

# SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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Our second BIG Extended Raffle WINNERS are:

**Tommie Gaither won the Big Nugget**

**Gary Upton won the Sluice**

**Bill White won the Buck Knife**

**Frank Larson won the metal detector Wand**

Thank you Everyone who bought tickets and to Everyone who donated items. Due to Your participation, we raised the money to completely pay for our Club Highbanker/Dredge. These extended Raffles help fund Educational and other Club Activities.

Hi SWWGPAA Friends and Family,

August has been a great month for the club. We started the month off with our annual picnic outing at Lewisville Park; several new members joined us and got gold in their pans. We now have our IRS 501c3 "Non Profit". Thank you Linda Williams and Pat Locnikar.

So get ready: It's time to TURN IT UP: We are hosting the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show March 28-29, 2015. Everyone's help is needed to make this Show a success. Now is your time to be a part of the solution: this is a huge opportunity to share the Good that gold prospecting brings to our lives.

Nome was incredible this year. I'll have a report for you at the meeting this Sunday, Sept 14th, at 1:00pm.

Randy Harper, President

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## NEW BIG Extended RAFFLE

**\* BIG Nugget \* Desert Fox \***  
**\* Chair with table Printed with Club Logo \***

Need not be present to win. Tickets are \$1.00

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Club Meeting this Sunday, Sept 14th 1pm, Minnehaha Grange**

**Sept 20th Saturday Day-break Park**

**Oct 4th Saturday GPAA Claim Direct One (Copper Creek)**

**Oct 12th Sunday, Club Meeting, 1pm, Minnehaha Grange**

**Oct 25th Saturday Day-break Park**

\*Note: Copper Creek or Direct One Claim is the property of the GPAA. Only active members of GPAA may prospect on GPAA Claims. Don't forget to fill out the report form in the back of the Miners Guide.

All dates subject to change.

If you have an e-mail address and you are not receiving our Club newsletter. You need to give us your correct e-mail address when you check in. Thanks, Linda

**Southwest Washington Chapter  
G.P.A.A. EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL INFORMATION SHEET**

The following information will be used for Emergency Medical Information only. It will be treated with confidentiality and will not be made available to anyone except Emergency Personnel for treatment only.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

**WHAT IS YOUR BLOOD TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DO YOU HAVE A RELIGIONS PREFERENCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Doctors Name: \_\_\_\_\_?

Phone Number :{\_\_\_\_} \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO ANY MEDICATIONS: -- YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_**

**WHAT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever or do you presently have any of the following:

Diabetes Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Type 1 Do you take Insulin \_\_\_\_\_ Dose \_\_\_\_\_ How Often \_\_\_\_\_?  
Type 2 Do you take Medication \_\_\_\_\_ Dose \_\_\_\_\_ How Often \_\_\_\_\_?

Do you have a Heart Condition: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Dose \_\_\_\_\_ How Often \_\_\_\_\_?

Do you take Medication for it: What \_\_\_\_\_ Dose \_\_\_\_\_ How Often \_\_\_\_\_?

Do you have a Pace Maker: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_?

Do you have any Allergies to Insect bites Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had a Heat Stroke or suffered from Heat Exhaustion Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you suffer from Shortness of breath or have difficulty breathing Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you have Sleep Apathy Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_?

What do you use \_\_\_\_\_ what is your Setting \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other Medical Condition or Disease that should be noted in case of Emergency?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY WHO SHOULD WE CONTACT?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: {\_\_\_\_}-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Number: {\_\_\_\_}-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

REMEMBER, this form is confidential information that will not be devolved to anyone except emergency personnel in case of emergency and can be surrendered to only the person listed. Knowing this, is there any other information that we should know? {Please use other side}

Please complete and bring this Medical Info Sheet to the next meeting. Thank you!

