

SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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President's Welcome

Hello again SWWGPAA, Friends and Family!

Thank you everyone for your help at our March Outing.

I heard it went very well. I'm sorry to have missed it: if you're like me, and itchin' to get out there to your favorite spot, or maybe find a new one this year.

Be sure not to miss our next meeting on April 13th. Meet others who share your interests. Learn what works and where to go. We always have a great time. Win Gold, gems and more in our raffle. I heard Steve's got some nice gold for the next raffle. Be sure you get in on this summer's planning and FUN.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 13th,
Randy Harper

2014 LDMA Camp Digs

Our Club as well as individual GPAA Members have the opportunity to go to one free LDMA Camp Dig per year. Come to our meeting where we will vote to see which Camp dates we want to register to attend. Here are the closest ones:

Burnt River, OR, May 21-25. Italian Bar, CA, June 11-15 and Oct 8-12. Stanton AZ, April 16-20 and Dec 27-31.



Come to our meeting,
Sunday, April 13th at
1:00pm, Minnehaha
Grange!!

Free Vial of GOLD Drawing
for First-Time Visitors

If you were a visitor at our
March meeting, you're in
the drawing this month!

Intro to Scuba Classes are
starting up again in March.
Call Dave Greer for more
information, 360-601-8752
or airgod40@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL PICNIC
Saturday August 2nd
at Lewisville Park

March Meeting Highlights

President Randy presented Steve Lewin with a painting Randy's Dad painted and thanked Steve for all he does for our club.

We elected our new Vice President: Anthony Loveall, Treasurer Patti Long, and At-large Board Members including Waylon St Clair, Michele Loveall, Siobhan Gill and Ben Sturgis. Waylon St Clair is our new Sergeant at Arms with Daniel Keese and Marvin Krueger assisting. Thank you Everyone!

We continued discussing whether we will buy a piece of equipment to help educate our members in mining techniques. We are also discussing how we will raise the money.

Where To Find Gold in Oregon Book Review by Ernie Stinson

After looking and reading through this book it comes close to another book that I have read about finding gold in Oregon. However, I find that this book outdid the other book that tells you where to find gold. However, I can't remember the name of it off hand. This book sells for around \$12.95 or so depending where you find it.

It gives you addresses and phone numbers of the BLM and DEQ. It gives you Guidelines for timing of, in-water work to protect fish and wildlife resources Region by Region throughout the state. "Of course you will have to know how to read maps", as well as "follow directions of how to find the different sites".

About the only thing this book doesn't do is help you dig for the gold. You also need to make sure you are not on someone else's claim.

The following are what others are saying about this book: "A hands-on, concise and informative sourcebook. Expertly organized and chock-full of maps with directions to the gold sites, helpful information and explicit illustrations. It is an indispensable reference book. Highly recommend." "This is the first and only book that I would recommend to those who for the first time are searching for gold in Oregon". "One of the best. A must for the Prospectors reference library". "A book of this magnitude with maps, information and directions to the gold sites will be forever a source to the gold country of Oregon and to its adjacent back country gold placer sites".

May you always find that yellow stuff in the bottom of your pan, Ernie

WINNERS! MARCH Raffles and Drawings

David Conti won a Bering Sea Gold Nugget

Patty Rasey won a vial of Gold. Belt Buckle was won by Rick Kaliszewski.

Carli Stout won a sapphire. Gary Smith won an aquamarine.

Ron Kopki, Earl Browning, Lexi Holloway, Judy Stevens and Jerome Muskie
won a vial of Bering Sea Gold

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Our Club has two FACEBOOK pages

SouthWest Washington GoldProspectors is our open Facebook page where everyone can share. **SWWGP** is the club's closed group. This is only for Members in good standing. No one else can see what we write. Let members know when you are going out prospecting on SWWGP. Also check SWWGP and join others when they are going to Git Gold!

