

The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPA Portland, Oregon Chapter



March, 2022



2022 Portland Sportsmen's Show

Jerry's keeping a close eye on Dorothy and the nugget vials.

The nugget winner was the guy from the next booth over selling fudge.

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Secretary's Report February 20, 2022

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Meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M. by President Mike Lewis who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees - 20 attendees and 5 guests were present.

Treasury Report - There was no Treasury Report read this month because the Treasurer Jim Erwin was working our booth at the Sportsmen's Show. He will update us at next months meeting.

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.

Sportsmen's Show - Our booth is in a really good location at the show. A lot of people are participating in the Quarter Drop that Dorothy is running. We are handing out a lot of pamphlets to people that are stopping by our booth so we are hoping to see some new faces at our upcoming monthly meetings. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will profit from the show or at least break even.

Sportsmen's Warehouse - We will be doing another Panning Demonstration on March 19th from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the location in Portland on 82nd. Ave. There is a sign up sheet if anyone is interested in participating in the event.

TyRoy - The annual yearly outing is scheduled for June 4th until June 18th. We won't probably be running our equipment though until Monday the 6th. because we will be prepping the area first.

Gold Show 2022
- Things are up in

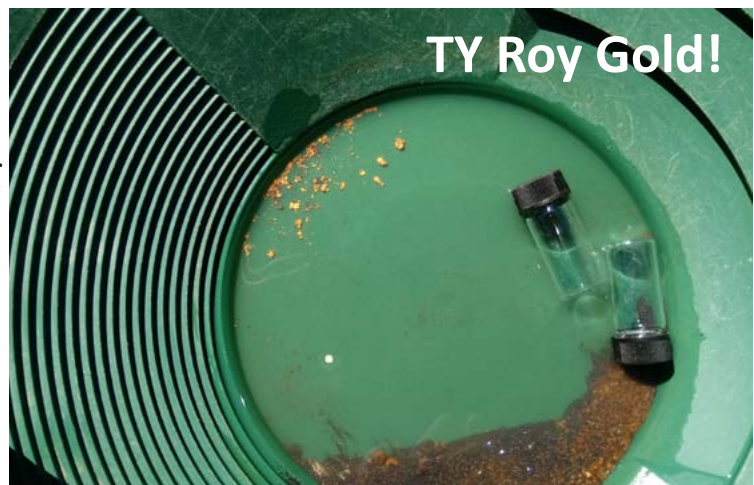
the air right now about if we are going to be participating in the Gold Show this year. GPAA is doing a lot of changes that we and the Vancouver chapter aren't too happy about. There is a meeting with Kevin Hoagland on Monday evening where we will be voicing our opinions regarding these matters. If we don't participate this year we may try and put together our own type of gold show with other chapters in Oregon later this year. We will keep you posted on us moving forward with this situation. More details at next month's meeting so be sure and attend.

Chinook Winds Raffle - We are still selling raffle tickets for the Chinook Winds package deal. We are extending this for a few more months because Cindy Wright wasn't at this month's meeting because her husband Jeff had Gallbladder surgery and is still very sick. We are sending well wishes to him for a fast and speedy recovery!

Painting Raffle - Ken Diddier was kind enough to donate a lovely painting that he did of a gold miner panning for gold. We will be setting up a raffle for that in the near future with the usual \$1 tickets or 6 for \$5.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.



PRESIDENT'S BLOG

March, 2022

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the February chapter meeting! It was a relatively quick one, but I appreciate everyone who attended.

As most of you know, from February 16th-20th, PGPI had a booth at the Northwest Sportsman's Show at the Portland Expo Center. We had panning demonstrations, a "quarter drop," sold "gold bags" and gold pans, and raffled off a gold nugget. THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the show! I also want to thank Jim Erwin for organizing PGPI's participation in the show. Thank you too to Richard Ruth and Dorothy Ruth for being there every day – all day – during the show. In addition to his help at the show, Richard prepared all of the "gold bags," and through his relationship with Gold Bay, Inc., Gold Bay donated two gold nuggets to raffle off. (We will raffle off the 2nd gold nugget at the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show in April) Dorothy did a wonderful job of running the "quarter" drop" - which I understand brought in over \$200! THANK YOU AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THIS SHOW!

