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Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



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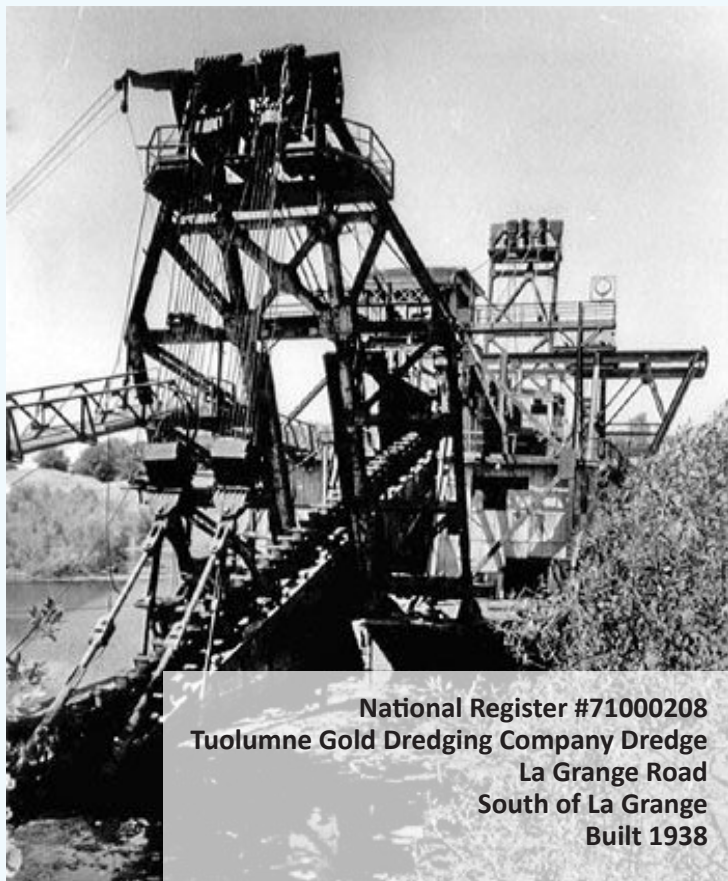
Chinook Winds Raffle

Beginning with the September Chapter Meeting, we will be selling tickets for a Chinook Winds Raffle Package which includes:


- A gift certificate for a one (1) night stay for two in a standard room at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Maximum value is \$218.25.
- A gift certificate for one(1) dinner for two at the Rogue River Steakhouse. Maximum value is \$75.00 and does not include alcoholic beverages or gratuities.
- A gift certificate for one (1) 18-hole round of golf for two with cart at the Chinook Winds Golf Resort. Maximum value is \$138.00. Cart is subject to availability.
- A gift certificate for one (1) breakfast or lunch or dinner for two at Aces Sports Bar and Grill. Maximum value is \$40.00 and does not include alcoholic beverages or gratuities.

Tickets will be sold at the monthly Chapter Meetings for \$1.00/each or 6 for \$5.00.

This will help to raise money for the Chapter.



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Tuolumne Gold Dredging Company Dredge
La Grange Road
South of La Grange
Built 1938



THE SIZED

How much gold has been found in the world?

About **244,000 metric tons of gold** has been discovered to date (187,000 metric tons historically produced plus current underground reserves **of 57,000 metric tons**). Most of that gold has come from just three countries: China, Australia, and South Africa. The largest single source of gold in history has been the Witwatersrand Basin of South Africa or **roughly 30% of all the gold.**

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PRESIDENT'S BLOG SEPTEMBER, 2021

The Covid scenario has impacted PGPI's ability to hold meetings, have outings and to schedule speakers and demonstrations for meetings for a good portion of the last two years. We are not out of the woods yet, but we certainly hope to come up with more outing options, along with speakers and demonstrations going forward in 2022.

That being said, it is important to note that nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, along with all Board Members will be coming up at the October, 2021 meeting, with voting at the November, 2021 meeting.

