

# The Prospector



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## Next Chapter Meeting:

January 16th, 2011

At the  
Milwaukie, Oregon  
Grange Hall

12015 S.E. 22<sup>nd</sup>

A Special Meeting &  
Banquet Begins at

**12:00 PM.**

NOTE THE TIME

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## DATES TO REMEMBER...



### Our next meeting

February 20th 2011 Chapter Meeting and Food Drive –  
Every 2 items given will get you a \$1 raffle ticket

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the FIRST Friday of each Month.

## From the Presidents Desk

Happy New Year!

It was nice seeing everybody at our last meeting. I would like to thank everybody for putting up with me for the last 2.5 years. We have had a lot of fun and hope to have more. I would like to thank everybody that has helped at the gold shows and at our meetings. Thank you all the ladies in the kitchen that is, I would also like to thank all of the officers who made my job easier.

See you all at the banquet JANUARY 16

SINCERELEY  
THE PRES -- PRESTON GRIFFIN

(and a special Thank You to Preston from the Newsletter Editor. I appreciate your help and work as well – on behalf of the club. – Russell Grau)

## Secretary's Report for meeting dated December 19th, 2010

Meeting opened 1:30 PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

### CALL TO ORDER

**Preston Griffin (Club President)** - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 50 total with 6 visitors.

Secretary's minutes were approved as printed.  
Treasurer's report was read and accepted as well.

**Club Claim's – Robert Cadwell** – Club books are available to new members who have attended a combination of 3 meetings or club events annually. Cost \$8.00. New club cards will be available in January. Those wanting to update their Club books Get with Robert on what sections you need.

After the banquet we will have liability waiver forms that need to be filled out and turned in before heading out to one of our club claims.

**GPAA Claims – Robert Wedding** – All NEW Pick & Shovel coming soon! In December according to the email.

**Outings** – Ask club members to be thinking about places to go for next year. Contact Eli / Jim or one of the officers or bring it up during the meeting.

**Club Library – Beau Gordon**– Anyone that has reading material, CD's, etc, pertaining to gold, gems, metal detecting and such they would like to donate to the club, please see Jim. Don't forget to bring in your Flavor Pac Santiam labels!

**Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.)** - If you need equipment call Ken his number is listed in the news letter under Equipment. We have high bankers, couple of combo dredges, pans, tubs and a couple of metal detectors. If anyone wants to donate equipment to the club, see Ken.

**Newsletter & eMails** – If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email email us at [portlandgpaa@aol.com](mailto:portlandgpaa@aol.com) Don't forget, you can also download the Newsletters from our web site. If you receive the newsletter by regular mail – check the 4 digit number next to your name. That is the month and year your subscription expires (ie, 0709 means your subscription expires with the July 2009 newsletter).

**Website – Curt Barnes/Russell Grau** – Web is up.  
[www.portlandgoldprospectors.org](http://www.portlandgoldprospectors.org)

## Old Business

**Wines Camp Work Party – May 20<sup>th</sup> thru May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Penny** – The limit of 20 people have signed up for the Wines camp work party. If you want to be a back up incase one of those that has signed up decides they can't make it please contact Penny.

**Elections VP & Secretary Next Year– Preston** – Due to the Vice president taking the Presidents position 1 year into his term and refilling the Secretary position 1 year into term we will need to hold elections again for these two positions again next fall.

**Fire Department & Banquet – Eli** – Won't know until the banquet if they will be able to make it or not. If he finds out early he will contact Preston.

**January Banquet – Jeanne** – January 16<sup>th</sup> 2011. The meeting will start at 12:00 PM. Meats for the banquet are roast beef and pork shoulder. There's a sign-up sheet for kitchen help, setup and cleanup. Set up time 10:00 AM

**Gold Show** – It is just around the corner. Be thinking of what types of items we can sell at the Gold Show. Jim brought up maybe past GPAA & other mining related magazines. The show is March 2 to March 3. Setup will take place on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be by the D&K booth again this year.

**GPAA Points towards Raffle/Banquet Items – Melinda** – The shipping costs were low and they are taken from our GPAA Points value (no check was needed). She requested that we send an updated list of all members with their GPAA numbers and she will check to be sure we are getting all of our points. We need to keep telling the members to ask for points when they renew memberships. Here is a list of what we received.

