

The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



PRESIDENT'S BLOG October, 2018

Hello, fellow prospectors!

We had the drawing for the small high-banker at the September Chapter meeting. The winning number was: 475830. The person who has that ticket was not at the meeting. If you have that ticket, please contact me or come to October's Chapter meeting to claim the high-banker. If we haven't heard from the current ticket winner by November's Chapter meeting, we will pull a new ticket number, so please hold on to your tickets!

Thank you to everyone who attended the "Direct One" outing on September 9th. And thank you to Steve Lewin for making it possible for us to find and use the claim on Copper Creek. We had a great turn out with 19 people and perfect weather. I am not sure how much gold was found, but it was a great opportunity to work on this claim. If you have any pictures, please send them to Tim Snyder @ wrshpmzshn@gmail.com.

The next outing is scheduled for October 13 at Cape Disappointment State Park in Washington for beach gold, weather permitting. Jerry Johns will be running the outing and Jim Erwin and I will be assisting. We will have more information as the outing approaches – but please note in Washington, you will need a Discovery

Pass (more information to follow) as well as a copy of the Washington Gold and Fish pamphlet.

Jerry will also be coordinating our participation in the 2019 Gold and Treasure Show which will be in Portland, at the Expo Center, in March, 2019. We will need all of the help we can get to make sure the show set-up and take-down run smoothly, as well as making sure there is a solid presence of the chapter during the show. Organizational meetings will start at the end of October and will include the SW Washington Chapter as well as other chapters in Oregon and Washington. Thank you to all of you who have already signed up to help with the show! We will continue to have a sign-up sheet at the monthly Chapter meetings. This is a major project for the Chapter and also a primary source of income for the Chapter.

Also, I wanted to let you know that Steve Lewin found a used grizzly that was too good of a deal to pass up. Steve and Dave Chiara purchased the grizzly and Ken Burns loaned them his heavy duty trailer so it could be transported for storage at Ken's property. The grizzly will replace an older, less efficient version at the Chapter's TYROY claim. Dave Chiara and Steve Lewin will present more information on the grizzly at

the October Chapter meeting. I hope to have a short board meeting, if possible, before October's Chapter meeting to confirm board approval and then will put the matter before the Chapter for voting. The purchase price was \$1,500 and the funds would come out of the TYROY account.

I want to thank everyone who attended the September Chapter meeting. We had a great turn out, which is always nice to see. We appreciate people taking time out of their Sunday afternoon to join us! The more people we have attending, the more ideas and camaraderie we develop – all of which is beneficial to the Chapter and our members.

Lastly, as mentioned previously, the term of Chapter Vice President is up at the end of this year. Bill Bench has said that he is not interested in running again. We will open nominations at the October Chapter meeting.

Hope to see you at the next Chapter meeting on October 21, 2018.

Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

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Secretary's Report September 16th, 2018

The September meeting was called to order by President Mike Lewis at 1:30 P.M.

Mike Lewis asked Jerry Johns to lead the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Attendance - 38 attendees and 4 visitors 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 - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasury Report for September. The motion was approved by the members present.

Club Merchandise - The club patches are here and available to anybody that would like to purchase one. They are \$6.50 each.

Highbanker Raffle - We held the Raffle and called the number of the winner of the new Highbanker. Whoever won it wasn't present at this month's meeting. The winning ticket is #5830. Congratulations to whoever has the winning ticket!

Outings - There was a good turnout of people that came to the outing on Steve Lewin's claim Direct 1. He said 19 people showed up. He also said next year we could do a week long camping trip up there. Thanks, Steve, for giving us this opportunity on your claim! Our next outing is at Cape Disappointment on October 13th and a sign up sheet was available for anyone interested in going,

Gold Show - We will be needing volunteers for the upcoming Gold Show that's happening in

March 2019. It will be held at the Portland Expo Center. We will be hosting it with help from the Brownsville and the SW Washington chapters. We will need about 50 to 60 volunteers to make this show a success. We also need about a dozen people to volunteer to be on the Committee which will start meeting on October 28th. We want to get posters out early so we can get the word out about the show and get a lot of people to attend.

New Banner - Our president Mike Lewis is checking into prices for a new 10 foot Banner for our chapter because our other one is small and we could really use a bigger one especially for our booth at the upcoming Gold Show.