Because of Covid, we will need to adjust some of the terms on the open positions in order to realign them with the By-Law requirements. I will be proposing the following election schedule to the Board Members for approval:

- President – 2-year term
- Vice President – 1 year term – with election for a 2-year term in 2022
- Treasurer – 1 year term – with election for a 2-year term in 2022
- Secretary – 2-year term
- Board Members – 2-year term (4 positions)
- Board Members at Large – 1 year term – with election for a 2-year term in 2022 (4 positions)

Please think seriously about what you can do for the chapter. Besides elected positions, we still need

2 people to run the raffle - usually held at each meeting. This is one of our sources of income, along with the sale of "Gold" bags.

Please remember that our other main source of income for the chapter comes from working at the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show, which has been cancelled the last two years.

We still have to pay rent and insurance on the grange hall, along with other expenses incurred to hold outings, reimburse members for approved expenses, and to pay for the gold Richard Ruth acquires for the benefit of the chapter. ("Gold" bags, "nuggets" for the raffle and for the quarter drop, etc.)

Thank you for your patience over the last two years. The Covid scenario has not made things easy.

I look forward to seeing you at our September meeting.

Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

Mike

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Gold Panning Demonstration at the Happy Valley Farmers' Market

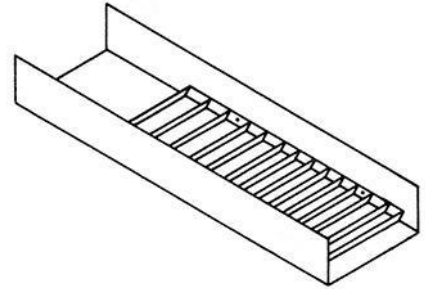
Jim Erwin shared photos from the gold panning display at the Happy Valley Farmers' Market in September. We will return to the Market on Saturday, October 16. Volunteers are welcome. Or just swing by to support PGPI.



Following are recent newsletters from our sister clubs in
Douglas County and Southwest Washington



444 Winchester PMB 12-D,
Roseburg, OR 97470



THE SLUICE BOX

July-August of 2021

DCPA meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Pine Grove Community Church, 1729 Buckhorn Road, Roseburg, OR 97470 at 7:00 pm. The Board of Directors meeting is at 6 and open to all members. The Potluck starts at 6:30.

Dues are \$20 per year for single or family.

Sunshine: If you know of anyone who is ill or has had a death in the family, etc., let me know so I can send them a card. Walt: 541-315-2030 or dcpagold@gmail.com

President's Message:

The weather has cooled down quite a bit. I hope everyone has had a chance to go out and do a little digging.

I'm writing this is in early September so I'm sure everybody is aware that the Mask Mandates are back. Not only do you have to wear them indoors but outdoors as well where a six-foot distance can't be maintained. The exception is while eating but you must again, adhere to the Six-foot Rule.

The Potluck and Raffle are back. We are continuing to have Outings and Meetings. The Annual Picnic is this Saturday. Hopefully we'll be able to have our Christmas Party as well.

Needless to say, we have not seen the end of Covid 19 and all the aggravation that goes with it.

Until next time, may you always find Gold at the bottom of your pan.

Walt

From the June Meeting:

Opened by President Walt Evens @ 7:05 p.m.

Our guest was Allen from North Bend.

The Minutes from July were read and approved.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Membership: We have about 71 members on our Roster.

Claims: Our Annual Paperwork was submitted to the BLM.

Outings: Last month we went to our Cow Creek Claims for the annual Maintenance work. This month we're going to Red Mine #9.

Legislation & Education: None

DCPA Growth: It was discussed to check in to becoming a GPAA Chapter again.

Raffle: Door Prize & Regular!

Meeting Adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Claims: Mike Eshelman sent off the Forms to the BLM to keep our Claims for another year. He used ones he purchased. Good thing, because the BLM not only sent them out with the wrong year on them but did so two weeks before they were due!

