



PGPI CLUB NEWS

Friends, Claims, Outings & Gold!

Our Annual Club Picnic Was a Success!

PGPI held its annual club picnic on September 27, and what a great day it was! With approximately 40 members and guests attending, we enjoyed perfect weather, fantastic food, and plenty of friendly conversation.



Everyone had a wonderful opportunity to catch up with fellow prospectors and share stories about our favorite hobby. Dan also generously hosted a metal-detecting clinic and treasure hunt, giving members a chance to learn new skills and enjoy some hands-on fun.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this year's picnic such a success! *We look forward to seeing everyone at our next club gathering.*

Board Meeting Minutes Now Available

The latest board meeting minutes are available on the PGPI website for members to review.

Read the October 2026 Board Minutes:

https://portlandgoldprospectors.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Oct2026_BoardMinutes.pdf

We encourage members to stay informed about club business, upcoming activities, and decisions affecting our organization.

Upcoming Club Presentations

November General Meeting — Mining District Rules

Dennis Peterson, of Washington and the Congress of Mining Districts, will present information about mining district rules at our November general meeting.

This should be an interesting opportunity to learn more about mining districts and the rules that affect prospectors.

 **Bingo:** There will be 3 bingo games at the November General Club Meeting. Prizes include GOLD.

October General Meeting — What's in Your Prospecting Backpack?

 Frank Hudson and other board members plan to bring examples of their prospecting backpacks to the October general meeting.

See what experienced prospectors carry into the field, compare equipment setups, and perhaps pick up a few ideas for improving your own backpack.

You never know what a useful tool or clever piece of equipment someone else might have!

Quartzville Outing — October 24–25

Frank Hudson plans to attend PGPI's Quartzville outing on October 24–25.

Quartzville offers members an opportunity to get out in the field, enjoy the outdoors, and spend time with fellow gold prospectors.

Before heading out, check club announcements for the latest outing details and any weather or access updates

Don't forget the club meeting

this Sunday the 18^h at the
Sunnyside Grange
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Have You Visited the New PGPI Club Forum?

We've added a **Club Forum** to the PGPI website!

The forum gives members a place to discuss club-related topics, ask questions, exchange ideas, and share their prospecting knowledge and experiences.

Whether you have a question about equipment, want to discuss an upcoming outing, or simply want to connect with fellow members, we encourage you to give it a try.

Visit the PGPI Club Forum:

https://portlandgoldprospectors.org/?post_type=forum

Keep the Gold Fever Alive!

PGPI is more than finding gold. It's about sharing knowledge, making friends, exploring new places, and helping one another enjoy the hobby. Stay involved, attend meetings, join our outings, and take advantage of the new Club Forum.

Happy prospecting, everyone!

Exploitation of Claims:

Stewardship Issue: Dan asks that the membership considers establishing limits on the types of equipment used on our Quartzville Creek placer claim. Because this is a small, shared claim, higher-impact gear — such as dredges or high bankers — can quickly work on the available ground and deplete the gold before other members have a chance to enjoy the site. The question for the club is whether this claim should be limited to lower-impact methods like pans and sluices only. Equipment guidelines would help protect the claim, promote fair access, and ensure all members can benefit throughout the season.

If you would like to chime in on this issue, check out the Clubs Forum on our website.



EVER THOUGHT ABOUT LEADING THE PGPI?

Planting a seed for our upcoming fall elections

Our upcoming fall election is just around the corner. My two-year term as President is coming to an end, and because our current Vice President is unable to step into the President's role, we are looking for our next club leader.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT ACTUALLY DOES:

- Guide the Meetings**
Welcome members, cover announcements, and keep monthly meetings running smoothly. No master public speaker skills required.
- Keep the Board Aligned**
Schedule routine board check-ins, keep everyone on the same page, and follow up on group declarations.
- Friendly Points of Contact**
Say hello to new faces, answer the occasional inquiry email, or point people toward the right board member.
- Connect the Dots**
Help direct members to the right resources, coordinating with others when something needs attention. And request board support as needed.

The President is a coordinator, not a superhero.

You don't need to know every detail about metal detecting or run every event yourself. With a full board, active volunteers, and great members ready to help, you've got support behind you.

WHAT YOU ACTUALLY NEED

- ✓ Reasonable organization & communication skills – keeping the ball rolling smoothly.
- ✓ Comfort facilitating meetings – just helping keep things moving forward.
- ✓ A genuine care for PGPI – valuing our community, activities and future.

Curious? Let's Chat!

If you've ever thought, "I'd like to help, but the position sounds like a lot,"
Come grab me after the meeting today for an informal, no-pressure chat!

Your Leadership Can Make a Difference!
Consider running for PGPI President!

Wanted! Club President!

**THIS DECEMBER — PGPI NEEDS YOU!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR OUR NEXT CLUB PRESIDENT!**

After two years of dedicated leadership, Dan Rouse will be stepping down as President of Portland Gold Prospectors Inc.

We thank Dan for his time, hard work, and commitment to guiding our club over the past two years!

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT PRESIDENT?

Are you interested in helping PGPI grow, improve, and move forward? This is your opportunity to make a difference!

You don't have to do it alone. Our club has a board, volunteers, and members who can help support you along the way.
Step up, get involved, and help shape the future of PGPI!

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Board Members Wanted

**ALSO UP FOR CONSIDERATION!
WE NEED FOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!
Help Shape the Future of Portland Gold Prospectors Inc.!**

Board members play an important role in keeping our club running smoothly, making decisions, planning activities, and helping PGPI grow and move forward.

THINK YOU NEED TO BE AN EXPERT? THINK AGAIN!

You don't have to be a gold prospecting expert to serve on the board!

What matters most is your willingness to participate, share your ideas, work with others, and help make our club even better.

