



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPA Portland, Oregon Chapter



April, 2022

2022 GPA Gold and Treasure Show



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Secretary's Report March 20, 2022

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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 - 40 attendees and 2 guests were present.

Treasury Report - Jim read the Treasury Report for the last 3 months which included January, February and March.

Meeting Minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report of the previous month as written and published in the March newsletter. The motion was approved by the members present.

Sportsmen's Show 2022 - The recent show was a success for our chapter and we made a profit of \$534.50. We are looking forward to doing the show again next year.

Steve Lewin's Claims - Steve discussed that he is willing to let our club members use his claim on Copper Creek in Washington this summer. This would be a nice outing and opportunity for panning and sluicing. Diamonds have even been found on his claim. There is no dredging allowed and some new regulations that he is going to check into for us. He will discuss more about this at our future meetings.

Richard Ruth Memorial Outing - Due to the recent unexpected passing of our dear member Richard Ruth we have decided to change the name of our annual TyRoy outing to the "Richard Ruth Memorial Outing" as a tribute to him. The outing is scheduled this year for June 6th until June 17th. We are hoping to have a good turnout of people this year in memory of Richard.

Gold Show 2022 - The show is going to be April 9th and 10th with set up on the 8th. We can still use more volunteers this year especially since the SW Washington chapter won't be participating this year. Some of their members have volunteered to help out though which is greatly

appreciated. We will be splitting our profit only with the Brownsville chapter this year. Volunteers will get a wrist band or badge and will get in for free but will have to pay \$12 for parking. There are various positions to be filled like venue set up, tear down, admissions, panning demonstrations, door security and working the main raffle. People can work 4 hour shifts or longer. The GPAA is giving us and the Brownsville chapter \$1,000 for lunch for the 3 days for all our volunteers. There will be a special guest at the show but we don't know who it is. Tickets for the public are \$10 at door or \$7 online and veterans get in free. This is our biggest fundraiser for our club so lets make it a big success and if you haven't signed up yet to volunteer please do.

LIDAR Demonstration - Clark Niewendorp was kind enough to come give us a LIDAR demonstration like he has done in the past. It's a quite interesting presentation that he puts on and it's very informative. Thanks again Clark!

Chinook Winds Raffle - We finally held the drawing for the Chinook Winds package deal and Ken Diddier was the lucky winner. Enjoy your beach trip in the near future Ken!

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

Please say a prayer for Dorothy and Elaine Ruth during this difficult time with the sudden unexpected passing of Richard Ruth. He made a big impact on our club and will be greatly missed by all. If anyone is interested in attending there is a memorial service for him on Sunday March 27th at the 7th day Adventist Church in Sandy Oregon from 11:30 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

April, 2022

As you may know, Richard Ruth passed away in March. We lost a wonderful friend and member. Richard was always happy to lend a hand and provide insight into the club and its various activities; he also handled the gold needed for the "quarter drop," "gold" bags, and raffle prizes – always with meticulous detail. We will miss him. We were glad to see Elaine Ruth and Dorothy Ruth at the March meeting. It provided an opportunity for people to visit with them about Richard, sharing memories and reaffirming how much Richard meant to everyone.

Thank you to Clark Niewendorp for his interesting presentation on LIDAR (light detection and ranging) at the March chapter meeting. It is a fascinating technology and has many uses. (To download a PDF of Clark's presentation click here.: [LIDAR Presentation](#). It's a big file; about 50 Mb.)

The Portland GPAA Gold and Treasure Show was held on April 9th and 10th, with set-up on April 8th. Thank you to everyone who helped with the show! It couldn't have happened without you! PGPI was the "host" chapter, since the show was in Portland. We had volunteers from PGPI, the Mid-Valley Chapter, and some additional volunteers from the Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors Chapter. Dorothy Ruth was absolutely awesome manning the "quarter drop" on both days! And a special thank you to Jim Erwin for all of his effort organizing the volunteers' participation the show. Our ore cart façade was also a great addition to the show. We will have more discussions about the show at the April meeting on April 17th, including the income realized from the show. **In the interim, THANK YOU again to everyone who helped make the show a success!!**

Thank you too to Northwest Detector Sales for their donation of raffle prizes to PGPI for the show.

- >> **Since we received very little food donated at the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show, we want to add to what we have by asking for donations of food, including pet food, at the April Chapter meeting on April 17th. There will be boxes to donate food and pet food inside the Grange Hall. They are labeled Oregon Food Bank. Thank you!**
- >> On May 7th, we are planning to hold a panning demonstration from 10AM-2PM at the Sportsman's Warehouse located at 10645 NE Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124 (503) 844-9100. We need 3-4 volunteers to help. A signup sheet will be available at the April chapter meeting.
- >> We have tentatively scheduled the Chapter's two week outing at our TYROY claim for the first 2 week of June, starting Saturday June 4th

and ending on Saturday, June 18th. Barring unforeseen circumstances, we should be able to start processing material on Monday, June 6th. >> **Please note that we were recently informed that all tractors for rent in Baker City and La Grande have already been rented, starting in April – July. Jerry Johns is exploring other sources, however, if we can't find the right equipment to use at the claim, the outing will have to be rescheduled. We are sorry for any inconvenience.**

- > 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 @ wrshpmzshn@gmail.com
- > 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 April meeting. Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

Mike

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And Gold Club members
Thanks for your
support during our
difficult time!

Thankyou For the
Flowers They are
lovely - Purple + green!
my favorite colors

Also +thankyou to
that ~~th~~ "nose -
came to
the service! +all the
+ Sam + Lon ^{CARDS}

for the chicken
it's the only thing
a ate for 3 days
Thanks again
LOVE Dorothy + Elaine

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