Legislation: **Judge Rules Against Dredger in Idaho Civil Case** July 2021 by [Scott Harn](#)

Shannon Poe, president of the American Mining Rights Association (AMRA), was accused by the Idaho Conservation League (ICL) of dredging on his mining claims on the South Fork Clearwater River in Idaho for a total of 42 days in 2014, 2015, and 2018 without all of the required permits. Poe was sued in civil court under the citizen suit provision of the Clean Water Act, which allows a "citizen" (ICL in this case) who can show harm, to sue another citizen.

On June 4, Boise federal court Chief Magistrate Judge Ronald Bush ruled in favor of the Idaho Conservation League. From Judge Bush's 23-page decision:

Legislation (cont.):

“Neither ICL nor Mr. Poe disputes that the material passing through Mr. Poe’s suction dredge and into the South Fork Clearwater River falls within the definition of a ‘pollutant’ under the CWA; instead, the parties dispute which agency—the EPA via Section 402 of the CWA or the

Corps via Section 404 of the CWA—has authority under the CWA to permit the discharge, if any, of such pollutants into the South Fork Clearwater River.” (Our emphasis added.)

The path to winning this case should not have been about disputing jurisdiction. The path to winning this case should have been *to make the plaintiffs prove that a foreign substance was introduced and then discharged*, which is the “trigger” for regulations under the Clean Water Act. You cannot prove the impossible. A conviction on a pollutant charge would be ripe for appeal.

We covered the topic of jurisdiction in a previous “PLP Update” (January 2020, *ICMJ*), which stated:

“PLP has heard that some miners believe that if they could only get the Army Corps to give them a 404 dredge and fill permit or waiver their problems will be solved. This is not true. The Army Corps does not have the legal authority under the 404-Program to waive the separate legal duties of [the state] job of administering section 402. One program cannot replace the other, and both are separately carried out as the law is currently written and intended by Congress.”

On the other hand, Public Lands for the People has shown that the “no addition” argument can be won in court. They helped two members win this argument, one at the state level and the other at the federal level.

In the federal case, PLP assisted John Godfrey with an appeal in the US District Court (Eastern District, California.) Godfrey had been convicted of polluting a creek when he processed material from the creek through a sluice box, and that material was returned to the same creek.

His conviction on this charge was overturned. Judge John Mendez wrote, “...the provisions surrounding 36 C.F.R. § 261.11(c) lend support to Defendant’s argument that ‘any substance which does or may pollute’ must be a foreign substance, not a substance which is already found within the high-water mark of the river.”

Judge Mendez continued, “Importantly, there is no evidence that any foreign substance (such as a chemical) was introduced to Poorman Creek.

“...a more apt analogy may be that of a bowl of cereal. At its low point, Poorman Creek is much like a bowl of Cheerios with very little milk in it, with a number of Cheerios pieces ‘stranded’ up on the sides of the bowl. Filling the bowl with milk releases those ‘stranded’ Cheerios pieces back into the milk, but nothing foreign has been added to the bowl. Similarly, Defendant’s operation merely released sediment that was already part of the creek-bed back into the creek.”

Legislation (cont.):

On the state level, PLP assisted Michael Osterbrink after a Sierra County (California) district attorney claimed Osterbrink “polluted State waters with materials that are deleterious to fish” in violation of section 5650 of the CA Fish & Game code.

PLP’s Clark Pearson was called as an expert witness by Osterbrink. Pearson testified that “...no addition occurred in this case to trigger a violation of section 5650 because no foreign substances were added to the waterway.” Pearson cited the Godfrey case as precedent to aid Judge Yvette Durant in her deliberations.

Osterbrink was subsequently found “not guilty” of polluting state waters by Judge Durant who stated, “...Here, there doesn’t seem to be any dispute that this defendant did not add anything new, so I am going to find Mr. Osterbrink not guilty on count 2.”

