



Happening July 2026

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TY-Roy Claim – Baker City – 2026



The first week kicked off with everyone arriving on schedule and getting their camps set up. The weather couldn't have been better, with beautiful sunny days that made excellent prospecting conditions. During the second week, we experienced a bit of rain and cooler temperatures, but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits.

A special Thank-You goes again to Shrek, who worked tirelessly throughout the event. In addition to operating the backhoe and digging pay dirt, he also spent time expanding the camping area to better accommodate

larger RV and tents. His hard work ensured that prospectors had a steady supply of pay dirt for their equipment, and his efforts helped make the event a success.

On Tuesday, we encountered a small setback when the backhoe developed a hydraulic oil leak. Rather than letting it slow us down, everyone pitched in and went "old school," carrying their own pay dirt to their machines. It was a little extra work, but the teamwork and determination kept the operation moving.

Wednesday was another productive day in the field, followed by one of the highlights of the week—a community potluck. Everyone gathered to share stories, compare the day's gold finds, and enjoy great food and even better company. A big thank-you to Frank and Andrew for grilling up delicious hamburgers for everyone.

Throughout the event, prospectors used a wide variety of equipment, including trommels, high bankers, and smaller sluices. No matter what machine was running, everyone put in the effort, enjoyed the experience,

and was rewarded with gold.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this year's TY-Roy outing another successful and memorable event. We look forward to seeing everyone next year for more prospecting, friendship, and, of course, more gold!

More pictures are available for TY-Roy on our website.



On a Somber Note!

Long time member Jim Irwin's Celebration of Life Memorial is this Sunday, July 12th at 2:30pm at Eagle Fern Park. Parking is Limited and food will be served

General Club Meeting in July

Club Meeting, @ 1:30pm

Sunnyside Grange 13130 S.E. Sunnyside Rd. Clackamas, Oregon 97015

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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 for?

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.

Current Gold Price at this Printing!

\$4,132.84

UP \$51.64

Current Silver Price at Printing!

\$60.53

UP \$1.99



*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.
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GOLD PROSPECTING GUIDE

IDENTIFYING GOLD-BEARING ROCKS

— Rocks to Look For: —



Gold in Quartz



Metamorphic Rock



Dark Igneous Rock



Sulphide Rock



Alluvial Sediments

Field Tips:

- Heavy & Metallic
- Yellow Streak on Ceramic
- Found in Rivers & Quartz Veins

CHOOSING THE RIGHT EXTRACTION METHOD

Free Gold (Nuggets & Flakes)



