



# The Prospector

## Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPA Portland, Oregon Chapter



**April, 2023**

### **President's Blog**

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Hello PGPI members. As you may have heard, I was elected at our last meeting to take on the responsibilities of president for our club. I am looking forward to serving you and PGPI.



A little about me. I've been a PGPI member since 2018. I am an active prospector - I try to spend some time in Alaska each summer camping and prospecting in the Anchorage area. I moved from the Portland area to live up there from 2011-2016. This was my big adventure after I retired from my 34 year career in the meat industry

While in Anchorage, I became a member of The Alaska Prospectors Society and was president 2013-2014. Interestingly enough, the group had not gone on an organized prospecting trip as a club for several years! My goal to end this dry streak was met with a well attended prospecting event at Crow Creek. Even the most reluctant members gave it a try. It is one of my fondest memories.

Our PGPI has a lot going for it! We have an impressive membership - both in terms of size and quality of people. We survived the pandemic. And now we are ready for the next chapter

What I heard from many of you is that you are ready for the club to offer more events and activities. Here is where we can all jump in together to support areas

of growth. To get us started, I plan to form work groups, including ones that focus on:

- Outings - Find and explore close-in opportunities for us to get our shovels dirty.
- Programs - Find and schedule speakers for our meetings.
- Stories - Find and produce short stories (4 minutes) to present at the meeting and/or in our newsletter.

If you see something here that piques your interest, look for sign-up sheets for these groups at the next meeting.

What other work groups would you like to see? Let me know. I am open to your ideas

You will also see some other changes to our meetings. For instance, the business parts of the meeting will be significantly shortened to allow more time for programs, stories and outing planning.

I also plan to better utilize our great looking newsletter and our friendly and valuable greeting table to improve and simplify communication for our members and our visitors

I want to thank everybody who's done so much to support our club over the years. So many people have done so much. WOW! Great Job!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting!

*John Mink*

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**Secretary's Report March 19, 2023**

**Eastridge Church  
14100 SE Sunnyside Rd.  
Clackamas, Oregon 97015**

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

**Attendees** - 54 attendees and 4 guests were present.

**Treasury Report** - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasury Report that Jessyca read for the month of 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.

**Sportsmen's Show 2023** - Cindy discussed how well we did at the recent Sportsmen's Show. As of right now we have about broke even on the cost of the show but we still have a bunch of Raffle tickets to sell for the Gold Bar which will end up being a profit for our club. The Committee for the show had a meeting and discussed different ideas for next years show if we decide to do it again. Some new ideas would be to not raffle off so many items, do a panning demonstration, have less people working in our booth per shift as it was too crowded, change our booth signage, have the volunteers wear matching shirts and possibly name tags and some other stuff.

**Pro's and Con's Outing with Dan Rouse** - On Saturday April 22nd. Dan will be hosting a "Pro's and Con's" Outing at Daybreak Park in Battleground Washington. Mike Pung of Gold Cube and Cash Best of Gold-N-Sand will be joining for a day of fun and gold. There will be product demonstrations of different

stuff that is used for getting gold and much more like prize give aways. The event starts at 10: 00 A.M. and goes into the late afternoon. Rain or shine. Come check it out!

**New Club Hats** - Ken Didier is going to talk to a guy about ordering some new Hats for our club. There is a guy in Vancouver that the Vancouver chapter goes through and Ken personally knows him so he is going to get some prices and see how much it would cost us to have some new hats made like the ones that we have had before.

**Outings Coordinator** - We are looking for someone to volunteer as an Outings Coordinator so we can find some new places where we can have outings. If anyone wants to volunteer that would be great since the weather is starting to get nice and its getting that time of year to get out and play in the dirt!

**Club President** - This is Mike Lewis' last meeting as president. Mike has resigned due to his health problems. He and Gretchen have done so much for our club over the years that we can't thank them enough! I'm happy to announce that our new President is John Mink who has volunteered to take over the position.

**Raffle** - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Ken Didier was the lucky winner of the Gold Bag. Sven Swenson was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.







My first meeting I attended at the Portland Gold Prospectors I met a big guy named Mike. Little did I know that someday he would become president of PGPI.

Once Mike became president things started to change. Number one was the fact that we no longer needed to worry if the microphone didn't work. Mike's voice carried throughout the room.

Soon after Mike's presidency, our first chapter trip was to the Rock museum in Hillsboro.

Trips to the beach to dig in black sand at Cape Disappointment, and trips to TYROY round out the various outings under Mike.

Our chapter participated in a minimum of two Gold and Treasure Shows and two Portland Sportsmen's shows where our membership grew with new member's.

Our chapter has flourished under Mike's presidency and as he gets ready to enjoy his retirement years I personally wish him the very best in health and happiness.

*Jim Erwin*





***From Jim Erwin:***

This is 11 year old Michael. Michael and his dad visited our booth at the Sportsmen's Show and purchased a ticket for the kid's detector.

When they won, the father decided to hold the prizes until Michaels birthday, March 5th.

As you can see Michael was very happy.



## **PROS AND CONS OUTING**

**APRIL 22, 2023**

**DAYBREAK PARK NEAR BATTLEGROUND, WASHINGTON**

**PRESENTED BY: DAN ROUSE – PROSPECTORS TREASURE TROVE**

**CASH BEST – GOLD-N-SAND**



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 of Gold Cube, and Cash Best, of Gold-N-Sand, will be there for a day of fun and Gold. There will be product demos of Gold Cube, Gold-N-Sand, Banjo pans, and much more. There will be "door prize giveaways." Touch and feel different products that are used for getting gold. Come meet new people who have common interests. Of course, you may learn something new! We will start at 10 on Saturday April 22nd. Be there before 2, we will do a raffle and have door prizes around that time. We'll stick around as long as everyone is having fun.

>> **We will plan on being there rain or shine.** Please plan and dress accordingly.

>> Please bring your own food/beverages.

>> This event is for all abilities, beginners thru expert.

>> This is a great opportunity to get people together.

>> Dan will have more details at the April meeting.

## **DAYBREAK PARK**

**Address:** 26401 NE Daybreak Road, Battleground, WA 98604

**Directions from I-5:** Head north on I-5 across the I-5 bridge into Washington. Stay on I-5 north until Exit 11. Take Exit 11 onto WA-502 toward Battleground, WA. Stay on WA-502 for approximately 2.5 miles. Turn left on NE 72<sup>nd</sup>. After a couple of miles (+/- 2 miles) the road will take a couple of quick right turns and change names to 259<sup>th</sup> and then finally to NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. It is another ½ mile or so to Daybreak Park. There are picnic tables next to the playground (right side) The parking lot and meeting area is right off the main road.



# 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Treasure Hunt Northwest Treasure Hunters Club June 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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- 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.

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