It cannot be overstated enough that suction dredging does not add a pollutant to the waters, but agreeing to a 402 permit says that it does. From “PLP Update: The Path for Legally Re-Starting Suction Gold Dredge Mining in 2021” (June 2020, *ICMJ*):

“The California State Water Quality Control Board (by delegation from the federal EPA) administers the 402 CWA program. This 402-program is called the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). If a miner asked for a permit from this agency, he is consenting to a falsehood that suction dredges produce an addition of a pollutant in need of elimination. Simply said: Those miners are saying, ‘I don’t pollute, but please give me my pollution permit.’

“Those that advocate this kind of message will never give miners reasonable dredge regulations. This is also a very dangerous path that places the miner in a position of liability to the agency and subjects the miner to lawsuits by environmentalists who can take advantage of the miner’s error in judgement. Don’t make that mistake! Don’t feed the environmentalist’s cash cow because that’s how their sue and settle system functions.”

Unfortunately, the *ICL v. Poe* case will likely serve to embolden groups like ICL. Fines had not yet been determined at press time, but a defendant in a similar case on the same South Fork Clearwater River received a penalty of \$6,600 for a single day of dredging without a permit. If the court applies the same standard, the penalty in Poe’s case could be \$277,200 or more, which does not include the plaintiff’s attorney fees.

In addition, Poe was cited by local law enforcement on August 10, 2018, for suction dredging on the South Fork Clearwater without an approved plan of operation. Court records indicate he paid a fine without contesting the citation.

Poe was not immediately available for comment, though AMRA released a statement, “We sincerely believe there are many things the judge was wrong on in his ruling and are exploring options on where to go from here.” *Reprinted with permission, ICMJ's Prospecting and Mining Journal*; www.icmj.com

Education: How much Sensitivity or Gain? By Walt Evens

Sensitivity or Gain, as it's sometimes called, is similar to a volume control. It adjusts the power to the Magnetic Field of a Metal Detector allowing smaller fainter targets to register and larger deeper ones to be found. The question is, how much to use? This is often dependent upon where and what type of detecting you're doing.

Treasure (Coins, Jewelry & Relics): If you're hunting a "planted" area where everything has been thrown on the surface, then you want it as low as possible. Another instance is where the area is now a Baseball Field or a Park but before that, it was a Railroad Yard, Mill Site or Truck Repair Location. You may not want to hit all that trash left over from the previous enterprise. You're looking for Items lost since it's conversion. If hunting in a Playground Area with Bark Mulch or Pea Gravel, most of them will have some sort of a Ground Barrier to keep from losing the media in to the soil. The workers who maintain the area may not be pleased with you digging in to that, regardless of what your detector tells you it is.

Gold Prospecting: All Metal Detectors made for Electronic Prospecting have a feature called "Ground Balance" which is designed to cancel the Minerals and Salts in the Ground that would create False Signals. However, it will only do so to the depth of the Sensitivity/Gain setting. Should you increase that, always rebalance the machine unless it also has "Auto-Track" where it reads the ground and balances the electronics automatically. In this case you want as much as the machine can stand. Not only are you looking for those shallow small pieces but any of the bigger ones which may lay deeper. Another feature a Gold machine has is a "Threshold". It's simply a hum that acts as a Base or Reference Point (set at the "Threshold" of your hearing) so that a really small piece of gold will interrupt it and let you know something is there. While a good amount of Sensitivity will help you find that Nugget, too much and the Threshold becomes unstable causing you to miss it. Another thing that too much Gain can affect is Electronic Magnetic Interference or EMI. Your detector can be bothered by Airplanes, Radar, Powerlines, Cell Phone Towers and a host of others. Even another Metal Detector can cause problems. Some models have the ability to cancel these out or shift the Frequency a little to not be affected by it.

What you want is a balance between Maximum Power and a Smooth Threshold. Your detector may not have one. Many Coin and Jewelry units operate in a mode called "Silent Search". You still want to make sure that even without the hum, there's not too much "Chatter" from false and weak signals or discriminated targets. You're looking for quiet until you pass your coil over something and it makes a noise.

