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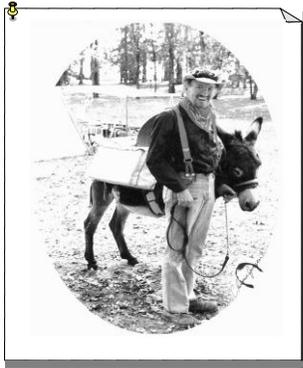
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

February 2013

Next Meeting

February 21, 2013
7:00 pm @

**February 23 - Metal Detecting practice in Bush Pasture
Park in Salem**

**March 16 - Metal Detecting in Albany at TimberLinn Park
just off I-5.**

**March 28-30 - GPAA Salem Gold and Treasure Show at the
State Fairgrounds**

President's Report

The Presidents report.....

What is it? Well it's where I say what's on my mind about the Willamette Valley Miners and about mining in general. But NOT TODAY.....Coming in **FEBRUARY the Legislators go to work!!!!**

We as a group and as individuals are losing our rights to everything. If we don't speak we can't be heard. So if you don't care you can stop reading now.

There are several ways to speak. Write about yourself and your beliefs, using e-mails or regular mail, using both works very well. Make a phone call. Tell them how you feel about the rules and laws and restrictions etc. Show passion in how you feel, if you're unsure then BE EDUCATED so what you say makes sense and has passion. Read the news and read the newsletter. Read E-mails from Tom Q., Joe Green, Claudia's and also the ones I send out for info on what's happening. Read the news from other mining groups like EOMA and Douglas county Prospectors. Read the oppositions' news like KS wild and others to find out what they are planning to do to you next.

Sign a petition they are out there (We the People, found on-line for example) at local meetings and rallies.

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

President's Report, Cont'd

To learn how to be heard effectively come to the WAR ROOM Thursdays at the state capital building. It's about things that affect you (us) and it's for all of us. I believe it's in room 201, just show up no need to call ahead. This is for a limited time, one month only, and then we have what we get till next year.

Get your family and friends involved every voice counts, **many voices shout.**

Minutes

January 17, 2013

Call to order – Pres. Eben Ray
Pledge of Allegiance – Eben Ray

The was 58 Members present with 4 Guests

Jim Perkey; Advised that we will need “Gold Bags” filled before the Rickreall and GPAA Shows soon. This will be at Jim's home on Feb 9 at 10 AM bring potluck snacks to share.

Minutes of last meeting (Nov) was approved as published in the Newsletter.

Reports from Past Outings:

Xmas Party was lots of fun, good food and well attended. We have some lost and found items – are you missing anything? Check with us next meeting.

Special Note; In honor of the passing of long time Member Steve Landis. Howard Conner proposed that we have in August a Yearly Steve Landis Memorial Mining Tour. This was seconded by Joe Greene and approved.

Also there will be a number of Steve Landis's high quality tools at the next meeting on display and for sale to help his family with Medical costs. Please purchase if you can.

Trevor Sheffield's phone # is wrong on the Club Calendar should be listed as 541-990-5779. Make sure you make the change on your Calendars.

It's been reported that long time life member Dan Brady passed away on January 22 2013. He taught a

gold mining class at Chemeketa and took several people up to our claim we had on the Little North Fork. He also gave the Three Pools Claim and the Shady Cove Claim to the Club.

Chuck Choate asked if there was a possibility of getting a load speaker setup because it's hard to hear in back of the meeting room.

Events & Outings

February 21 -As most of you know our long time member, past Vice President and good mining friend Steve Landis lost his battle with cancer recently. At the end of our WVM meeting next month (February 21, 2013) the Landis family will hold a tool sale. Steve was a Millwright and heavy mechanic so he worked with many types of tools. This sale is being held to help pay his family's expenses. Included are Craftsman rolling tool chests and many hand tools. Steve took very good care of his tools so many good buys will be available for purchase/donation.

February 23 -The metal detecting at Bush Park (just SW of the Hospital) well be held on Feb 23rd. We will meet at the parking lot by the bottom of the soap box derby track about 10:00 am. Bush park is quite large so we will have lots of places to go, the playground by the ball field is usually a good area. I think the bath rooms are locked this time of year but I am not sure.

