

SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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Come to our meeting,
Sunday, March 9th at
1pm, Minnehaha
Grangell!

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS

MARCH 9TH

SET YOUR CLOCKS 1 HOUR
AHEAD SO YOU GET TO THE
MEETING ON TIME!

Free Vial of GOLD Drawing
for First-Time Visitors

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

New RAFFLE coming in March!

\$50.00 GOLD NUGGET
T-SHIRT

SPECIAL HAT with CLUB PATCH
DON'T HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

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 a piece of equipment for the Club. This RAFFLE will run for March, April and May. Drawing at May meeting.
Save your money!

MARCH MADNESS

WEAR GREEN TO OUR MEETING AND WIN GOLD!

Winners!

Gold Nugget won by Andrenae Loveall

Bering Sea Gold Nugget won by Robert Novak

(see complete list of February Raffle Winners on page 2 of this newsletter).

February Meeting Highlights

Randy Harper was officially elected to be our 2014 President!

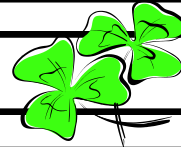
Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Al Lewis to recognize Members for contributions in 2013. Ernie Stinson, Rick Beehler, Pat Locnikar, Marvin Krueger, Judy Stevens, Bill Tatum, Linda Erickson, Leo Erickson, Dave Greer, Bob Novak, Tom Fest, Preston Griffith, Jeanne Geig, Becky Beck, Daniel Keesee, Robert Keesee, Steve Keesee, Rosemary Holloway, accepted by her widow Lexie, Nene Loveall, Tyler Loveall, Randy Harper, Al Lewis (presented by Steve Lewin).

Anthony Loveall thanked everyone for donating to make it possible for him to go to his sister's funeral. We took a collection for Pat Vercoe who is recovering from cancer.

More Elections at March Meeting: The floor will be opened for nominations for Vice President, Treasurer, and Board Members-at-Large. Anthony Loveall and Daniel Keesee have accepted nominations for Vice President. Patti Long and Linda Williams for Treasurer. Siobhan Gill, Ben Sturgis, Michele Loveall and Waylon StClair accepted nominations for Board Member. Elections will follow.

Randy reported that our fellow club member, Andy Lehto, is UNDER THE ICE as we speak. He's in Nome Alaska, dredging in the Bering Sea.

President's Thoughts Randy Harper



Hello again, and thank you all for your vote. And for helping make last month's meeting such a success. For those who volunteered, Thank You again.

Bring your friends and family along to our next meeting. I hear there's gold to be had. I look forward to seeing you all there, let's have an even bigger meeting this month!

WINNERS! February Raffles and Drawings

Visitor drawing winners: Michael Clark, James Spinney, Karen Gillen, Randy Gillespie and Jessica Moquin

Red Ticket winners: James Graham, Van Hord, Richard Hewitt, Bill Tatum, Scott Long, Steve Keesee, Siobhan Gill, Anthony Loveall, Lexie Holloway, Dan Barnett, Marvin Krueger, Carli Stout, Greg Frisella, Bill White, Michele Loveall, Rick Kaliszewski, Jim McCall, Linda Williams.

Other winners include: Ron Tompkins, Karen Gillen, Carli Stout, Richard Hewitt, Dale Long, Marvin Krueger, Ernie Stinson, Kelly Bushnell, Ted Grey, Karen Vercoe, Anthony Loveall, and Audrey Vogel. (Sorry if I missed or misspelled anyone's name)

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!!



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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 can see what we write except members of the group.

A Day Of Special Invitation Only! Contributed by Ernie Stinson, Board Member and Librarian

Sunday 20 October 2013, was a day of special invitation only. At the last meeting of the SWWGP on the 13th of October 2013, we had a raffle near the end of the meeting, all tickets were paid for and one of the items was chosen, and whoever received this item would receive a special invitation only to Steve Lewin's Gold Claim on the Copper Creek in Southern Washington. So, at the end of the raffle it was announced whoever received the coffee cup would win "the special invitation only to Steve's Gold Claim on the Copper Creek in Southern Washington."

Well, this little girl (her name is Aliyah Schlegel), a 10 year old, stood up and was told to come forward.

So, I also received an invitation to be at Steve's Gold Claim on the Copper Creek, on Sunday the 20th. And as usual I arrived early at a little after 7 am. When I arrived no one was there except two hunters, that was camped right in front of the gate. They were in the process of breaking camp. About 10 am other members started to arrive. However, Aliyah, who won the special invitation didn't come with Ray Schlegel, her friend Carly, and Carly's brother Alex.

There were about 20 or so members and kids, also two dogs. After the day camp was set up, most of the members started to do some prospecting. A little color was found, and I took some pictures. Later we had lunch of hamburgers, chili, potato and pasta salads. Which was really great eats, thanks to everyone who had brought everything. And, then some more prospecting, it seemed to me everyone there had a great time. Even tho, to get down to the Creek we had to use a rope to get down and back up again 'cause it was about a 40-60 foot drop to the Creek. And I was surprised that I was able to get down and back up myself! Now once you had gone down to the Creek, you had to bring what you needed, or you're going to make more trips up and down before you can get going mining for gold!

And a special thank you to Steve for his special invitation only donation.


MORE MARCH MADNESS
\$12.00 Original-style Club T-Shirts are on SALE! \$12.00 each

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,

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Please help us to maintain a good image for all who enjoy our sport, lest local and national governments completely restrict our hobby!

Mission. The mission of the Gold Prospectors Association of America is to further the advancement of gold prospecting and treasure hunting by:

1. Developing an organization that actively encourages camaraderie, fellowship and personal contact among people with the same interests in gold prospecting;
2. Adhering to environmental laws;
3. Following the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and Army Corps of Engineers laws and doctrines;
4. Promote increased public awareness of ecologically sound prospecting and small-scale recreational mining for adults, families and children;
5. Teaching club members how to prospect for gold and treasures;
6. Developing teachers and mentors.
7. Educating the general public about the history of gold prospecting and of the importance of mineral extraction.

Sure Fire Panning Methods DVD. Review by Ernie Stinson, Board Member and Librarian

I recommend that you get this DVD and watch and study the different methods used.

George Massie: explains Gold Pans used in the olden days up to today and briefly how to use them, what to keep and what to take out of your pan. He talks about Classifying before panning "which is easier" to pan out your material.

Perry Massie: "as well as Jake Hartwick" to me does a really great job of explaining and showing you How to Pan. If you watch any part of this DVD you need to watch Perry and study his way of panning.

John "Blueberry" A: talks about "The Blueberry Bounce" and how he came up with it. However, you should only try this method when you master panning the regular way.

Tom Massie: "Speed Panning". This method of panning should be done only just to out-pan others. You will be using a different kind of sand.

Watching this video is the way I learned how to pan for Gold. One thing to remember, do not put too much material into your pan. For the beginners, try putting only about an inch and a half or two inches of material into your pan, until you are able to handle more material. "and do not worry about how fast you have to pan your material, you will get faster as time goes by."

However, you should try to classify your material first. To classify, start by using a 5 gallon bucket and a scoop big enough to handle a couple handfuls of water, a one-half inch classifier or an one-fourth inch classifier. "you could use an one eighth inch as well." I really recommend that you wash all of your material before panning.

And may the bottom of your pan be yellow with Gold.

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.

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