

South West Washington Gold Prospectors Newsletter March 2019



Presidents Message

The gold show is almost here! We need the volunteers. Scott Long, Preston and I are working on the calendar so please give us any outing and education ideas you might have. We hope to have that ready for you soon. I am looking forward to our Roaring Camp event and our picnic. They are always a lot of fun. As well as our Chinook Winds Bingo bus. It is a lot of work but it is a blast. I enjoy getting to know more about our members as we have free time to chat on the bus. Even if you don't gamble it is a day at the beach, what could be better.

See you at the meeting!!!

Debbie W.

Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday March 10th.

Board meeting will start at 12:30 and the general meeting will start at 2:00.

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!

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Food Collection

As many of you are aware the food banks have taken a big hit with the government shut down and are trying to restock.

The veterans food bank is almost out of food and needs donations of canned foods, dry package and sustainable shelf items.

tuna, chili etc. If you bring food to donate you will receive a raffle ticket for our main raffle.



If anyone has the ability to do CAD drawings please contact Preston at the next meeting.



Banner

The wind took our banner on the outside of the building. We have a new one ordered.

Committee Updates

Education: Rules and regulation of beach mining

Store: Colorado and Roaring Camp paydirt will be available

Gold Show: 3 or possibly 4 people are needed for security at the gold show



Membership

When signing in for attendance 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.

If you need an updated membership card be sure to let Edna know. Also we have medical cards available.

Edna Nelson 503-307-0852

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Gold Show News

We will have our shirts soon.

There are several sign up sheets for areas that need volunteers. Please take a look at what is needed and volunteer as much as you can. Shifts will be 2 hrs. Everyone will have time to enjoy the show as well as help.

We are asking everyone to bring a non-perishable food or pet food item to fill the boxes. Chinook Winds is again sponsoring the food drive. Just think how much good we can do in our community if just the 150 volunteers bring 1 item.

Parking is \$10 one time entry per day or \$16 week-end pass.

Lunch provided Fri. ,Sat, and Sun.

Gold Show Tickets

Tickets are available. Pre show tickets are \$5.00 each and \$10.00 the day of the show.

We make \$2.50 for each ticket we sell. This money goes to help support the chapter and is a good deal for those ticket holders. Tickets at the door are \$10 so they save \$5 by buying pre- sale.



Outerwear

We will be picking up the boxes of coats etc. from Columbia Sportswear on April 9th at 9 o'clock. There is a signup sheet at the membership table. Please add your name on the list if you are able to help load/ unload the boxes, or have a truck, or utility trailer. We will put these boxes in storage until a later date when we can schedule a sorting event.



Chinook Winds Bus Trip

Our fund raising bus trip is scheduled for April 20, 2019 which is a Sat. This is a day trip. We leave from the Mill Plain Walmart parking lot around 8:30 ish no later than 9 am. Return is around 6 ish. Space is limited we have room for 51 people. This is open to all members, friends and family. Cost is \$20 per person and includes 10 bingo games with cash prizes and a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets available for raffle prizes, some really good ones and maybe a goofy one or so. The casino donates some nice prizes to our raffle as well. Everyone gets a discount on there meal. Ask anyone who has been on these trips and they will tell you they are a lot of fun. Sign up on the back table. Contact Debbie W. with questions. Let's get this bus filled. All proceeds go to support the chapter. We also have a 50/50 raffle.



Open Board Position

With Sandi C. moving to Idaho we have an open board position. This requires about 1 ½ hr of your time on meeting day and an interest in helping our chapter run smoothly. Board meetings are open to all. Please consider volunteering for this position.



Picnic



Date for the picnic is July 14, 2019. Lewisville park, Dogwood shelter. 9 -5. Sign up sheet at membership table.



Sargent at Arms

We need to have some additional Sargent at arms people. This requires you help set up for the meeting, put chairs etc. away. This is an important part of the meeting. See Debbie.



Store and Paydirt

The store and pay dirt have been moved to the break room. Dennis will have both the Colorado and Roaring camp pay dirt at this meeting.

False Message



Many of you are getting an e-mail indicating that you need to call me. This is another one of those harassment messages and has been turn over to the proper authorities. DO NOT OPEN THESE MESSAGES. It may be someone trying to access your computer, information, or just harassing us. If in doubt contact me.



Roaring Camp

There is still time to sign up for the group outing at Roaring Camp . See Debbie W. for details. Limited space available.