Do not bring large digging tools, picks and screwdrivers work fine for most things. Disturb as little area as possible when recovering targets, fill all holes and put plugs back in top of hole.

Gary Schrader
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March 16 try more Metal Detecting in Albany at TimberLinn Park just off I-5.

March 28-30. GPAA Salem Gold and Treasure Show at the State Fairgrounds, **Need** volunteers for set-up and **Please** plan to help with our WVM booth also.

Member's Corner

A reminder to all... Now is the time to renew your membership if you haven't already done so. March 1st is the deadline. Don't miss out on the opportunity to enjoy all of the outings, workshops, use of claims, education, and friendships with folks that have like interests. Your membership dues also help cover the costs of operating our association. They also allow us, as a group, to join forces with our fellow mining groups in contributing in the battle against those who are trying to enact the laws that would deny all of us the legal rights to use our rivers, and streams as miners. And lastly, our largest expense is the printing of the monthly newsletter. If any of you are willing to receive the newsletter on our web-site, please let the treasurer Jim Perkey know. (e-mail jptoads@q.com) or call [503-390-7327](tel:503-390-7327). It certainly will help reduce that cost. All of you who have already chosen this option, will see it go into effect beginning with the March newsletter. The newsletter will be posted on the website by the 10th of each month.

Last night was my first meeting with the Willamette Valley Miners and I am now a member. There was a lot of talk about contacting your local representative about SB 115. Below is a link for members to use to find their State Representative.

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/>

Regards,
Don Harmon

To: Willamette Valley Miners
From: David Schneider

My son and I just wanted to thank you for the trip to the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. Wes and Tammy deserve a big thanks for showing us some panning techniques, and patients with a few beginners. My son and I had a great day and just wanted to drop a note to show our appreciation.

Thanks Again,
Noah and David Schneider

Department of State Lands General Authorization permit. Don't forget to turn in your required annual report to Department of State Lands for the amount of material you disturbed in Essential Salmon

Habitat Streams. If you don't turn in the annual report you will not be able to obtain a new FREE General Authorization (GA) permit next year. This report is not required if you did suction dredging in Non Essential Salmon Habitat Streams.

Government Affairs

ACTION ALERT TO ALL MINERS

We are sending out this Action Alert to all miners because of the outright attack on our mining rights by the State of Oregon. Below you will find three separate bills that have targeted miners throughout Oregon. We need to flood the Oregon Senate and the House of Representatives with letters that are strongly opposed to these bills. These bills are greased and will be fast tracked, we have very little time to stop these bills.

We are asking you and any other interested party that you may choose to share this with to please take the time to respond. If we want to continue to mine we must stop this adverse legislation.

You need to read each bill listed below and write one letter with an extra copy: one saying "Dear Senator" and one saying "Dear Representative" with the same message on both letters. Use the talking points listed below each Senate bill. Your signature address and telephone number must be on each letter.

Send your letters back to us at: EOMA, PO Box 932, Baker City, OR 97814.

Please enclose with your letters several sheets of your personal mailing labels for each letter you generate. There are 30 Senators and 60 Representatives. Your letters will be hand delivered to all of the Senators and Representatives in the Oregon State Legislature. If you don't have labels, we will have to hand address each envelope, so if possible, Please send labels.

SB 115

*** Prohibits placer mining in Oregon using any form of motorized Equipment.**

*** Prohibits any and all dredging in the state of Oregon.**

- * A maximum of one year in prison and a \$6,250 fine or both.
- * SB 115 is a takings of all of your mining rights.
- * SB 115 is a preemption of the Federal Mining Law.
- * SB 115 will cause state wide takings litigation by miners against the state of Oregon.
- * The enormous cost to the state defending SB 115 will be prohibitive.

