# SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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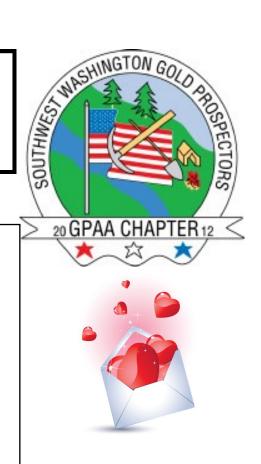
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## Hello members and prospective members, Randy Harper here.

First I'd like to say thank you for entrusting me with this role for our club, my promise to you is, to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability. Because of your hard work thus far, our club is poised as GPAA's #2 club over-all. Thank you all who helped accomplish this.

As we continue to grow in 2014, I'm excited to see new members take an active role in key positions. This is what it takes, as it strengthens an already committed group. With all that fast growth, comes growing pains, we've had our share. If you attended our last meeting, we had a short meeting so we could enjoy each others' company downstairs. We broke bread and had plenty of time to get more acquainted. Thank you everyone for bringing the food and drinks.

We will continue to grow this year, and continue to learn and meet new people. As we grow, those growing pains can slow our momentum. For the sake of the club that serves 371 now, lets continue to keep things moving in a positive direction, while keeping things simple and enjoyable for our members. Last year's duties were handed off to new officers, and things looked like they were going great, then because of our infancy not everything was orderly, our budget looked to be in bad shape, but only because of misunderstandings, those got passed around and evolved into full blown rumors. (Continued on Page 2)

Our last elected president was unnecessarily put in the awkward position of leading what was perceived at that time as a club that leaked money. Of course, after receipts were found and everything was accounted for, and the only thing wrong is the way it was handled. As our club experienced a huge loss as our president stepped down, and with him other key positions followed. Blame and resentment showed its ugly head and feelings were hurt.

All this could have been prevented by handling everything with all officers present. With "all information and all officers present, the plan is rock solid. Let's stick to the Bylaws, they are there for our protection against these things. I want to be part of a forward-moving and positive club, and I'm sure you do as well. With only 12 meetings a year, we need to make the most of each one to accomplish success as a club.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting. Let's shake hands and move forward as we must. It's in our hands to make this a Golden Year.



## **January Meeting Highlights**

Randy Harper was nominated for our vacant President position. He accepted the nomination. If he is elected President at our February meeting, we will be taking nominations for Vice President, Treasurer, and one At-Large Board Position.

GPAA Gold Shows are in Roseburg OR and Puyallup WA this year. In 2015 GPAA is planning on having a Gold Show at the Portland Convention Center. We want to be a big part of the 2015 Show.

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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.

Go on outings to enjoy the pleasures of the out-of-doors and prospect for gold.

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### **Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors**

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