

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors News-

A Letter from the President

Hello, fellow prospectors!!!

Thanks to a great team of board members and all the members of SWWGPA , it's been a great year so far.

Everyone's got all their gear ready for the season, and a spot or two picked out..

Whether you are working a pan, dredging or running a loader, we are out there living the dream. One of the many reasons I love prospecting is the endless search that brings you to the most amazing locations on and under this beautiful planet. A new geology puzzle to piece together at every bend in the river.

Come join us the 12th of July, for our monthly meeting @ 1:00 , and July 19th at Lewisville Park for our annual club picnic. Great time to bring friends and family. Vice President Steve will conduct the meeting in my absence for the July and August meetings. As the needle of the compass draws me north once again.

Let's make this a season to look back on with fond memories of time spent with good friends and lots of gold. Stay safe out there and may you find as much gold as you all have in your hearts.

Randy Harper, President



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SWWGPC Annual Picnic
Lewisville Park, Dogwood Shelter - July 19, 2015
Final Reminder!!!

First, Volunteers are still needed for set up (9:30), cooking (11:00), clean up, and some miscellaneous help.

The club will provide burgers, hot dogs and buns, plates, plastic ware, napkins, cups, coffee.

Please sign up at the July SWWGPC meeting, or contact Debbie Witcher to volunteer or for the food items you plan to contribute. Suggested food items include:

Condiments - mayo, mustard, ketchup, relish, salt and pepper, sugar/sweetener

Veggies - lettuce, tomatoes/onions sliced & diced, carrots, celery, peppers, cauliflower

Chili for chili dogs, and cheese (grated and slices).

Salads - potato, macaroni, three-bean, fruit, Jello, etc.

Beans – baked beans, pork-n-beans, green beans

Chips – any kind of chips, potato plain/seasoned/flavored, tortilla chips and salsa

Deserts – watermelon, cakes, pies, cookies, fruits, nuts, candies

And anything your family enjoys on a picnic

Be sure to bring plenty to drink: pop, water, ice tea, coffee, milk and lots of ice

We will be playing bingo and panning for gold. Linda Williams is setting up a horseshoe tournament. We will have a children's arts and crafts corner again this year with lots of prizes. As usual there will be raffle prizes.

Be sure to sign up at the July SWWGP meeting, or call Debbie (360-695-3215) or Maureen (360-254-9309) to sign up for food and volunteer to help.

Event Schedule for the SWWGP Annual Picnic

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Safety Comments

10:15 a.m. Horse Shoes — Contact Linda Williams

10:15 a.m. to Closing—Metal Detecting Scavenger Hunt — Contact
Marvin Kruger

10:15 a.m. to Closing — Panning Station — Contact Randy Harper

11:30 until “the end” Picnic Lunch

11:00 a.m.— Raffle followed by Bingo

5:00 p.m.— Clean up

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July Educational Program

The July 12th Educational Program will be an "Introduction to Dredging". Followed by an August 1st "Introduction to Dredging" in the river at Lewisville Park.

Members will need to take the introduction class to scuba diving, contact Ron Koppi for class info. For members who have scuba certifications just bring your card. I have invited Portland Chapter members to attend this event at Lewisville Park. People will need to get their dive masks and snorkels ready for the August 1st outing. August 2nd can be a dredging class also. Then August 8th and 9th and August 15th we can meet at either Lewisville Park or Daybreak Park. The club can vote at the July meeting on the dates and locations they want to dredge during the first two weeks of August. After August 15th dredging will be on Copper Creek!!

