

South West Washington Gold Prospectors Newsletter

May 2018



Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday May 13th.

The board meeting will start at 12:45 and the general meeting will start at 2:00.



Membership Committee

When signing in for attendance at the SWWGP meeting please be sure to verify name, address, and phone number. If you are a current GPAA/ LDMA member be sure to give us your membership number. Let Mark know if you are not receiving chapter emails.

Edna Nelson
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Presidents Message

Our chapter is growing by leaps and bounds and is on track to meet our goals.. We are planning several outings and events. We do however need your ideas for outings and education. Let us know what you would like to do or find out about. Many of our members are getting together and going out mining. If you want to have others join you let Mark M. or me know a time to meet, where, and when. We will send out a notice. Impromptu outings are great!!!!

Don't forgot a sign up sheet.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for our annual picnic Aug. 4th, 2018 at Lewisville Park, Dogwood Shelter. Set up starts at 9:00. .Be sure to sign up so we know how many to plan for. This is a pot luck. The chapter will again provide the meats, and dinner wear. This is a good chance to show off you summer pot

Reminder

This is a reminder to have everyone sign in at the membership table.

Attend 3 meetings, outings, events in any combination and you will be a member. No dues, or joining fee. Just fun. Please remember to give us your phone number and e-mail address. We will not be sharing that information with anyone. Only the President and Secretary are authorized to use it for official communications. It is against the bi-laws for anyone to use the info for personal use.

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Other committees will be formed as needed. Please let Debbie Witcher know if your name was missed or if you would like to serve.			

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Links

Website: www.SWWGoldProspectors.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SWwashingtonGoldProspectors>

Education

The May education will be on the Gold and Fish book.

Preston is asking that you bring your copy to follow along with.



If you have a topic or idea for future education or would even like to share your knowledge on a topic or piece of equipment please let Mark know.

Election Committee

We need to have some members sign up to work on the election committee and refine the election process. You will make recommendations to the general membership as well as the Board of directors. This will probably involve 1-2 hrs. of your time. The committee will be chaired by one or more members of the executive officers. We will set a meeting time and place that works for the majority of the committee members. We need at least 10 members signed up. The more the better.

Questions contact Debbie Witcher

Chapter Store

Our chapter store is up and running. We will have mining supplies and gold dirt bags at a good savings. You can also special order. Dennis Witcher will be in charge of the store.

The following is just a small list of what the chapter store will be offering.

