

The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



July, 2018

Note from the Field

We are at the TYROY claim - there are around 15 people at the outing, although several are leaving in the next few days, including Mike and me.

I will have more pictures to send you, but wanted to forward this picture, which Richard Ruth sent me - This is some of the gold he found at the claim - Between trammels, high bankers, Gold Cubes and panning - everyone is finding some color!

I'm going to take more pictures today.

Gretchen



TYRoy

June 22th-July 8th



Thanks to Gretchen Lewis and Jerry Johns for the excellent photos!

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Secretary's Report June 17th, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Mike Lewis at 1:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Attendance - 39 attendees and 1 guest 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 June newsletter. The motion was approved by the members present.

Treasury Report - A motion was approved and seconded to accept the Treasury Report for June. The motion was approved by the members present.

Correspondence - We are invited to the S.W. Washington Chapters annual Picnic. It is on August 4th at 10:00 A.M. at Lewisville Park. If interested people will be meeting at the Dogwood shelter.

Tyroy - Jerry Johns and Dave Chiara discussed everything going on at Tyroy. Our annual 2 week outing starts next weekend on June 23rd. We will be renting an excavator for 9 days and a couple dump trailers. June 30th will be the potluck and everyone can bring an item. Everyone coming needs to have an ATV Permit for their vehicle. This costs \$10 and is good for 2 years.

Outings - Daybreak Park. There was a good turn out of people for the outing even though the weather was rainy. About 17 people came and some found some gold. Carol Johns and Betty Bench put on the barbeque.

LDMA - President Mike Lewis talked about his recent outing at the Blue Bucket Mine. He let everyone know that even if you aren't an LDMA member you

can still go to their outings but it will cost you money.

With great sorrow it was brought to our attention that Lance Gurke had a heart attack and passed away. A sympathy card was provided for everyone to sign.

Mike thanked the **kitchen crew** for the great job they always do with providing us with refreshments and beverages.

Raffle - The raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Helen Burns was the big winner of the \$5 raffle for the Gold nugget.



The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.



Betty Bench won a bag-o-gold in the \$1 raffle.

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

JULY 2018

Hello, fellow prospectors!

It was good to see everyone at the June chapter meeting! Thank you for coming!

The outing at Daybreak Park had a good turnout despite the weather! Thank you to everyone who participated and thank you Jerry Johns and Bill Bench for organizing the event! In addition, thank you to Carol Johns and Betty Bench for putting on the barbeque!

I just returned home from the TYROY chapter outing near Baker City, Oregon. The weather was great, and we found some color!

The road to the claim, according to those who have attended in past years, is better than it has been – although it is still a “shake, rattle and roll” adventure - as you drive to the camping area and then over to the claim itself. However, once there, the scenery is lovely, you have good company, and there is the bonus of finding some good gold!

I think around 17-18 people have attended so far, which is great! It is unfortunate that more members aren't able to come. However, I understand the distance to the claim may be a challenge. We just wish more members were here! We all went out to dinner in Baker City last week – and everyone seemed to be having a lot of fun!

Thank you to Jerry Johns and Dave Chiara, along with Steve Lewin, for all their hard work on preparing the claim for the outing! They dug retention ponds and test holes and moved material close to members to process through their high-bankers, Gold Cubes, trammels, gold pans, and other equipment, or combinations thereof. In addition, the holding ponds had plenty of water and, from what I saw, everyone was finding some color! It appears that the last test holes showed promise; we should have good gold for several years to come!

Lastly, some members have expressed an interest in purchasing tee-shirts with pockets and zip-up sweat shirts, as well as patches, with the chapter's logo. I have contacted a company that can do digital screen prints of the chapter logo on the tee-shirts and sweat-shirts, and they can also do iron-on embroidered patches with the chapter logo. I am in the process of getting prices and additional information, which I hope to have at the next chapter meeting. Please note the minimum

order for tee-shirts and sweatshirts is 30; it can be combination of both. In addition, the minimum order of iron-on patches is 50.

Hope to see you at the next chapter meeting on July 15, 2018!

Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

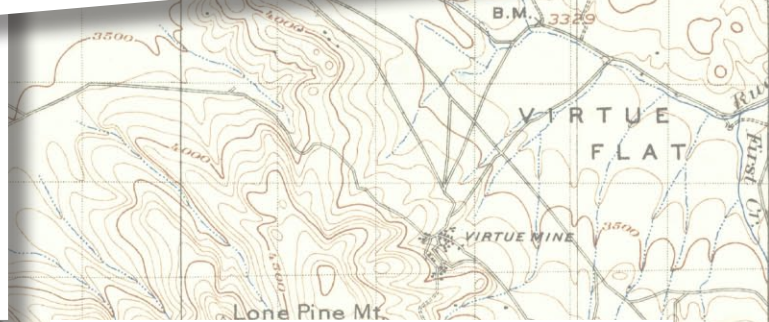
Mike Lewis
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The Bedroom Goldmine Bar

The Bedroom Goldmine was established in 1884 as a bakery then becoming a mercantile. Then in 1967, the proprietors of the store, Chris and Lucille Christopherson decided to explore the ground, sinking the gold mine shaft in the bedroom of the old living quarters of the store. While also turning the store in to a Tavern, Chris would mine the shaft while Lucille would tend the bar. What may be the largest and richest GOLD NUGGET ever found in the entire Coeur d'Alene mining district was discovered by Chris in his mine which was in the bedroom of his store/tavern thus now known as The Bedroom Goldmine Bar in Murray Idaho.

