



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



Board Member Meeting Update:

April 2026

An extra Board Member Meeting has been called to discuss the upcoming TY-Roy Outing. This meeting will take place upstairs prior to the General Club Meeting at 12:00 p.m. Meeting being held by Frank.

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TY-Roy Water this year!



Ponds at TY-Roy are currently full and overflowing.

It was reported by

Peter Frederick



TY-Roy Excitement is Building in the Club

If you're planning on attending our TY-Roy Claim? Then you must attend this next club meeting. Cindy should have the signup sheet and be able to accept the \$50 per person attendance fee.

Metal Detecting Demonstration & Scramble Hunt – April 19

Join us for some hands-on fun at this week's general club meeting! Following the meeting on April 19, we'll be hosting a metal detecting demonstration along with a "Scramble Hunt."

The hunt area will be seeded with coins, prizes, and special prize tokens—so be sure to bring your metal detector and get in on the action.

This will be a relaxed, mildly competitive event designed for all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned detectorist or just getting started, it's a great opportunity to practice your skills, try out your equipment, and enjoy some friendly competition with fellow members.

Don't miss it!

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PLINKO and the WATER DROP are coming back!!

New rules, BIGGER prize! Now it's only .25 so bring your spare change. Every center drop you get is a raffle entry, and the only way to get an entry is to get a center drop. The prize this month is a \$30 pay dirt bag. BUT wait for it, a member has donated something very unique. So, this month there will be 2 prizes! The first raffle ticket drawn will have their choice, the pay dirt or the unique item. The second ticket drawn will get what's left.

What is Plinko you asked?

Plinko is a simple game of chance where a disc is dropped down a pegged board, bouncing until it lands in a prize slot. A similar concept exists in Japan's pachinko, where metal balls fall through pins to win prizes.

WANTED: The club is in need of an Activity Coordinator.

We need someone to help and coordinate upcoming club activities. This is a great way to help and be a larger part of our club. We have a job description available for those interested.

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Molalla River Outing Recap – Last Month

We had a fantastic time at last month's Molalla River outing! The weather cooperated nicely, and we had a great turnout of around 50 members.

Everyone gathered around the fire pit at the Mile 5 turnout, where we enjoyed Scott's famous pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw—always a crowd favorite. It was a great chance to relax, catch up, and share stories.

Many members also made their way up to Mile 14 to try their luck. Conditions were favorable, with good water flow and a promising creek bed. Some folks found a little color, while others simply enjoyed a great day out on the river.

Overall, it was a fun, productive outing with great company. We're looking forward to the next one



The club is currently looking for a couple used AirPot Drink Dispensers for use at club meetings and outings. If anyone has one setting around and would like to donate it to the club? It would be greatly appreciated. See Ted or Kathy.

**Portland Gold Prospectors
Secretary's Board Members Report for
April 9th 2026**

Dan Rouse called the April 2026 Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Treasure Trove. Board Members Present (Quorum): Dan Rouse, Frank Hudson, Clark Niewendorp, Waymon Bonner, Jerry Neubert, Peter Fredrick, John Ashcraft, and Rocky Tester. Others: Carol Robinson, Ted Robinson, and Scott Rovig

Note: The next Board Meeting is on April 19th at 12:00 pm (before the General Meeting) at Sunnyside Grange. May's regularly scheduled Board Meeting is on May 14th (second Thursday of the month). Heads-up: another special Board Meeting in May may also take Place.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report. The PGPI internal audit scheduled for April 4th was canceled. Secretary Report:

1. Clark reported that he has gathered the necessary information to file our annual CT-12 reports with the Charitable Activities Section of the Oregon Department of Justice.

The CT-12 report for 2025 is due May 15th. Because PGPI did not submit a CT-12 for 2024, Clark will submit both the 2024 and 2025 reports. Each carries a \$20 filing fee, and the 2024 report also incurs a \$50 late fee.

2. Clark will also prepare an IRS Form 99-N and submit it if the organization meets the filing requirements.

Announcements and Proposals:

- Dan proposed a second "special" Board Meeting this month to discuss the TYROY outing. Ted indicated that he would send a club email announcing the scheduling of a special meeting before this month's General Meeting, and that it will, importantly, include signup details for the upcoming TYROY outing.
- Dan asked Scott for help with the Quarterly Raffle. He accepted.
- Dan mentioned that the PGPI needs to find an activity coordinator.
- Ted volunteered to facilitate membership activities in addition to his web master responsibilities. Thank you, Ted.

Motions: The Board approved two motions

1. Quarterly Raffle:

a. Background — Questions have been raised about how to deliver prizes to winners who are not present at the drawing, as well as requests for substitute prizes, cash value buy-back, or treating the prize as a charitable donation returned to PGPI. Board action is needed to address those questions.

b. Motion — Peter moved that raffle winners may claim their prize in person at the drawing, arrange to pick it up at a future General Meeting, or pay their own shipping costs. No substitutions, cash redemption, or buy-backs are allowed. Winners may choose to donate the prize value back to PGPI. The motion was seconded by Waymon and approved by the Board members present.