Gold pans

Scoop Spoon

Classifier base and different size screen inserts

Mini sluice

Black sand magnet

Mini starter kit

Snuffer bottles

Gold panning starter kits

Tom and Perry cleanup kits

Classifier bundles

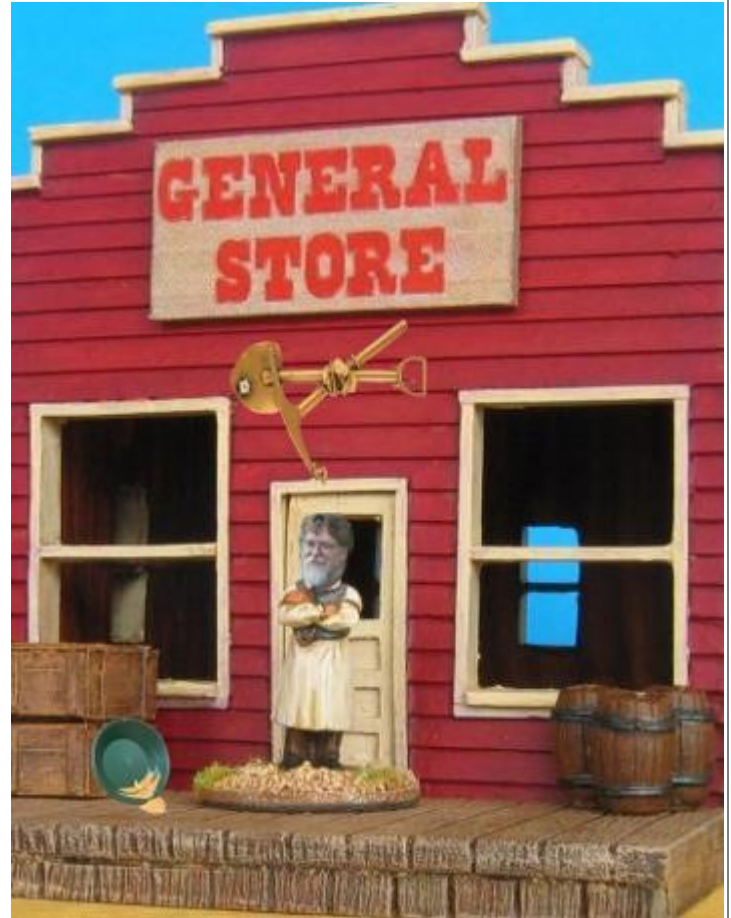
Stuffed Donkey

George Buzzard Massie founders coin

GPAA window decals, Patches, Bumper stickers

Jack Swick's river rocker plans

And more to come



Apparel

Maurene Koppi has a variety of t-shirts for sale, Lots of colors and sizes. She can also do special orders such as jackets , sweat shirts etc., Want something you don't see? Just ask her.

Around 1200 B.C., the Egyptians used unshorn sheepskin to mine for gold dust from the sands of the Black Sea. This practice is most likely the inspiration for the "Golden Fleece."



8 Things You May Not Know About the California Gold Rush

On January 24, 1848, a carpenter working at a mill in northern California made a discovery that would change the course of American history—two gold nuggets. Within a year, tens of thousands of people (popularly known as '49ers) were traveling to the land around John Sutter's mill in hopes of striking it rich. Some failed, some were successful, but nearly all of the prospectors faced severe hardships during their fortune-hunting days. Check out eight facts you may not know about the California Gold Rush.

1. California did not have the first gold rush in American history.

That honor actually belongs to North Carolina. Fifty years before gold was discovered at Sutter's mill, the first gold rush in American history got underway after a 17-pound gold nugget was found in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. Eventually, more than 30,000 people in the Tar Heel state were mining for gold, and for more than 30 years all gold coins issued by the U.S. Mint were produced using North Carolina gold.

2. The Gold Rush was the largest mass migration in U.S. history.

In March 1848, there were roughly 157,000 people in the California territory; 150,000 Native Americans, 6,500 of Spanish or Mexican descent known as Californios and fewer than 800 non-native Americans. Just 20 months later, following the massive influx of settlers, the non-native population had soared to more than 100,000. And the people just kept coming. By the mid 1850s there were more than 300,000 new arrivals—and one in every 90 people in the United States was living in California. All of these people (and all of this money) helped fast track California to statehood. In 1850, just two years after the U.S. government had purchased the land, California became the 31st state in the Union.

3. The Gold Rush attracted immigrants from around the world.

In fact, by 1850 more than 25 percent of California's population had been born outside the United States. As news of the discovery was slow to reach the east coast, many of the first immigrants to arrive were from South America and Asia. By 1852, more than 25,000 immigrants from China alone had arrived in America. As the amount of available gold began to dwindle, miners increasingly fought one another for profits and anti-immigrant tensions soared. The government got into the action too. In 1850 California's legislature passed a Foreign Miner's tax, which levied a monthly fee of \$20 on non-citizens, the equivalent of more than \$500 in today's money. That bill was eventually repealed, but was replaced with another in 1852 that expressly singled out Chinese miners, charging them \$2 (\$80 today) a month. Violence against foreign miners increased as well, and beatings, rapes and even murders became commonplace. However no ethnic group suffered more than California's Native Americans. Before the Gold Rush, its native population numbered roughly 300,000. Within 20 years, more than 100,000 would be dead. Most died from disease or mining-related accidents, but more than 4,000 were murdered by enraged miners.