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As usual I arrived at 6:45am Saturday morning and it was really dark (you couldn't see a foot in front of you). A little later a few fishermen arrived to float down to Daybreak Park. At about 8am 2 members arrived and after a little visit, we headed upstream to dig in the banks of the river. After I got 2 1/2 gallons I returned to the parking area and there were more members who had arrived.

We then had a welcoming to all the other members and Dave Greer talked about doing the CPR on someone. It was really interesting, since it was about 18 years since I first took the class on CPR at my job at the airport.

I took a bunch of pictures throughout the day of others prospecting and hope I didn't miss anyone. Dave Greer had asked if anyone ever dug in the dry wash just off the parking area. He was talking to another member and I went over to the dry wash to start digging. I found a tree root about in the middle of the wash and started digging. Then Dave came over and said that I moved onto his dig area. I told him to start digging, so he said digging into clay. I told him that there wasn't any clay where I was digging. To top it off, I called over to him to come over and help me to get a little rock out of the hole I was digging in. Well, that little rock turned out to be as big as a 5 gallon bucket! (Ha, Ha, sorry Dave). Well, with his #2 shovel and another member, they got it out. We had a good laugh too.

Steve and Anthony was using their Gold Buckets and were doing very well on getting small gold pieces. So all-in-all the Gold Buckets work really great. Nice going guys!

About 56 members and a few visitors also were there. Dave and other members were telling them what and why we were digging in the ground. They were amazed that there was Gold in the ground.

The river water was high and running fast; so remember not to dig in the river, not until 1 August thru 15 August. You take water out, pan, sluice: but not work in the water. So happy prospecting!

For All People Interested in GOLD

Write a story about one of your Gold outings

If your story is printed in the newsletter, Steve Lewin will give up some GOLD!

Send your story to me: Linda Williams, SWWGP Newsletter Editor,

11780 SW Royal Villa Dr, Tigard OR 97224, e-mail me at bstwshes@yahoo.com

or call me at 503-703-1142 Newsletter deadline is the 1st Sunday of each month.

May's GRAND Drawing with a BONUS!
April fools? HECK NO!
You'd be a FOOL not to buy a ticket!

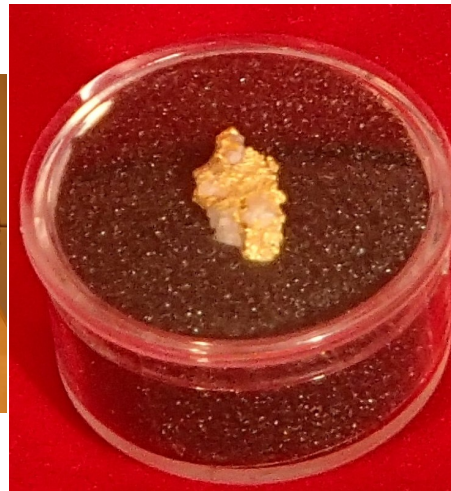
FIRST PRIZE
\$50.00 GOLD NUGGET
T-SHIRT
SPECIAL Custom CLUB HAT

NEW!
SECOND PRIZE: GOLD NUGGET!

This time you will receive both sides of ticket, print your name and phone number on ticket and place in can.

The money from this RAFFLE is going toward the purchase of equipment for the Club.
This RAFFLE will run for March, April and May. Drawing at May meeting.

You don't have to be present to win



Club History Factoid: Al Lewis, our Past President and Club Advisor, is the Founder of our Southwest Washington Gold Prospecting Club .

Founding Members include: Steve Lewin, Preston Griffin, Pat Locnikar, and Judy Stevens

Steve Lewin is our Club's Claims Chairman. He is also a GPAA Claims Representative.

Thank you all for your vision and hard work!

Visit our website at 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 2nd Sunday every month at 1:00 pm

Minnehaha Grange Hall No. 164

4905 NE St Johns Rd, Vancouver WA

For more information, call Steve Lewin at 971-212-5996