

SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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Hi SWWGPAA Friends and Family!

Hello again, and Happy October.

We had a great September, lots of outings, and good times for everyone that came out. As we move closer to elections, consider a position on the board.

We are on task with the Gold Show and very excited to announce we will be promoting a pre-registration price of just \$5 for the show.

I want to thank all of the current board members, for their devotion to their role in furthering our and the GPAA's mission.

Randy Harper Club President (503) 849-5109

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Club Meeting this Sunday, Oct 12th, 1pm, Minnehaha Grange Nominations for Annual Elections

Oct 25th Outing, Saturday Daybreak Park, 9am at Boat Ramp

Nov 2nd Board Meeting, 1pm, Benny's Rod and Custom Pizza Cafe at 4219 NE St Johns Rd, Vancouver, all are welcome.

Nov 9th, 11am-12:30pm, Board Meeting. All are welcome to attend. At Benny's

Nov 9th, Club Meeting 1pm, Minnehaha Grange- Annual Elections

Nov 15th, Outing at Lewisville Park, meet at 9am at the boat ramp

Annual Elections at November General Meeting!

At our September General Meeting we adopted an amendment to our Club Bylaws, changing annual elections from December, to November.

At the October General Meeting we will be Accepting Nominations for:

Vice President AND Treasurer. Term of office is 2 years, beginning in January, 2015. Must be an active member of the GPAA and a member in good standing of SWWGP

and

Board Member at Large. All 7 positions are open. Term of office is 1 year, beginning in January, 2015. Must be a member in good standing of SWWGP.

Nominations will also be accepted at our Nov 9th Meeting.

Elections will follow the Nov meeting. Must be a member in good standing of SWWGP to vote.

Transfer of Responsibility will be at our December meeting.

Thank you, Linda Williams, Secretary

**NEW BIG
Extended RAFFLE**

- * **BIG Nugget** *
- * **Desert Fox** *
- * **Chair with table**
- Printed with Club Logo ***

Need not be present to win.
Tickets are \$1.00 ea.

Don't Try This at Home.

Submitted by Debbie Witcher

On a recent trip to Alaska I learned some interesting facts about bears.

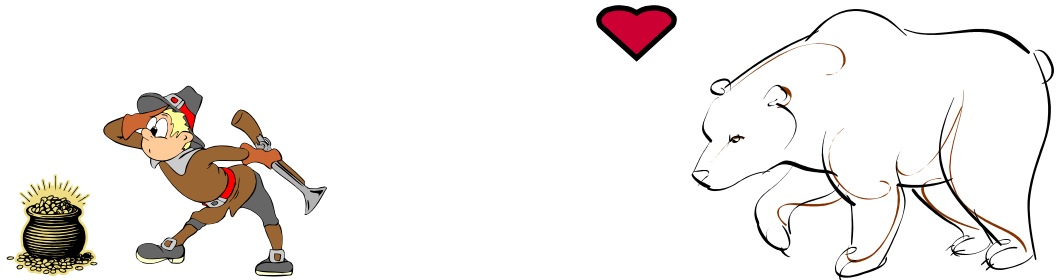
- 1) Bears are self-medicating, in their natural environment they know what plants, roots, etc. to eat to feel better.
- 2) Bears don't usually eat the whole fish. They mostly eat the eggs. Sometimes the brain but not the flesh.
- 3) Before hibernating bears eat a fungus that grows on trees called "Bear Bread." Bear Bread binds them up before wintering in their dens. No poop dens. Upon waking one of the first things they do is to find a plant called "Skunk Cabbage" and eat the roots. It is a laxative. WHO KNEW??????

How To Be Bear Bait

On a recent trip to Alaska my husband and I went on a guided wilderness hike. The three guides broke us up into groups of ten and we were in the last group. Everyone was required to leave all food stuff at the base camp due to lots of bear activity in the area. Just before we departed the staging area the leader of the first group phoned to let our leader know that bear had been spotted and to be cautious. Our group's guide was armed with bear spray and assured us that he had not had a need to use it... just make a lot of noise and stay together and we should be fine. We were walking on a path that was made with local rock and Dennis spied quartz that had color in it. Now he is excited about having to go on this nature walk. He is lagging behind the group collecting quartz. It isn't long before the couple in front of us notice that Dennis isn't keeping up with the group and has a great interest in the path we are on. Soon the gentleman drops back to see "what's up". Dennis explains about quartz, gold, etc. After all this is Alaska, "Gold Country". Now there are two laggards-behind!

After about ten minutes or so of the other guy's wife reminding them that they are supposed to stay with the group, and getting no response from them, she turns to me and asks "What are they doing"? My answer was simple and straight forward, "Practicing to be bear bait"!!!!

Just a note, we brought home about three lbs. or so of Alaska Quartz.



At our October General Meeting on October 12th, copies of the Proposed Budget for 2015 will be available. Randy will lead a discussion of this proposal and he will ask for us to vote on it. Please attend the meeting.

GRAND OPENING at October Meeting Oct 12th

NEW CLUB STORE

Thanks to GPAA and our ever-resourceful Raffle Coordinator, Steve Lewin: our Club now has it's own little store. Prices are lower than Retail. Proceeds go to our Club.

To fulfill your prospecting needs, our Club Store now proudly offers:

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RAFFLE WINNERS AT SEPTEMBER MEETING !!!CONGRATULATIONS!!!



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Raffle Winners!

Robert Novak won petrified wood donated by Rick Beehler

Gemstones were won by Pat Staat and Greg Frisella.
Dale Long won twice, Lucky Guy!!

Gold was won by Tom Fest, Robert Novak (twice), Damian, and Dale Long

Damian was a visitor and he came to find GOLD.
You're good Damian, you had Gold before you left your first meeting! Hope you come back.

**The Anthonys are having their 2nd Annual
Hungry Miners Dinners on
Thanksgiving AND Christmas Day(s)!**

**These are tough holidays to be alone or hungry.
Bring something to share if you have it. But
don't worry about that. Just bring yourself.**

**You're Always Welcome at a Hungry Miners
Dinner!**



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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

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**GPAA GOLD and Treasure Show,
Portland Oregon, March 28-29, 2015**

Sept. General Meeting Highlights.

The details on the Gold Show are in. The GPAA is funding everything. Ask Randy for Vendor Packets. Portland is the only Gold and Treasure Show in the Pacific Northwest for 2015.

Marvin Kruger, our Club Librarian, is really getting our Library up to snuff, check it out! Marvin is a Metal Detectorist. He reminded us to be patient and trust our metal detectors. Take all trash home and don't forget to fill your holes. Ask permission on Private Property.