The best thing you can do is read your Owner's Manual. If it resembles a textbook, then try and find videos from either the manufacturer or one of the many "Seasoned" users on You Tube. Lastly, take it out often. The more you know about its adjustments and the sounds it makes, the more success you'll have. Dig everything for the first 30 days of constant use until you learn the numbers and/or tones. You can decide at that time whether to trust the discrimination or just keep on digging everything. Many folks do! The more Trash you dig. The more Treasure you find.

Happy Hunting!

Outing Reports:

July 17th

VP Ed Julian met folks at McDonalds then headed down to Lawson's Bar. When I got there, I was greeted by Ed and new member Sean Deboy. Ed classified buckets while I vacuumed the Bed Rock in a dryer place so I could use my Dry Washer. Sean brought his Metal Detector and hunted the area. We were joined later by member Marv Rapose. The weather was great! Both Ed and I were smart enough to bring our own shade to work in.



Walt's "Diggins"



Walt's Dry Washer*



Ed Julian & Marv Rapose

**Note to self: Remove gloves when taking photos!*

August 15th

Three of us met at the Mini-Mart in Myrtle Creek around 8:00 am. Present were myself, VP Ed Julian and Board member, Chris Leach. We then caravanned out to our claim above the Lee's Creek area. We were joined by member Eric Ewens at the claim. We all got our detectors out and went to work. Eric was the only one to find a nugget!



Ed Julian & Eric Ewens taking a break



Eric's Nugget



1/3rd of a Gram!

September's outing is our Annual Picnic at Jim and Diane's "Bedrock" property out in Umpqua. There will be a Metal Detecting and Panning Contest with prizes. Also available are a Horse Shoe Pit and Croquet.

Outing Reports (cont.):

August 24th Panning Booth:

Carlos invited a few groups to sell items outside Umpqua Survival on Saturday, August 24th. There were several other events that weekend so traffic was a little slow.

DCPA had a Gold Panning Booth, offering our bags of Practice Gravel. All in all, the members had a great time visiting with each other and teaching the art of Panning. Lunch was provided by the sponsoring business.

The weather was decent and we had a Canopy to keep us in the shade. We were advised that we could come back anytime in the future.



Open for Business



Waiting for Customers



Future Prospectors of America

Miner's Mall: This is a monthly classified advertising area for members who want to buy or sell prospecting and mining equipment. This is for members only. No retailers please. However, if you're a vendor and the item is used, we don't see why we can't post it.

If you have an ad in here and the item has sold or you know the person and know it has sold, please let me know. E-mail them to Walt: dcpagold@gmail.com Send photos if you like. I'll get them in. If you don't have e-mail then call me at 541-315-2030 and we'll work something out.

For Sale: Keene 2.5" High-banker/Dredge Combo. It has Gold Hog Talon matting, a 4HP Honda Engine with a 200 GHM Keene pump. The suction hose is 18 feet including the nozzle. There is a short Pressure Hose which I hook up to a length of Blue Lay Flat to get out farther from the pump. It comes with 2-25-foot sections of 1 1/4" Blue Lay Flat Hose. **\$1250 or best offer.** Older 3" Keene dredge with Keene pump attached to a 535 HP Briggs & Stratton Engine. It also has a T-80 Air Compressor, air hose, tank and regulator. **\$1000 or best offer. Contact Walt @ 541-315-2030.** I didn't have room for photos so email me and I'll send you some: wrevens@yahoo.com.



SWWGP Newsletter

September 2021

Next meeting is October 10th, 2021 at 2:00

Board meeting is at 12:30

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

At the writing of this it looks like things may be improving on the covid front. We are all really tired of Covid and it pals, but I think we all understand that this is like the flu, here to stay. Please take the necessary precautions for you and your family and hopefully we will get back to some regularity in our lives.