- 10 - Gold Pans (green 14")
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- 10 - Classifiers (green plastic 14")
- 5 - Black Sand Magnets
- 10 - Snuffer Bottles
- 3 - Mini Sluice (looks like a gutter)
- 1 - Copper Gold Pan (beautiful)
- 15 - Scoop Spoon (green plastic)
- 3 - Mini Starter Kit (snuffer, vial, tweezers, pouch)
- 6 - Hats, Gold Fever
- 6 - Hats, Safari GPAA
- 9 - United We Stand Pins
- 3 - Geo Massie Founders Coin Collectible
- 1 - GPAA Belt Buckle

**Food Drive – Eli** – Food drive will continue throughout the year. 1 ticket per 2 cans of food or non perishable food items. Please check expiration labels still good.

## New Business

**Roseburg Gold Show – Preston** – Feb 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at the Roseburg Douglas county Fairgrounds. Gary President and state director wanted to know if we were interested in a booth at no cost this year would like to see us there. There did not seem much interest from the club members other than Eli who said he'd think about it.

# Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2011!

<b>Keep your eyes on this spot!</b>	<b>New trips</b>	<b>New DATES</b>
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**TYROY Bond Fund – Preston** – We are up to \$1,226 for the TYROY bond fund. Proposed that the club pay the balance to get to the \$1750 needed. After much discussion the club decided it would be best to table this until after the banquet.

Several members mentioned the TV series Gold Rush Alaska that is currently showing Friday on the Discovery Channel.

**Year End Removal Fill Reports – Bob Rasey** – Remind everyone that your year end Removal Fill reports are due in by Jan 31<sup>st</sup> even if you did not do any mining this year you still need to send one of these in. DSL requires miners to send a [Recreational Placer Mining year-end report form](#) summarizing activity. Failure to report may result in cancellation of the approval. DSL has indicated that they have not been receiving these from many people and may start canceling permits.

### Exemptions for activities in State Scenic Waterways

Only the following exemptions apply within State Scenic Waterways:

Recreational prospecting in State Scenic Waterways (ORS 390.805 to 390.925): Permits are not needed for non-motorized recreational prospecting affecting less than one cubic yard per individual site, and cumulatively not more than five cubic yards within any single scenic waterway in a single year.

**Safety – Bob Rasey** – We have health forms which are voluntary to fill out but provide our safety people with valuable information if the need arises. This information will be kept confidential. Also if you have medical problems for your safety identify it using dog tags, medical bracelet, or medical alert.

#### Stroke /heart attack

Watch for these signs and symptoms if you think you or someone else may be having a stroke. Note when signs and symptoms begin, because the length of time they have been present may guide treatment decisions.

Trouble with walking. You may stumble or experience sudden dizziness, loss of balance or loss of coordination.

Trouble with speaking and understanding. You may experience confusion. You may slur your words or be unable to find the right words to explain what is happening to you (aphasia). Try to repeat a simple sentence. If you can't, you may be having a stroke.

Paralysis or numbness on one side of your body or face. You may develop sudden numbness, weakness or paralysis on one side of your body. Try to raise both your arms over your head at the same time. If one arm begins to fall, you may be having a stroke. Similarly, one side of your mouth may droop when you try to smile.


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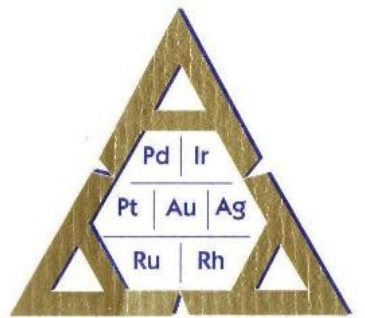


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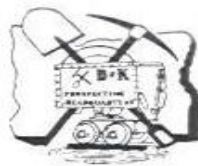
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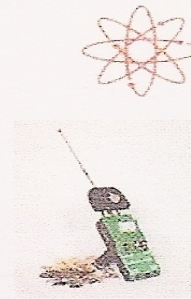
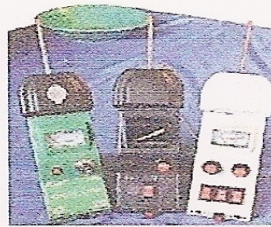
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## **Safety – Continued**

Trouble with seeing in one or both eyes. You may suddenly have blurred or blackened vision, or you may see double.

Headache. A sudden, severe "bolt out of the blue" headache, which may be accompanied by vomiting, dizziness or altered consciousness, may indicate you're having a stroke.