Vice President - Nominations are coming up soon for a new Vice President if anyone is interested.

Happy 90th Birthday to Dorothy Ruth! She is such a delight and always helps in the kitchen and provides us with refreshments every month.

The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Dan Davis won the \$5 raffle for the Gold Nugget.

Mike Lewis adjourned the meeting at 2:35 P.M.

Submitted by Yolande Kragerud,
Secretary



Last Outing of the Year is almost here!

Weather predictions for our last outing of the year are good according to a report I heard last night. Now we just need the "Gold Gods" to be nice to us.

I have attached two maps for your reference. The first map should get you to the Park. Once at the park the second map should get you to where the group will be.

For those who don't like to follow maps (ie: my wife) here are written directions.

Head to Astoria and cross the bridge into Washington. Turn left to Ilwaco.

At the light in Ilwaco go straight, following signs to Cape Disappointment, road No 100.

Turn right at the Park Store.

Check in at the State Park Office and get a daily or annual pass.

Take the first right and go past the RV Dump Station.

Take the first left after Dump Station, at the blue dumpsters turn left and park by the restrooms.

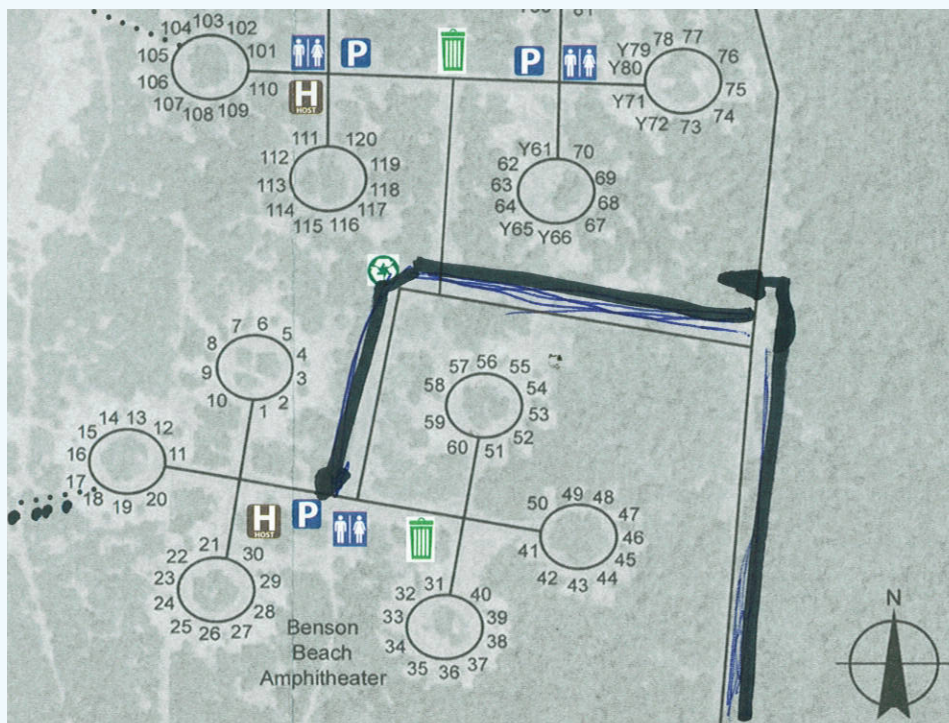
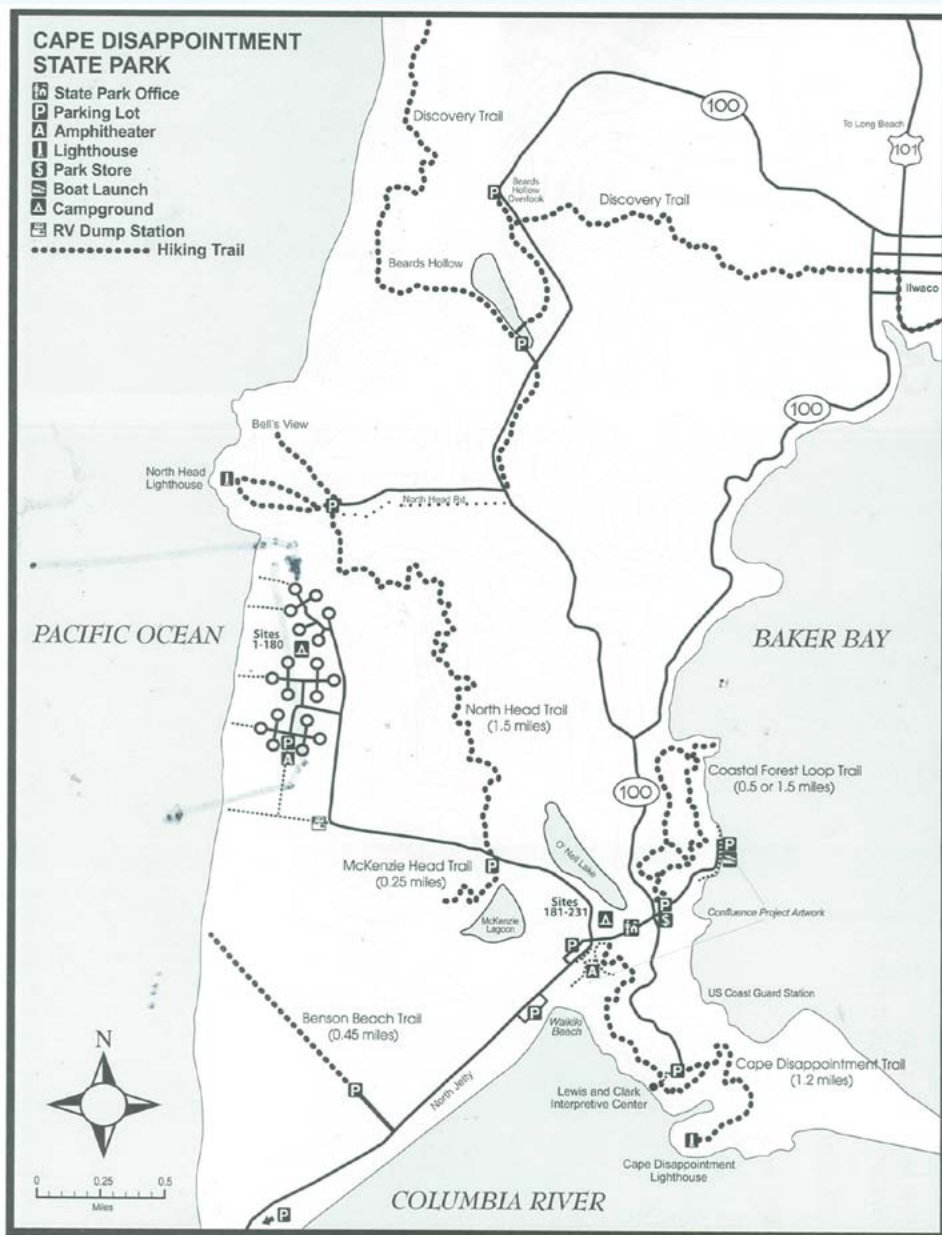
Head to the Beach.

