



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



October, 2019

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Secretary's Report September 15, 2019

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Chapter President Mike Lewis called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance - 34 attendees and 3 guests 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.

Treasurer's Report - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report for September. The motion was approved by the members present.

New Claims - Since our club has let our claims go up on the Lewis River to the S.W. Washington chapter we are currently looking for new claims or areas on public land that we can go prospect. The S.W. chapter inherited those claims from us and they are going to let us still use them for a year. Our President and Vice President have been scouting around to find some new places.

Previous Claims - Some years back there were some claims in the Prineville area. This area is only 3 hours away and has some great camping spots. Jerry Johns and Richard Ruth are going to check into this and see if any of those claims are still available.

Cape Disappointment - Our last outing for the year at Cape Disappointment is set for October 12th. from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. There is a sign up list for anyone that is planning on going. This is a popular outing and many have found some very fine gold there.

Outings Coordinator - We still desperately need an Outings Coordinator to replace Mike Torres. Please consider volunteering for this position.

Donations - A big THANK YOU to one of our club members, Morris Sawyer who lives in Union, Oregon. He came to the meeting this month and brought a whole truck load of dirt from TY Roy to give out to anyone that wanted some. He also brought us lots of jars of homemade Huckleberry Jelly that his 12 year old granddaughter taught him to make. To show his appreciation George Parker gave him \$20 which he didn't want to take but with a little persuasion he did. THANK YOU George for the nice gesture!

Nominations - It's getting that time of year again that we will be looking for a new President, Treasurer and Secretary. Beverly and I have volunteered to keep our positions as Treasurer and Secretary but we still need a President. Be thinking of who you want to nominate at our October meeting for the November election.

Annual Banquet - The January Banquet is fast approaching and we will be looking for people to be on the volunteer committee to start planning for it in November. There will be a sign up sheet at next months meeting for anyone interested in volunteering.

Patches - We still have a handful of club patches available for sale for \$6.50 for anyone who wants one.

Spiral Raffle - We are still selling our \$5 raffle tickets for the nice

Spiral. We have sold about half of the tickets so far so grab yours while they last.

Bird House/Feeder Raffle - We still also have some \$5 raffle tickets available for this beautiful piece of work that Joe Wood has built. He also builds them for sale. If you'd like one, contact him at jclaire.wood@gmail.com. Get your tickets while you can or you will be sorry.

Raffle - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Gretchen Lewis was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget. Ken Didier was the lucky winner of the Gold Bag

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
by Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.



Joe Wood and Bev Parker won gold nuggets in the Quarter Drop!



PRESIDENT'S BLOG

OCTOBER, 2019

Hello, fellow prospectors!

Thank you to everyone who attended the September Chapter meeting! We really appreciate people taking time out of their Sunday to come to a meeting.

Please remember October's meeting includes nominations for President and, I believe, four board member positions, plus secretary and treasurer. Yolanda and Bev each said they would like to continue in their respective positions. Lastly, I have been re-thinking running for president again – if no one else is interested. Voting will be at the November chapter meeting.

I want to comment on the outing planned for September 14, 2019, to Steve Lewin's claim on Copper Creek in Washington. My understanding is that only one participant showed up. If my information is incorrect, please let me know. If it is correct – it is VERY disappointing. I could say more, but I think I have made my point.

[We are actively looking for other locations to hold chapter outings. If you have ANY suggestions, please let me know.](#)

Please note the chapter's annual banquet will be at the January, 2020 chapter meeting. I will have a sign-up sheet at the October and November chapter meetings for those of you who would like to help with the various aspects of the banquet including the theme, set-up, take-down, food, decorations, etc. I will have an organizational meeting (or two) in December.

I hope to see you at the October 20, 2019 chapter meeting.

Happy Prospecting!!

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Out For Gold: Museum Robbers Were After Fricot Nugget

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Tuesday, April 30th 2013

MARIPOSA COUNTY, Calif. (KMPH) — By: Jill Ballinger MARIPOSA GAZETTE

The five men who robbed the California State Mining and Mineral Museum last September had one goal in mind: to get the Fricot nugget.

That information came out during the preliminary hearing of Jonathan Matis, which has just concluded for the day. Michael Gomes and Matthew Campbell, who have already entered pleas in the case, testified for the prosecution.

Gomes said the group had conspired in Rio Linda. Edward Rushing was the leader, “the man giving all the orders.” They came to get the gold.”



Mariposa for one reason: “to

Gomes testified that they had come to Mariposa on Sept. 23, and entered the museum, but got cold feet and left because there were too many people there.

When they returned on Sept. 28, 2012, Rushing and Gomes were the ones in the vault. Gomes testified that Rushing used a pick-axe to try to break open the case of the Fricot nugget. When he couldn't, they smashed other cases, leaving a trail of gold as the men tried to escape the museum.