SB 370

- * **Division of State Lands (DSL) to issue commercial placer mining permits**
- * **Definition of commercial is: Engaging in Commerce and commerce involves buying, selling and transporting from place to place on a large scale.**
- * **Imposes permit fee of \$125 per year on placer mining on Federal state and private land.**
- * **Failure of miners to get permits are: 30 days in prison and \$1,250 fine or both.**
- * **Prohibitive rules yet to be developed by the Division of State Lands.**
- * **Dredge nozzle size, plus other requirements are not yet laid out.**
- * **You must also conform to other unspecified rules that will later be adopted by the Director.**
- * **The state of Oregon imposing restrictive rules and regulations on small miners mining on Federal lands is to say the least problematic.**

SB 401

- * **Wild and Scenic creek and river designations prohibit all mining.**
- * **Covers all designated waters beds and banks.**
- * **Also a setback of 1/4 of a mile on each side above high water mark is an outright takings of Federal mining rights, guaranteed under the law.**

- * **SB 401 will create massive takings litigation by miners over the 1/4 mile set back.**
- * **SB 401 would stop or curtail most building on private lands.**
- * **SB 401 targets most streams in Oregon that are gold bearing.**
- * **SB 401 is an overt act by the Oregon Legislature to destroy mining and miners in Oregon.**
- * **At a time when Oregon is trying to recover and produce jobs this is a major jobs killing bill.**

These three above Senate Bills will kill placer mining in Oregon. It should make you very angry that the environmentalists and their cohorts in the state legislature would do this to us.

Lets flood them with letters of protest. Use the talking points and use your own words to describe how you will be affected and how placer mining does indeed contribute to

To help respond to the anti-mining legislation threat in Oregon to all mining law beneficiaries:

Thank you to Tom Quintal, government liaison of Willamette Valley Mining Association, for putting the following together for anyone wanting to respond. Below are some bullet points to write letters, phone, e-mail or fax the Oregon legislators regarding the new anti-mining bills. The Senate Environment & Resources committee will be hearing SB115, SB401 and SB370 in this committee.

Here's the framework of a letter or email. Make sure to put in the required info and use the bullet points as a guide but come up with your own if you can as well. Make the communication your statement, not a form response.

Communications should begin to be accepted on these bills beginning next week starting around the February 5th after the Legislative Session starts.

For all letters, faxes or e-mails **don't forget to say *Please make this letter part of the public record.***

If you only wish to call their legislative office give your name and maybe address then say,
I OPPOSE the following Senate bills SB115, SB401 and SB370 and ask your phone call be made as part of the public record.

Address all letters post cards and faxes to the Oregon State Capitol Address is: 900 Court St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301.

If you do not know the individuals room number make sure the legislator's name is on your letter and the Capitol mailroom will put it in their Capitol mail box. You will need to look up their e-mail address and fax number for each legislative member found in the Oregon Legislative website. When their website comes up, search under the tab for Senate or House then, click on Senate or House. Find the highlighted selection for their alphabetical listing and click on it. All their information will be displayed for each member be it Senate or House tab that you select.

You can send this example letter below or for e-mail or fax to every member on the committee and every legislative member on the House and Senate.

Example if writing one of the committee members:

ATTENTION: Environment & Natural Resources Committee:

Dear Senator Dingfelder: .

I OPPOSE the following Senate bills SB115, SB401 and SB370

All of the bills listed will cause financial hardship including mineral trespass for Oregon citizens with respect to our 1872 mining rights and Oregon mining law.

SB401 in particular will cause a "Takings" for some of Oregon's most valuable placer mining streams with active Federal mining claims. SB401 will also eliminate future mining claims with respect to the new proposed Oregon Scenic Waters. Oregon already has 19 Oregon Scenic Waters including Waldo Lake. Please be aware with the proposed Oregon Scenic Waters addition Oregon cannot afford a "Takings" class action lawsuit from hundreds of Oregon Federal claim owners.

If you write a letter or email I would list your name and address.

Here are the folks that need immediate letters, emails, faxes and phone calls to their individual offices.

