



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



Happenings August 2026

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Blue River Mining District (Gold Peak) Outing

What a weekend! Our newly proposed claims in the Blue River Mining District, near Eugene, Oregon, are looking like a great place to prospect and find gold. The creek was flowing well, and there were plenty of places to dig, explore, and work through the dirt and moss.

This recent outing, hosted by **Scott R. and**

Ted R., was well attended, with more than 25 club members making the trip. The weather was beautiful, and being down in the canyon provided plenty of welcome shade.

Scott arrived early to do some trail and river-path maintenance before everyone arrived. He showed the group where the two new claims he is donating to the club begin and end, and he also demonstrated his prospecting experience by pointing out areas where he believed members had a good chance of finding gold.

The claims are located quite a ways up Quartz Creek, and many members made the trek up the canyon to check them out. A few of us decided it was best to stay near the trailhead and **hold down the fort!** Ted and Carol had a table set up with refreshments and helped direct members toward the trailhead.

The creek is narrow in places and can be difficult to navigate, but for those who made the hike, the cool, refreshing water and beautiful canyon made the trip well worth the effort. Near the upper end of the two claims, prospectors were greeted by a couple of large pools and areas where there was plenty of room to dig and see what the creek might be hiding.

We would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU to Scott** for donating these two claims to our club. This is a tremendous gift to PGPI and its members, and we greatly appreciate his generosity and support. We look

forward to putting these claims to good use and hopefully recovering plenty of **color and gold** in the future!

If you would like to see pictures of the creek, trail, and trailhead from this outing, check our picture gallery on our website at **portlandgoldprospectors.org**



Lawson Bar Outing A great time was at the recent Portland Gold Prospectors club outing at Lawson Bar on Saturday, August 8th. Club member Waymon had our club booth set up by 10:00 a.m. and welcomed more than 22 members and prospective new members throughout the day. We had plenty of water and snacks available for everyone. The weather was clear of wildfire smoke for most of the day, and the sun was hot, with temperatures reaching around 95 degrees. The water level was much lower than during previous Lawson Bar outings, but there was still enough flow for sluicing.

Some gold was found on the bar. Some of us, including myself, didn't do much testing and ended up finding just a few "fly poops" in our pans!

After a day of prospecting, a few of us met up for dinner at Mill Creek RV Park in Myrtle Creek. It was a great evening with enjoyable company, good conversation, and plenty of laughs.

This year, the bar looked well dug up and the water was quite low. From what we heard from local prospectors, many people have been out trying their luck at Lawson Bar.

Overall, the Lawson Bar outing was a success, especially with the new interest in our club. A special **BIG THANK YOU** goes to Waymon for being such a great host and taking the time to welcome new prospectors, answer questions, and show them how to prospect and find a little color in their pans. Waymon, you are truly an asset to our club, and we appreciate everything you do!

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General Club Meeting This Sunday

@ 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.

Want to be a GPAA member?

An exclusive deal is still available to members.

3 –Years membership for the price of 1 year!

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Portland Gold Prospectors

Board Meeting Minutes

July 9th, 2026

PGPI Board Meeting Minutes—July 9, 2026

Dan Rouse (President) called the July 2026 Board Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Treasure Trove.

Board Members Present (Quorum Confirmed)

Dan Rouse, Jeff Cronn, Clark Niewendorp, Waymon Bonner, Peter Fredrick, Ken Didier, Deb

Nordin, Jerry Neubert, and Rocky Tester.

Others: Lauralee Cronn, Carol Robinson, Ted Robinson, and Scott Rovig.

Upcoming Meetings

- July General Meeting: 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sunnyside Grange.
- Next Board Meeting: August 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Treasure Trove.
- Next General Meeting: August 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sunnyside Grange.

Treasurer's Report (Jeff Cronn)

Jeff summarized PGPI's budget as of July 9. A summary of PGPI's budget is attached.

1. Pending Action Items from May:
 - o Internal audit is pending.
 - o Unclear whether Frank has been added to PGPI's US Bank account.

2. TYROY Outing Expenses:

- o Backhoe: ± \$3200
- o Porta-Potties: \$480

Secretary Report (Clark Niewendorp)

1. Regulatory Filings:

- ☐ The CT-12 filing for 2024 and 2025 remains listed as pending on the Oregon

Department of Justice's Charitable Activities Section website.

Reports & Announcements:

- ☐ TYROY participants gave positive feedback; no one complained about the outing's \$50

fee.

☐ Quartzville Outing (June 21): Seven attended; most found gold on the PGPI's new claim.

Claim Donation Offer:

- Scott Rovig offered to donate two contiguous claims to PGPI at Gold Peak, Lane County (part of the Blue River Mining District).
- ☐ He wants to add a PGPI representative to the claim's paperwork to avoid paying quick claim fees.
- ☒ PGPI would assume responsibility for future filing requirements and fees.
- ☒ Jim Erwin's Memorial: Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Eagle Fern Park, near Estacada.
- ☒ Facebook: Dan proposed creating a private members-only page; no objections.
- ☒ Joint Meeting: PGPI and NWMPC (Northwest Mineral Prospectors Club) will hold a joint general meeting on November 15.
- ☒ Board Positions: Discuss recruitment moving forward for President and other Board Members during the August Board Meeting.

