I-5 near south end of airport). The scheduled time is 1:00pm.

Interested claimholders in the Quartzville Mining District are encouraged to attend and participate. This general membership meeting will discuss the bylaws, elect officers, and discuss steps necessary for federal recognition under the 1872 Mining Law.

For more information, contact Claudia Wise (541) 990-7009 (claudia.wise@mmacusa.org) or Joe Greene (541) 990-6856 (joseph.greene@mmacusa.org).

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE Swauk Mining District Kittitas County, Washington**

The Swauk Mining District is getting reorganized and updated with the assistance of the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC) and Public Lands for the People.

The Swauk Mining District is located in Kittitas County, Washington, and was established May 7, 1884. The original bylaws have been located.

A meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 1, 2016**, at the North Central Cascade Miners Association's "tool shed" on Liberty Road, in Liberty, WA 98922. The scheduled time is approximately 2:00 PM.

Interested claimholders in the Swauk Mining District are encouraged to attend and participate. This general membership meeting will discuss the bylaws, elect officers, and discuss steps necessary for federal recognition under the 1872 Mining Law.

For more information, contact Robert Palo at m-mminers@fairpoint.net or (509)



#### **PUBLIC NOTICE Blue Canon Mining District Baker County, Oregon**

The Blue Canon Mining District (aka: Auburn Mining District) is getting organized and updated with the assistance of the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC).

The Blue Canon Mining District is located in Baker County, Oregon, and was established July 21, 1862. The original bylaws have been located.

A meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 5, 2016**, at Chase's Mining and Assay Lab, located at 740 Valley Ave., Baker City, Oregon. The scheduled time is 2:00pm.

All interested claimholders in the Blue Cannon Mining District are encouraged to attend and participate. This general membership meeting will discuss the bylaws, elect officers, and discuss steps necessary for federal recognition under the 1872 Mining Law.

For more information contact Chuck Chase via email at chase3285@msn.com or call (542) 523-3285. (Please leave message and a call back number and we will return your call as soon as possible.)

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE North Santiam Mining District Marion County, Oregon**

The North Santiam Mining District is getting organized and updated with the assistance of the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC).

The North Santiam Mining District is located in Marion County, Oregon, and was established in 1860.

A meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2016**, at The Santiam Grill, Santiam Golf Course in the Sun Room, 8724 Golf Club Rd SE, Aumsville, OR. The scheduled time is 9:00am.

Interested claimholders in the North Santiam Mining District are encouraged to attend and participate. This general membership meeting will discuss the bylaws, elect officers, and discuss steps necessary for federal recognition under the 1872 Mining Law.

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#### **ORGANIZED MINING DISTRICTS**

**Slate Creek Mining District**, Whatcom County, Washington. Established July 16, 1894. Contact Greg Christensen (303)734-9495.

### Modesto California Man Finds 18-Ounce Nugget – Scott Harn - ICMJ Vol. 86, No. 02

Oscar Espinoza considers himself an amateur gold prospector, but the gold nugget he recently found puts many seasoned prospectors to shame. Espinoza said he was prospecting on Woods Creek outside of Jamestown, California, on August 18. For obvious reasons, he wouldn't say exactly where he was on the creek that day.

He said he came across a large boulder and didn't see any evidence that the boulder had ever been moved. He was able to move it out of the way and found the large nugget in a crack underneath it.

Espinoza immediately tucked the nugget, weighing 17.9 troy ounces, into his back pocket. He said he felt a bit dazed by the discovery and it took him a bit to come to his senses.

Three days after his discovery, he took the nugget to Bryant Shock, owner of Gold Prospecting Adventure in Jamestown, where he works part-time, seeking advice on what to do next. Arrangements were made to put the nugget in a safe at another location.

Shock, and his employee Frank Powell, told *The Union Democrat* they have been busy fielding phone calls from news outlets across the United States for many days.

Woods Creek has given up some large gold stashes over its history, which began with the find of a 150-pound gold-quartz specimen containing 75 pounds of gold in the mid-1800s. In the mid-1980s, over 800 ounces were reportedly recovered from two separate holes along the creek.



*The 18-ounce nugget discovered by Oscar Espinoza while prospecting in Woods Creek near Jamestown, California.*

A short video interview featuring Espinoza and the nugget was posted on Gold Prospecting Adventure's Facebook page and it garnered 170,000 views in the first three weeks.

Espinoza said he intends to sell the nugget, but wants to do his homework first to see what it might be worth to a collector.

Woods Creek is located in Tuolumne County. It runs about 16 miles in length, starting in the Stanislaus National Forest and heading south through Sonora to the Don Pedro Reservoir. There's a lot of private property in this area, and though businesses like Gold Prospecting Adventure and others in the area would love to see additional business from the find, you'll have to make sure you obtain permission from property owners in the area if you're headed out there to explore.

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### Ask the Experts: Big rocks or small cobbles? - Chris Ralph

**Q:** Most of the gold in my area is flour gold, but occasionally there are a few small pickers that are between 20 and 30 mesh in size. These are in large gravel bars just before the river feeds into a lake. The question is: What size of cobbles would most likely be deposited with gold that is 20 to 30 mesh size during high water periods? Should I look for big rocks or small cobbles?

**A:** There are just way too many possible variables to give a specific answer to that one. You are right that generally the coarser stuff is associated with larger rocks as the water flow rate required to move larger rocks is the flow needed to move pickers and coarser gold. However, there is no formula that dictates that 12-inch rocks will be moved along with gold of two grains in size, 2-foot diameter rocks equals another size gold, 3-foot diameter rocks equals another, etc.


The movement of gold in rivers and streams is very complex and larger rocks don't actually mean you will find any particular size of gold. There are always parts of gold-bearing streams with decent size rocks and cobbles but no significant amount of gold. Because of the huge difference in the density of rock as compared to the density of gold, they tend to move in different ways, and gold tends to follow along a path in the stream. In California streams, normal heavy winter rains will move cobbles and up to 12" rocks without moving any appreciable gold. Significant movement of gold that is larger than dust normally comes when gravel bars and bedrock are ripped up and moved around—that takes flood level water flows that can roll around a 10-foot boulder. (ICMJ Vol. 83, No. 5)



*A major flood moves giant boulders and gold on the North Fork of the Yuba River during the 1997 New Years flood. It takes high waters like this to move significant gold.*



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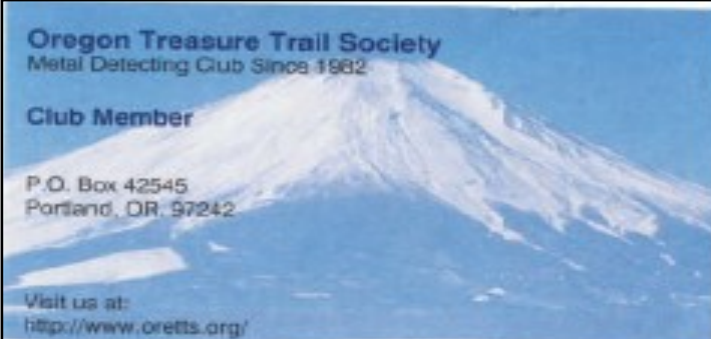
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