



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



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Presidents Blog March 2018

Greetings from Arizona! We are currently in Quartzsite after spending a few days at the Lost Dutchman Mining Association camp in Stanton. No color yet, but we plan to do some metal detecting at the GPAA claim here in Quartzsite, where they have been finding a little color.

I had the opportunity to attend a small "Gold Show" here in Quartzsite earlier this month and also went to the Gold and Treasure Show in Tucson, sponsored by the GPAA. There I had an opportunity to meet with Dominic Ricci, Executive Director of Operations for the GPAA/LDMA, Richard Robinson, Director of Chapters/ GPAA and Brandon Johnson, President of the GPAA/ LDMA.

I understand that snow has been creating some difficulties in the Portland area – so I am not sure if there was a meeting in February... If so – thank you to Bill for filling in and to all who attended!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March chapter meeting and to meeting with the Board Members at the Board meeting following the Chapter meeting. I have several items that I want to discuss with the Board.

Please remember the Gold and Treasure show is also coming up in March.

Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

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Chapter Minutes – February 2018

Meeting called to order by Vice President Bill Bench at 1:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Attendance - 27 attendees at the meeting and 1 visiting guest was 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 February newsletter. The motion was approved by the members present.

Treasury Report - Beverly Parker has a pending Treasury report.

Correspondence - Mike Lewis sent some pictures from Arizona of prospecting.

GPAA State Director - Steve Lewin was not present at the meeting.

Library - Joe Weber encouraged people to take out a book and return it the following month.

Claims - Jerry Johns talked about nothing going on right now at our Tyroy claims located near Baker City, OR. because of the time of year. He did talk about our problems at the Washington claims along the east fork of the Lewis river. There was a problem with paperwork getting processed before the deadline so we need to re submit the paperwork.

Gold & Treasure Show - Jerry Johns talked about the upcoming show that is on March 24th and 25th in Ridgefield, WA. This year the 4 chapters that will be participating are Vancouver, Everett, Mid Valley and Portland. Jerry asked all members to consider volunteering for at least 1/2 a day or more so a volunteer sign up sheet was passed around for people to sign up on and to tell us what size shirt they

wear. There will be many duties like help set up booths on Friday, work with admissions, provide security people, staff the GPAA major prize raffle, man the panning booth, work in our own booth and tear down. The volunteer shirts will be blue this year. The more volunteer participation we have from our chapter the more money our chapter will get. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. Veterans have free admission with ID as well as free admission for children 12 and under. Tickets will be \$10 at the door or they are available through our chapter for \$5. There are 2 confirmed celebrities attending the show. Emily Riedel from the TV. show Bering Sea Gold will be talking about diving and Richard Beneville who is the mayor of Nome Alaska will be telling stories. The deadline for vendors to sign up is March 1st and so far we have 25 confirmed vendors. There will be a specific area for metal detecting and a couple booths will be selling them. There will be a child metal detector to be raffled off. Going through AU Gold there will be 1 or 2 trips to Alaska raffled off also. Besides the usual panning booth there will be a mucking and speed panning contest. There will be a picture board with a display of clean up projects. If anybody has some pictures you are encouraged to bring them. Parking at the venue will be \$6 a day or \$10 for both days. RV parking is also available.

Education - Bill Bench brought up the idea of a Show & Tell for the next month's meeting for anyone that has made anything to do with gold mining/prospecting.

Come join us at our next meeting.

March 17th at 1:30pm.
Milwaukie Grange hall
12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, OR

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 Association of America.

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Belda's Gold & Treasure supplies - Bill Bench told us about a new store that is in the area for people to go too since D & K had closed their store last year but they are still online. He had some business cards for people if they wanted them. They give a 10 % discount to veterans and a 15% discount on Minelab.

New Business - No new business.

Bill Bench thanked the kitchen crew including Elaine Ruth, Dorothy Ruth, Betty Bench and Vicky Weber.

A raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Jerry Johns forwarded this letter:

Dear Jerry Johns,

We found your contact information in recent edition of GPAA Gold Prospectors magazine. We are LDMA/GPAA members currently residing in Florida. We have enjoyed many years of prospecting with LDMA and GPAA at their sites all over the country. However, advancing age and declining health make it difficult for us to do any prospecting or to attend LDMA's common digs.

