

THE GOLD NUGGET BUCKET

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Special Thanks

By Michele Brawn

I want to say a special thanks to all our volunteers for their assistance in putting on both “Gold Dust Days” and “Sultan Shindig”. Without your help the events would have been far less successful (and fun) than they were.

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“Sample panning – you don’t need to take your time. Finish panning is where you want to spend your time.”

– Paul Mosher

Welcome Chapter Presidents

By Don Gill

At this month’s board meeting, Michele announced our current membership has grown to nearly 150 active member families. This is tremendous! While Chris has been doing a fantastic job growing both the number and quality of Prospectors Plus claims members can freely prospect on, we also realize that at the very core of our membership, there is a strong desire to get together and do more planned events and outings. Prospecting is fun. Prospecting with friends is awesome.

To ensure we are focusing on matching the fantastic growth of our membership with equally fun year-round activities and outings, the creation of regional chapter presidencies was proposed and adopted. These chapter presidents are chartered to facilitate regularly getting the

membership together, planning outings, activities and promoting prospecting in their respective areas. In short, the presidents will be making sure that the entire membership is out there taking advantage of the great diggin’s we are sitting on.

Without further blubbering, please welcome me in congratulating your Prospectors Plus Regional Chapter Presidents:

Laren Monson – Western Washington, Regional Chapter President. Laren can be via email at ChapterPresidentWW@ProspectorsPlus.com

Larry Nye – Eastern Washington, Regional Chapter President. Larry can be reached via email at ChapterPresidentEW@ProspectorsPlus.com

Upcoming Member Events

By Don Gill

The prime months of prospecting are upon us in Washington State and there are many member events you need to get on your calendar.

Sultan Dredge Season Opens

Aug. 1-15

Starting August 1st, the long-awaited dredge season opens locally on the Sultan river. Chris and the gang will be dredging across from the shop at the park in the evenings (roughly 6pm to 9pm). All members are encouraged to come on out – bring your supper and your gear.

August Dredge Camp

Aug. 28 & 29th

Dredging is one of the most effective and profitable methods of prospecting a river, but many new prospectors shy away from the larger equipment, cost and noise. To help get yeah over the hump, Prospectors Plus sponsors an open event to give members the opportunity to learn dredging from some of our most seasoned dredgers right on Williams Creek in a safe family-friendly environment. This is a hands-on event, so bring your rubber boots!

Never been at the end of a nozzle? Thinking of dredging and wanna figure it all out before making that big purchase? Have a dredge and wanna knock the rust off for the season and hang out with friends? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, you'll wanna make sure to come to the 2010 Liberty Dredge camp held on the CMC #7 claim.

This year's camp is being hosted by the Eastern Washington Chapter President, Larry Nye on the 28th and 29th of August. While this is a camping event, but please feel free to drop in for the day to get in on all the fun. There will be a pot-luck dinner on the evening of the 28th, so bring food to share. For more information, please call Larry direct at 360.913.0187.



September Members' Hootenanny

Sept. 1st

Come one, come all to the inaugural monthly **Prospectors Plus Members' Hootenanny** September 1, 2010 at the F.O.E. **Fraternity Order Eagles Hall** in Sultan Washington (directions at the bottom) starting somewhat promptly at 7pm. In addition to getting an opportunity to meet your fellow prospectors, your new Western Washington Chapter President Laren Monson will be going over our existing claims and word has it, may be prodded into debuting our brand new, super-cool, top-secret claim opening soon to the membership. As if new diggin's isn't exciting enough, there will also be drawings for small door prizes (pans, snuffer bottles, ore bags and the like) throughout the night. Come on out and get reacquainted with your friends!

The Eagles will be rustling up burgers in their kitchen prior to the meeting for a small donation (Eagles members receive discounts).

Vehicle Stickers

By Michele Brawn

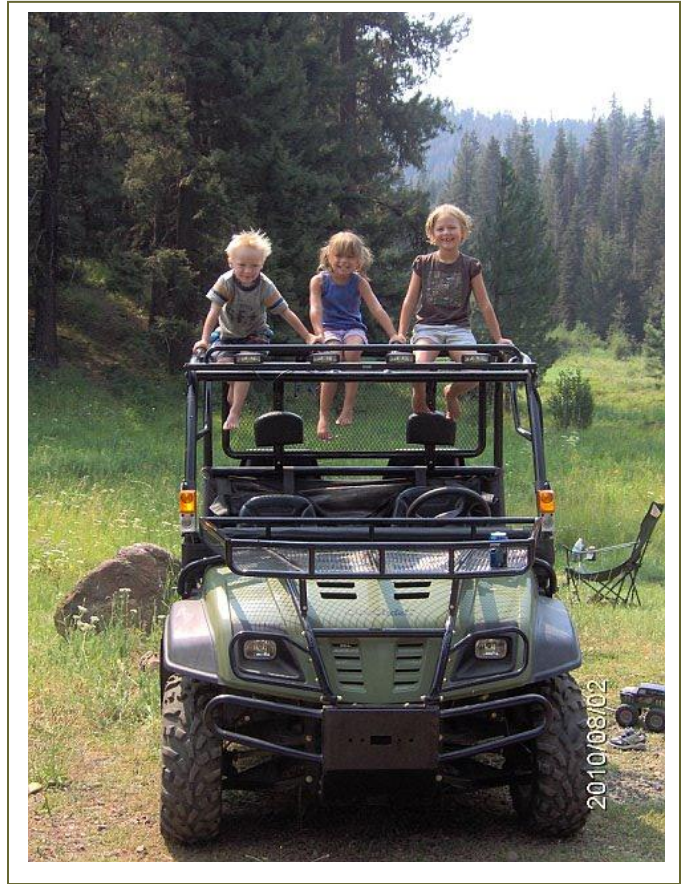
In this edition of our monthly newsletter, all active Prospectors Plus members should have received a new membership vehicle sticker. Please use the sticker on your rig so we have an easy way to identify our members on the claims. If you would prefer to not put the sticker on your rig, please place it on your dashboard so it is easily visible from the outside. Thanks for helping us keep our claims open and available to our members.

2010 Gold Dust Days

By Don Gill

The annual Gold Dust Days Heritage Festival was a phenomenal event drawing great crowds across all three days and really showed off the grand hospitality of Gold Bar. Of course, it didn't hurt that the weather was absolutely Washington State perfect (for the uninitiated, that's low-80's with a cool breeze) and the list of festival events has grown even bigger than ever. Amongst the festival fare of parades (there were two), art booths, live entertainment, BBQ and Show-n-Shine motorcycle, lawnmower and auto shows, the good people of the Washington State Civil War Association encamped right in middle of it all – cannons blazing on the hour. How cool is that?

The gang at Prospectors Plus put up shop right next to the playground – a stone throw from the civil war re-enactors – and brought a heap of prospecting gear and gadgets to demonstrate to onlookers right at the twelve-foot panning table. While Chris fielded a slew of prospecting and mining questions, Laren (with the supervision of Cody's practiced hand) graciously helped demonstrate simple panning techniques on the hottest selling product at the event – bags of gold ore. For just \$5, festival attendees bellied up to the panning table and tried their luck. Most walked



away with 5-10 decent pieces of gold in a shiny new vial. Some really lucky attendees came away with some really nice pickers – my son, Alex being one of them (the lucky little bugger). With each successful pan, Chris would ring the bell and herald a new prospector. It was a real hoot. Everyone had a blast.

The gang is already making plans to attend again next year – bigger and better than ever! Make sure to mark your calendars.

“Always aim for bedrock. The gold can't be any deeper.”

– Paul Mosher



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Prospector Garb

By Michele Brawn

We have been inundated with orders for Prospectors Plus tee-shirts, hats and mugs. To help keep up with the huge demand, we have partnered with member, Whalley Clark of Hats Off Printing in Lynden Washington. Thanks Whalley!

We're Gold Grabber Too

By Adrea Gill

As of this month, Prospectors Plus became the newest dealer of Gold Dredge Builders Warehouse, producers of the famous Mini Gold Grabber! Along with our partnership with Jobe, Keene and Angus MacKirk, Prospectors Plus now offers the fullest line of prospecting equipment in the northwest!

Over the next several weeks we will be updating the website to include all the great new gear. Don't forget - use your 10% membership discount any time you order through Prospectors Plus.

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