4. The Gold Rush was a male-dominated event.

Hundreds of thousands of people flocked to California to make their fortunes in the Gold Rush, but almost none of them were women. In 1852, 92 percent of the people prospecting for gold were men. The few women who did travel to the west eked out a living in the growing boomtowns, working in the restaurants, saloons and hotels that seemingly popped up every day. Some women's journals back east, fearful of the trouble the men might get into without the civilizing influence of women, published stories and ran ads encouraging educated, morally minded young women to travel west to tame these men. Few took them up on this offer. The percentage of women in gold mining communities did eventually increase somewhat, but even in 1860 they numbered fewer than 10,000—just 19 percent.

5. Early sections of San Francisco were built out of ships abandoned by prospectors.

The Gold Rush conjures up images of thousands of “49ers” heading west in wagons to strike it rich in California, but many of the first prospectors actually arrived by ship—and few of them had a return ticket. Within months, San Francisco’s port was teeming with boats that had been abandoned after their passengers—and crew—headed inland to hunt for gold. As the formerly tiny town began to boom, demand for lumber increased dramatically, and the ships were dismantled and sold as construction material. Hundreds of houses, banks, saloons, hotels, jails and other structures were built out of the abandoned ships, while others were used as landfill for lots near the waters edge. Today, more than 150 years after the Gold Rush began, archeologists and preservations continue to find relics, sometimes even entire ships, beneath the streets of the City by the Bay.

6. Prospecting for gold was a very costly enterprise.

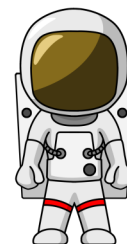
Most of the men who flocked to northern California arrived with little more than the clothes on their backs. Once there, they needed to buy food, goods and supplies, which San Francisco’s merchants were all too willing to provide—for a cost. Stuck in a remote region, far from home, many prospectors coughed up most of their hard-earned money for the most basic supplies. At the height of the boom in 1849, prospectors could expect prices sure to cause sticker shock: A single egg could cost the equivalent of \$25 in today’s money, coffee went for more than \$100 per pound and replacing a pair of worn out boots could set you back more than \$2,500.

7. More fortunes were made by merchants than by miners.

As the boom continued, more and more men got out of the gold-hunting business and began to open businesses catering to newly arrived prospectors. In fact, some of America’s greatest industrialists got their start in the Gold Rush. Phillip Armour, who would later found a meatpacking empire in Chicago, made a fortune operating the sluices that controlled the flow of water into the rivers being mined. Before John Studebaker built one of America’s great automobile fortunes, he manufactured wheelbarrows for Gold Rush miners. And two entrepreneurial bankers named Henry Wells and William Fargo moved west to open an office in San Francisco, an enterprise that soon grew to become one of America’s premier banking institutions. One of the biggest mercantile success stories was that of Levi Strauss. A German-born tailor, Strauss arrived in San Francisco in 1850 with plans to open a store selling canvas tarps and wagon coverings to the miners. After hearing that sturdy work pants—ones that could withstand the punishing 16-hour days regularly put in by miners—were more in demand, he shifted gears, opening a store in downtown San Francisco that would eventually become a manufacturing empire, producing Levi’s denim jeans.

8. Thousands of Gold Rush prospectors got rich—but John Sutter wasn’t one of them.

John Sutter, the man whose land would become synonymous with the California Gold Rush, was a Swiss immigrant who fled Europe in the 1830s, leaving behind piles of unpaid debts. After several years of travelling throughout North America, he finally settled in the tiny outpost of Yuerba Buena (modern-day San Francisco) in 1839. With the assistance of the local Mexican government, Sutter quickly realized his goal of establishing an agricultural community on a 50,000-acre tract of land he called “New Helvetia,” Latin for “New Switzerland, which became an important outpost for emigrants traveling to the west. It was during the construction of a sawmill on Sutter’s land along the American River that one of his employees first discovered the gold nugget that would change the world. Sutter, initially more interested in maintaining control over his property, tried to keep the discovery quiet, but the news quickly leaked out. Within months, most of his workers had abandoned him to search for gold themselves, while thousands of other prospectors overran and destroyed much of his land and equipment. Faced with mounting debts, Sutter was forced to deed his land to one of his sons, who used it to create a new settlement called Sacramento. Sutter Sr. was furious—he had hoped the town would be named after him—but he had more pressing concerns. Nearly bankrupt, he began a decades-long campaign to have the U.S. government reimburse him for his financial losses, to no avail. While thousands became rich off his former land, a bitter Sutter retired to Pennsylvania and died.