Everyone brings something different to the table, and your ideas, time, and enthusiasm can make a real difference!

STEP UP. GET INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PGPI NEEDS YOU! Help us build a stronger club for everyone!



GET INVOLVED. RUN FOR THE PGPI BOARD!

Your Club Needs You!

Have you ever had an idea for the club?
Wanted to help improve an activity or outing?
Thought about getting more involved?
Now is your chance!

Serving on the PGPI Board is a great way to help shape the future of our club, meet fellow members, share your ideas, and give something back to the organization we all enjoy.

WHAT DOES A BOARD MEMBER DO?

A PGPI Board Member helps:

- ✦ Attend and participate in regular board meetings.
- ✦ Help make decisions that move the club forward.
- ✦ Listen to members' ideas, concerns, and suggestions.
- ✦ Help plan meetings, outings, activities, and special events.
- ✦ Support the club's claims and prospecting activities.
- ✦ Volunteer for projects and lend a hand when help is needed.
- ✦ Work with other board members to solve problems and get things done.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN EXPERT!

You don't need to know everything about gold prospecting.
What matters is that you're willing to participate, share your ideas, work with others, and help your club.

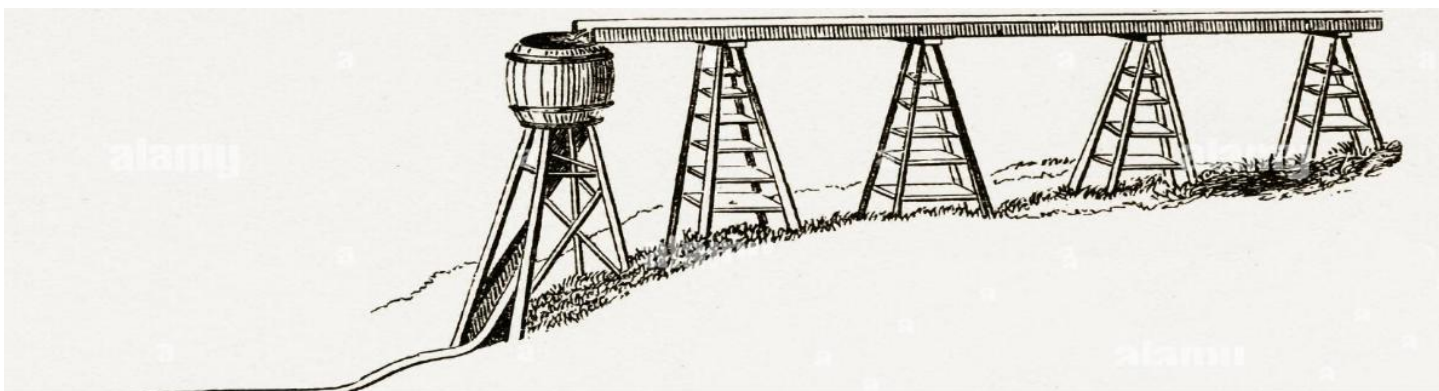
Your experience, skills, ideas, and enthusiasm can make a difference!

**YOUR IDEAS • YOUR VOICE
YOUR EXPERIENCE • YOUR CLUB**

Consider running for a PGPI Board position.

Join the members who volunteer their time to help make PGPI a better, stronger, and more active club for everyone.

STEP UP. GET INVOLVED. HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF PGPI!



Portland Gold Prospectors Inc. Bottle drop fundraiser.

The OBRC Bottle Drop Blue Bag Program allows you to easily donate the deposit value of your recyclable bottles and cans to local nonprofits. Simply fill a Blue Bag with eligible containers and drop it off at a participating Bottle Drop location to support your chosen cause.

How to Donate

1. **Get a Blue Bag:** Available at Club meetings and at Prospector's Treasure Trove.
2. **Fill the Bag:** Collect eligible beverage containers (see below for details) and fill the Blue Bag.
3. **Drop Off:** Drop the full bag off at any [Bottle Drop location](#). We receive a bonus when these are returned to a bottle drop attached to a retail store.
 - a. Only Bottle Drop Blue Bags are accepted and they must have the non profit's barcode sticker attached.
 - b. Scan the bag tag to open the secure Drop Door.
4. **Or Donate Your Personal Bottle Drop Account Balance:** If you have a Bottle Drop account from personal drop offs, you can donate your balance directly to a nonprofit via the Bottle Drop app or website.
 - a. From your bottle drop account: select "for individuals" then "Make non-profit Donations" then search for "Portland gold"
 - b. <https://bottledrop.com/fundraiser/portland-gold-prospectors-inc/>

Eligible Containers

- **Accepted:** Glass, plastic, and aluminum bottles and cans with a **10¢ deposit** (e.g., water, soda, beer).
 - **Oregon Refund Value:** Knowingly returning containers that do not have an Oregon refund value may result in a fine.
- **Size:** Containers must be between **0.5 and 3 liters**.
- **Not Accepted:** Non-refundable items like wine, dairy based drinks, or food jars.

Get Started

1. Pick up a Blue Bag at any Bottle Drop location.

2. Fill it with eligible containers.
3. Drop it off at Bottle Drop and watch your donation grow!

Contact Information

- Stop by Prospector's treasure Trove or a PGPI club meeting for details.
- For general information: <https://bottledrop.com/>

Recycle. Donate. Make a Difference! Thank you for your support.

Have you got something to SELL? Why not list it on our web site?

It's free.

Chat with Ted or email him

Webmaster@portlandgoldprospectors.org/

Let us help sell some of your old and un-used Minning Equipment or other Stuff.

Send your item for sale to:

Ted to webmaster@portlandgoldprospectors.org

Sponsors and Member Businesses



**Have a business
you would like
promoted Here?
Let Ted know~!**