Wash & Separate

1 Panning & Sluicing



Shaking Table / Spiral

Gold in Hard Rock / Sulfides



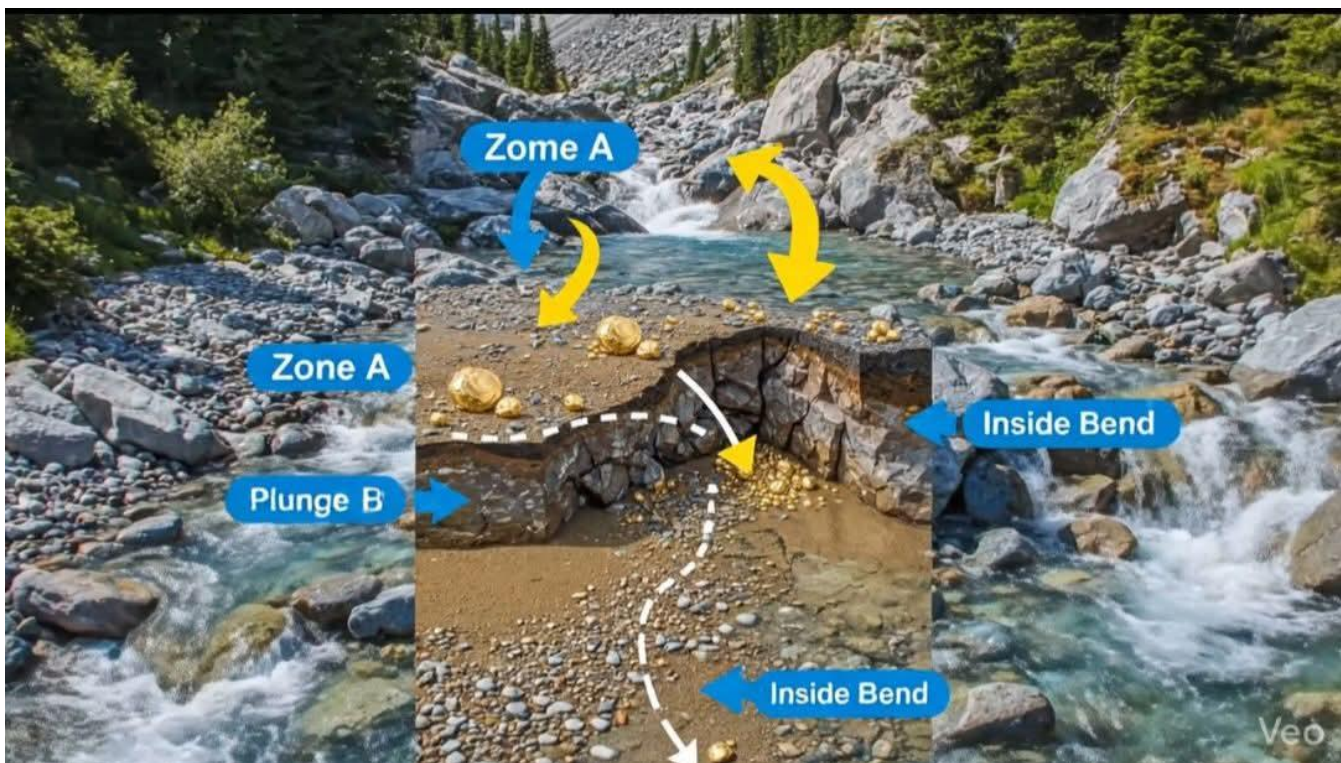
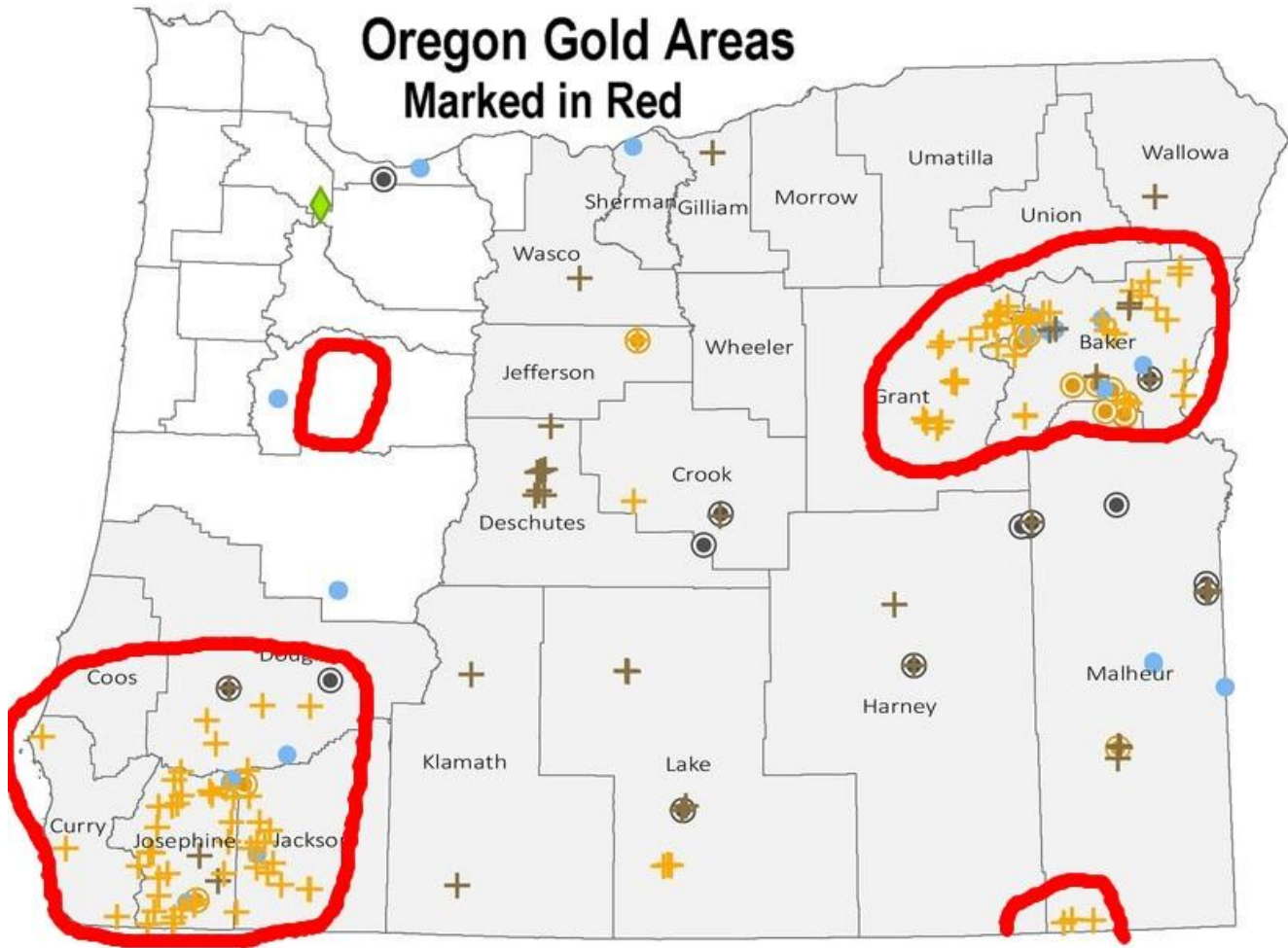
1 Crushing & Milling