Gold is used in window glass and astronaut helmets to reflect infrared rays while allowing sunlight to pass through, and at the same time keeping it cool.

Raffle

What will be our “surprise”



raffle prize this month???

Our Claims

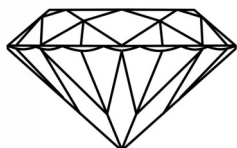
These are not shared claims. They are for our chapter members in good standing only. Our claims manager Preston Griffin has information available for you. Be sure you park in the proper areas (no parking on the road) and take a trash bag with you to carry out any trash you may find. Please give us a report on what you find, gold, trash, a fun outing, etc. And as always keep your gold and fish rule book with you.

Safety

May’s safety topic will be on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

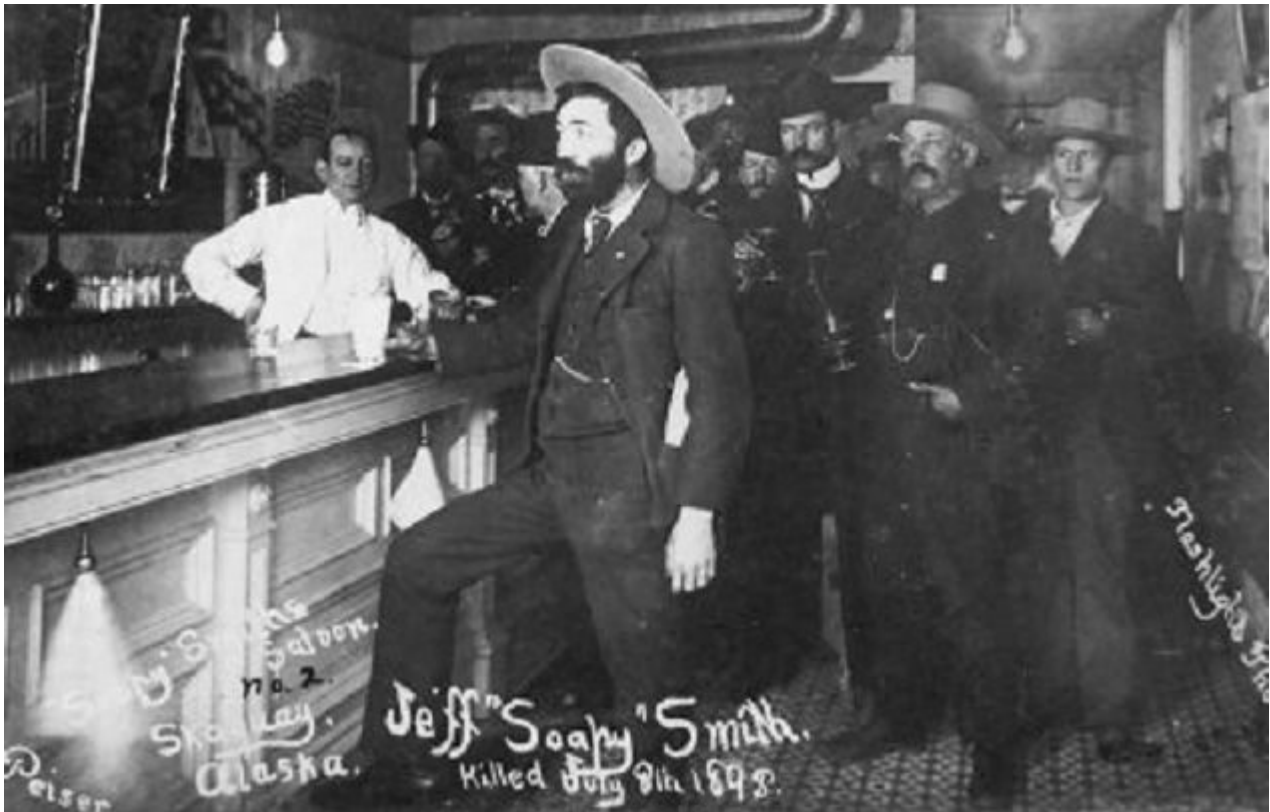
Ron wants to ask the people who attended the intro to diving to tell us what they learned, and ask the group who will attend the CPR/First Aid Class to vote on a date and time.