### **When to see a doctor**

Seek immediate medical attention if you notice any signs or symptoms of a stroke, even if they seem to fluctuate or disappear. Call 911 or your local emergency number right away. Every minute counts. Don't wait to see if symptoms go away. The longer a stroke goes untreated, the greater the potential for brain damage and disability. To maximize the effectiveness of evaluation and treatment, it's best that you get to the emergency room within 60 minutes of your first symptoms.

If you're with someone you suspect is having a stroke, watch the person carefully while waiting for emergency assistance. You may need to:

Begin mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if the person stops breathing

Turn the person's head to the side if vomiting occurs, which can prevent choking

Keep the person from eating or drinking

### **Common heart attack symptoms include:**

Pressure, a feeling of fullness or a squeezing pain in the center of your chest that lasts for more than a few minutes

- Pain extending beyond your chest to your shoulder, arm, back, or even to your teeth and jaw
- Increasing episodes of chest pain
- Prolonged pain in the upper abdomen
- Shortness of breath
- Sweating
- Impending sense of doom
- Fainting
- Nausea and vomiting

Additional, or different, heart attack symptoms in women may include:

- Abdominal pain or heartburn
- Clammy skin
- Lightheadedness or dizziness
- Unusual or unexplained fatigue

### **Heart attack symptoms vary**

Not all people who have heart attacks experience the same symptoms or experience them to the same degree. Many heart attacks aren't as dramatic as the ones you've seen on TV. Some people have no symptoms at all. Still, the more signs and symptoms you have, the greater the likelihood that you may be having a heart attack.

A heart attack can occur anytime — at work or play, while you're resting, or while you're in motion. Some heart attacks strike suddenly, but many people who experience a heart attack have warning signs and symptoms hours, days or weeks in advance. The earliest warning of a heart attack may be recurrent chest pain (angina) that's triggered by exertion and relieved by rest. Angina is caused by a temporary decrease in blood flow to the heart.

Many people confuse a heart attack with a condition in which your heart suddenly stops (sudden cardiac arrest). A heart attack is different from sudden cardiac arrest, which occurs when an electrical disturbance in your heart disrupts its pumping action and causes blood to stop flowing to the rest of your body.

#### When to see a doctor

During a heart attack, act immediately. Some people wait too long because they don't recognize the important signs and symptoms. Take these steps:

- Call for emergency medical help. If you even suspect you're having a heart attack, don't hesitate. Immediately call 911 or your local emergency number. If you don't have access to emergency medical services, have someone drive you to the nearest hospital. Drive yourself only as a last resort, if there are absolutely no other options. Driving yourself puts you and others at risk if your condition suddenly worsens.
- Take nitroglycerin, if prescribed. If your doctor has prescribed nitroglycerin, take as instructed while awaiting the arrival of emergency medical personnel.
- Take aspirin, if recommended. If you're concerned about your heart attack risk, ask your doctor if chewing an aspirin tablet if you have heart attack symptoms is a good idea. Taking aspirin during a heart attack could reduce the damage to your heart by making your blood less likely to clot. Aspirin can interact with other medications, however, so don't take an aspirin unless your doctor or emergency medical personnel recommend it.

#### What to do if you see someone having a heart attack

If you encounter someone who is unconscious from a presumed heart attack, call for emergency medical help. If you have received training in emergency procedures, begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). This helps deliver oxygen to the body and brain.

In 2010, the American Heart Association changed its guidelines on CPR. Regardless of whether you've been trained, you should begin CPR with chest compressions. Press down about 2 inches (about 5 centimeters) on the person's chest for each compression at a rate of about 100 a minute. If you've been trained in CPR, check the person's airway and deliver rescue breaths after every 30 compressions. If you haven't been trained, continue doing compressions only.

In the initial minutes, a heart attack can also trigger ventricular fibrillation, a condition in which the heart quivers uselessly. Without immediate treatment, ventricular fibrillation leads to sudden death. The timely use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) that shocks the heart back into a normal rhythm can provide emergency treatment before a person having a heart attack reaches the hospital.



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For Alaska sign-up information, please contact the Alaska Administrator.

These credits are used to buy things from the GPAA Catalog. If you do not have a GPAA Catalog, you can go to <http://www.goldprospectors.org/catalog/index.asp?PageName=Catalog> to see what all they have. If there is anything in the catalog that you would like to have for the raffle Please let one of the board members know.

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