

# The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



## PRESIDENT'S BLOG – March, 2019

Hello, fellow prospectors!

We have an events calendar for 2019! A copy is included in the Newsletter! More specific information will be provided prior to the various outings, and as always, there could be changes due to weather, access, etc. If anyone has any suggestions for outings, please let either Mike Torres, the Chapter's Outings Director, or me know.

Now that we are into the month of March, the Portland GPAA Gold and Treasure Show is coming up soon! Our Chapter has the primary responsibility for coordinating various aspects of the show, in conjunction with the Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors, the Mid-Valley Gold Prospectors, and the GPAA. Jerry Johns has done an excellent job handling all of the details that need to be addressed before, during and after the show. Set-up will be on Friday, March 29th, with the show on March 30th and 31st and take-down after the show on the 31st. More details will be provided at the March Chapter meeting. Thank you to

all who have already signed-up to help with this important event and to those of you who sign-up at the March Chapter meeting. Please remember that this is a major project for the Chapter and also a primary source of income for the Chapter.

We continue to focus on growing the Chapter – if you know anyone who might be interested, please invite them to a Chapter meeting. Hopefully the 2019 Gold and Treasure will encourage some new people to come to our meetings.

Please remember If anyone has any pictures from our outings or other get-together, please send them to Tim Snyder @ [wrshpmzshn@gmail.com](mailto:wrshpmzshn@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next chapter meeting on March 17, 2019.

Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

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## Secretary's Report February 17th, 2019

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President Mike Lewis called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Jim Erwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance** - 48 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 February newsletter. The motion was approved by the members present.

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

**New Business** - It was brought to our attention that supposedly a picture that was used in one of our previous newsletters was illegally used as it was copyrighted. The said people were asking to be compensated for this which was almost \$1500. Further research of this was determined it was probably a scam so we took the picture off our website and let them know we are a non profit organization and left it at that.

**Audit Committee** - Our 2 Year audit has been completed a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with this.

**LDMA Membership for sale** - Ron Farnsworth would like to sell his lifetime LDMA Membership. He is asking \$2000 for it which is a very good deal. If interested he can be reached at 503-380-7018 or by email at Z280127@yahoo.com.

**Gold Show** - The Gold Show is coming up quick it's March 30th and 31st. There is only 1 more planning meeting before the show. Jerry Johns talked about advertising that is going to be on

one AM and one FM Radio station about a week before the show. Any advertising people can do will help us he suggested social media like Facebook and the Nextdoor app. We are still needing more volunteers for the show. A sign up sheet is available for anybody who can help. We need people for set up on Friday morning March 29th at 8:00 A.M. Set up involves unpacking totes, putting up rods, curtains and other fixtures. GPAA usually provides pizza for everyone. We need people for different 4 hours shifts on Saturday and Sunday. Lunch will be provided for everyone on those days. Tear down will be on Sunday evening after the show. For anyone who volunteers you get free admission and a free tshirt. This years tshirt color is burgundy. General admission is \$10 but you can buy \$5 tickets from Jerry if you know anyone who would like to go then our club gets \$2.50 of it. To try and increase our club membership we will be giving out flyers at the show to invite people to come to our April meeting in which we will have a lunch available. The VFW will have a booth this year at the show. Jim Erwin is sending out a letter to all the different Veterans Associations to get the word out. Posters are available for anyone that would like to get more advertising out there also. We got our new big club Banner which is going to be really nice to use at our booth. We hope to break the attendance record from last year.

**Cape Disappointment State Park** - On March 25th at 10:00 A.M. the manufacturer of the Gold Cube and the S.W. Vancouver Chapter will be there and they have invited

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us if anyone is interested. You will need a day pass which costs \$10 or a Season Discovery Pass that is \$30 which you can purchase online or get at the main gate of the park. You will also need your 2018 Washington Gold and Fish pamphlet which is free to get. There is lots of black sand and real fine flour gold there.

**Tyroy** - The Tyroy outing is scheduled this year for June 8th until June 23rd. The outings schedule for the rest of the year should be out next month.

**Club Merchandise** - We have a lot of nice warm knitted hats in all different colors made by Dorothy Ruth that she has donated to the club which are for sale for \$5.

**Raffle** - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Ted Lange was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget.

Mike Lewis adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Yolande Kragerud,  
Secretary.



Phoebe and Sarah *cleaned up* in the quarter drop, winning **10** vials of gold!

Big Mike is all thumbs.

Ted Lange won the \$5 raffle gold nugget.

Ken Didier won the \$1 raffle Bag o' Possibilities.



