

# SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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**!! CONGRATULATIONS !!**

## **2014 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

President, Bill Ray \* V.P. Randy Harper (appointed)

Treasurer, Michele Loveland \* Secretary, Linda Williams

Board Members-at-Large:

Ernie Stinson, Rick Beehler, Chris Beck,

Anthony Loveall, David Conti, Daniel Keesee



**WINTER**

**POTLUCK**

January 12, 2014

After our regular Gold Club meeting

Bring an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert

**E-mail Becky and tell her what you are bringing**

[luckysevenfive@gmail.com](mailto:luckysevenfive@gmail.com)

Plates/ silverware and coffee are provided

**Everyone Come!**

## President's Pen



Hi everyone, hope you all had a great time over the holidays. This is a new year full of new ideas, great outings, and hopefully you'll find more gold than you ever have before. I am looking forward to getting more young people involved too. I'm planning to have hands-on classes on dredge operation in the classroom this winter so you'll be ready for summer fun. I'm also hoping the Club will agree to buy a little equipment to improve our outings.

Food, Fun, Gold. Doesn't get any better than that!!!! With new people come new ideas. We have a Great Group and I am looking forward to working with each of you as a team to achieve our Golds. :)

Let's have a GREAT year full of Fun, Friends, and GOLD!!! **BILL RAY**



**Members Get Together to Prospect.** Members can let each other know when we are going prospecting. Join the 'Closed Group' section of our [Facebook Page: SWWGP](#) to be part of the conversation!

You can join other members when they send a message that they are heading out to 'Git' GOLD!

AND You can let other Members know that you are heading out to prospect when you want company.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These 'Get Togethers' are not official Club Outings. Information about Club Outings will be published in the Newsletter so that ALL club members have an opportunity to participate.

## Outgoing President Passes the Reins to New 2014 President



Al Lewis is our Club's founding president. He has been president for two years. Bill Ray, our new President, was our 2013 Vice President and is also a founding official. Al will continue on our 2014 board because he's our Past-President. Al and his wife Judy plan on doing more prospecting in 2014. Judy is also a founding member of the board of di-

## December Winners!!



Panning Sand won by Patrick Vercoe

Gemstones won by Linda Erickson, Dave Conti and Charlie Hord

Propane stove won by Becky Beck

Gold was won by

Lexie Holloway, Linda Erickson, Jim StClair, Bill White, Mike Adkins, Judy Stevens, Dave Jones, Robert Gregory, Michele Loveall, Ron Tompkins, Jim Erickson.

## 2013 Was a Good Year

I wanted to say thanks to all of the people who volunteered at the Longview Library's Dig Into Reading Program and Gold Show in the summer of 2013. Prospectors Plus, Bedrock Prospectors, SW WA Gold Prospectors, D&K Prospectors, Whites' Metal Detectors, Home Depot, and Russ the Water Man, and all of their members and employees. And thanks too to all of the others that I didn't mention here. It was a great show and a lot of fun. You can all be proud that you helped to introduce over 550 kids of a new generation to prospecting and treasure hunting.

And last but not least... Thanks to Jan Hanson and the Friends of the Longview Library for making it all possible. **2013 was a Great Year!!!** Tom Fest

## Members' Corner

- ♦ **Need Volunteer for Education Chairman.** We need someone to step up and take over this role. This task includes arranging or doing short talks on simple gold-finding techniques, metal detecting, or even how to run a highbanker. It could also include arranging speakers, short videos, etc. Call me or any club officer if you have questions. We'll be selecting the Education Chairman at our January meeting. Bill Ray.
- **Scuba Classes Still Open.** If you're interested in advancing your scuba skills, or just want to see if it's for you, let me know. I'm putting another class together in January. You need to take this class if you're interested in dredging. Call Randy Harper to sign up: 503-849-5109.
- **Metal Detector available for Check-Out.** Metal detector with headset that was previously donated by Whites. If you want to check it out, come to the next meeting. Members in good standing may check out equipment. See Dave Greer, Equipment Manager, for more information. Or call him at 360-601-8752.
- ♦ **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.

## December Meeting Highlights

Claims Rep, Steve Lewin reported that GPAA will put out a new mining guide this year. He has accepted the task of correcting information for all GPAA claims in our area.

Safety Officers, Randy Harper and Dave Greer cautioned that it's slippery outside and that leads to falls. If you do go out prospecting in this weather, be sure to have a full tank of gas, plenty of water, and survival gear including a First Aid kit. There are several websites that have check-off lists for what to include in your survival gear.

The judge in the mining case in Marion County, Oregon ruled in favor of the state. An appeal is being considered. Also, Oregon's 700 permit process is being redrafted. The current draft has a lot of new rules. Scott Atkinson is participating in the meetings.

# TRADING POST

Members in good standing can advertise for free.  
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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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month at 1:00 pm

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