Ron will also talk to the group about an Outings Kit he put together, where it will be kept, and how to handle it if you are a lead for an outing.



A one-ounce gold nugget is more rare to find than a five-carat diamond.

Stories from the Klondike Gold Rush



Jefferson “Soapy” Randolph Smith was already a famous con man before he headed up to the Klondike to see what fortunes awaited him there. Called the “King of the Frontier Con Men,” it wasn’t long after his arrival in Skagway that he had his fingers in every illegal activity in town.

In May 1898, he opened his own establishment from which he ran his gang of con men, thieves, and cut-throats. The bar even contained secret exits that would allow these shady characters to quietly escape with their clients’ money.

One of his less violent cons was the establishment of a telegraph office—a reassuring sight for newcomers who wanted to let those back home know that they’d arrived safely. For \$5, the operation would send a telegram for you—the only problem was, there were no telegraph wires in the town. Once lured into the office to supposedly send their message, the mark would witness an ongoing card game where one player was suddenly called away. The friendly card players would offer the newcomer his seat and proceed to take him for everything he had.

Soapy Smith’s reign of terror continued without incident largely because he had bought the United States Marshall’s cooperation. He also had his own personal guard in the guise of a military unit. This led to the assignment of the Buffalo Soldiers to clean up the crooked town.

After the USS *Maine* was sunk off the coast of Cuba, Smith rode the wave of sudden patriotism. He even petitioned the War Department for permission to form his own official division of the US Military—and he received it. It allowed him to not only assemble his own troops, but to legally use them—in any way he saw fit—to maintain his control over the town. Ultimately, though, this was the last straw, and vigilante townspeople rose up and murdered Smith in July 1898

	Scheduled Events
5/13	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
5/23-5/27	GPAA/LDMA Outing Blue Bucket Or.
5/26	Prospecting outing (chapter claims) Lead needed
6/10	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
6/22-6/24	GPAA/LDMA Outing Burnt river Or
6/24	Prospecting outing (Chapter claims) Lead needed
7/8	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
TBD	Polka dot mine TBD
7/21	Prospecting outing (location TBD)
8/4	Picnic (Lewisville Park)
TBD	Dredging outing TBD
8/25	Prospecting outing (location TBD)
9/9	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
9/26-9/30	GPAA/LDMA outing Burnt river OR
10/14	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
11/11	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
12/9	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings

Techatticup

Sharon Stewart, Betty and Norm Erickson and Debbie Witcher took a tour of the Techatticup mine in the Eldorado Canyon Nevada, while we were in Los Vegas for the summit and Gold Show. This is one of the oldest operating hard rock mines in Nevada. We went into the mine and learned how they followed the quartz, iron and gold seams. As well as the hardships the miners went through doing that type of mining. We learned how the mining practices have changed over the years. Got to see large quartz seams with gold in them, no free samples though. If you are in the area take some time and do the tour, it is worth it.

Raffles

We have had great feed back from you on our raffles. Both the regular raffle and the secret raffle. We have a really sweet secret raffle prize planned for this time, so come to the meeting and buy your tickets.

Remember tickets sales are part of what helps to support our Chapters expenses, Rent etc.

Jim Erickson is doing a fantastic job with the raffle!



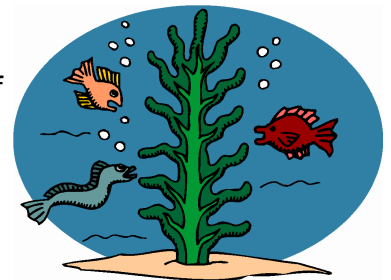
In Need of Treasurer

Mark is filling in as treasurer for the time being until we have a new volunteer. Mark as you know is not only the chapter secretary, but also newsletter editor, so it is important that we find a volunteer to fill this position.

If you are interested or have any questions please talk to Debbie, Mark, or Patti Long who was a previous treasurer.

We will go over what is involved and expected with this position.

In every cubic mile of sea water there is 25 tons of gold! That's a total of about 10 billion tons of gold in the oceans; however, there's no known way to economically recover it.



GPAA Kits

We still have a couple of GPAA kits with membership, and remember if you are renewing your membership to be sure to let the GPAA know to credit our chapter with your membership.

They are also giving out 50 year pins this year if you renew



Outings Suggestions

The following list from everyone's input from the April meeting

Outings

New Claims
Quartzville
Rockhounding
Southern Oregon or Northern Calif. GPAA claims
More local prospecting areas
Beach
Yellow Jacket
Ellensburg Blue Agate
Rock n Tomahawk ranch
Liberty
Claim in Ochoco mountains near Prineville
Glass Buttes
Daybreak
Burnt River

Educational

Reading rivers for gold deposits
Fine gold recovery
DYI gold equipment that works
Where to mine in WA that is open to the public
Equipment training
Emergency First Aid
Panning techniques

Thank You Matt

We want to thank Matt Barner for his service to the chapter as a board member. Matt has resigned from his board position. He has started a new job and with things is his personal life as well as his new job obligations he does not have time to continue as a member of our board of directors. Matt will be helping out from time to time as times permits. A big thank you to Matt for his past service.

Board Position Open

If you would like to be a board member or know someone who would, please contact Debbie W. at 360-695-3215. Requirements are simple: attend a board meeting once a month just before our general meeting about an hr to 1 and ½ hrs extra of your time. Be a current GPAA member, and a chapter member in good standing for 6 months or more. Board members make decisions and recommendations on things that are in the chapters best interest.

3 Month Raffle

We will be starting our 3 month raffle at this meeting. All gold related products. Raffle winners will be drawn at our annual picnic Aug. 4th, 2018.

Filming

Some of our chapter members are filming and taking pictures of outings and events the chapter participates in. If you object to having your picture or your child's picture taken and or posted on our web sites etc. please notify the person doing the filming. We have placed a disclosure on the web page that applies to the Facebook pages as well. If you do postings please take note of the disclosure and follow it.



Sunshine

Please let Ann Erickson know of anyone who might be under the weather, in the hospital, or just need a feel good card. Remember to let us know of anyone with a new addition to their family as well.

aerickson@q.com

Collection for Veterans

Don't forget that we are continuing to collect food, toiletries, warm clothes for veterans. Pet food for their animals. Please bring your donations. Boxes will be provided.

2018 Picnic

The date for the picnic will be Aug. 4, 2018 at Lewisville Park in Battleground, WA. Dogwood shelter starting at 9am to dusk or sooner. This is during dredging season so we need to have some qualified people be in charge of the dredge. As always we can pan etc.



Club Name Tags

Any club members that would like a plastic name Tag made for them can place an order at the next meeting.

Cost is \$8.00 for each tag that includes up to 2 lines of engraving.

Questions?

Contact David Conti

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SWWGP MONTHLY MEETING

The Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors' meetings are the second Sunday of every month beginning at **2:00 pm** at: Minnehaha Grange Hall #164 4905 Northeast St Johns Road Vancouver, Washington

All interested parties are invited to attend the monthly meetings. There will be opportunities to learn about prospecting laws, methods and equipment as well as hands-on demonstrations and practice. There are also outings to enjoy the pleasures of gold prospecting and the great outdoors.

Become a member of the Southwest Washington Chapter of the Gold Prospectors' Association of America. GPAA membership is not required to be a member and SWWGP membership is FREE!