2 Borax Smelting or Safe Leaching

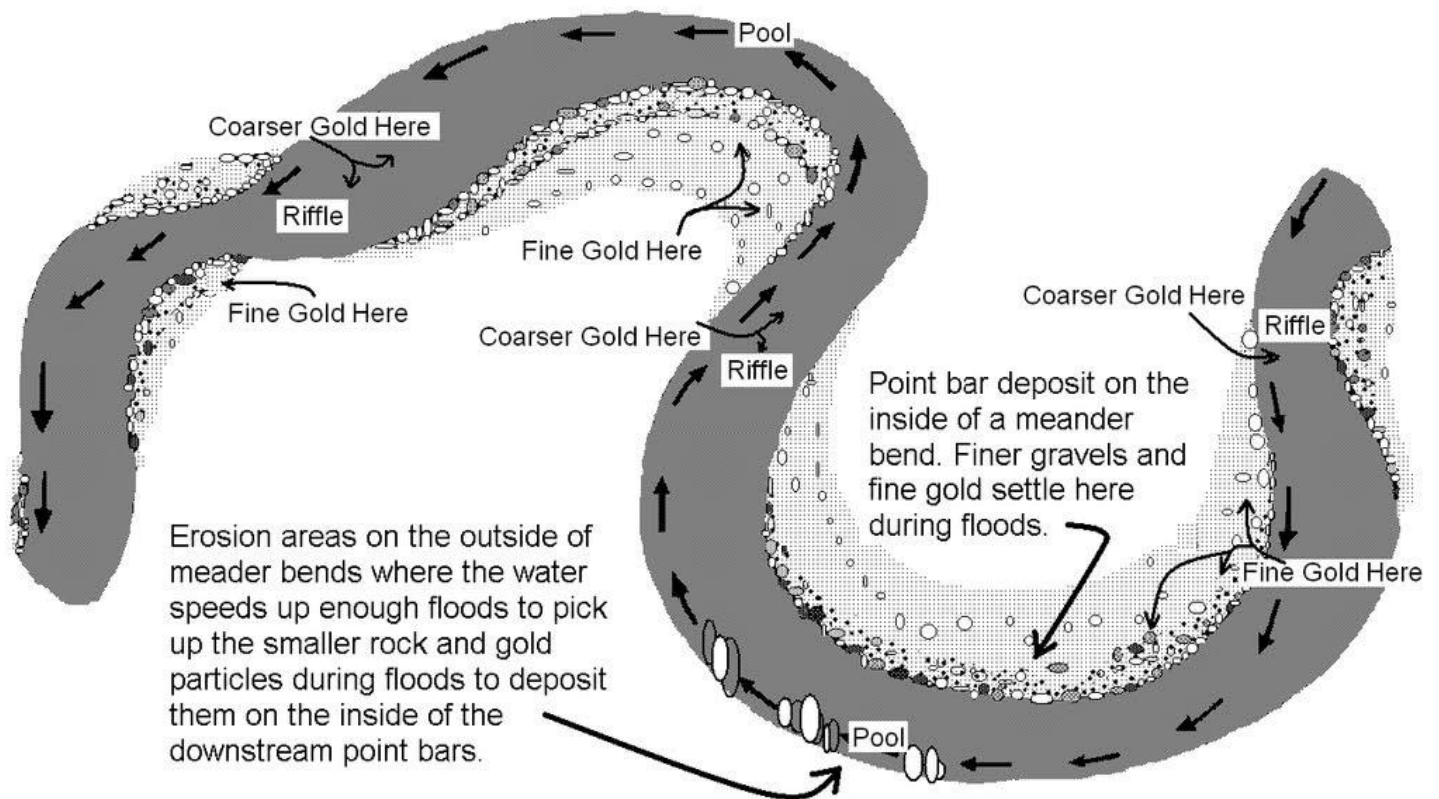


Crush to Powder

Oregon Gold Areas Marked in Red



An alluvial stream tries to straighten out the curves during floods, when the gold is moving. So the coarse gold is deposited in and under the coarse gravel in the riffles and the fine gold is deposited on the upstream side and all along the inside of meanders or point bars with the finer sediments.



If you would like your business card to be displayed here and you're a current member?
Please let Ted know at the next club meeting. So we can get you added.



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