

# South West Washington Gold Prospectors Newsletter November 2018



Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday November 11th.

The board meeting will start at 12:30 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

Nov. 11 is not only our meeting and Election Day but is Veterans Day. We will be honoring all of our chapter members who are Veterans with a special drawing. Please take a moment to thank a vet for their service to our country.

THANK YOU TO ALL VETERANS!!!

## ELECTIONS

We will be voting for Vice-President and Treasurer as well as 4 board positions. You must be a current GPAA/LDMA member and chapter member to hold these positions and vote.

Ballots will be prepared by the sec. as required by our by laws. Our list of GPAA members has been sent to Richard Robinson to verify.

Security, Vice- President and other chapter members will over see collection and counting of the ballots.

## Holiday dinner

Our holiday dinner/ meeting is fast approaching

Please start thinking about what you would like to bring for our holiday celebration. Set the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Dec aside for this special meeting. We will have a signup sheet at the table for you to sign up, let us know how many you are bringing

<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>(Elected)</b>		
President	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddWitcher@yahoo.com
Vice President	Jeff Wooldridge	360-694-7557	harmonicajeff@msn.com
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<b>Committees / Chairs</b>	<b>Appointed by chapter President</b>		
<b>Education</b>	Preston Griffin	360 903 2054	griff11546@gmail.com
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	Bob Brown	360-576-0213	photogal01@comcast.net
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Assistant	Deborah Lee	360-624-6565	deborah35@me.com
<b>Gold Buyer</b>	Preston Griffin	360 903 2054	griff11546@gmail.com
Other committees will be formed as needed. Please let Debbie Witcher know if your name was missed or if you would like to serve.			

<b>GPAA Points</b>	Bob Brown	360-576-0213	photogal01@comcast.net
<b>Name Tags</b>	Dave Conti	360-256-0892	user764554@aol.com
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## Links

Website: [www.SWWGoldProspectors.org](http://www.SWWGoldProspectors.org)

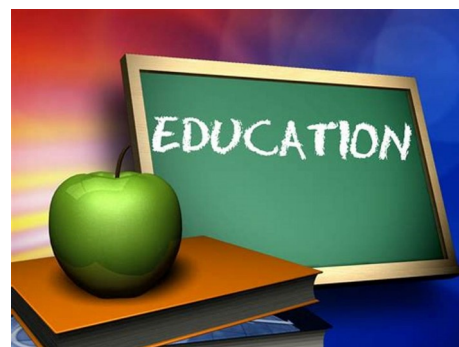
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SWwashingtonGoldProspectors>

Gold and Fish Book: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/mining/>

HPA Rulemaking web page: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>

## Education

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.



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## 6 MONTH RAFFLE

Remember we are still selling tickets for the trip to the AKAU lodge in Nome. You are responsible for air fare. The trip is for a week for 1. Chinook Winds has also provided a package deal for our raffle. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Need not be present to win. We will draw the winner in Dec at our holiday dinner.

## **GOLD SHOW MEETING**

All three chapters met at Elmer's on Sandy Blvd. for our 1<sup>st</sup> gold show meeting for the 2019 show. Our Chapter had 8 members present.

We are hoping to have Gold Show ticket soon.

Raffle proceeds will be split as they were last year, based on the number of chapter volunteers.

Debbie will be checking with SWWGP sponsor D.O.A.K. to see if they are willing to help provides shirts for all again this year.

Bev Parker from Portland chapter will be the lead treasurer.

It is undecided on celebs. this year. The majority feel that we need more support from the GPAA for our efforts and advertise on their web page and face book page several months in advance. If they are not willing to do this, we may not have celebs this year.

It is important to get as many vendors as possible. I realize that SWWGP has done a great job in the past and that many of those vendors have come back yr. after yr., but we are still in need of more.

Hopefully everyone will be able to approach at least one business.

Our next meeting is being scheduled for Dec. Jerry Johns is checking on availability of Elmer's again. We will announce the date as soon as we have a meeting place.

## **VETERANS**

All Veterans attending the Nov. meeting will receive a raffle ticket for a special drawing.



## **ROARING CAMP**

If you are interested in going to roaring camp for a group outing next year, the dates are May 19 thru@6<sup>th</sup> 2019.

If you have any questions please contact Debbie W.

## **OUTING**

Dave Urich will be leading a week long outing at Cape Disappointment Nov. 12 thru the 18 2018. He is trying some new equipment and is happy to answer questions. Bring your own equipment etc. You do need a Discovery pass. Questions contact Debbie W.

## HOLIDAY DINNER

Signup sheets for the holiday dinner will be on the membership table. The chapter will provide the meat (ham and turkey) as well as dinnerware and condiments. The following is a list of some suggested dishes you may want to choose to sign up for. Please be sure to sign up so we know how much food etc. to buy. Please feel free to bring something not on the list if you want to, these are only suggestions.