2. Increase the 2026 budget for additional gold purchases:

- a. Background — Dan talked to Ken about the amount of pay dirt the club has available for raffles, etc., and given the recent high gold prices, how much of The gold purchasing budget has been spent this year. The budget either has been or will be exceeded. Board action is needed to increase the budget.
- b. Motion — John moved to increase the 2026 gold-purchase budget from \$500 to \$2,000, with the additional \$1,500 distributed in quarterly increments of \$500, not to exceed \$2,000 for the year. The motion was seconded by Peter and approved by the Board members present.

Outings and Events: Two items were discussed

1. Metal Detecting demonstration and hunting after the April 19th General Meeting at the adjoining Elementary School's playground.
2. Gold Rush Days at the Rice Museum
 - a. The Board started discussing what the club wants to offer at the Gold Rush Day events, such as family/kid's activities, displays, etc.
 - b. Dan proposed having some type of food items for members who attend the event and drop by the booth.

TYROY Outing:

- The special Board Meeting before April's General Meeting will focus on finalizing details about the outing. What has been done, and what needs to be done.
- The fee details are as follows: \$50 per person per week (no charge for those under 18); signing up for the TYROY outing starts this month at the general meeting and continues through April. Fees are due by April.

Action Items:

1. Dan said he would contact Jeff to reschedule PGPI's internal audit.
2. Clark and Frank need to schedule a time to meet with Dan so that we can go to US Bank and update who is authorized to sign club expense checks.
3. Clark will submit 2024's and 2025's CT-12 reports to the Charitable Activities Section of the Oregon Department of Justice and possibly an IRS Form 99-N before at the end of this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Clark Niewendorp,
Secretary

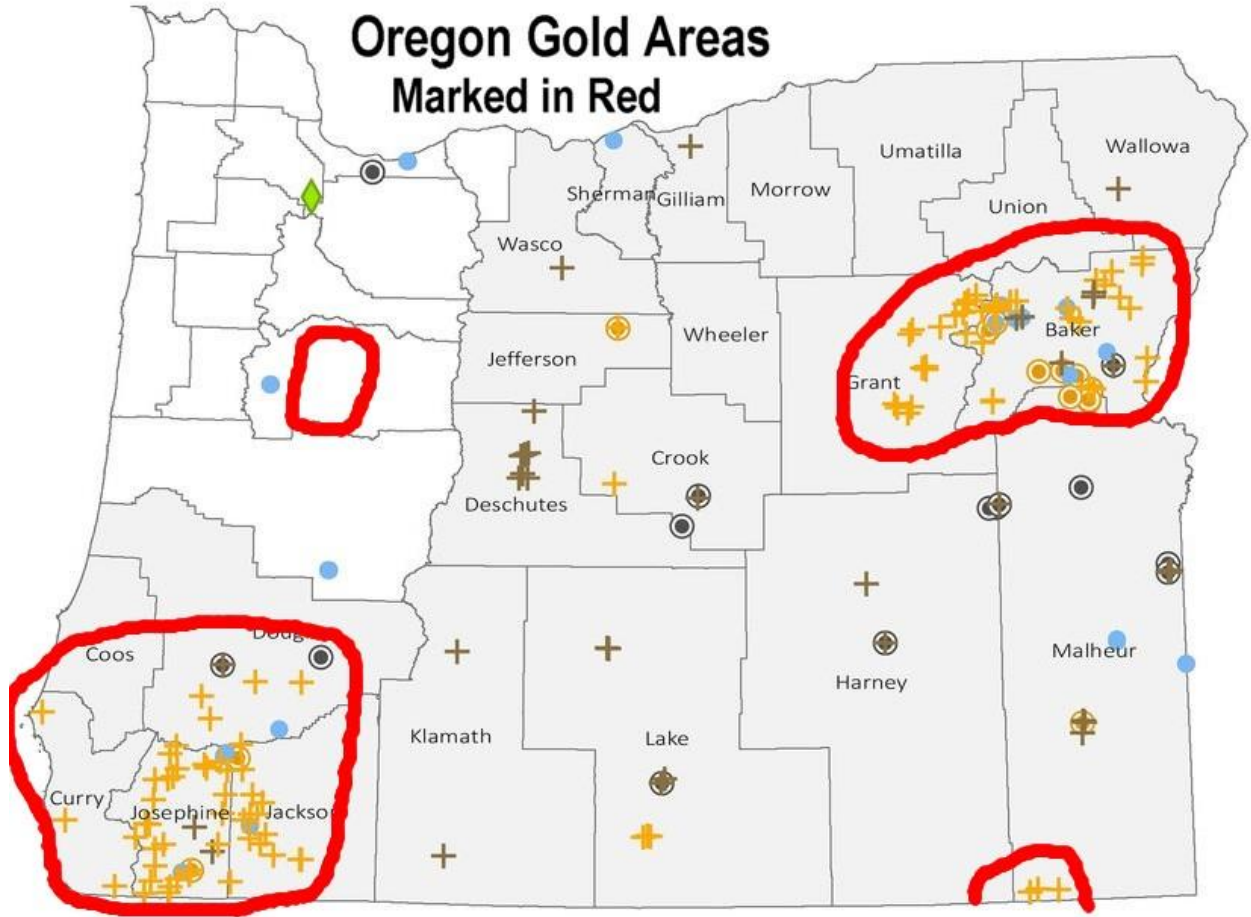
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Thank You Clark

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