When the vault doors began to close and the alarm sounded, it was Gomes who rammed his head into the door until it opened and confronted

museum employees. He said he never threatened them, just asked them “real politely” to move. He was armed with a can of mace.

The preliminary hearing continues on Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. in Mariposa County Superior Court. For the complete story, see the May 2 edition of the Mariposa Gazette.



PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS, INC. EVENTS CALENDAR - 2019/20

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

JANUARY 19TH – ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

MARCH 2020 – GPAA GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW – CLARK COUNTY FAIRGROUND

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

From the Editor

When I first started prospecting I went to YouTube to learn as much as I could. I've identified a number of channels that I'd like to share with you:

[Dan Hurd Prospecting](#)

[Vo-Gus Prospecting](#)

[Pioneer Paulie](#)

[Utah Avalanche](#)

[Gold Hog](#)

[Klesh Guitars](#)

[All Out Oregon](#)

[Brute Gold Mining - Miner or Bust](#)

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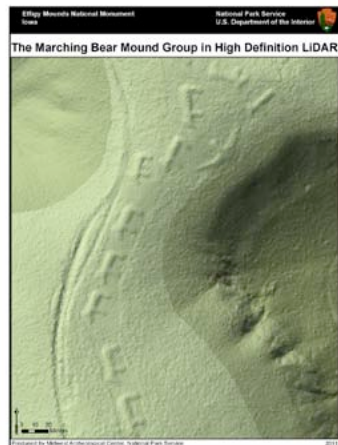
At our August meeting, **Mark Andrekewics** won the certificate from Camo Gold Bags. Richard Ruth acquired the certificate for the raffle
Here's what he panned out!



We will have a guest speaker at the November chapter meeting.

Clark Niewendorp will be doing a Power Point presentation on Lidar technology. It should be very interesting!

Wikipedia author: Cargyrak



US Park Service



Wikipedia author: S. Winkvist

CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT OUTING

October 12, 2019 – 10:30AM-to whenever

Hello everyone – We are working on the details for the upcoming outing at Cape Disappointment on the Washington coast.

If you are interested, there is camping available at Cape Disappointment State Park. Ocean Park is nearby for anyone wishing to stay at a motel. The town of Ilwaco also has a few motels.

Directions to Cape Disappointment: Most of you will be coming through Astoria, which is South of Cape Disappointment. Cross the Astoria-Megler Bridge to Washington and take Highway 101 North until you hit Ilwaco. There is a single light in Ilwaco; from there take the Route 100 going west directly to Cape Disappointment State Park: 244 Robert Gray Drive, Ilwaco, Washington, 98624, Phone: 360-642-3078, GPS Coordinates: -124.0632, 46.29841

Paperwork needed: You will need the Discovery Pass for Washington State to enter the Park, which you can purchase on-line. You can also stop at the ranger station on your way into the park. If the ranger station is closed, you can purchase the Pass at the Kiosk machine right next to the ranger station. You will also need a copy of the 2018 Gold and Fish Pamphlet. This is your permit to prospect in Washington. It is available online – you will need to print a copy. There is also a link to the pamphlet in the Club's newsletter.

I plan on arriving around 10-10:30AM on Saturday and will stay through 1PM or so. You are welcome to arrive whenever you wish. Once you enter the park, follow the signs to camping section A. Section A has sites 1-60. Follow the signs in to where the restrooms/showers are – parking spaces are located near the restrooms. We will be set up either on the beach or just above the beach. Please be aware that parking is somewhat limited. Bring food if you plan on being there through lunch.

Metal detecting is allowed on Benson beach, but you will need a permit to do this. The Metal Detecting Brochure is available online and contains the required permit. Fill this out and drop it off on your way into the park.

Equipment: At a minimum I highly recommend a recirculating system as there is no running water nearby to use a sluice. (You can't use water from the park) A Gold Cube seems to be a very good system to catch beach gold. After you clean out your system, the Blue Bowl does a great job of separating the gold from the black sand. Another option is a recirculating sluice with a low profile matting in it. Of course, you can always pan it out; however this will take time and patience as the gold is fine and smaller than the beach grains of sand. You will be able to mine on the Beach or take some black sand home. There is a maximum of 10 gallons of sand per person allowed to be removed from the beach each day. Small buckets are good or even sand bags. Just don't overload them as the black sand is very heavy. Other items I recommend are a small shovel, a trowel, a mud tub (for recirculating or panning), and a beach cart if you have one. A water jug, a snuffer bottle and vials are good; pans of your choice to sample and fine clean up. If this is your first time, you are welcome to come and just observe. I did that last year and then took some sand home to practice with. You also might want to bring chairs and be prepared in case it rains or the wind is blowing. If it's raining too hard or too windy, the outing may be cut short.

If you have questions, feel free to call me at 503-413-9283 or e-mail me at gmlewis238@msn.com.

Happy Prospecting! Mike Lewis, President, Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.



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](#)



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