If you need help in getting your things to the beach let a member know and we can help

I plan on bring a lunch and something to drink

See everyone Saturday Oct 13th.

Jim Erwin



Notes from the Field

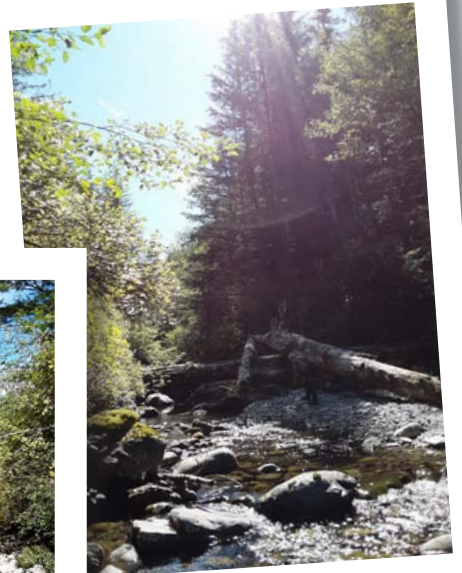
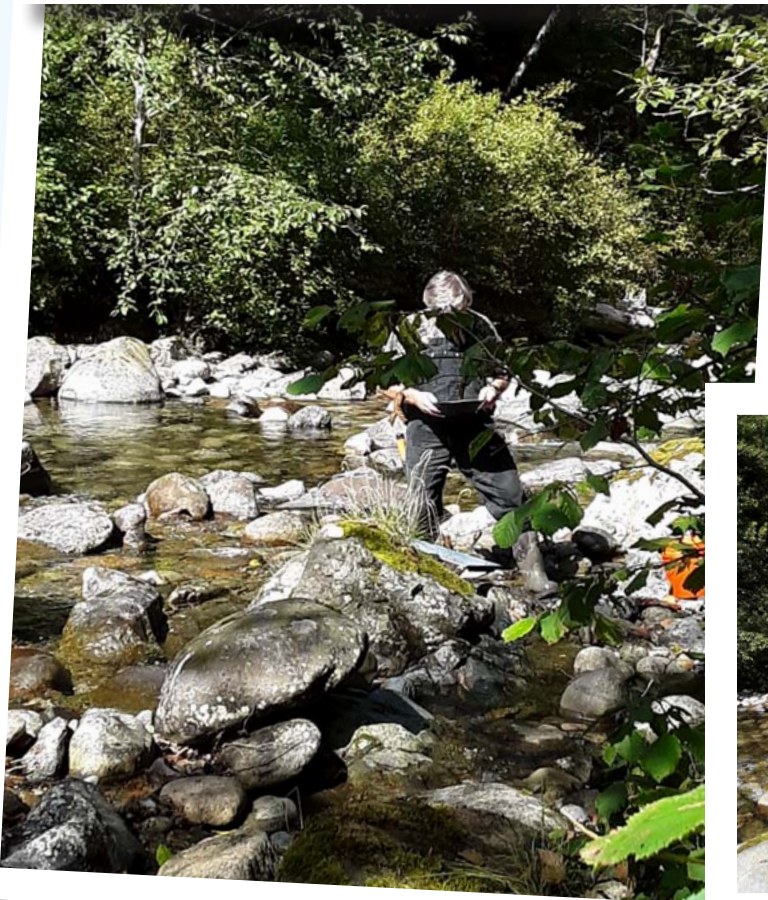
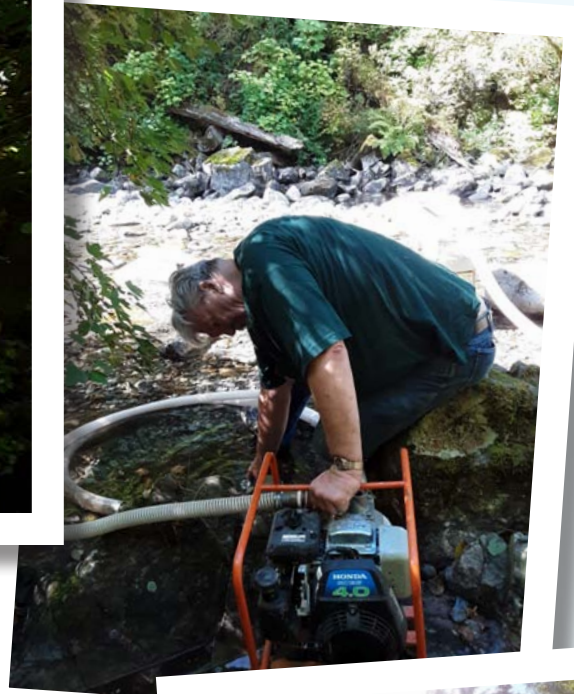
Here are some pictures from the Direct One outing on the Copper River in WA.

We had a great turn out with 19 people and perfect weather.

I got a few pictures - but they are limited in scope because people were spread out, and some of our members decided to go up the the chapter's claims on the Lewis River.

I think there was some gold found - but I don't know who got what...

Gretchen





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What's New

Maps in Development

Land Matters has created a place for you to explore our active mapping projects. We thought it would be a good idea to provide our users with a place to preview some of the maps that are in development. We hope that you will provide us with feedback about what works, what doesn't and help us determine the final version.

Scroll down on our new projects page to read about what's in the works at Land Matters. More preview maps will be added in the coming weeks.



Wild & Scenic Rivers

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act has an Anniversary Coming.

On October 2, 1968 the US Congress passed Public Law 90-542.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Land Matters is working on a project to provide you with a comprehensive look at the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System. Since 1968, there have been 209 Wild and Scenic River Designations that cover almost 13,000 miles of river. The most recent being in August of 2018 for 20 miles on East Rosebud Creek in Montana.