# Gold Cube & Spin It Off Day

**March 25, 2019**

**Cape Disappointment State Park**



**We will be there at 10 A.M.**



**Co-Sponsored by SWWGP a non-profit organization**

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors invite us to their Cape Disappointment Beach Gold outing on Monday, March 25. Mike Pung, creator of the [Gold Cube](#), and David Urlick of Columbia River Mining Supplies, manufacturer of [Spin it Off](#), will be there demonstrating their products!



# GPAA GOLD & TREASURE Shows

Hosted by GPAA & the Vancouver, Portland & Brownsville Gold Prospecting Chapters

**Buy Pre-Sale Tickets at  
Half-Price (\$5) from Gold Club  
Chapters. Admission Includes  
a FREE Raffle Ticket!**

**Children Under Age 12 Are  
Free & Free Entry for Active  
and Veteran Military with  
Proper I.D.**

**Pre-sale Deadline Is  
March 27th.**

**Raffle Prizes Include a 3-Day  
Alaska Trip from Gold King  
Creek!  
Vendor Spaces Still  
Available.**



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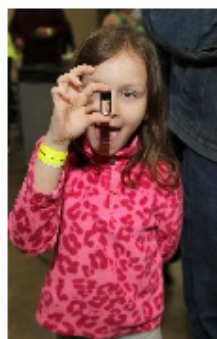


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**Saturday & Sunday  
March 30th & 31st, 2019  
10 AM to 5 PM**



**MANY DRAWINGS &  
PRIZE WINNERS!**

**SEMINARS**



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**MLB Baseball** opens this month,  
and I for one am ready for it!

To hear Terry Cashman's 2001/02  
Mariners version of *Talkin'  
Baseball*, click [here](#) - ed.

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Gold and baseball? You betcha!

**Mariners Gold Glove  
award winners**

1987: Mark Langston (P)  
1988: Harold Reynolds (2B),  
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1989: Harold Reynolds (2B)  
1990: Harold Reynolds (2B),  
Ken Griffey, Jr. (OF)  
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1992: Ken Griffey, Jr. (OF)  
1993: Omar Vizquel (SS),  
Ken Griffey, Jr. (OF)  
1994: Ken Griffey, Jr. (OF)  
1995: Ken Griffey, Jr. (OF)  
1996: Jay Buhner (OF),  
Ken Griffey, Jr. (OF)  
1997: Ken Griffey, Jr. (OF)  
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1999: Ken Griffey, Jr. (OF)  
2000: John Olerud (1B)  
2001: Mike Cameron (OF),  
Ichiro Suzuki (OF)  
2002: John Olerud (1B),  
Bret Boone (2B),  
Ichiro Suzuki (OF)  
2003: John Olerud (1B),  
Bret Boone (2B),  
Ichiro Suzuki (OF),  
Mike Cameron (OF)  
2004: Bret Boone (2B),  
Ichiro Suzuki (OF)  
2005: Ichiro Suzuki (OF)  
2006: Ichiro Suzuki (OF)  
2007: Adrián Beltré (3B),  
Ichiro Suzuki (OF)  
2008: Adrián Beltré (3B),  
Ichiro Suzuki (OF)  
2009: Ichiro Suzuki (OF)  
2010: Ichiro Suzuki (OF),  
Franklin Gutiérrez (OF)  
2014: Kyle Seager (3B)

## Casey at the Bat

Ernest Lawrence Thayer, 1863 - 1940

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day:  
The score stood four to two, with but one inning more to play,  
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same,  
A pall-like silence fell upon the patrons of the game.

A straggling few got up to go in deep despair. The rest  
Clung to the hope which springs eternal in the human breast;  
They thought, "If only Casey could but get a whack at that—  
We'd put up even money now, with Casey at the bat."

But Flynn preceded Casey, as did also Jimmy Blake,  
And the former was a hoodoo, while the latter was a cake;  
So upon that stricken multitude grim melancholy sat,  
For there seemed but little chance of Casey getting to the bat.

But Flynn let drive a single, to the wonderment of all,  
And Blake, the much despised, tore the cover off the ball;  
And when the dust had lifted, and men saw what had occurred,  
There was Jimmy safe at second and Flynn a-hugging third.

Then from five thousand throats and more there rose a lusty yell;  
It rumbled through the valley, it rattled in the dell;  
It pounded on the mountain and recoiled upon the flat,  
For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place;  
There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile lit Casey's face.  
And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his hat,  
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bat.

Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt;  
Five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt;  
Then while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into his hip,  
Defiance flashed in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Casey's lip.

And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling through the air,  
And Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there.

Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped—  
"That ain't my style," said Casey. "Strike one!" the umpire said.

From the benches, black with people, there went up a muffled roar,  
Like the beating of the storm-waves on a stern and distant shore;  
"Kill him! Kill the umpire!" shouted someone on the stand;  
And it's likely they'd have killed him had not Casey raised his hand.

With a smile of Christian charity great Casey's visage shone;

He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on;

He signaled to the pitcher, and once more the dun sphere flew;

But Casey still ignored it and the umpire said, "Strike two!"

"Fraud!" cried the maddened thousands, and echo answered "Fraud!"

But one scornful look from Casey and the audience was awed.

They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain,  
And they knew that Casey wouldn't let that ball go by again.

The sneer is gone from Casey's lip, his teeth are clenched in hate,

He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate;

And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now he lets it go,

And now the air is shattered by the force of Casey's blow.

Oh, somewhere in this favoured land the sun is shining bright,  
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light;  
And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout,  
But there is no joy in Mudville—mighty Casey has struck out.





## PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS, INC. EVENTS CALENDAR - 2019

MARCH 17TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

MARCH 29TH – 31ST – GPAA GOLD & TREASURE SHOW – PORTLAND EXPO CENTER

APRIL 21ST – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

APRIL 27TH – CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT OUTING (WASHINGTON)

MAY 18TH – LEWIS RIVER DAYBREAK PARK OUTING (WASHINGTON)

MAY 19TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

JUNE 8TH – 21ST – TYROY CLAIM OUTING (**2 WEEKS**)

JUNE 16TH – **CHAPTER MEETING AT TYROY CAMP**

JULY 13TH – LEWIS RIVER CLAIM OUTING (WASHINGTON)

JULY 21ST – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

AUGUST 10TH – LEWIS RIVER DAYBREAK PARK OUTING (WASHINGTON)

AUGUST 18TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

SEPTEMBER 14TH – STEVE LEWIN CLAIM (WASHINGTON)

SEPTEMBER 15TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

OCTOBER 12TH – CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT OUTING (WASHINGTON)

OCTOBER 20TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

NOVEMBER 17TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

DECEMBER 15TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

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PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OUTINGS ARE SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

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Jim Erwin passes on this information for Vietnam Vets.

**Veterans' Diseases Associated with Agent Orange Exposure – Also (ALS) for any Vet with 90 days continuous active service.**

**Vietnam War Service:** August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975 \*If veteran was in Vietnam between Feb 28, 1961 and Aug 4, 1964 it is also considered wartime service.

- **Acute and Subacute Peripheral Neuropathy**  
A nervous system condition that causes numbness, tingling, and motor weakness. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to herbicides and resolve within 2 years of the date it began.
- **AL Amyloidosis**  
A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissues or organs.
- **Chloracne (or Similar Acneform Disease)**  
A skin condition that occurs soon after exposure to chemicals and looks like common forms of acne as seen in teenagers. Under VA's rating regulations, chloracne (or other acneform disease similar to chloracne) must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to herbicides.
- **Chronic B-cell Leukemias**  
A type of cancer which affects white blood cells. VA's regulation recognizing all chronic B-cell leukemias as related to exposure-to herbicides took effect on October 30, 2010.
- **Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2)**  
A disease characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to respond properly to the hormone insulin.
- **Hodgkin's Disease**  
A malignant lymphoma (cancer).characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and by progressive anemia.
- **Ischemic Heart Disease**  
A disease characterized by a reduced supply of blood to the heart, that leads to chest pain. VA's regulation recognizing ischemic heart disease as related to exposure to herbicides took effect on October 30,2010.
- **Multiple Myeloma**  
A cancer of plasma cells, a type ofwhite blood cell in bone
- **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma**  
A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue.
- **Parkinson's Disease**  
A progressive disorder ofthe nervous system that affects muscle movement. VA's regulation recognizing Parkinson's disease as related to exposure to herbicides took effect on October 30, 2010.
- **Porphyria Cutanea Tarda**  
A disorder characterized by liver dysfunction and by thinning and blistering of the skin in sun-exposed areas. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to herbicides.
- **Prostate Cancer**  
Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men.
- **Respiratory Cancers**  
Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus.
- **Soft Tissue Sarcoma (other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma)**  
A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues.

**Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)**- VA has recognized ALS diagnosed in **Veterans with 90 days or more of continuously active service in the military** was caused by their military service. (This condition is not related to Agent Orange/Herbicide exposure.)



We understand the **Washington Gold and Fish** pamphlet is still in effect. You must have it with you whenever you prospect in the state of Washington.

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

## Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors Club recommends these links:

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