



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



May, 2023

Good afternoon, everyone -

I want to pass along some sad news. Bev Parker called Mike last night to tell him that Elaine Ruth passed away on Thursday. I called Dorothy Ruth (Richard's Mom), and she confirmed that Elaine passed away from a heart attack. I understand one of Richard's daughters is coming from Washington to help with the arrangements, etc. Of course, it is too soon to know if there will be any kind of service, etc. If anyone hears anything, please pass on the information.

Dorothy has also been in the hospital - I believe due to dehydration. She sounded very tired and originally said that Elaine had passed away in April. She also said that she would not be at the next meeting - and didn't know when she would be able to come to meetings since Elaine provided her transportation.

Mike and I won't be at the May meeting either.

Everyone - please take care.

Gretchen

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The **May 21 meeting** will need to be held downstairs.

When you enter the building, turn right and head for the elevators.

Registration will be downstairs also.

We will have signs up directing you.

The church will be having a celebration of life for a long term member so please proceed downstairs quietly.

Thanks

Jim

President's Corner

May 2023

News & Notes From Your President

May Meeting: TY Roy Planning and the Gold Bar Raffle Drawing

The May meeting will be focused on the upcoming TY Roy outing, so it should be informative.

The Gold Bar Raffle has been a great fundraiser for our club. It is time to draw that one winning ticket at the end of the May meeting. There may be a few tickets left which we will sell during the break. We will strive to do this as fairly as possible.

Last month, several people signed up on our new clipboards to participate in various club activities. Look for them again in May and let's really support the regular raffle this month to fund TY Roy.

One of our members shared a great story with me that I hope we can all hear at the May meeting.

Kudos

April was my first meeting as president and I want to thank everyone for the enthusiastic response.

Special thanks to Dan Crouse, Rocky Tester, Ken Didier, and Jim Irwin for making the Daybreak Park outing such a success. When I got there, they had a nice booth set up, the quarter drop was plunking away and they were selling raffle tickets and pay-dirt.

Meeting Planning Reminders

- No June meeting due to the Baker City outing.
- Info for the July meeting will be announced in the June newsletter. (I will not be attending as I will be in Alaska June - mid-August).

I look forward to seeing you and hearing your ideas at the May meeting.

John Mink

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Secretary's Report March 19, 2023

**Eastridge Church
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Meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by President John Mink who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees - 40 attendees and 2 guests were present.

Treasury Report - There was no Treasury Report read this month because Jessyca was sick and wasn't there this month.

Meeting Minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report of the previous month as written and published in the April newsletter.

Greeting Table - Now that we have a new President we are going to be seeing some changes at our meetings. On our Greeting Table when you first come in we are going to have more various kinds of sign up sheets for different new things. We want to start having more outings and people telling stories about their prospecting adventures. We are looking to have a couple people come about a half hour early to greet people when they come in and give information to people. If anyone is interested in doing this just let the President know.

TyRoy - Our annual outing is coming up quick and Jerry is getting all the preparations in order. The outing runs from June 17th through July 2nd. Jerry will discuss more about it at next months meeting.

Pros and Cons Outing at Daybreak Park - Dan Rouse is hosting his Pros

and Cons outing at Daybreak Park on Saturday April 22nd. There will be a few different guest speakers demonstrating various prospecting equipment. There will also be drawings and giveaways. This is a great opportunity to meet some new people and have fun. We are expecting a turn out of over 100 people at the event. 10:00 A.M. is the start time and it goes until around 3:00 P.M.

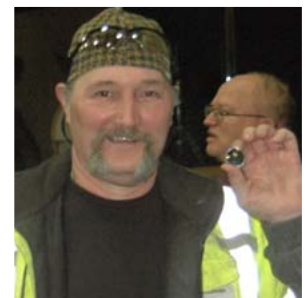
President's Vision - The goal is to have more outings which would include day and overnight ones. We are looking to get Informational guest speakers and people telling personal stories about prospecting.

