



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



November, 2021



HAPPY VALLEY FARMERS MARKET – PGPI GOLD PANNING DEMONSTRATIONS

PGPI had booths at the October 16th and October 30th Happy Valley Farmers Market. At the October 16th Farmers Market, we had gold panning demonstrations. We also had gold pans and “gold bags” for sale. At the October 30th Farmers Market, we added the quarter drop and had Rocky Tester’s recirculating sluice and Kelly Huffman’s Miller Table running so that people could see some additional processing equipment. People were very interested in watching the panning demonstrations; we had a combined total of around 25 people who signed up to get the club’s newsletter. Hopefully this will lead to more interest and possibly to some new members for the chapter. We also gave away over 400 pieces of candy to kids who were dressed up for Halloween at the October 30th Farmers Market.

Thank you to all members who helped with the three panning demonstrations held at the Happy Valley Farmers' Market. We couldn't do it without your help! And thank you to Jim Erwin for organizing each event!

Secretary's Report October 17, 2021

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Meeting was called to order by
President Mike Lewis at 1:30 P.M.
who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance - 31 attendees and 2
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
October newsletter. The motion was
approved by the members present.

Treasury Report - There was no
Treasury Report read this month.

Saturday Market - We had our booth
set up at the Market and sold a
variety of stuff unfortunately we only
made \$34 but hopefully we will get
some new people to come check out
our club. We will be going back on
Halloween weekend and will have 2
booths set up this time.

TyRoy - Charlie and Les went up to
the Claim and got all the Reclamation
work done that needed to be done.
Jerry will get all the necessary
paperwork done also. Thanks guys for
all your hard work!

Show and tell - Mark Kirk went up
to TyRoy in August for a couple days
and did some drywashing. He passed
around his nice gold that he had got
when he was up there.

Claims Director - We still need
someone to step up and volunteer
to be the claims director. Jerry Johns
currently holds this position and he is
willing to train someone else since he
has been doing it for many years.

Gold and Treasure Show 2022 - The
Portland show is April 8th, 9th,
and 10th. Kevin Hoagland from the
GPAA is looking for 10 active GPAA
members to manage all the Gold
Shows in Oregon and Washington.
People will be compensated through
the GPAA. Jim Erwin will keep us
updated on this when he finds out
more details in the near future.

Chinook Winds Resort Raffle tickets
- We are still selling tickets for the
Raffle. The drawing will likely be at
our annual Banquet that will be held

in the new year. The banquet date
will be discussed at the November
meeting. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for
\$5. Included is a 1 night stay at the
Chinook Winds Resort Hotel, dinner
for 2 at the Rogue River Steakhouse,
18 hole round of golf for 2 and a
free breakfast, lunch or dinner at
Aces Sports Bar and Grill. Good luck
everyone!

**Nominations for Officers and Board
Members** - We held nominations for
various positions for our upcoming
Election in November. Looks like our
chapter will be continuing into the
new year since we have candidates
for all our positions. Make sure to
come to our November meeting so
you can vote in the Election. Mike was
kind enough to volunteer to remain
our President for another year. Cindy
Wright is interested in being Vice
President, Jim Erwin as Treasurer and
myself as Secretary again. We have
more than enough people interested
in being Board members also. We will
be needing volunteers to count votes
to finalize the election.

Portland Sportsmen's Show 2022 -
The show will be on February 16th to
the 20th. We will be needing many
volunteers. Gretchen will have a sign
up sheet next month for people who
can help out with the show. We will
be doing panning demonstrations and
other activities at our booth. It will be
held at the Portland Expo Center and
you will have to pay for your parking.

Spiral Washer Blind Auction -
Someone donated a nice Spiral
Washer to be auctioned off and the
winning bidder was Mark Kirk who
got it for \$55. This was a really good
deal for him because they retail for
around \$300.

Raffle - The Raffle was held with \$1
and \$5 tickets. Mark Kirk was the
lucky winner of the Gold Nugget and
the lucky winner of the Gold Bag.

Mike Lewis adjourned the meeting
at 2:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

November, 2021

Thank you to everyone who attended the October chapter meeting. We held nominations for chapter President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and all 8 Board positions.

Please remember that voting will be done at the November meeting.

There has been some interest shown in participating in The Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show, which will be held at the Portland Expo Center from February 16-February 20, 2022. There will be a sign-up sheet at the monthly chapter meetings for people interested in working at the PGPI booth at the show. Jim Erwin is coordinating this effort, subject to having enough volunteers.

In addition, one of our main sources of income for the chapter is the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show, which was cancelled for the last two years, due to Covid. It will also be held at the Portland Expo Center on April

9th and 10th, with set-up on April 8th, 2022. There will be a sign-up sheet at the monthly meetings. Jim Erwin, with assistance from Jerry Johns, is also coordinating this effort. Please note we are the lead chapter since the show is in Portland in 2022. The Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors chapter and the Mid-Valley Gold Prospectors chapter are also helping with the show. The next meeting on the 2022 GPAA Gold and Treasure Show will be January 23, 2022 at 1PM, at the Southwest Washington Gold

Prospectors
meeting

location: Minnehaha Grange Hall, 4905 NE St. Johns Road, Vancouver, WA 98661

As we approach 2022, I am hopeful that we can schedule speakers and/or people to demonstrate various types of prospecting equipment, etc., at our chapter meetings. We also hope to hold more chapter outings during next year.

At this point, I am looking at the last week of May, 2022 and the first week of June, 2022 (2 weeks total) to hold our annual outing at the club's claim near Baker City, Oregon. (TYROY) Obviously this could change, but I wanted to let everyone know that we hope to hold a full two week outing there in 2022. And, yes, if we go out to dinner as a group, we will find a better place to go!

Lastly, are people interested in having a pot luck in early 2022? I will discuss this at the November chapter meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER PGPI IS YOUR CLUB. IT IS HELP FROM OUR MEMBERS THAT ENABLES US TO REMAIN A VIABLE CLUB AND CHAPTER OF GPAA.

I look forward to seeing you at the November chapter meeting.

Thank you and **Happy Prospecting!**

Mike

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Dry Washing at TYRoy - Photo by Mark Kirk



Photos by Kelly Huffman

Volunteer Help needed

I need a person or person(s) to help get vendors for the upcoming Gold and Treasure Show.

Volunteers must be willing to:

- Call potential vendors. I have list of over 200 with emails and phone numbers.
- Check to see if interested in being a vendor at the show.
- Get email address (if we don't already have it)
- Email Vendor information
- Follow up with potentials at a later date
- Answer any questions they may have
- Fill out a call log.
- Requirements:
- Phone
- P.C.
- Time

Project will be complete by April 1st give or take

If interested, let me know via phone 503-519-6200 or see me at the next meeting. Jim Erwin



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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