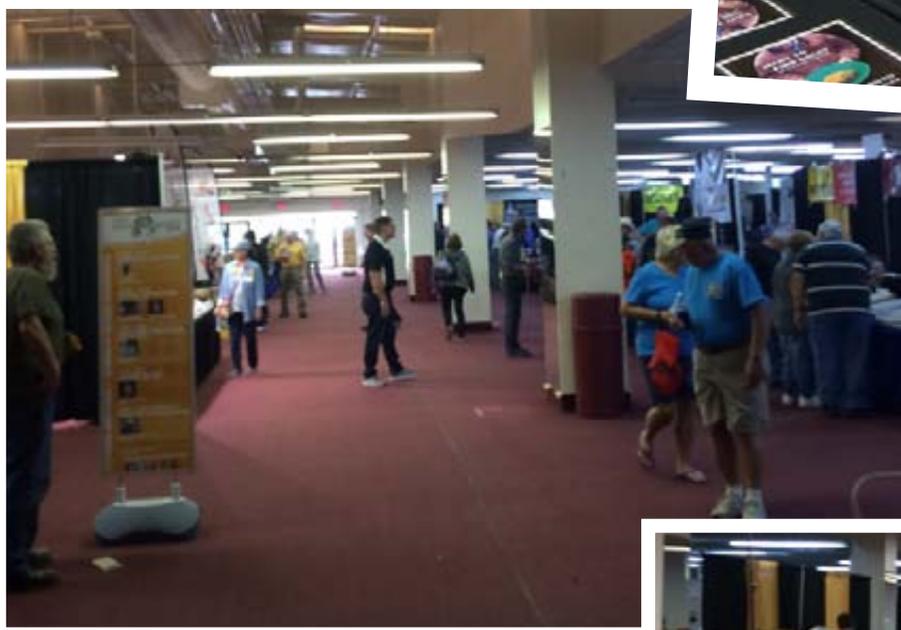
We would like to pass along our LDMA membership to someone who would appreciate the opportunities LDMA membership offers. Our membership is transferable and fully paid for with only monthly maintenance dues (\$10/month) ongoing. Current price for a new membership runs upwards of \$3K. We are asking a nominal transfer fee of \$500 (payable to us). LDMA requires an application to be filled out and accepted before transferring the membership. They also require a \$150 transfer fee plus \$450 for lifetime membership in GPAA = \$600 (payable to GPAA). Total price for the transfer would be \$1,100. We can furnish copies of preliminary paperwork that includes transfer procedures and contract information to anyone seriously interested in joining LDMA.

Perhaps one of your club's members would be interested in this membership. Would it be possible to let your members know about this opportunity? Interested parties can contact us at hydue@att.net for more details.

Thank you,
Dotti Hydue and Wm. Betz



More Pictures from Mike and Gretchen in Arizona



Bessie's Boil

By Robert W. Service

Says I to my Missis: "Ba goom, lass! you've something I see, on your mind."

Says she: "You are right, Sam, I've something. It 'appens it's on me be'ind.

A Boil as 'ud make Job jealous. It 'urts me no end when I sit."

Says I: "Go to 'ospittel, Missis. They might 'ave to coot it a bit."

Says she: "I just 'ate to be showin' the part of me person it's at."

Says I: "Don't be fussy; them doctors see sights more 'orrid than that."

So Misses goes off togged up tasty, and there at the 'ospittel door

They tells 'er to see the 'ouse Doctor, 'oose office is Room Thirty-four.

So she 'unts up and down till she finds it, and knocks and a voice says: "Come in,"

And there is a 'andsome young feller, in white from 'is 'eels to 'is chin.

"I've got a big boil," says my Missis. "It 'urts me for fair when I sit,

And Sam (that's me 'usband) 'as asked me to ask you to coot it a bit."

Then blushin' she plucks up her courage, and bravely she shows 'im the place,

And 'e gives it a proper inspection, wi' a 'eap o' surprise on 'is face.

Then 'e says wi' an accent o' Scotland: "Whit ye hae is a bile, Ah can feel,

But ye'd better consult the heid Dockter; they caw him Professor O'Neil.

He's special for biles and carbuncles. Ye'll find him in Room Sixty-three.

No charge, Ma'am. It's been a rare pleasure. Jist tell him ye're comin' from me."

So Misses she thanks 'im politely, and 'unts up and down as before,

Till she comes to a big 'andsome room with "Professor O'Neil" on the door.

Then once more she plucks up her courage, and knocks, and a voice says: "All right."

So she enters, and sees a fat feller wi' whiskers, all togged up in white.

"I've got a big boil," says my Missis, "and if ye will kindly permit,

I'd like for to 'ave you inspect it; it 'urts me like all when I sit."

So blushin' as red as a beet-root she 'astens to show 'im the spot,

And 'e says wi' a look o' amazement: "Sure, Ma'am, it must hurt ye a lot."

Then 'e puts on 'is specs to regard it, and finally says wi' a frown:

"I'll bet it's as sore as the divvle, especially whin ye sit down.

I think it's a case for the Surgeon; ye'd better consult Doctor Hoyle.

I've no hisitation in sayin' yer boil is a hill of a boil."

So Misses she thanks 'im for sayin' her boil is a hill of a boil,

And 'unts all around till she comes on a door that is marked: "Doctor Hoyle."

But by now she 'as fair got the wind up, and trembles in every limb;

But she thinks: "After all, 'e's a Doctor. Ah moosn't be bashful wi' 'im."
She's made o' good stuff is the Missis, so she knocks and a voice says: "Oos there?"
"It's me," says ma Bessie, an' enters a room which is spacious and bare.
And a wise-lookin' old feller greets 'er, and 'e too is togged up in white.
"It's the room where they coot ye," thinks Bessie; and shakes like a jelly wi' fright.
"Ah got a big boil," begins Missis, "and if ye are sure you don't mind,
I'd like ye to see it a moment. It 'urts me, because it's be'ind."
So thinkin' she'd best get it over, she 'astens to show 'im the place,
And 'e stares at 'er kindo surprised like, an' gets very red in the face.
But 'e looks at it most conscientious, from every angle of view,
Then 'e says wi' a shrug o' 'is shoulders: "Pore Lydy, I'm sorry for you.
It wants to be cut, but you should 'ave a medical bloke to do that.
Sye, why don't yer go to the 'orsespittel, where all the Doctors is at?
Ye see, Ma'am, this part o' the buildin' is closed on account o' repairs;
Us fellers is only the pynters, a-pyntin' the 'alls and the stairs."



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