Hope

OCTOBER MEETING

We are still planning to hold our Oct. 10th meeting. Masks may be required. We will keep you update on any changes.

PICNIC

We were sorry to cancel the picnic but we felt it was in the best interest of everyone.

We were not only concerned about covid but also about the strain on the hospitals and health care system overall.

I had many folks who normally attend tell me that they would not be attending this year because of the things I just sited.

We would rather keep all our members and guest safe.

3 OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

We have 3 open board positions that need to be filled. Please consider volunteering. This does not require a lot of your time, mostly an extra hr. on meeting day. If you are interested or would like to suggest someone talk to any board member, Vice President Jeff or myself with questions. Let me know if you are interested.



GPAA GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW

As many of you know by now next year's show will be held at the expo in Portland. This means that the Portland chapter should be taking the lead for this show and we will help. As of now there is not a meeting planned for the group but I am sure there will be soon. I know the GPAA has a lot of changes in mind mostly because of the pandemic. As soon as I have more info I will update you. Keep in mind that this is a joint venture of all three chapters, us, Portland and mid-valley. It is important that we all co-operate and work together.

TREASURER

We have someone that has volunteered to be the treasurer for the chapter. As you may know Patti Long will be moving out of state with some of her family. First and foremost I want to thank Patti for all of her hard work. We will miss her.

Patti and I have both talked to our volunteer and will be meeting with her shortly. She is a very good fit for the position. We will introduce her at the next meeting and a vote will be taken from the general membership as to accepting her as our next treasurer.

CLAIMS PAPERWORK

I filled out all the claim paperwork for all our claims that are necessary to maintain our claims for another year. The signers on the claims met and took care of having our signatures notarized. Preston, Dennis and I have taken care of the filings. All should be good.

SPORTSMAN SHOW

We are still planning to have a booth at the sportsman's show next Feb. Maurine Koppi is working to get us signed up and will have all the details soon. This is a 5 day event.

This should be a great opportunity for us to give out chapter info and get some new members, as well as teach and refine panning skills. We should also be able to increase our treasury. Your help will be needed and we will have a signup sheet at the membership table for those who are willing to help out.

SUNSHINE

Please be sure to let Debbie W. 360 695 3215 know about anyone we should be sending a get well etc. card to. I will be taking care of that until the Oct. meeting at which time Jeanne Geig will take over. We will be able to give her a current list of members with address.

RAFFLE

As many of you know Kerry had surgery on her hand and needs extra help with the raffle. She should be in a cast by then so let's step up and help out.

We will draw the 3 month raffle winners at the Oct. meeting. All raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds from raffles go to support the chapter. This is one of the few ways we can make money to pay our bills.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment is available to all members in good standing to check out. \$25 deposit refunded if equipment returned, on time, in good condition and clean. Contact Don Spillman, Dennis Witcher, or Ron Koppi to make arrangements.

NAME TAGS

If you would like a chapter name tag let Dave Conti know. They are around \$8. He will be turning an order in soon.

NEWSLETTER

Editor Mark and I are requesting folks to contribute to the newsletter. We are the ones who put this together. I write most of the Chapter news and Mark spends hours putting everything together and publishing our newsletter. He does a fantastic job and we all appreciate his effort. Thanks Mark!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR SPONSORS

The Red Cross recommends that all first aid kits for a family of four include the following:

2 absorbent compress dressings 5 x 9 inches

25 adhesive bandages assorted sizes

1 adhesive cloth tape 10 yards x 1 inch

5 antibiotic ointment packets

5 antiseptic wipe packets

2 packs of aspirin

1 blanket (space blanket)

1 breathing barrier

1 instant cold compress

2 pair of non latex gloves

2 hydrocortisone ointment packets

Scissors

1 roller bandage 3 inches wide

1 roller bandage 4 inches wide

5 sterile gauze pads 3 x 3 inches

5 sterile gauze pads 4 x 4 inches

Oral thermometer

2 triangular bandages

Tweezers

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