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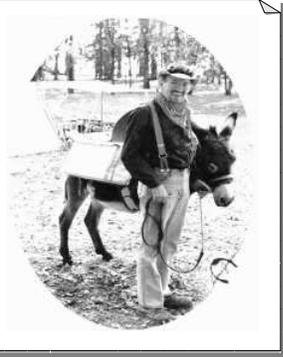
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# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

June 2006

## President's Report

First off I have to apologize for the problems with the newsletter last month. Like all things circumstances can conspire to create problems. I won't kid you and say that they won't happen ever again, but we will all try our best to make sure that they don't happen too often. The upcoming events are Shady Cove on June 17th; this is a nice close spot to get together at. Just remember there is no dredging up there. After that will be the Dad's Creek outing July 7th and 8th. During the cleanup down there earlier in the year some good gold was found, come on down and we will try to find more. I just got the word that Dave and Gaylyn Cross are going to be signing there two claims, one on Martin Creek and one on Walker Creek over to the club at the next meeting. So now we will have a couple of claims to play with a little closer to home. Thanks Dave and Gay.

Don Hammer

President WVM

## Outings/Events

Miners Meadow Camping with potluck June8-11

Shady Cove June17

## Newsletter

Anything want added to the newsletter let me know Email gcross004@web-ster.com

**If you have changed your email/phone number or address please let us know by sending a note to the club mail box.**

# Meeting Minutes

## May 18, 2006

Ken Haines, Secretary

President Don Hammer, of the Willamette Valley Miners, called to order the May 2006 general meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held on its regularly scheduled third Thursday of the month. The Marion County Fire Station at 300 Cordon Road N. E., in Salem was the location. The usual downstairs meeting room at the rear of the station, held the 35 regular members and 1 guest in attendance.

President Don noted that last months newsletter had not gone out as scheduled, however, the information will be preserved and sent out now or combined with the next scheduled letter.

He reminded the group of the upcoming Vincent Creek outing coming up on the Memorial Day weekend, May 26<sup>th</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The current road access and gate permit letter were also distributed to interested members at that time.

The Quartzville Miners Meadow outing will follow the next weekend on June 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>. Both outings are family outings and are good opportunities to prospect on the Willamette Valley Miners Gold Claims.

The Treasurers Report was given by Andy Miller and approved.

Don also thanked member and former club president, Paul Messersmith, for holding the hands on instructional class on claim location and filing earlier in the month.

After the Willamette Valley Miners annual event at the Rickreall Gem and Rock Show, several groups, including some valley area schools requested our group to come and bring our gold panning tubs to their location and instruct their young people how to pan for gold. Tom Quintal and Louie Frick from our group are heading up the first of these special instructional events at the Jefferson Grade School, in Jefferson, Oregon on Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Any other members wishing to contribute time to the next generation of prospectors and gold miners should contact Tom at 503 371 9747 or Louie at 541 327 1210.

Club Librarian, Howard Conner, has added 2 new books to the clubs library. The library is rich resource available to all members and it travels each month to our meeting. See Howard for more information or

browse the entire content of our unique library at our next monthly meeting on June 15.

The annual Miners Rendezvous is coming up at miners Meadow on the weekend of June 8-11th. This year's event will feature a metal detector hunt, a duck derby, and geo caching along with the camping, prospecting, eating and story telling.

Also on June 10th, Rita's Oregon Prospectors Supplies and Louie's Fine Recovery will be demonstrating gold recovery products nearby at Boulder Creek. Don't miss this opportunity to see the latest in gold recovery systems. The club has allocated \$75.00 toward prizes for events at this years rendezvous.

During the break, raffle Master Wes Jeffers, sold raffle tickets for the evenings gold nugget raffle. The proceeds from the nugget raffle and others help the club put out the monthly newsletter and keep the meeting hall rent paid.

After the break the members voted to reimburse President Don for the fixings for the upcoming Turkey Fry at Miners Meadow.

Paul Messersmith said that the U.S.G.S. master map index, which he used during his seminar, will now be placed in the club library. He also said that he has checked and found that the Swiss freight pack frames are still available. For more information call Paul 541 926 8153.

The Beaver State Coin Shooters have some good outing coming up soon; contact Gary Schrader for details 503 859 3132.

Larry Coon volunteered to replace the aging and tattered notice of location at the WVM 1 club claim. Thanks Larry.

The Dad's creek outing is coming up July 7-9th and Paul Messersmith said that he had recently visited the club claims there and worked the upper claim for several days. Ask Paul to show you the nice gold he recovered there.

Gary and Trudy Schrader reported that during the last bagging party, those attending put together about 700 bags, which are used during the panning demos. All contain small gold nuggets for panning.

Wes Jeffers said that the Beverly Beach outing was again a success, as new beach sluices helped the attending members to sift the fine gold from the areas black sands.

The evening raffles were held, and the metal detector, pin pointer and gold nugget were all given to the lucky winners.

Meeting Adjourned.

Happy Prospecting.

### Vincent Creek Outing

We (Andy, Cathy, Darryl and Michele Miller) just got back from the outing at Vincent Creek. We had a great time. The weather could not make up its mind. We got there Thursday it rained off and on all the way over but the drive was beautiful. By the time we got to camp it had stopped long enough for us to set up. Les, Melody and Trevor Sheffield got there ahead of us and we set up near them. Later in the afternoon Gene and Marci Terry should up. That was the full extent of our participants. During the outing it rained, snowed, froze and was nice but that did not stop us. We all set up on different parts of the claim. Mostly in the creek. The Gene and Marci and we were high banking. Les and Trevor had their dredge set up. The

first day we stayed pretty even with a little flake in the cons. Les and Trevor were doing better. Then on the second day around three we went back to camp and Les and Trevor stayed down. They busted open a crack and hit the one we all want. Several nice nuggets but one real nice looked like a corn flake and wt bout 10 grains. I don't know what they ended up with but it looked real good when we pulled out on Monday. The Terrys and we left together. I am sure that if Les don't have to work they will bring all their gold to the meeting so come and see. You all missed a very fun time.

**Helping new miners**

There are a lot of new people in the club. Most of who have never prospected at all. They join to learn how to prospect so if any of you more experienced folks would call some of these new folks a take them along. You don't have to show them the hot spot just help them learn how to use the equipment. We need all the new blood we can muster to carry on the traditions. For all you new members show up at any of the outing you can make even if it is just for the day this way you get to know people and network. There are folks that would enjoy the company if they knew you a little. At the outings there are people that would be more than happy to help you out. One of the new people that have some weekend available is Tim Niblack 503-644-9825. He is very eager to learn and will meet up with you. So give him a call. Keep shovelin dirt ANDY

**Dutch Oven Cooking Recipes**

**Sour Dough Pancakes**

- 2 Cups Starter
- ½ tsp Salt
- 1 egg
- 1Tblspn oil
- 1 Tblspn Water
- 1 Tblspn Baking soda

This recipe doesn't use flour which makes the batter lighter

**Short cut pie**

- Buy frozen Pie
- Put in Dutch oven
- Use a 10" Dutch for an 8" pie
- Or a 12" for a 9" pie

Place the Dutch on another Dutch then line the lid with coals

Next go to the pantry and throw some flour on yourself so everyone thinks you've been baking all day

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