

SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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November Winners!

Gene Anthony won the Gold Nugget from the Bering Sea . Gemstones were won by Judith Skagen and Dave Conti. The Star Garnet was won by Anthony Loveall. Polished Rock went to Debbie Witcher . A special Gold Nugget available only to veterans was won by Pat Staat.

10 Vials of Gold will be awarded at Dec. 8th Meeting

You must be a member in good standing.
Drawing will be at end of the meeting.

Presidents Desk, Al Lewis

Hi everyone! I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and I hope ya'll did not eat too much. I know that I did. I made a smoked turkey for dinner and all of the fix in's with Judy and it was all yummy.

Remember that the President and Secretary are up for election so if you have any nominations say them at this meeting.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas this year. I want to thank all of my officers and board members for all the hard work they did this year. It was a great year and I'm looking forward to the New Year with lots of fun outing and lots of **GOLD**.

See ya'll at the upcoming meeting on 12/8/2013

MAY THE BOTTOM OF YOUR PANS TURN GOLD IN THE NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Important Dates

12/08 1pm Regular Meeting Elections

2014

01/12 1pm Regular Meeting and

Winter Feast

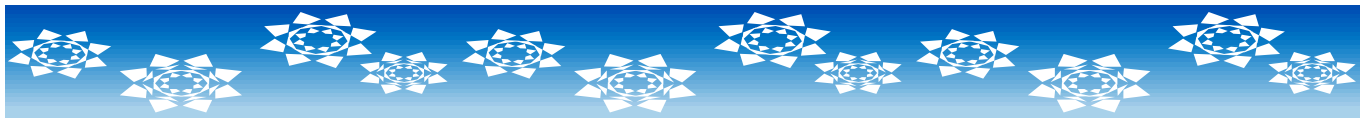
Scuba Classes Starting

call Bill Ray at

360-749-2817



Corina getting Gold...and dirty and Wet feeding the sluice box. Fun-Fun-Fun!





WINTER FEAST!

Jan. 12, 2014

Join us following the regular Gold Club meeting for a Winter Feast.

Please bring appetizers, salads, main dishes (hot or cold) or dessert.

E-mail Becky at luckyseven-five@gmail.com and tell her what you are bringing.

We're providing plates/ silverware and coffee.

Everyone is welcome!

Welcome to our new Webmaster

Hello, My name is Patti Long and I've just recently accepted the post of Web Host. I was somewhat nervous at first, as I have never been one before, but after a day of 'intense' training with the former Web Host, Rosalie Mitchell and numerous phone calls back and forth, I have settled into my new role. It does help that I like computers and understand them a bit. It has been suggested and I agree that it would be nice to have a 'Members Only' page, so please stand by. If any of you have any questions, suggestions, pictures or ideas and would like to share them with me I look forward to hearing from you. Don't forget we have a page to list things you have to sell or trade. You can either email me at palong48@gmail.com or call me at 503-665-4717.

Jim, Leo, Linda ,Chris H., Missy the dog and I out Metal Detecting. It was Freakin Cold. I forgot I had these. And here is our findings. At Lewisville Park. Thanks Becky for sending in these pix.



Members' Corner

- ◆ A member wrote thanking Michele and Anthony Loveall and Family for opening their home to hungry miners for Thanksgiving
- ◆ Please donate Gift Cards and good-as-new gift items. If you can help me, call me at 971-212-5996. I need you to bring them to me at our meeting December 8th. Thanks, Steve Lewin.
- ◆ I'm making this request on behalf of a Member whose family is having a tough time right now. They want to buy an inexpensive metal detector for Christmas. E-mail me if you have a metal detector for sale for cheap or know someone who might have one they don't use. Thanks, Becky, luckysevefive@gmail.com
- ◆ Concealed Weapon Permit Class. I do the classes at your time, your place. They run around \$20.00, and I bring everything that is needed with me. There is NO shooting but I do teach you how to handle firearms. Call me at 503 397 3047 and I will set a time and date for you. Bob Rasey.
- ◆ Scuba Classes Starting. Call Bill Ray at 360-749-2817. Dave Greer and Randy Harper are instructing this great refresher class for those who want to dredge.

For your Holiday Shopping –SW WA Gold Prospectors

Club T-Shirts

TWO STYLES!! Still ONLY \$15.00 each!!!!



Introducing David Conti, Active Member and Board Candidate

About Me:

I was born and raised in this great Pacific Northwest and have lived here all 47 years of my life. I grew up and went to school in the Parkrose area in Northeast Portland, and later moved over to Vancouver. I currently reside in the South Hockinson area where I have lived since 2000. I have been married to my wife LaDonna for the past 22 years and have 4 Children (1 Girl and 3 boys). At the current time , I am mostly helping my mother maintain several properties as she is elderly and needs my help in many areas. My past employment has mostly been in sales of various types including automotive batteries, home and car audio and electronics as well as the old Chart House restaurant (now Joe's Crab Shack) on the Vancouver waterfront.

What interests me about a board member position:

I have only been involved with this club since March of 2013 , but I have not missed a club meeting and have attended

most of the outings and have enjoyed everyone of them. I care about this club and the people in it very much. I feel that I can contribute some ideas that I have for the club to make it even better and I would always listen to other club members' ideas and look for ways to improve this great club. I am truly honored to be a candidate for the SWWGP board and I hope you consider me when you vote. **By the way, I really do have Gold Fever.**



November Meeting Highlights

79 people attended our November meeting.

Claims Chair Steve Lewin reported that the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife is making changes to the East Fork of the Lewis River to allow only native fish upstream. No change to the dredging season in the lower end of this river. The GPAA Gold Show will not be in Salem this year, it will be in Puyallup.

Myron Hastings spoke about poison dangers connected with gold. When gold is heated, it can release mercury. If you are working tailing, such as in Idaho, it is best to have a metal detector, and the higher the kilohertz of the machine, the better to find gold. To get the gold out of rocks found in tailings, you must crush the rock, then apply heat through a smelter. Fumes given off by a smelter can kill you, so you need to have a way to pull fumes away. Inca gold was buried with deadly antimony, which is released when the gold is uncovered. Arsenic may be found near or with gold, such as in Idaho Mines.





TRADING POST. Members in good standing can advertise for free. Listings are posted for 3 months. E-mail me to continue posting. **Newsletter deadline is the first Sunday of each month.** Thanks! Linda Williams, bstwshes@yahoo.com, or call 503-703-1142.

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<p><u>Columbia River Mining Supplies</u> Bucket Faucet, Hand Trommel, Gold Cube & More David Urick (SWWGP member) 360-980-7190 ColumbiaRiverMiningSupplies.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TRADING POST</u></p>

Winterizing Tip for your Metal Detector. From White's Electronics, Inc: "Don't forget to take your batteries out of your machines and pin pointers for the winter. Clean/repair your machines' screens during the winter months so you are ready to go in the Spring"

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Join us !

All interested parties are invited to attend one of our monthly meetings. There will be opportunities to learn about prospecting laws, methods, and equipment as well as some hands-on practice. There also are outings to enjoy the pleasures of the outdoors and prospecting for gold. Become a member of one of the newest chapters of the Gold Prospectors Association of America.

All memberships are individual; there is no age requirement to join in the fun.

**Southwest Washington
Gold Prospectors**

Meets 2nd Sunday every month at 1:00 pm
Minnehaha Grange Hall No. 164
4905 NE St Johns Rd, Vancouver WA