

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors July 2019



Presidents Message

We are looking forward to the picnic, lots of food and fun! See you all there

PICNIC

Our picnic is here! Sunday the 14th at Lewisville Park, Dogwood shelter. Set up starts at 9am. The chapter will provide meat, buns, and dinnerware. Please bring your favorite picnic dish, your beverage and possibly some ice. We will have fun, games, some panning training, mining opportunities, bingo, and of course our raffle. Jim is working on some great prizes. Tina is working on bingo prizes. We will also draw our 3 month raffle prize winners.

We will have our board meeting which is open to all but no regular meeting. Announcements only. Dennis will have pay dirt for sale

The Library is alive and well with stories and ideas for prospectors and miners .

David Conti

Memorial plaque update-

Jim Erickson is finding the appropriate wood to make the plaque from.

David Conti will get the engraved names done after Jim is done with the wood craft work.

GUN SAFETY TRAINING

We will have our gun safety training in Oct. There is a small fee and this will be at the end of the meeting for those who want to participate.

RUN< HIDE< FIGHT

Our thanks to the Clark County Sheriffs who did the presentation. I am sure those who attended learned a lot.

EQUIPMENT

All equipment is to be checked out thru our equipment manager, Don Spillman, or if he is not available then thru Dennis Witcher. All equipment may be checked out for 1 month at a time, and must be returned in good condition.

LDMA CAMP OUTINGS

Bob Brown is working on setting up a Burnt River outing, Scott Long is working on setting up a Scotts river outing. Dates and details will follow when we have them. These are both open to all of our chapter members.

ELECTIONS

Elections are coming up in Nov. We will be electing Pres. Sec. and 4 board members to serve a 2 year term. You must be a GPAA member as well as a chapter member for at least 6 month and in good standings. Nominations will be closed on OCT> 31. The sec needs to verify GPAA and chapter standings.

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Debbie W. to see what the position entails. Remember that voting is open to all current chapter members. You must be a member by the Oct. Chapter meeting to vote per our bi-law change last Nov.

MAY MEETING CHANGE

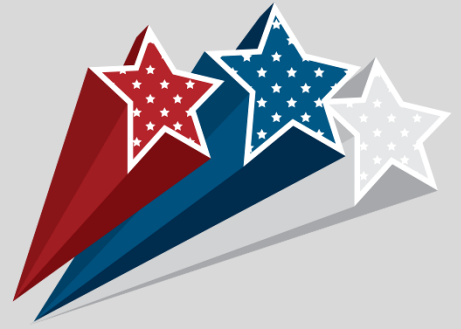
Our Chapter members voted to change the May meeting since it normally falls on Mothers Day.

ISSUES AT DAYBREAK PARK

It was brought to our attention that people are digging hole at daybreak and NOT filling them in. A couple of our members filled in several holes this last week, many of them were 5 to 6 feet wide and several feet deep. As we all know this is not acceptable. If you find these holes please fill them in, and remind others who are digging they are required to fill them in when done. If this continues to happen, we may lose our mining opportunities. I know that our chapter members are not the only miners out there so please be tactful, they may not know about this.

Buy Sell Trade

2 claims are for sale on Eastfork of the Lewis River near the South West claims. There is a 3rd available. If someone wants to buy other 2 one is mine and other is a friend's. we are asking 5k on Craigslist and to SW members I'll sell for 4k. Claims are above SW club claims. And 3rd claim adjoins these 2 and I'll release it at cost. Contact James at 5035050710 or kc7mmd@gmail.com if you are interested in these claims.



Fill in Those Holes

I was at the Cape Disappointment State Park on the 27th of last month. I was not mining myself that day but did have a chance to walk along the beach. I found numerous holes that, given their smaller size and depth only down to black sands, were almost certainly sampling diggings. If someone were to be injured by stepping into an unfilled hole that could somehow be connected to prospecting this could bring negative publicity to our hobby. Please remind everyone to please fill in any holes immediately after finishing sampling or mining.

Thank you,

Not Seasoning Your Gold Pan

The newer models of plastic gold pans will have a sheen on them from the manufacturing process. Water will tend to pool and bubble on top rather move freely over the surface. Rough up your gold pan thoroughly using gravel and rough sand to let your gold pan work at peak efficiency.

Not Knowing How Gold Accumulates - Learn to Concentrate Your Efforts

The best places to find gold exist where turbulence changes to slower-moving water flow. Check out slower water below rapids and waterfalls, deep pools, and the downstream side of boulders. Inside bends of meanders, upstream ends of sand or 'point" bars are good places to pan fine gold, which is renewed yearly during runoff. Bedrock crevices or pockets acting as natural riffles can collect gold. Scoop out and pan material from these spots.



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.

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Club Name Tags



Any club members that would like a 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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LDMA OUTINGS

Debbie is working with the GPAA to set up outings at Burnt River and Scotts Bar.

Bob Brown will lead the Burnt River outing, Scott Long will lead the Scott's bar outing. We do not have dates set yet but need to know how many might be interested in each one. Dates will be announced soon.

June Meeting Minutes

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

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There will be a fire opal outing the 20th of July outside of Beedee Oregon

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Copper creek outing Jun 23-24

There was a special raffle for dads

We will have a sorting event for the donated coats from Columbia Sportswear around Sept.

Everyone should check their membership card dates

Debbie is working with GPAA for placing claim markers on the Copper Creek claim

We are looking at having a gun safety training in October and concealed carry classes in November

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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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	Scheduled Events
Jul 14	Picnic No regular meeting, Board meeting at 12:30