> Thank you to Gold Bay, Inc., for donating two nice nuggets to PGPI.

> This was the first time we were able to use the "ore cart" facade that PGPI member Henry Miller designed and built for us to use. Thank you again, Henry! It is awesome!

March, 2022

- On March 19, 2022, we will be holding a panning demonstration from 10AM to 3PM at the Sportsman's Warehouse located at 9401 SE 82nd Avenue, in Portland. We need 2-3 more people to help with this event. Please contact Jim Erwin at jimerwin223@gmail.com or 503-519-6200 if you would like to help.

- We have an expert in LIDAR (light detection and ranging) coming to the March chapter meeting to give us a demonstration. If you are not familiar with this technology, I think you will find it very interesting.

- We are also holding the drawing for the Chinook Winds package at the March chapter meeting!

April, 2022

-The GPAA will be holding the Portland GPAA Gold and Treasure Show, at the Portland Expo Center, on April 9 and 10, with setup on the April 8. PGPI is the lead chapter hosting this event, with help from the Mid-Valley chapter, and some members of the Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors ("SWWGP") chapter. Jim Erwin, with assistance from Jerry Johns, is coordinating this effort.

>PLEASE NOTE: The SWWGP chapter has elected NOT to officially participate in the Gold & Treasure Show, although some of their members will be helping with the show, which we appreciate. However, because SWWGP is not participating, we will be short people to help with the show. That leaves us in a bit of a bind.

Please consider volunteering to help with this event. The more people we have, the easier all of the tasks will be. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March chapter meeting. Thank you!

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Photo by Gretchen Lewis

Elaine's **see'ems**

Hiya!!!!

I didn't see much this week due to the foggy days we had. Richard heard a bunch of starlings in the nearby trees. They were chattering away even though it was too foggy for them to see to fly.

There is a sign on the way into Gresham on Hwy 26. It says : EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY IF YOU LET IT BE!!!! Mom. Nina, Nonie have you noticed it? I have two pictures via Nina. One is of fog out our window, and the other is of a machine. Fellows out there what is it???

Now to the skunk story. The family went camping at Monument Lake near Trinidad, CO. I was 16! I met a girl there named Carol. We decided to sleep outside our tents. We suddenly got woke up by her dog that was supposedly tied up good. The dog went after a skunk that was going by us. The skunk sprayed us and the dog and our bedding. Carol had heard that tomato juice would kill the smell. She or us happened to have some. So off to the camp shower we went. We scrubbed down with it. It did help some. But there was still our bedding and the dog.!!!! The dog was a big German Shepherd named

Ken. Anyway we all had a miserable night. Plus we drove home with the smelly sleeping bag and the odor of me. More tomato juice scrubbing. etc. It took several days to get rid of the smell. It is another reason I don't like dogs. A bit later on my mother bought me a little skunk as I reminder, ha ha!!! As if I needed one!!!! Thankfully this happened during the summer and no school. I think I would have gotten booted out till the smell was gone! Don't you?!!

Elaine



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>Please note the GPAA no longer needs help with the Puyallup gold show. Thank you to those who signed up.

>We will be collecting food donations, which includes pet food, for the Oregon Food Bank at the Gold and Treasure Show. We need someone to deliver the food to the Oregon Food Bank on Monday, April 11, 2022.

>Please remember this show is one of the main sources of income for our chapter. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

June, 2022

- We have tentatively scheduled the chapter's two week outing at our TYROY claim for the first 2 week of June, 2022.

>Please remember that Tim Snyder, who creates the chapter's monthly newsletters and handles the club's social media accounts and website, is interested in any stories related to prospecting from anyone in the club for publication in the newsletter. You can forward your story/information to Tim via email at wrshpmzshn@gmail.com

> As mentioned last month, we also want to invite anyone at our meetings who has an interesting story to tell or something about prospecting to demonstrate or wants to show what they have found while prospecting, etc.– to let me know so we can either make time during the meeting or schedule time at the next meeting.

Hope to see you at the March meeting. Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

Mike

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