

SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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Hello again, fellow prospectors.

After a fabulous 2014, our outlook for 2015 is energizing, to say the least. March 28 and 29 is coming soon, and our work is critical to extend our club's hospitality to our neighbors and new friends! **We have Gold Show tickets. Get yours, and a few extras, at the meeting Sunday!** We will have posters soon, so ask around where you might put up the sign.

Our December meeting was a warm and delightful experience! We had our meeting, a potluck supper, and then our 4 month raffle! See some pictures on our website as well as a few in our newsletter.

We have no prospecting trips planned at this time for January, but keep checking the web site for updates. I want to thank our volunteers, board members and the club in general for your outstanding help and support!

This is your club and you should be very proud of it. We still have a few opportunities for service, and our board has some ideas on what you can help with. If you are not already helping the club in its outreach, consider giving me a call. I think we can work something out. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

President, Randy Harper. 503-849-5109

Upcoming Activities

2015

Jan 11th, 11am, Board Meeting at Grange Hall

Jan 11th, 1pm, General Meeting at Minnehaha Grange, 4905 NE St Johns

Guest Speaker, Prospector & Author, Tom Bohmker



Feb 8th, 1pm, Board Meeting at Grange Hall

Feb 15th, 11am Board Meeting at Grange Hall

Feb 15th, 1pm General Meeting at Minnehaha Grange

No Outings Planned at this time.

Talk to Steve Pomeranke at



the Gold Show!

Tom Bohmker, our guest speaker Jan 11th said to tell everyone,

"I am looking forward to going up there and speaking on pocket gold. This will be the first public showing of Briggs pocket Gold since 1904! My son has loaned me some nice pieces he detected last fall. We will have more and larger ones at the Gold Show. See you at the meeting this Sunday!"



December Raffle winners:

Our 4 month raffle ended on Decembers meeting. Thank you for your support! There were a lot of happy faces and excitement.

Some of the Lucky Big Winners are:

Tom Fest won gold for the marshmallow count.

Dave Smith won a pewter miner and some sun stones

Merrick Olson won a gift card

David Conti won a gold pann signed by the Masseys,

Bob Novak won a gift certificate and a silver dollar money clip

Dave Paris won \$50 in Gold in black sand from Amy Garcia

John won the Club Executive's Chair

Tom Gaither won the gold pan necklace

Waylon St Clair, Dan Shelton, Frank Knighton, John, Dave Jones won gemstones

Peter McNaughton won Nome, Alaska Bering Sea Gold

Bob Novak won Scott River Gold

Daniel Keesee won the big Gold nugget but gave his ticket to Taylor Carmen!

Scott Long won a Gold nugget

Jim Erickson won a Gold nugget

Pat Staat also won a Gold nugget.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



2015 Education Planned

Our 2015 Education Committee with Steve Lewin at the helm, has scheduled education at each club meeting through June. Our board of directors has gotten the message from you that we need more Education: for our members and for the general public. So we're starting out the new year right. Here's the schedule so far:

January	Pocket Gold and it's Geology	Tom Bohmker, Prospector & local author
February	Black Sand Magic	David Conti, SWWGP Board Member
March	Metal Detecting	Bob Mote, NW Detector Sales
April	Dig Your Target-Metal Detecting	Marvin Kruger SWWGP Board Member
May	How to Build a Bucket Faucet	Dale Long SWWGP Board Member
June	Reading the River for Gold	Discussion plus interactive display

This-n-That from our Secretary Linda Williams:

All future Board meetings will be at the Minnehaha Grange Hall.

February 1st and March 1st there will be a Board meeting at 1pm. The Agenda is the Gold and Treasure Show.

January 11th at 11am is our regular Board meeting. Our regular Club Meeting is at 1pm.

There's no change to our regular meeting.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Board meetings.

Our recently updated Bylaws were approved by GPAA!

Our club has 2 new committees. The Media committee will work with present committees Website, Newsletter, and Facebook page. Membership is putting together a "New Member Packet" and helping bring in new members and make people feel welcome.

How do I become a Member of Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors (SWWGP)?

Attend 3 club activities in one calendar year. You need to sign in at every activity: meetings, outings, etc. If you attended 1-2 activities in 2014: you need to attend 3 activities in 2015 to become a member. (sorry) I'll have new membership cards for people at our February meeting.

From Raffle Coordinator Steve Lewin: New three month Raffle!

Steve says: I am running this raffle in appreciation for our supporting members. In a way of thanks, for those that spend \$30 in raffle tickets at one meeting, you will get a raffle ticket just for "our contributors". At the March meeting, our raffle will be held normally, then these tickets will be drawn separately, and the prizes selected carefully, to represent our honoring of your support.



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CLUB NOTICES

Equipment Manager. We need someone to volunteer. Randy Harper will keep our big equipment in a locked container on his property for the time being.

Library. Marvin Kruger reported there are lots of books: 4 on metal detecting. Read up! The library is full of information on prospecting, how-to's, articles on local folks, etc.

Kitchen host. Tom, Toni and Lilliana Fest volunteered to be Kitchen Hosts. We need someone else to volunteer to back them up.

Newsletter. We need someone to step up and volunteer to do the newsletter.

Safety. Ron Koppi has volunteered to be our new Safety Officer. Ron said it's important people complete medical forms at outings and before other activities. Al Lewis asked if anyone's interested in having a First-Responders program and a CPR class for all Board Members and anyone else interested?

Just a reminder: CPR is 100 compressions per minute, holler "CALL 911". NO BREATHS.