Senator Jackie Dingfelder **Party: D District: 23**

Capitol Phone: [503-986-1723](tel:503-986-1723)

District Phone: [503-493-2804](tel:503-493-2804)

Capitol Address: 900 Court St NE, S-407, Salem, OR, 97301

District Office Address: PO Box 13432, Portland, OR, 97213

Email: Sen.JackieDingfelder@state.or.us

Website: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/dingfelder>

Senator Alan Olsen **p**

Party: R District: 20

Capitol Phone: [503-986-1720](tel:503-986-1720)

District Phone: [503-936-8605](tel:503-936-8605)

Capitol Address: 900 Court St NE, S-425, Salem, OR, 97301

District Office Address: PO Box 820, Canby, OR, 97013

Email: Sen.AlanOlsen@state.or.us

Website: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/olsen>

Senator Alan Bates

Party: D District: 3

Capitol Phone: [503-986-1703](tel:503-986-1703)

District Phone: [541-282-6502](tel:541-282-6502)

Capitol Address: 900 Court St NE, S-205, Salem, OR, 97301

District Office Address: 2859 State Street #101, Medford, OR, 97504

Email: Sen.AlanBates@state.or.us

Website: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/bates>

Senator Bill Hansell

Party: R District: 29

Capitol Phone: [503-986-1729](tel:503-986-1729)

Capitol Address: 900 Court St NE, S-423, Salem, OR, 97301

Email: Sen.BillHansell@state.or.us

Interim Email: Sen.BillHansell@state.or.us

Website: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/hansell>

Senator Mark Hass

Party: D District: 14

Capitol Phone: [503-986-1714](tel:503-986-1714)

Capitol Address: 900 Court St NE, S-207, Salem, OR, 97301

District Office Address: PO Box 536, Beaverton, OR, 97075

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Finally after 3 decades (on and off) of research, a new Mining Book

Gold Panner's Guide to the Oregon Cascades
By WVM member Tom Bohmker. Covers areas to pan w/o a claim from Portland to Cow Creek south of Roseburg,. How to pan mining stories, 87 pages 9 maps.
\$17.50, \$2.00 postage.

Classifieds

Wild West Gold Sales

I Buy & Sell Gold nuggets and Fines no amount is too small. E-mail: wrtckenhaines@comcast.net
Ph: 541-791-9986

Christmas Party Lost and Found

We now have a can opener, glass pyrex baking dish w/serving spoon and a red stuffed monkey in our collection of left items. They will be at the Jan meeting for owners to pick up.

LOST AND FOUND.

Mans brown jacket-Pyrex casserole and serving spoon-Red white and blue stuffed bear.

Call patti at [503-390-7327](tel:503-390-7327)

For Sale

Gold Miner's Wheel for Sale. Bought last year, new – only used a few times (Excellent Condition)
\$225 OBO Phil 541-990-8850 (12/12)

Wanted

Gold Screw

Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

Willamette Valley Miners
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: **Last** _____ **First** _____ **M.I.** _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Why would you like to join WVM? _____

What special skills / work have you done _____

Would you be willing to receive your newsletter by email/website? Yes / No

Which committee/office would you be interested in? (Circle one) President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, claim, Events, Programs, Website, Newsletter, Government Affairs

Please check: New Member _____ **Membership Renewal** _____

Please accept my application for membership in the Willamette Valley Miners Club. I understand that the association is a non-profit organization of members with a common interest in small scale mining and Mineral prospecting and Education. I have read and understand the agreement below.

Annual Family membership dues - \$25.00.
Membership year begins in January for all members

Annual dues for individual or families including children under 18 years living in the same household.

As a member of the Willamette Valley Miners I hereby agree to abide by the rules and guidelines established by the association. A member may be removed from the membership by a vote of members at a normally held meeting if member is to be found violating the rules and guidelines.

I acknowledge that small scale prospecting may involve inherent dangers and I hereby release the Willamette Valley Miners, its officers, and claim holders from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, damages, or injuries that may occur on any and all claims controlled by the Willamette Valley Miners, or other clubs who we share claims with. I further agree to hold the Willamette Valley Miners, its officers, and claim holders harmless from the results of any accident or incident that may occur while I am on said lands controlled by the Willamette Valley Miners or claims shared with others clubs.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Must be signed by spouse for family membership)

Amount enclosed _____

Please send application and remittance to:
Willamette Valley Miners PO Box 13044 Salem Or. 97309

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Salem OR 97309-1044

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