



Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc

GPAA Portland Oregon Chapter



The Prospector

President's Blog April 2017

The mining season has finally started. FINALLY! As wet and cold as the winter may have felt, the brutal winter will have a silver lining. The rivers, streams and beaches will have stirred up the gold and replenished areas previously picked clean. I highly encourage all of you to get out there and test those assumptions. I know our chapter has a full agenda of both day outings and overnights. The Presidents Blog as well as the newsletter will likely be shorter this month as I intent to spend my time out mining.

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

Come Join Us at Our Next Meeting

Milwaukie Grange Hall
May 21st 2017—1:30 p.m.
12015 SE 22nd, 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 or visit www.portlandgoldprospectors.org.

2017 Events Calendar

<u>February 19th</u>	Annual Potluck and awards meeting.
<u>March 24-26th</u>	Portland Gold and Treasure show
<u>April 16:</u>	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm – EASTER
<u>April 30:</u>	Cabella's 'Camping Classic' weekend – Will have booth set up
<u>May 20:</u>	Beach Mining – Cape Disappointment
<u>May 21:</u>	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
<u>June 11:</u>	East Fork of the Lewis River – chapter claims – pushed to June due to water levels
<u>June 18:</u>	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
<u>June 26-July 9:</u>	TYROY – Come for a day or the whole two weeks
<u>July 16:</u>	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
<u>August 5:</u>	Dredging, high banking, sluicing: on the chapter claims – North Fork Lewis River
<u>August 13:</u>	Dredging, high banking, sluicing: Day break park or Lewisville Park
<u>August 20:</u>	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
<u>Sept TBD:</u>	Beach mining - either Oregon or Washington beaches - TBD
<u>Sept 17:</u>	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
<u>Oct 7:</u>	TBD – Weather pending, we will fit another outing in before winter.
<u>October 15:</u>	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
<u>November 19:</u>	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm

Portland Gold Prospectors Chapter Minutes – March 19, 2017

Chapter minutes – April 16th - Happy Easter!

Start time: 1:30pm

Members in attendance – 39

The president led the group in “The pledge of Allegiance”

Visitors – 4

The Minutes from the February meeting were discussed and a motion was made to approve them as written in the March newsletter. It was seconded and approved.

The Treasurer read the monthly treasurer’s report. A motion was made to approve them as read. It was seconded and approved.

Correspondences:

Burnt River invitational June 2nd – 5th. Anyone interested in attending, please see the President for details.

Membership: There are three levels of membership for the chapter.

Level 1: is to be a chapter member. To do this you must attend at least 3 meetings, outings or functions in a given year.

At least one of these must be a business meeting. There is no additional cost beyond the 3 attendances to be a member.

Level 2: GPAA – We are a chapter of the GPAA and as such, all officers must be members of the GPAA. All chapter members are encouraged to join the GPAA, but that is not a requirement.

Level 3: LDMA – The LDMA is an Elite level within the GPAA and allows special access and discounts to functions and mining claims.

Newsletter: To get the newsletter mailed to you, please add your e-mail to our sign in roster. If you are still not getting it, please verify the address on the roster is accurate. We can also mail it to members for \$15 a year. That price covers the cost of postage.

Library:

If you have any books you would like the chapter to purchase, please request from librarian. We have an annual budget for this.

You may check out anything from the library if you are a chapter member. Please return the next meeting so others can also check it out.

Chapter outings for 2017: The President went over the scheduled outings and events for 2017. A print out was also provided.

Please note: that outing timing and locations do change. See newsletter for the monthly updates to the outing schedule.

Chapter Claims: The Chapter has 5 claims on the East Fork of the Lewis River and 3 claims near Baker City.

The chapter approved usage of up to \$5000.00 of chapter funds for the 2017 mining season.

The chapter President discussed the need for a Chapter Secretary and Newsletter editor. The chapter is fully staffed by volunteers and these positions are considered critical roles. If interested in filling one of these positions, please contact the Chapter President: Jerry Johns.

Education: Panning – TYROY dirt was provided.

Raffle was held and meeting was closed at 3:15pm.

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