For information contact: Debbie Witcher – Chapter President,

ddwitcher@yahoo.com or 360-695-3215 or visit www.swwgoldprospectors.org

Buy Sell Trade

Have something to sell or give away? Looking for something to buy? This is a free service to our Chapter members. Please send an email to Mark Mattila with the information and pictures at chipper49@outlook.com

Power jet



4" dredge parts



Swivel Nozzle



Jet Flare



Asking \$275.00 any question please text 971-244-3210 John Rehder or call Tammy Binford. 503-766-7814



Generator for sale

New, never used

~~\$450.00~~ \$300.00

Contact Mark Mattila
360-609-6813
chipper49@outlook.com

Add these Dates

Add these dates to your activities calendar:

May 20th 2018,

Outing at Daybreak Park. Meet at the picnic tables, bring your lunch, drinks, etc. Mining equip. 10:00 to ? Call Debbie W.360-695-3215 for info. Be sure to sign in once you are there. No sign up sheet at meeting. We will be there.

May 25-28 outing with Mid Valley prospectors. Camp out at Quartzville. Contact Wendy or Roy Houtz 541-990-6214 for info and to sign up. E-mail midvalleyprospectors@gmail.com

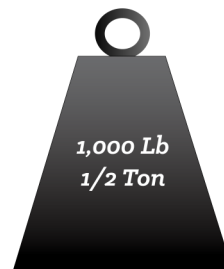
Sat. June 2, 10:00 panning and equipment demo. At the Orchards Sportsman Warehouse on 4th Plain Blvd. in Vancouver, WA. Chris Cosby and Debbie will be in Charge. If you would like to help out and teach panning, talk to prospective members about our chapter please call Debbie W 360-695-3215 and get signed up.

Sat June 16th, 2018 trip to polka-dot-agate mine, Madras, Oregon. Meet at the Madras Safeway parking lot (south side) at 9:00. We will leave by 9:30. Please sign up at the Chapter membership table or contact Rick Beehler 360-601-6855 or Debbie W 360-695-3215. Bring lunch, plenty of water to drink, normally it is hot, shovel, gloves, knee pads, buckets, picks etc. there is a newly discovered thunder egg bed plus learn history of the area. There is a \$2 a lb., charge on thunder eggs. There are other minerals and gems available for sale, prices vary, no charge to look.



Come and enjoy a beautiful high dessert view.

Gold is so heavy that one cubic foot of it weighs half a ton.



April 2018 SWWGP General Meeting Minutes

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 2:20
- ◆ 96 in attendance with 15 visitors
- ◆ The secretaries report was read, a motion to accept was made and passed
- ◆ The treasurers report was read, a motion to accept was made and passed
- ◆ There were 300 children at the gold show based on the raffle count
- ◆ The chapter gold show raffle will return to being drawn on Sunday
- ◆ Paper was handed out for everyone to list outing and educational suggestions
- ◆ Colorado paydirt is available for 12.00 per bag and Roaring camp paydirt for 10.00
- ◆ Rick is offering a bucket of beach sand for whoever refers the most people to the Facebook page
- ◆ The monthly safety presentation was on safe lifting
- ◆ There is a CPR signup sheet
- ◆ May 5th will be the next diving class
- ◆ There is a sign up sheet for those wanting first aid training
- ◆ The next 3 month raffle will start in May
- ◆ There is a sign up sheet for a bingo bus in June
- ◆ There is a Coos bay outing May 5th and 15 people are needed
- ◆ Debbie talked to the parks department who said they have no issues with prospecting
- ◆ Each person who worked the show was presented a license plate frame
- ◆ A motion was made and passed to provide \$400.00 for airfare to the Las Vegas show for Debbie and Sharon.



**Thanks to these companies for supporting our activities.
Members may advertise free by submitting a business card.**

Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal
Pickup

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Tidbits

- ◆ Gold can be hammered so thin that sunlight can shine through it.
- ◆ A single ounce of gold can be drawn into a wire 60 miles long.
- ◆ ◆ In every cubic mile of sea water there is 25 tons of gold! That's a total of about 10 billion tons of gold in the oceans; however, there's no known way to economically recover it.