Safety - We need to always think about safety when we are out and about. When out prospecting we need to think about things like slippery rocks and the machinery that we run. We don't want anyone getting hurt when we are out having fun. Cindy Wright is our Safety person and always has a first aid kit with her when we are on an outing.

Raffle - The Raffle was held with #1 and \$5 tickets. Jeff Vangorder was the lucky winner of the Gold Bag. Mike Brown was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M

Respectfully submitted by
Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.



From Cindy Wright

Hi All,

Monday the 4th of April I braved the snowy driving conditions and travelled I-5 south to Redding CA. Number One, I HATE SNOW but I was on a mission to learn how to look for GOLD. That's right, GOLD.

Having read the ICMJ'S PROSPECTING & MINING JOURNAL for a number of years and following author Ray Mills's articles, I signed up for his hands-on training--thus the snowy trip south.

From Weed CA south, the weather was beautiful and sunny. As I checked into my room and found the best Steakhouse next door I finally relaxed. (Cattlemens, Redding) Remember I HATE SNOW.

Met up Tuesday morning with Ray and hopped into his Jeep and off we went looking at Indicators for Gold.

While Redding CA has a rich Gold mining history it also has more than 225 miles of trails and lots of Greenways that are a mix of Public and Private land open to the public for recreation. Some of this land is OK'd for Metal detecting and gold Panning, as rules apply. (Know before you go.)

Poor Redding has been hit with major fires the last four years, but when looking for Gold and its Indicators, it visually makes it a whole lot easier.

Ray pointed out from the 'Clear Creek Overlook', old workings, the contact zone of differing rock layers with clay and alluvial gravels (and we saw an otter). He also showed me the ditch lines and penstocks for moving and storing water. The Clear Creek Ditch alone was said to be 49 miles long, hand dug, with even smooth water flow and many side ditches to deliver water to multiple claims.

We travelled on to the 'Cloverdale Trailhead' and started hiking into the canyon. As we looked at areas

that were ground sluiced in the past, it was amazing on the amount of top soil removed. Ray shared the geological history along with the mining history of the area, to help me understand where gold was found in the past and where to find gold now. Then Ray showed me where in the old workings to start Metal Detecting and training my eyes to really see the 'right' ground to detect for gold, and help me to know it's just not quartz that I need as an indicator of gold.

Onward to Placer Rd. and more old workings. Ray also showed me old hydraulic pits and areas he has worked successfully in the past. We drove by the edges of 'Swasey Recreation Area' and talked about old geothermal vents and the potential for bringing up gold from the earth's depth. Then Ray showed me one of these vents on Rock Creek Rd. So cool. And all this on day one.

After another great steak, day two with Ray involved swinging a metal detector on some private land. He had showed me where to look, and what to look for as indicators for gold. Now to put that info into practice. Ray uses The Gold Monster 1000, that's his choice machine and that's what we used, (as did Doralee Salisbury, his photographer), down into some old ground sluiced area we went.

Ray found the first gold, then had me find and dig that same bit of gold so as to get my swing right and the pinpointing right. Lots of hot rocks, which the Gold Monster showed as "trash" and some lead and bullet casings, which I dug up. Ray got two bits of gold to my one bit. Still a great day of Gold and Sunshine.

Ray Mills has published two Gold detecting books, writes for ICMJ'S PROSPECTING & MINING JOURNAL and is available for training lessons. Check out trinityau.com



Photos and text by Rocky Tester

I was excited to have Mike Pung (Goldcube) sign my top portion of my own Goldcube. I even got the eagle screech when he was done.!! Daybreak Park outing turned out profitable for PGPI. Rocky, Jim, and Ken spent the day with quarter drop and selling gold bar tickets.



Also from Rocky:

This is a recirculating sluice I won two years ago @ Gold & Treasure show. It's brand new and never used. It's made by Gold Grabber. I wish to donate this to our monthly raffle. Value is about \$225.00. Sale price is \$150. All proceeds will go to the club.



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

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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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