



# The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPA Portland, Oregon Chapter



April, 2024

## President's Corner March 2024

Hello! Join us at our next meeting on April 21. We will be planning our May 5th excursion to Lawson Bar, a recreational mining claim in Douglas, Oregon. There are still several ways you can support our June TyRoy trip. Our goal is to cover club costs so we can continue this trip for years to come. Here's how you can help: Play our \$10 raffle at our April and May meetings. Contribute directly to the cause using the suggestion box on the greeting table. Do you have some items for the garage sale? We have space for a few more treasures. Call or text me at 971-303-6677. A heads up for fans of our paydirt program: The price of gold is going up and it is SCARCE. To keep our costs in check we are adjusting our paydirt ratios accordingly. Thanks for your understanding.

We have a volunteer opening for an experienced equipment operator to provide backup for our current operator at TyRoy. If you or someone you know has skills with a backhoe and are a member of our club, please let us know.

I hope everyone felt inspired by the Eclipse to get out and enjoy the wonder of nature. Let's get out there!

See all of you on April 21,

*John Mink*

### **TYROY update from Jerry Johns:**

Exciting times....TYROY is just around the corner. The outing dates are technically Jun 21st thru Aug 7th, but the first two days and the last two days are reserved for opening up the site and closing it back down. You can join us for a single day (although it's a 5+ hour drive over) or for the whole two weeks. We will have a group potluck Saturday June 29th and a trip into town for a steak dinner will be planned at some point. Join us at our next two meetings for details on the outing and get ready for some summer prospecting.



## Coming Events

### **April Pros and Cons**

Prospector's Treasure Trove's Pros and Cons on April 10 will feature Mike Pung of Gold Cube fame

### **Northwest Garage Sale**

April 29

### **TY Roy**

Friday June 21 – Sunday July 7

## Classified Ads?

See page 7 for the latest offer.

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](mailto: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. Secretary's Report March 17, 2024

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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 - 41 attendees and 7 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 Report of the previous month as written and published in the March newsletter.

**March Molalla Outing** - We had a great turnout of people that attended the event and the weather was perfect. There was a total of 57 people that showed up. Everyone had a good time and Jessyca made sure nobody left hungry. She made all kinds of food for everyone. Thanks Dan Rouse for hosting the fun event.

**April Meeting Snacks** - Jessyca won't be at the April and upcoming Sept-ember meeting and she would like someone to volunteer to bring the snacks for those month's meetings. The club will reimburse you for the cost of the snacks. If anyone can help out with this please contact Jessyca and let her know.

**Fundraising for TyRoy** - For March, April and May we will be selling \$10 Raffle tickets. We will have 3 big prizes to win. A Gold Hog, Metal Detector and some Silver Coins. The drawing will be at the May meeting for these wonderful prizes. Buy your tickets and maybe you can be the lucky winner of one of these great prizes.

**N.W. Garage Sale** - We are looking for some donations of good stuff to be sold at the upcoming Garage Sale in Ridgefield Washington on April 20th. We have a couple people that are helping out with this event but we still need some donations of some good items that will hopefully sell and give the club some extra money. If you have anything please contact our President John Mink.

**Prospector's Treasure Trove** - Dan Rouse will have his Pro's and Con's on Saturday March 23rd. from 11:00 - 3:00 and there will be a rock crushing event with Tom Bohmker. On Wednesday April 10th Mike Pung the creator of the Gold Cube will be there at 2:00 - 7:00.

**April's Meeting** - Dan Rouse will be doing a Metal detector demonstration. Bring your Metal Detector if you have one and join in on doing some detecting. There will be no digging just pin pointers.

**Bottle Drop Donations** - If anybody wants to donate cans or bottles to our club we can set up a bottle drop account and that could benefit our club. Every bit of extra cash that we can earn will help so start saving your cans and bottles!

**Raffle** - The Raffle was held with \$5 tickets. Jonathan was the winner of the Gold Nugget and Sam was the winner of the Gold Bag.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.



# Prospector's Treasure Trove

Molalla River Outing  
March 16, 2024  
Photos by Rocky Tester



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# Dredging Equipment for Sale

Former attendee David Baumbach is offering his dredge equipment for sale. Sold as a lot only.

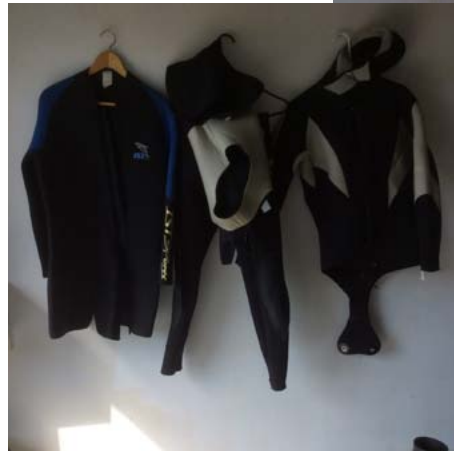
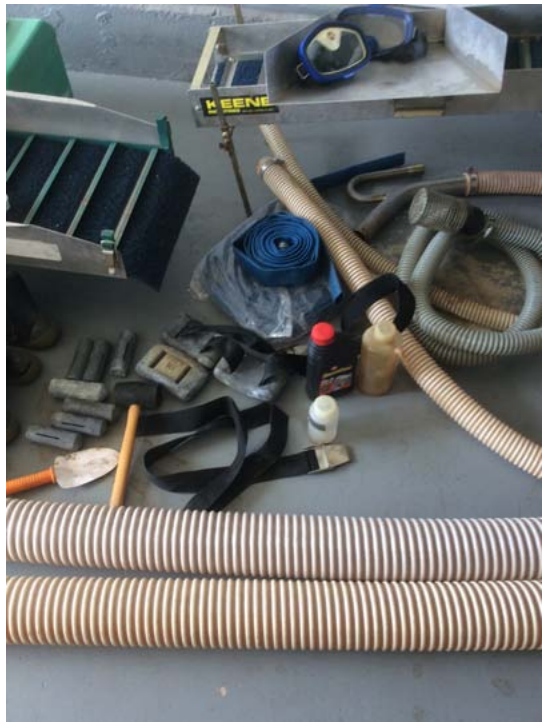
The dredge is a 4" and the high banker dredge combo is 2". \$1750.00 for all.

Dave Baumbach

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Woodburn, OR

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## Portland Gold Prospectors Membership

A person donated a trailer to Gary Upton for our chapter. The unit has two- 135 gallon diesel tanks and a large metal box with doors on each side. We need some help getting this into shape for travel and use at Tyroy.

The items that need fixing or repaired are:

- The current tires are worn and need to be replaced. The size is 245 X 16. I don't think we need brand new tires, but GOOD used tires should be fine.
- We need new safety chains and hooks for towing.
- The back right light is missing. I'll take out one of the good ones and try to get a new one.
- If you know anyone in Baker City where we can keep this when not in use, would be great.
- I will have the bearings checked.
- We will need a trailer jack to attach to front of tongue.
- We will also need a 12 volt pump.
- The trailer takes a 2 5/16" ball. We need one on a stinger, standard stinger size not the small size.

Next week Rocky Tester and I will look into the tanks to see if there is sediment in the bottom. If anyone has ideas on how to remove this stuff (if we find any) would be great.

My contact info is:

Cell 503-519-6200      Email: [jimerwin223@gmail.com](mailto:jimerwin223@gmail.com)

If you have any items or know of someone that will donate things we need for this project, please contact them and arrange to pick it up.

Please bring the item(s) to a meeting or call me and we can arrange to meet.

Thanks,  
Jim



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