He found the eight-ounce nugget while drilling in his gold mine located 32 feet beneath the Christopherson's store and tavern. Chris mined the shaft until age got the better of him. He then turned the establishment over to his niece, Leila Grebil. Her husband Frank and their sons would mine the shaft while she tended bar, this went on until the flood of 1996. The bar flooded destroying the mine timbers making it too dangerous to work the mine. Leila continued to run the bar until 2007, when health issues made it impossible for her to continue working. She then sold the bar to Barry & Tammie Gleason who saw some potential in the old run-down bar. Barry went on to give the old bar a much-needed face lift while leaving all the walls intact. He refurbished the old bar and added a restaurant, in the process restoring it to what it is today. The bar changed hands a couple more times, but ultimately landed in the hands of current owners Chris Littlejohn and Tammie Gleason, who was also a former owner.







Daybreak Park - June 10, 2018





Fair warning: This one makes grown men choke up.

Big Wicked Bill

by Stuart Hamblen

Sometimes in the hush of an evening,
When the winds have gone tired and are stilled;
By the fire I sit dozing and dreaming,
Letting Memory bring back what she will.

She often holds back the curtain of time,
And my heart grows warm when I see:
A sleigh running light over glistening snows,
Just as real as it used to be.

I hear the cry of "Mush!" as a whip licks out,
And cracks like the shot of a gun.
A malemute team coming straight towards me,
Eight dogs and all on the run.

The leader is big and he comes running low,
Pulling that sleigh with a will.
Time never can dim the mem'ry of him:
My lead dog, Big Wicked Bill.

The driver seems worried as he hurries his team,
In fear he keeps looking back.
And as night closes in he hears it again:
The cry of a killer wolf pack.

Then the Northern Lights come out to play,
Like fingers they feel for the sky.
And the driver screams "Mush!" to his weary team,
"You mush or we all got to die!"

The moon looks down on that race of death,
At the wolf pack closin' in.
And the driver knows if his lead dog falls,
The battle is over for them.

'Til his rifle is empty he drives them off.
Then unafraid they close in for the kill.
Then helpless, he knows his own life depends
On the fangs of Big Wicked Bill.

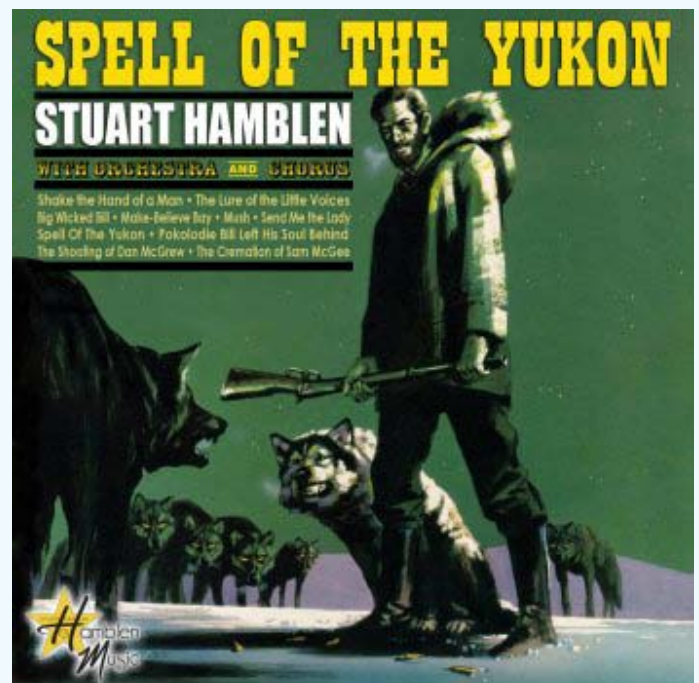
But still running strong Big Bill fights them off,
Right up to the cabin door.
When I get him inside, I soon realize,
Big Bill won't fight anymore.

"Wicked" I'd named him when he was a pup,
"Wicked", 'cause he loved so to fight.
But because he stood off that killer wolf pack,
I had lived through a terrible night.

If you've never owned a big malemute,
Perhaps you can't understand:
That ol' longing I get, 'specially at night,
Just to feel his big head in my hands.

So at times in the hush of an evening,
When the winds have grown tired and are stilled,
I sit here, just waiting for Memory to call,
Just hoping she'll bring Big Wicked Bill.

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2018 Events Calendar – Subject to change as year progresses.

July 15th:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
August 5th:	Dredging, high banking, sluicing: on the chapter claims – East Fork Lewis River
August 19th:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
August 24-26th	Garage Sale – Only if we can get enough big ticket items to make it value added.
Sept 9th:	Direct One in Washington or North Fork Santiam outside Salem
Sept 16th:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
Oct 13th:	Weather permitting; Beach mining - Low tide 9:20am
October 14th:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
November 18th:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
December 16th:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm



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