Take a look at our first Project Map to see where they are located. The map also includes eight designated Study Rivers. Take me to the [Wild and Scenic Rivers Map](#)

Click for information on a Wild and Scenic River and the results window will return a link to the Public Law that designated the river. We also have many WSR Management Plans in the [Land Matters Library](#).

Future Additions include mapping of administrative boundaries, historic Wild & Scenic Study Rivers and a full complement of Wild and Scenic River documents in the Library. We will keep you updated as things progress.



Fossil Creek, Arizona

Thanks!

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This article with active links can be found here: [Land Matters Newsletter](#)

Men of the High North

by Robert W. Service

Men of the High North, the wild sky is blazing;
Islands of opal float on silver seas;

Swift splendors kindle, barbaric, amazing;
Pale ports of amber, golden argosies.

Ringed all around us the proud peaks are glowing;
Fierce chiefs in council, their wigwam the sky;

Far, far below us the big Yukon flowing,
Like threaded quicksilver, gleams to the eye.

Men of the High North, you who have known it;
You in whose hearts its splendors have abode;

Can you renounce it, can you disown it?
Can you forget it, its glory and its goad?

Where is the hardship, where is the pain of it?
Lost in the limbo of things you've forgot;

Only remain the guerdon and gain of it;
Zest of the foray, and God, how you fought!

You who have made good, you foreign faring;
You money magic to far lands has whirled;

Can you forget those days of vast daring,
There with your soul on the Top o' the World?

Nights when no peril could keep you awake on
Spruce boughs you spread for your couch in the snow;

Taste all your feasts like the beans and the bacon
Fried at the camp-fire at forty below?

Can you remember your huskies all going,
Barking with joy and their brushes in air;

You in your parka, glad-eyed and glowing,
Monarch, your subjects the wolf and the bear?

Monarch, your kingdom unravished and gleaming;
Mountains your throne, and a river your car;

Crash of a bull moose to rouse you from dreaming;
Forest your couch, and your candle a star.

You who this faint day the High North is luring
Unto her vastness, taintlessly sweet;

You who are steel-braced, straight-lipped, enduring,
Dreadless in danger and dire in defeat:

Honor the High North ever and ever,
Whether she crown you, or whether she slay;

Suffer her fury, cherish and love her--
He who would rule he must learn to obey.

Men of the High North, fierce mountains love you;
Proud rivers leap when you ride on their breast.

See, the austere sky, pensive above you,
Dons all her jewels to smile on your rest.

Children of Freedom, scornful of frontiers,
We who are weaklings honor your worth.

Lords of the wilderness, Princes of Pioneers,
Let's have a rouse that will ring round the earth.

From Al Crouch at BLM via Dave Chiara:

Vale, Ore. -- On October 1, the Vale District Bureau of Land Management will be lifting fire restrictions on all Vale BLM-administered lands, including Bureau of Reclamation lands. Fireworks, exploding targets, and incendiary and tracer ammunition are still prohibited on public lands. With cooler temperature trends, daytime burn periods becoming shorter, and the overall fire danger decreasing, the risk has diminished enough to lift these restrictions.

While the National Weather Service is forecasting moisture across eastern Oregon on Sunday or Monday, after an entire summer of drying, the dry grass and brush remain susceptible to sparks or embers from campfires, burn piles, and exhaust systems.

"We are monitoring the weather and fire conditions closely and ask that everyone do the same. We all have a responsibility in understanding the risks and reducing the potential for wildfire," said Vale District Manager Don Gonzalez. "With hunting season upon us, the threat from human-caused ignitions is higher with more people headed outdoors. As public land users, it is important that we remain vigilant. We encourage everyone to practice safe shooting techniques, keep motorized vehicles on roads and trails and off dry grass, ensure trailers are not dragging chains, and keep vehicles operating properly. Before you go, know the weather forecast and any regulations that may apply to the area," continued Gonzalez.

Additional information is available at: [BLM Fire Restrictions](#)

The new ***Washington Gold and Fish*** pamphlet is available. You must have it with you whenever you prospect in the state of Washington.

Download a copy to print here: [Gold and Fish](#)

2018 Events Calendar – Subject to change as year progresses.

Oct 13th:	Weather permitting; Beach mining - Low tide 9:20am
October 21st:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
November 18th:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
December 16th:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm



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