**What I did with the GOLD I won at the first meeting I attended. Contributed by Karen Gillen**

I was a lucky person and won gold at the very first meeting I attended. Those five little flakes have come in very handy for me to practice panning for gold. I am not a very proficient prospector but I am learning. Watching people on the outings and on prospecting shows gives a great demonstration of how to use gold pans but nothing beats hands on practice.

I drop between one and five flakes in my pan full of dirt and gravel and practice panning it down to the black sand and make sure I still have those flakes when I am done. This has helped me learn to be more aggressive in my panning and has taught me to trust the pan to keep the gold in the pan. I have done this with each type of pan I have.

Dropping some flakes in also has taught me how the gold acts in the pan and how it looks. I am always thinking a light or yellowish piece of sand or gravel might be a piece of gold. When I compare it to the flakes I dropped in I know I am wrong.

I do not want to lose my precious flakes of gold so I always pan over a larger tub in case I do get overly aggressive and wash them out of my pan. Luckily I have not done that yet.

It is so hard to let the gravel and sand wash out of the pan when starting out and this has helped me get past that. It is so exciting to get down to the black sand, rotate the pan and spread that out and viola! You see your gold.

I have bought the \$25.00 bag of sand from the prospecting store but it has \$25.00 worth of gold in it which can change with the market price so I am not sure I got all of it. People have also said to use lead which is good but I like to be able to compare the color like I stated earlier.

So if you are looking for something to do with your winnings, and want to practice your panning skills, give it a try.



Our Club's Dredge Highbanker Combo being used at the annual picnic, August 3rd. Plus Dave Greer and other members panning the concentrates from the day's prospecting.



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## SNYPING FOR GOLD

Contributed by Robert Novak

In working the cracks in the river rock, generally you want to look for cracks that run at a right angle to the flow of the river. These cracks act as a natural sluice. To work the crack, you need some specific tools at hand: suction device such as a converted grease gun (new), a ground down spoon, and welding rod bent at an angle for nuggets that water pressure hammers into cracks. Because gold is soft, it gets locked into the cracks. My most successful find in a crack was a total of 3 pennyweight in one crack: but it took a little over an hour to clean it. It helps to have a shadow box with glass sealed in the bottom. This breaks the surface tension and gives you a clear look at the bottom. You can easily build one.

There has been a lot of talk about working the beach. To find Gold at the beach you need to be prepared to take volumes of sand to find Gold! In the early days they were working the Southern beaches of Oregon. They found Gold and Platinum (But through volumes of materials, i.e. sand.)

Know days when you need every ease that you can take to find Gold? That's where the metal detector gives you an edge. By getting a metal detector reading, it's possible you'll get a good place to start! Watch for "hot rocks".



**Auctions at 7pm**  
(503) 754-0612

### TRADING POST

All Members in good standing may include their business card or ad at no cost.

Newsletter deadline is the 1st Sunday of each month.

.....so Caliche Bob and myself were at the old Evergreen Airfield on Mill Plain trying out my new Garrett AT PRO metal detector. We had just unearthed a 1940s penny and were high 5-ing it when a fellow came walking toward us. I thought he was going to ask us to leave. Instead he started in talking about having some sort of implant in his neck, and that the doctors didn't remove all of it. I was doubtful of this story. He seemed a bit odd to me in the first place..... Anyway I ran the pinpointer around his neck checking for implants but it did not go off. You have to imagine all the laughs we had over that. Strange but true. Steve LaFountain

Visit our website at [www.SWWGoldProspectors.org](http://www.SWWGoldProspectors.org)



And On Facebook: **Southwest Washington GoldProspectors**

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 outdoors 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 fee or age requirement.

**Join in the Fun!**

**Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors**

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

Minnehaha Grange Hall No. 164

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! Rainy Outing at Steve's claim over Labor Day weekend. But the rain didn't dampen Marvin's Gold fever! !

**GPAA Gold and Treasure Show, Portland Oregon, March 28-29, 2015**

**Portland Expo Center.**