Motions

1. Accept Scott's claim donation, pending approval by membership at the July 16th General Meeting. Peter seconded; motion carried.

2. Sell PGPI's small trailer on Craigslist (no price provided). Peter seconded, motion Carried.

3. TYROY Appreciation Gift:

o Purchase a separate \$200 gift card for Cindy and Jerry in appreciation for their work organizing and running this year's TYROY outing.

Reimburse \$200 towards the gold nugget they purchased for James, recognizing his equipment operation, maintenance, and assistance.

o Entire Board seconded, motion carried.

Outings and Events

1. Blue River Mining District (Gold Peak): Outing scheduled for July 25 (purpose: inspect the two donated claims).

2. Lawson Bar Outing: Two-day outing planned for August 8-9.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Clark Niewendorp, Secretary

Secretary's Report for July 2026

Portland Gold Prospectors Club Meeting

Location: Sunnyside Grange, 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd., Clackamas, OR 97086

Quorum: Yes. Attendees – 72, and 4 guests.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m., July 19, 2026, by President Dan Rouse, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

📅 Next General Meeting is August 16th.

Introduction:

- President's Message — Dan Rouse:

- o Announced he has six months remaining in his term and encouraged members to consider volunteering — both for his position and for the overall benefit of the club.

Thanked Mark with Kassab Jewelers for the cookie donation.

- o Mentioned the Ellensburg Gold Show, August 8-9.

- o Announced the July 25th outing will go to Blue River Mining District, where members can prospect at Quartz Creek on two placer claims donated by PGPI club member Scott Rovig (see motion below). Scott provided a claim summary and location maps, which accompanies the paper minutes.

- Vice President — Frank Hudson:

- o Welcomed guests and described the meeting's raffle.

Motions:

- Meeting Minutes — Peter Fredrick moved to approve the previous minutes as written and posted on PGPI's website. James Pechin seconded. A vote of the general membership in attendance approved the motion.

- Treasurer's Report — Mark Kirk moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Genie Kulauk seconded. A vote of the general membership in attendance approved the motion.

- Donation of Placer Claims — Motion to accept the donation of two contiguous 20-acre placer claims which are located along Quartz Creek (T.16 S., R. 4 E., Sec. 9), Lane County, Oregon, from PGPI club member Scott Rovig, and to cover the annual claim fees going forward. John Ashcraft moved to accept the donation. Peter Fredrick seconded. A vote of the general membership in attendance approved the motion.

Embroidered Bags

Wally from the Vancouver GPAA delivered embroidered bags. Thank you, Wally!

Blue Bags:

Bags were available at the meeting; please ensure each bag has PGPI's identification

Sticker. Members are asked to deliver their blue bags (cans & bottles) donations directly rather than leaving them at the meeting site. Thank you.

Upcoming Outing — Lawson Bar (August 8-9)

PGPI member Waymon Bonner will be there to provide club members with site information.

TYROY Outing Summary: June 14-20.

- Dan reported that the TYROY outing was very successful—everyone found gold and had a great time.
- The \$50 fee per participant covered about half of the outing's expenses, which really helped the club financially. The Board will later discuss whether the outing should be fully self-sufficient.

TYROY Acknowledgments:

- Cindy Wright, Jerry Hardegard, and James Pechin
 - o Cindy and Jerry presented James with a gold nugget in appreciation of his work maintaining equipment and mining logistics.
 - o Jerry acknowledged Cindy's leadership in organizing and administering the outing with a gold nugget.
 - o Dan presented \$200 gift cards to Cindy, Jerry, and James from PGPI in appreciation for their efforts.
 - o The nuggets given to Cindy and James were purchased through donations from outing participants.

Presentation: Collecting Pre- and Early-1900s Antique Bottles

- PGPI member Jeremy Patrick gave a presentation about collecting antique bottles, highlighting their local historical significance, craftsmanship (e.g., no seams or push seams), and aesthetic appeal. Besides finding bottles at old home sites, you can find coins (metal detecting) and other collectibles.
- He noted that in Oregon, collecting bottles is prohibited, even on one's own property.
- Jeremy also mentioned the Oregon Bottle Collectors Association Bottle, Antique & Collectibles show & Sale, September 18-19, at the American Legion Hall, 21510 Main St. NE., Aurora, OR.

Quarterly Raffle Update:

- Drawing will be held on August 16th during the General Meeting. Winners do not have to be present to win.
- Prizes: AS2 Sluice, Rockhounding Kit, Silver Morgan, Silver Krugerrand, Agate Specimen, and Paydirt.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Clark Niewendorp, Secretary of PGP, Inc



*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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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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