AKAU Lodge



AKAU LODGE is giving chapter members and friends a special offer. Save \$1000 on a weeks vacation at the lodge in Nome. Contact Betty K. at 760-500-1329 for dates. Questions contact Debbie W 360-695-3215

Join the GPAA

There are several ways to join the GPAA. We still have a few kits available. You can also call the GPAA, or take advantage of any specials that might be available at the gold show. Be sure to mention that you are with South West Washing Gold Prospectors. Please let me know if you have a new membership or are renewing. This is how we earn our points.

Beach Outing



Rick Beehler has set up with Dave Urich and Mike P. to meet up at Cape Disappointment on the 25th of March to do some beach mining and equipment demonstration. Kevin Hoagland and other GPAA officials will be joining them and they will be filming as well. This is a Monday but hopefully we will have good representation from our chapter. Those of you who have been to one of Rick's or Dave's beach outings know that weather does not matter. This is a Chapter sponsored event so be sure to sign in and have fun!!!

Clark County Sheriff



Due to the bad weather in Feb. we had to cancel our meeting and were unable to have the C.C. Sheriff's deputies address our group on some safety issues. I will be re-scheduling with them.

Greetings Prospectors,

On February 20, 2019, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife filed proposed suction dredge rule changes with the state code reviser, and they will be published in the Washington State Register on March 6 (No. 19-05). This rule making activity is a continuation of the process the Fish and Wildlife Commission initiated in spring 2018.

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As of today, February 25, 2019, WDFW is accepting formal public comment on the proposed rules, and we will continue to accept comments through 5pm Monday, April 8th. The Fish and Wildlife Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposals on April 5 or 6 in Olympia, Washington. The notice, rules, and regulatory documents (including Small Business Economic Impact Statement) are all posted on the Hydraulic Project Approval rule making web page at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>. We have included an annotated version of the rule changes to help readers understand the effects of each rule change. Comments on the rules can be submitted using an online form on the HPA rule making web page, by emailing them to HPARules@dfw.wa.gov, or sending them in the mail to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, HPA Suction Dredge Rule Making Comments, Attn: Randi Thurston, P.O. Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98504-3200.

The draft State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determination and SEPA checklist for the HPA suction dredge rule making proposals are (or will soon be) posted at https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html.

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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



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

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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Snake River Invitational 2019



We have again been invited to the Snake River Invitational for 2019. This is an event one of our fellow GPAA chapter's hosts. It is scheduled for June 7-10, 2019, in Idaho. It does require pre-registration. Flyers are on the membership table. I have the registration forms etc. for anyone interested. Jenny Whitmore is in charge of this event. Eric Whitmore is the Idaho state director and both do an excellent job.

Points



I checked with the GPAA to see how many points we have. We were hoping to order some more equipment and if they bring it with them to the show it saves shipping. However the GPAA is in the process of changing computer systems and does not have all of the info available. We will have to wait to find out how many points we have. I will continue to check on this from time to time.

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Links

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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.

Safety

This month's safety presentation will be on the essentials of hiking and exploring safety.

Outings / Education / Safety



We need your suggestions for outings, education or safety.

There is a list started at the membership table. Please contribute.

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

Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal Pickup 360-896-7220	Topside Mining	Northwest Detector Sales 503-936-1443
Whites Metal Detectors 1-800-547-6911	Creekside Prospecting	Roaring Camp 209 296-4100
Chinook Winds Casino & Resort	Armadillo Mining	Spin it Off
Quick Badge	Fossickers	Thrive Life
Danner Boots 877-432-6637	Dana's classic Flowers and Gifts	McCord's Vancouver Toyota
Lost Adams 541-340-0931	Danas Classic Hair Supply	AKAU Lodge 760-500-1329
Designs of all kinds 360-892-5597	Packwood Prospecting and Mining Supply	American Mining Supply
Gold Getter	Nayhely's Place 360-571-7088	The Gold Lab
AAA Precious Metals 503-253-8591	Wilson Brothers	Avon Products—Bug Guard 971-212-5996
Pro Caliber 360-892-3030	Sportsman's Warehouse 360 604-8000	Oregon Treasure Trail Society

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.

	Scheduled Events
Mar 25	Cape Disappointment
Mar 30-31	Gold and Treasure Show
Apr 20	Chinook Winds Bingo Bus
May 19-26	Roaring Camp
Jun 7-1	Snake River Invitational
Jul 14	Picnic