### HOT DISHES

Bread Dressing, Green Bean Bake, Mashed Potatoes, Scalloped Potatoes, Gravy, Little Smokies

### SALADS

Green Salads and salad dressing, Jell-O Salad, Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, 7 Layer Salad

### VEGETABLES

Corn, Peas, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Yams

### APPETIZERS

Cheese and crackers, Chips and dips, Veggie tray, Fruit Tray, Relish Tray

### DESSERTS

Cool Whip, Ice Cream, Cookies, Pie, Cake, Candy

### MISC.

Cranberry sauce, Apple sauce, Rolls and Butter

### DRINKS

Coffee tea will be provided

Pop, Water



## 3 Month Raffle

Our raffle for the AKAU loge trip (trip is for 1) is still open. So get your tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We have also added at least one trip to chinook winds, room, dinner, and show tickets for 2.

I am waiting to see if we have a second chinook winds trip.

All proceeds go to help support the chapter so get your tickets. We will draw the winning tickets at our Dec. Meeting. Winner need not be present to win. We will make every effort to notify you within 1 week. You have 30 days to claim your prize. You can sell tickets to folks not in the chapter too.

## GPAA KITS

Remember if you are not currently a GPAA member to take advantage of all the benefits available to GPAA members and join or renew your membership.

## October 2018 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 2:00

There were 3 guests in attendance

The secretary minutes were read, a motion to accept was made and passed

The treasurers report was read, a motion to accept was made and passed

Everyone was asked to check their GPAA numbers for voting verification

A motion was made and passed to accept the current budget for 2019

Committee leads were reminded to send in updates to post in the newsletter

Scott Long volunteered to assume the outings committee lead

Gold show meeting 2:00 Oct 28th at Elmers

There was a reminder about the 3 month raffle which includes the AKAU trip, the drawing will be at the Dec. mtg.

Reminder that the sign up sheet is available for the holiday dinner

Deb and Ron are looking into a date for first aid and gun safety training

Tina Long volunteered to look into grants for the chapter

Help for set up and tear down is needed for each meeting

The months safety presentation was on ladder safety

Octobers education was on Survival and first aid kits

There is an education idea sheet available for future education topics

Randy reported out on his Alaska work



### **For Sale** **4" Gold Dredge \$1850.00**

D&K Gold Dredge with Keene pump, Thomas Air pump, Dual air hoses with regulators and safety bottle. 6HP Briggs & Stratton engine, 17' of dredge hose, screened suction hose with bucket

For information call Ken at 503-887-0008

## 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](mailto:chipper49@outlook.com)

## 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 there family as well.

[aerickson@q.com](mailto:aerickson@q.com)



## OUTINGS

Remember to give Bill Birdwell you outing requests and suggestions. Also you can volunteer to lead an outing.

## MEMBERSHIP CARD

Don't have a current membership card? Let Edna know when you sign in at the membership desk.

## 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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360-256-0892



## 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:  
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360-695-3215 or visit  
[www.swwgoldprospectors.org](http://www.swwgoldprospectors.org)

# Gold show meeting minutes

## Dates of Show:

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> (SET UP) 8am to early afternoon  
Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 10am to 5pm  
Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 10am to 4pm

## General topics:

- GPAA will put on the show and the local GPAA chapters will host it. This means that we provide the lion's share of the volunteers to set up, tear down, security, panning, running the raffle, run admissions, and help staff booths.

## Admissions:

- **Tickets:**
  - o \$10 @ door
  - o \$5 pre-sale. ½ of pre-sales goes to chapter
  - o Veterans will be free
  - o 12 and under free

## Chapter lead:

- It's Portland's turn to lead the effort for the gold show.
  - o (Thank you SWWGP for last year)
- Jerry will play the facilitator role:
  - o Setting up the meetings
  - o Setting the agenda
  - o Interacting with GPAA in Temecula
- Portland will manage the finances during the planning and during the show.
  - o (Thank you Bev)

## Chapters participating:

- Portland Gold Prospectors
- Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors
- Mid-Valley gold prospectors

## Decision Making:

- Propose we keep the same model as previous years.
  - o Will seek consensus for all decisions, but if we don't have strong consensus each chapter will have three votes on the decision.
    - Default is President, Vice President and Treasurer, but can be passed on or owned per chapter preference.
    - If a chapter is not present, they can request proxy support from somebody from another chapter in advance.
  - o Any financial decision – the facilitator may go directly to a vote vs. seeking consensus.



