



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



March, 2023

Pacific Northwest Sportsman's Show

February 15th-19th 2023

By: Rocky Tester

I thought the show went well. Trying to sell mining equipment at a "sportsman's show" is a challenge. Most attendees come to buy hunting and fishing products. However, with our raffles and nice prizes, we did OK. We found that most of the time, people attending the show walked past us until we put on our "sales game" faces. The quarter drop was a good thing to lure in the kids and then parents would follow. That gave us a chance to talk to the parents. Once we got their attention, we could inform them about our club and our raffles. (It's much easier at a Gold Show!)



Larry won the AT Gold at the sportsman show



I want to give a shout out to Jim Erwin for all he did to get this show off the ground. I admire the determination and expertise he showed. He organized many meetings with our "show" group and was thorough on everything. Our new treasurer, Jessyca Harman, was on top of the money part and put in some long hours. Ken Didier had our gold inventory organized and was awesome. Cindy Wright is the most generous person I know. She donated her gold nugget pendant to be raffled off. This was total profit for our club. She was there early each morning to open our booth and get it ready. Mark Kirk was so helpful in selling tickets for raffles. Our people probably don't know that Mark took vacation days to be at the show to help us. That's testament on how much he cares about our club - to succeed. All of our volunteers were on time and did so good with their roles. Jerry Johns, at end of show, showed his experience on how to contact the raffle winners. I'm sure glad he was there.

So, in conclusion, I don't know what the final numbers will show, but Jessyca will tell us at the next meeting. Thanks again to all of you who volunteered!



2022 Portland Gold Prospectors Board of Directors

President:

Mike Lewis 503-413-9283
gmlewis238@msn.com

Vice President:

Cindy Wright 503-701-3073
wc1378@q.com

Treasurer:

Jessyca Harmon 503-616-1782
jessycakharman@gmail.com

Secretary:

Yolanda Kragerud 503-775-0886
YKragerud@yahoo.com

2 Year Board Members:

Mark Kirk
mvmkirk@frontier.com
Kelly Huffman 503-688-3544
huffy54.outlook.com
Charlie Foster 503-630-7669
fostercr@rconnects.com
Dan Rouse 503-730-6737
dan_rouse@msn.com

1 Year Board Members:

Rocky Tester Samuel Garcia
jim Erwin Ken Didier

Board Members at Large

Larry Sharp Gene Howard

Library:

Steve Kragerud 503-775-0886
ykragerud@yahoo.com

Raffle:

Joe Weber 503-572-0499
Joeweb001@yahoo.com

Claims

Jerry Johns 503-686-9422
jerryjohns@gmail.com

Hospitality:

Elaine Ruth 503-663-9087
richard.ruth5@comcast.net

Newsletter and Website:

Tim Snyder 503-481-1133
WrshpMzshn@gmail.com

2023 Pacific Northwest Sportsman's Show

Jim Erwin

The Sportsmen's Show Committee was comprised of myself, Rocky Tester, Cindy Wright, Ken Didier and Jessyca Harman. Meetings were held prior to the show to discuss what we would and would not have in the booth and where those items would come from.

Since we had over 900,000 points with GPAA, we decided to use those points to purchase items to sell at the show. We ended up buying four detectors, of which three were used to sell raffle tickets and raise money for our chapter. Instead of having three different colors of tickets (one for each detector) we placed containers in front of the booth and people could put their tickets into the container of the items they would like to win. We have additional inventory to be used for raffles at meetings. Ticket sales went well; however I feel the quarter drop did not do as well as in prior years.

Following the show, the committee met to discuss how the show went, what we could do differently next time and set some ideas on paper to consider for following years and different shows. I over staffed the booth, so in future years and with a single booth we will only need a max of four people per shift. We will reduce the number of items for sale to two or three including the quarter drop and put emphasis on getting new members.

Volunteers made the show a success and some worked set up, plus all five days of the show. In my mind that is a true volunteer, that really wants to make the chapter a successful organization. I want to thank each and every person who volunteered to help in the booth, many of which are relatively new members. **At the next meeting we will have a drawing. (for those who worked the show) for a gold nugget. Be sure to bring your pink tickets.**

Classified Ads?

We've had a few requests to bring back classified ads in the newsletter. I'll be glad to include them. Please send them to my email: wrshpmzshn@gmail.com

LOST DUTCHMAN'S MINING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR SALE

We received an email from Greg and Gwyn Bowen. They are selling their LDMA membership for \$900. If you are interested, please call 320-216-5751. Please leave a voicemail.



PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS, INC.

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

March 2023

I hope many of you will be able to make the March 19, 2023 Chapter Meeting.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Pacific Northwest Sportsman's Show in February. And a special **THANK YOU** to Jim Erwin for organizing the event and taking care of so many details, along with Rocky Tester, Cindy Wright, Ken Didier, Mark Kirk, Jessyca Harman – and many others who helped with this **5-day** event. Jim will have additional information on the show at the chapter meeting and Jessyca will have the numbers insofar as how we did.

Dan Rouse, of Prospector's Treasure Trove, is planning an event for Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Daybreak Park on the east fork of the Lewis River, near Battleground, WA. Mike Pung, with Gold Cube, will be there. He has great "gold" knowledge which he will be sharing. Cash Best will also be there to talk about and demonstrate his products, "Gold-N-Sand." Dan sees this great opportunity to get people together; the Vancouver Chapter is also interested in attending. Dan will have more details at the March meeting.

As I have stated in previous blogs, it is time for a new President of Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. We have someone who is interested!!

I spoke with this person last week. I reassured them that I will help with the transition to a new President and will be available to help with questions or concerns going forward. There are several other members of the Chapter who are knowledgeable and helpful as well. Gretchen will help with the transition on the roster, membership cards, event sign-up sheets, etc.

As stated in previous Blogs, the President *assists* with planning and organizing chapter outings and events, helps with scheduling demonstrations and speakers for the monthly meetings, and presides over the monthly Chapter Meetings and Board Meetings, which are usually held after the monthly Chapter Meetings. Other responsibilities include making sure the Chapter Roster is kept current and making sure the Membership Cards are made and the proper Release of Liability forms are signed. The Roster and the Membership Cards, etc., could be done by someone else in a newly created position. There are other responsibilities as Chapter President, including being the contact person for the GPAA and being the contact person for people who are interested in learning about PGPI – usually by phone or email.

As you may recall, I have cancer and have started radiation treatments. As of this writing, I have 11 more sessions to go; the total is 37! I will start oral chemo after the radiation sessions are done. The treatment regime for the cancer can take one-to-three years.

>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 **MARCH** Chapter meeting! **Thank you and Happy Prospecting!**

Mike

Mike Lewis, President
Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.
503-413-9283
gmlewis238@msn.com

51st Annual Treasure Hunt Northwest Treasure Hunters Club June 16th, 17th, and 18th 2023

Pirates Hoard

Hunt Rounds
Silver Dollars
Detectors
Pinpointers
Silver Coins



Treasure Hunt

Food Truck
Plinko
Trivia
Vendors
Raffles

Before May 31st	After May 31st		Friday		Time
			Registration Check In		12PM to 1PM
Free	Free		Friday Social Event		7:00PM
			Saturday Hunt Events		
\$30.00	\$35.00		Opening Ceremonies		8:30AM
\$50.00	\$55.00		Scallywag Hunt		9:00AM
			Peg Leg		11:00AM
Ages 0-5 \$5.00	Ages 6-11 \$10.00		Little Swashbucklers		1:30PM
\$50.00	\$55.00		Polly Wants some Silver		3:00PM
\$30.00	\$35.00		Treasure Island Surprise		After sunset
			Sunday Hunt Events		
\$50.00	\$55.00		Rat's Hidden Treasure		8:30AM
Free	Free		Kiddies Hoard		9:30AM
\$50.00	\$55.00		X Marks the Spot		10:30AM
			Closing Ceremonies		12:30AM

Chairman

Matt Armes 509-680-0899

Armes.Matt@gmail.com

Chairman

Charles Kyle 509-505-3349

Charleskyle84@yahoo.com

Registration

Linda Scott 509-995-4268

Bottles1950@gmail.com

- All entries received by 1/31/2023 will be entered in a drawing to receive 50% of their entry fee returned and entered in the Silver round drawing.
- All entries received by 5/31/2023 will be entered in a drawing for 1 of 5 Silver rounds.

Check us out on Facebook at – Northwest Treasure Hunters Club Spokane



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

Download a copy to print here: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/hpa/types/prospecting>



Sponsors and Member Businesses



**SUMMIT
TRAILER**

Greg Swanson
greg@summittrailerimg.com 503-804-8239

4530 NE 148TH AVE
PORTLAND, OR 97230 971-279-2176

971-279-2006 summittrailerimg.com

**Prospector's
Treasure Trove**



www.prospectorstreasure.com



**OREGON TRAIL CHAPTER
KOREAN WAR VETERANS**

4TH TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
12:00 NOON
DENNY'S CLACKAMAS

P.O. BOX 25
GLADSTONE, OREGON
97027
15815 SE 82ND DRIVE



Menziesii Metals
Jewelry & metalwork
Cindy Wright
West Linn, Oregon
503.701.3073
Etsy; MenziesiiMetals



Sponsors of Tomorrow.™

GOLD RUSH
Trading Post



**Chinook Winds
CASINO RESORT**

1777 NW 44TH STREET • LINCOLN CITY, OREGON 97367-5094
CASINO - 1-888-CHINOOK • (541) 996-5825 • FAX (541) 996-5852
HOTEL - 1-877-4 BEACH 1 • (541) 994-3655
WWW.CHINOOKWINDSCASINO.COM