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Store Newly Remodeled

By Michele Brawn

We are proud to welcome you to our newly remodeled Sultan store. The store boasts a brand new work area and an open retail space that will make you want to come on in and stay awhile. Decorated in a country cabin theme, the paneled walls display historic mining equipment, pictures and animal displays. Many will appreciate the new carpet and especially the coffee pot, brewing just for you.

As always, doughnuts are offered nearly every Saturday and the conversation is always “interesting”. Swing on by to check it out.

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Website Online Store Open!

By Adrea Gill

It is with great pleasure we announce the opening of the Prospectors Plus online store - with all the convenience of 24/7 shopping with the famous 10% members discount to boot. Log in today for great savings.

Prospectors Plus - In the News

By Michele Brawn

Over the course of the last two months, Prospectors Plus has been all over the news. From the wonderful write-up in the Valley News (available from our website) to the presentation of a certificate of recognition by Sultan Mayor, Carolyn Eslick - Prospectors Plus is having a positive impact in the community.

Thanks our members for making this happen.

Gold Prices Soaring

By Chris Brawn

At the time of this newsletter, the spot price of gold is \$1319.50/oz. Could you think of a better time in history to be involved in prospecting? I can't.

“Finishing - drying and separating your magnetite will help get all your gold. But always save your black sands for further processing.”

- Larry Nye

Upcoming Member Events

By Don Gill

As Fall comes to Washington State, there are still many exciting prospecting opportunities for you and your family to take advantage of. Make sure to mark these upcoming events on your calendar!

Liberty 'Electric' Highbanking Outing October 17th

Did you know that in the State of Washington, you can use your highbanker powered by an electric pump year-around? To demonstrate how effective this prospecting setup can still be, Prospectors Plus is sponsoring the *Liberty 'Electric' Highbanking Outing*.

The outing will be held at the #7 claim in Liberty. A grand barbeque lunch will be put on by our very own Chapter Presidents, Laren Monson & Larry Nye – so bring your appetite. Please bring your drinks and side dishes to share. The club will be bringing several highbanker setups, but if you have your own equipment, please bring it along.

As Fall is coming on fast, this will be a weather-dependent outing. In other words, if there is 3 feet of snow – consider this postponed. All members are encouraged to check our website for the latest updates on this event.

Volunteer Olney Creek Trail Maintenance Nov. 13th

In September, Prospectors Plus opened 3 miles of Olney Creek for our members to enjoy. To help ensure that all our members can enjoy easy access to this new claim, we are asking for volunteers to help clean up and maintaining the trails.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Sultan shop at 9am on Saturday, October 13th. After coffee and doughnuts, we will caravan out to the work areas and work through 1pm. After quitting-time, members are encouraged to enjoy prospecting Olney Creek.



Holiday Turkey Fry

Nov 20th

To show how thankful and appreciative we are for our amazing members, the gang at Prospectors Plus will be lighten' up the deep fat fryer and dunkin' a turkey. We will be welcoming our members starting at 1pm in our newly remodeled Sultan store. Please bring sides or desserts to share with others and your own non-alcoholic beverages of choice & enjoy!

White Elephant Christmas Party

Dec 11th

To bring a great year of prospecting to a close, join us in celebrating the holidays with friends both new and old.

On December 11th, at the Sultan store at 1 pm we will be holding a Christmas party for our members with Santa Chris and his elf helper Cody on hand to ensure everyone has fun.

To participate in the white elephant gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (limited to \$5) to put into Santa Chris' bag. During the festivities, those who brought gifts will be given a gift back from Santa. A Yankee Auction may ensue. It should be a hoot!

Hot drinks will be provided. Please bring cookies to share if possible.

Hootenanny Location Move

By Don Gill

Starting November 3rd, the monthly Member Hootenanny is moving from the Sultan FOE to the brand Sahara Pizza opening down the street from the shop.

Sahara Pizza is owned and operated by our special member and friend Gary Fish. (Come try the 'Prospectors Plus Pie').

Dredge Camp 2010

By Don Gill

Well, if you missed the Prospectors Plus Member's Dredge Camp 2010 – you really missed out. What a blast! There were more than 40 members able to attend during the weekend outing, running about a dozen or so dredges (including Doug's 4-inch monster) right on the #7 claim on Williams Creek. In addition to the mountains of great food put on by our very own master chef Laren, there was loads of different equipment for people to try their hand at (like the new Gold Grabber II) and many new friends to meet. It was a fantastic first 'big' event for our club!

While the common operation struck out, many participants found great color poking around the river – including yours truly :)

A fair chunk of the outing was captured by Uno and Deuce and is now available for your viewing pleasure right here at ProspectorPlus.com or directly on our YouTube.com Channel. Hope you enjoy! 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.

'Ore Dump Podcast'

By Don Gill

The 'Ore Dump' Podcast is a weekly audio roundtable conversation on the adventures of prospecting and the great outdoors hosted by Larren "Ore Dump" Monson, Western Washington Chapter President of Prospectors Plus. Every week, we talk about the most interesting aspects of prospecting, outdoor recreation and sport as well as tips, techniques and know-how for making prospecting a safe, profitable and enjoyable hobby. Your feedback and response is always welcome in our [forums](#).

The podcast is available from our website for your enjoyment. Please feel free to download and share with your prospecting friends.

Gold Strike In Liberty




By Don Gill

On September 4th, Larry and Chris closed the Sultan store early and made the two-hour run across the mountains to Liberty eager to test out new Prospectors Plus claims. With the day already waning as they reached their destination, Chris took off into the brush to hunt the property in hopes to relocate a reported old mine. Larry stayed to a dry creek bed and slowly worked his way up searching for a good place to do some dry-panning. It didn't take long before Larry stumbled upon an old falls wash the bottom of which was loaded with large packed round stone. With just 15 minutes of light left, Larry began carefully working through the top layer of rock, letting the dirt jammed in the cracks fall into his pan. To his surprise, he started hearing "thunking" as some of the smaller stones hit his pan. Wouldn't yeah know it - as he dry-panned his finds, he was shocked to find several beautiful nuggets covered in dirt.

Larry reported, "As soon as I saw that compacted round river rock under the dried up falls, I knew that there was good gold there. I didn't realize that it was going to be that good. I feel pretty darn lucky. Definitely the best 15 minutes of prospecting I've ever had!"

Well, congratulations Larry. Those are definitely some beautiful finds. It appears that the sun shines on an ugly dogs a** every once and a while.



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