### Raffle and Profit sharing (i.e. raffle split):

- Last year we split the pot based on attendance from each chapter. This worked well and all three chapters are in agreement to do so again. For Saturday, we will take a headcount of volunteers Friday and a headcount of volunteers Saturday then make the split based on these numbers. A volunteer can be counted once per day. For Sunday, the count will be who volunteered for Sunday + tear down.
- Cash will be collected at Raffle sales, snuffer bottle sales, mucking and speed panning and possibly other areas.
- At the end of each day the President & Treasure (or rep) will count the raffle funds.
  - o Because the EXPO pushes us out as soon as the doors close, we need immediate representation on Saturday to do the counting.
    - At 2pm on Saturday, we will pull most of the cash and do a pre-count to reduce the amount of time required to count at end of show. EXPO kicks us out on Saturday right at show end.
  - o PGPI will provide forms for accounting
  - o We ask that all receipts be turned in by Saturday of the show so that these can be deducted from Saturday's raffle total. Sunday's split should be free from cost receipts.
- PGPI and SWWGP will each take the lead for raffle sales for one day.
  - o Because \$\$ is always a sensitive topic, there should always be one person from each chapter selling tickets (each day) to ensure representation and head off any concerns of unfairness.
  - o PGPI will take the lead on Saturday and SWWGP will take the lead on Sunday
- PGPI will provide cash register
- PGPI as owning chapter will provide starting cash for raffle and any other areas requiring money.
- PGPI will work with GPAA Temecula to procure paperwork for prizes given away.
- If new tickets are needed for the raffle, PGPI will be responsible for purchasing new ones. (costs removed from overall profits)
  - o All chapters need to come to next meeting with ticket rolls they have available so we can decide whether we need to purchase more.
- PGPI will provide dry erase boards; flashing yellow light; stands for signs; signage for ticket prices and any other items identified or need in this realm.
- Mid-Valley will staff both the mucking booth and the speed panning booths.

### Posters:

- Jerry to work with GPAA Temecula to get tickets and posters ASAP.
- Ask PGPI's newsletter editor if he would be willing to design some posters for us to print. (8.5X11)



### Parking passes:

- Expo will give GPAA a handful of parking tickets, but this will not cover many.
  - Won't know quantity or timing until end of Friday set up.
  - Will split up based on numbers of volunteers per chapter

### Parking Services and Fees:

<b>Attendee General Parking</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>Per space, per entry; no in and out privileges</b> This rate applies to all shows and events and is collected at the parking lot entrance.
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<b>Exhibitor Parking Passes</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>	<b>Per space, per event day; with in and out privileges</b> Passes may be sold by show management, City Center parking, or both. Please contact the Portland Expo Center office or your event manager prior to show time to discuss necessary requirements and/or arrangements for your show. Passes are sold as run-of-show passes only.
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<b>Exhibitor Overnight Vehicles</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>	<b>Per space, per day</b> This includes RVs, utility trailers, boat trailers or any other exhibitor vehicle left on the premises overnight. RV services are not available; units must be self-contained.
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### Vendors:

- Packet timing available
- Chapter will receive additional points for every NEW vendor that is recruited
- Jerry to ask GPAA Temecula for
  - When vendor packets will be available
  - List of known vendors
- Jerry to send out last year's vendor packet for people to use until we get the 2019 packets.

### Chapter booths:

- If space is available, the chapters would like to have double booths (10'X20') as in past years.
- Would like to be placed near main raffle as in past years.

### Celebrities:

- Emily has expressed an interest in joining us again
- Richard Benville also has expressed an interest.
- Need to get GPAA to agree to include advertising on Facebook and possibly posters if timing allows.

### Shirts:

- We would like to do T-shirts as in the past.
  - Debbie to check with DOAK to see if they will provide similar deals as in the past where each chapter gives \$5 per shirt and DOAK covers the rest.

### Topics for next meeting:

- Panning area:
- Security:
- Set-up/Tear down:
- Food:
- Advertising:
- Food donations:

Next meeting will be on Saturday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. **2pm** at Elmers on Sandy BLVD.

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

<p>Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal Pickup 360-896-7220</p> <p>Whites Metal Detectors 1-800-547-6911</p> <p>Chinook Winds Casino &amp; Resort</p> <p>Quick Badge</p> <p>Danner Boots 877-432-6637</p> <p>Lost Adams 541-340-0931</p> <p>Designs of all kinds 360-892-5597</p> <p>Gold Getter</p> <p>AAA Precious Metals 503-253-8591</p> <p>Pro Caliber</p>	<p>Topside Mining</p> <p>Creekside Prospecting</p> <p>Armadillo Mining</p> <p>Fossickers</p> <p>Danas classic Flowers and Gifts</p> <p>Danas Classic Hair Supply</p> <p>Packwood Prospecting and Mining Supply</p> <p>Nayhely's Place 360-571-7088</p> <p>Wilson Brothers</p> <p>Sportsman's Warehouse 360 604-8000</p>	<p>Northwest Detector Sales 503-936-1443</p> <p>Roaring Camp 209 296-4100</p> <p>Spin it Off</p> <p>Thrive Life</p> <p>McCord's Vancouver Toyota</p> <p>AKAU Lodge 760-500-1329</p> <p>American Mining Supply</p> <p>The Gold Lab</p> <p>Avon Products—Bug Guard 971-212-5996</p> <p>Oregon Treasure Trail Society</p>
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Please support these vendors as they support us with contributions and in many cases discounts. We will be doing interviews with many of them so we can get to know a little more about them.

	<b>Scheduled Events</b>
10/14	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
10/14	Memorial BBQ
11/11	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
12/9	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings