



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



June, 2021

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

Thank you to everyone who attended the chapter meeting in May. We had around 35 people, including 6 visitors!

It looks like we will be having monthly meeting from now on, unless there is a change in the Covid requirements that prohibit us from doing so. That being said, we are requesting that people who haven't been fully vaccinated continue to wear masks. We will also continue with social distancing.

The main topic of the May's meeting was the club's proposed outing at the chapter's claim near Baker City, Oregon – "TYROY."

- We will have a two-week outing, provided there are at least 10-15 people to participate each week - in order to justify the cost. Jerry Johns has agreed to run the outing again this year.
 - The dates are **June 26, 2021 to July 11, 2021.**
 - The first 2 days of the outing will be spent preparing the worksite and last 2 days will be spent doing reclamation work.
 - We need 3 or 4 people to help with the preparation/reclamation work
 - If there are any suggestions, complaints or concerns during or after the outing, please direct them to my attention.
 - As stated previously, it takes a fair amount of work and chapter money to coordinate and support an outing at TYROY. It also takes cooperation from everyone who attends the outing (or any outing for that matter) to insure everyone has the best time possible.
 - There is room to dry-camp on the private property we have used in the past. It is about an eighth of a mile from the worksite. There are also RV parks in Baker City, including Mt View RV Park and A-Frame RV Park. In addition, the Oregon Trail Motel has a "workers rate" of \$275 per week. Baker City is about 20-30 minutes from the claim.
 - Please be aware that the road into the claim is not paved – and can include ruts and rocks that can pose problems, particularly if it's been raining.
 - There will be portable toilets available at the worksite and the campsite.
 - We will need everyone to complete a medical form (form will be available at the June Chapter meeting and at the outing) if you are attending the TYROY outing. In addition, if you have a condition that might require an EPI-pen, please make sure you have one with you.
 - We normally have at least one pot-luck dinner during the outing and have also enjoyed a group dinner in a local restaurant in Baker at least once during the outing.

Please contact Jerry Johns at jerryjohns@gmail.com or me at the email below if you are interested in the outing at TYROY.

Please direct questions or concerns about any of the above to my attention. Thank you!!

Hope to see you at the June meeting!

Happy Prospecting!

Mike

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Secretary's Report May 16, 2021

**Milwaukie Grange Hall
12015 SE 22nd Ave.
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Meeting was called to order by
President Mike Lewis at 1:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was
conducted.

Attendance - 34 Attendees and 4
Guests were present.

Treasury Report - There was no
Treasury Report read for April because
Beverly forgot her paperwork at home.

TyRoy - Jerry discussed our upcoming
yearly outing at TyRoy this year which
is scheduled for June 26th until July
11th. It officially starts on Monday the
28th because the first two days will be
prepping and getting everything ready.
Hopefully, we won't run out of water
in the ponds by the second week since
its been a really dry season so far this
year. Mike is keeping in contact with
Morris who lives near the area as he is
keeping an eye on the situation for us
and will update us before the outing.
For people that want to camp up there
we have a designated area near the
Claims or there are also a couple RV
Parks in Baker City and a bunch of
different Motels also. As always, we will
have a Potluck dinner on Saturday July
3rd for anyone that wants to attend
just bring a favorite dish. Usually one
night people meet up in Baker City
at a sit down restaurant and enjoy a
nice meal. We possibly may also plan
a dinner at a steak house in a nearby
town called Haines for anyone that
wants to go. We were approved to
dig 4 test holes up to 9 feet deep this
year which will be good for our future
prospecting in the coming years. All of
our equipment and 2 porta pottys have
been reserved so things are coming
together nicely thanks to Jerry. We
will have Release Forms for people to
sign that will be attending the event at
our June meeting which releases the
chapter of any liability if someone was
to get hurt and also letting us know of
anyones medical history. Don't forget
to get your ATV off-road permit which
you will need for your vehicle. You can
only get them on line now for a cost of
\$10. You can print out your temporary
one until you get your permanent one
in the mail.

Election - We will be starting
nominations in October for President,
Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
We also will be nominating new Board
Members and a Claims Director. Start
thinking about these positions and who
you would like to nominate as some of
the people holding these positions are
stepping down. The Election will take
place in November and the positions
will start in January 2022.

Future Activities - We are working on
renting a booth at a farmers market
in the near future and also contacting
Sportsman's Warehouse to do a
panning demonstration like we have
done in the past. We are focusing on
building up our membership for our
club. We possibly may have an outing
at Cape Disappointment in October.

Equipment for Sale - Our President is
selling his Highbanker for \$300. You
would need to buy a pump and a hose
for it so for about \$500 you could be
up and running. If anyone is interested
contact Mike. Ken Burns is also wanting
to sell some of his equipment because
he won't be using it anymore. Jim is
going to go to his house in the near
future and see what all he has and he
will let us know at a later date.

Volunteers needed - Jim Dorning has
recently had Heart Surgery and is
recovering at home. He has a bunch of
dirt from TyRoy that he doesn't want
anymore. He wants to give it to the
club so Jim Erwin is looking for a couple
people to go with him to his house and
retrieve it. Anyone who can volunteer
contact Jim.

Meetings are going to start being back
to normal next month with our Raffles,
Refreshments and Library since Covid
cases are going down and most people
have been vaccinated or are in the
process of doing so. Stay safe and well
everyone and see you at next month's
meeting!

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

Respectfully submitted by
Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.

Here are several pictures of mining things Ken Burns has for sale. These are the best ones for each product. We don't have any firm pricing yet, but want to make sure all members see what is available. Jim is working with Jerry to get the pricing.



3" water pump with manifold
for additional outputs



Sluice



Narrow Sluice



Trommel, motor and sluice
(probably sold)



Sluice



Drop Sluice



High Banker/Dredge
no pump



Extra Hoses

Here are some photos from the
2019 TY Roy outing.



PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTOR'S INC ANNOUNCEMENT:

We plan to start having raffles again – starting with the June meeting. The raffle tickets sell for \$1.00 and \$5.00, depending on which raffle you want to enter. The first winner on the \$1.00 raffle wins one of the club's "dirt bags." The first winner on the \$5.00 raffle wins a gold "nugget."

Please feel free to bring new items to donate to the raffle. Please keep things reasonably small so we can store "left-over" donated items more easily.

All raffle proceeds go directly to the Chapter to help pay for space rent, insurance, etc.

Photos from our May meeting.



PANNING DEMONSTRATION IDEAS:

Vice President, Jim Erwin, has been looking into various weekend farmer's markets and other venues where we could set up panning demonstrations in order to garner more interest in Portland Gold Prospector's Inc.

We had a panning demonstration at the Sportsman's Warehouse on SE 82nd in Portland, in February, 2020, and Jim also hosted two panning demonstrations for a Veteran's group at his home; one on October 10, 2020 and one on February 20, 2021. Thank you to everyone who helped with each of these events.

In order to move forward with this idea, we need to know if there are people who would be interested in helping with the set-up, running and take-down at various events.

We sincerely hope people will volunteer to help if we are able to schedule a couple of farmer's markets, etc. We will have a sign up sheet at the June meeting.

Please contact Jim at jimerwin223@gmail.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

TYROY DIRT -

Jim and Melinda Dorning gave 15+ bags of TYROY dirt to Jim Erwin. Jim will bring them to the June meeting. Jim and Melinda want this "dirt" to go to chapter members.



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

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