Treasurer 's Report June 2015

Beginning balance for the month was \$8,665.44. Income for June was \$1,326.50. Expenses for June were \$1,322.63 which leaves a balance of \$8,669.41 as of June 30, 2015. Submitted by Ken Didier—Treasurer— SWWGP



June Meeting Notes

Burnt River Lost Dutchman Mining Association is offering a Club Outing in trade for refrigeration work. If you know anyone, let Linda know: 503-703-1142. You can now download the new version of the Gold and Fish Book from the WA State Fish and Wildlife website. There was an overwhelming majority vote to do the GPAA 2016 Gold and Treasure Show. The Board is looking into liability insurance for the Club. We approved a motion to expend funds for this. Thank you Bob Feaser for making us a new Library Cart! Ron Koppi, Safety officer, presented Hands-Only CPR by playing music and having us practice to the tune of Staying Alive. All we have to remember is 100 compressions per minute. No mouth-to-mouth. Steve Lewin educated us by building a Camp Potty.

Randy told us he loves our enthusiasm for education. More of us need to be prepared to lead outings, activities, and share ideas. There is a proper way to bring these to the Club. Call a Board member. Bring your idea to a Board meeting and have as much information as you can about the activity including a contact name and phone number.

Raffle winners included Bob Feaser, Jim Erickson, Steve Keese; all won Gold. Jeff won a jar of opals. Pay dirt and the steel penny were won by Martin. Sunstone won by Mitchell, Toni Fest and the Bohemian won gemstone cabochons. There were many more winners. Thank you all for participating in our Club Raffle. That's how we raise money to keep our Club going.

Linda Williams—Secretary—SWWGP

SWWGP MONTHLY MEETING

The Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors' meetings are the second Sunday of every month beginning at 1:00 pm at:

Minnehaha Grange Hall #164
4905 Northeast St Johns Road
Vancouver, Washington

All interested parties are invited to attend one of the monthly meetings. 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!

For information contact: Randy Harper – Chapter President, rh82065@hotmail.com or 503-849-5109 or visit www.swwgoldprospectors.org

June Casino Trip

The SWWGP first (of many?) casino-bingo bus trip on Saturday, June 27th, was a "roaring" success. We had 47 "gamblers" along for the ride and over 10 people won in the casino. We played eight games of bingo on the way to Lincoln City and conducted our raffles on the way home. Raffle prizes were donated by members or purchased by the club. Many of us wore our "gold" SWWGP Club shirts from the gold show which generated a lot of interest and questions. We all got a chance to visit with each other and potential new members and families. There was some good natured heckling on the bus as well as lots of laughs and FUN. By all accounts everyone had a good time.

I would like to give a special Thank You to the following:

- Ron and Maureen Koppi and Toni Fest for selling raffle tickets. (No easy task on a moving bus.)
- Maureen Koppi, Marsy Hellie and Marsha Judkins for making the flyers and game directions.
- Patti Long for tracking our winners.
- Tom and Toni Fest, and Dennis Witcher for helping with the bingo, raffle drawing, and money balancing.
- Last but not least our thanks to Steve Lewin for his help in gathering and giving some of the raffle prizes.

Ken Didier will report at the July meeting as to how much we made; just know we exceeded our goal.

Here are our winners. In total we had 33 prizes

- 50/50 raffle paid 128 dollars to the winner Rosemary Holloway, and 128 dollars to the club fund.
- Gold nuggets were won by Ken Didier and Carole Novak
- Chinook Winds Glass Floats were won by Randy Harper and Ellen Olson
- Coffee Basket was won by Tiffany Jodoin.
- Other prizes won by: Amy Wright, Ellen Olson, Jay Jodoin, Robert Novak, Tamra Olson, Betty Erickson, Mike Koppi, Jim Olson, Edward Kougl, Dennis Witcher, Rebecca Fuller, Nick Hansen, Maureen Koppi, Payton Hubbard, Norm Erickson, Mitchell Nye, Ken Didier, Carol Novak, Lexi Holloway, Ron Koppi, Jane Williams, Judith Skagen, and Tiffany Jodoin.

If the club would like to do another fundraiser trip, I will be happy to set another one up. Thanks to all who helped and participated!

Debbie Witcher

Father 's Day Outing — Lewisville Park

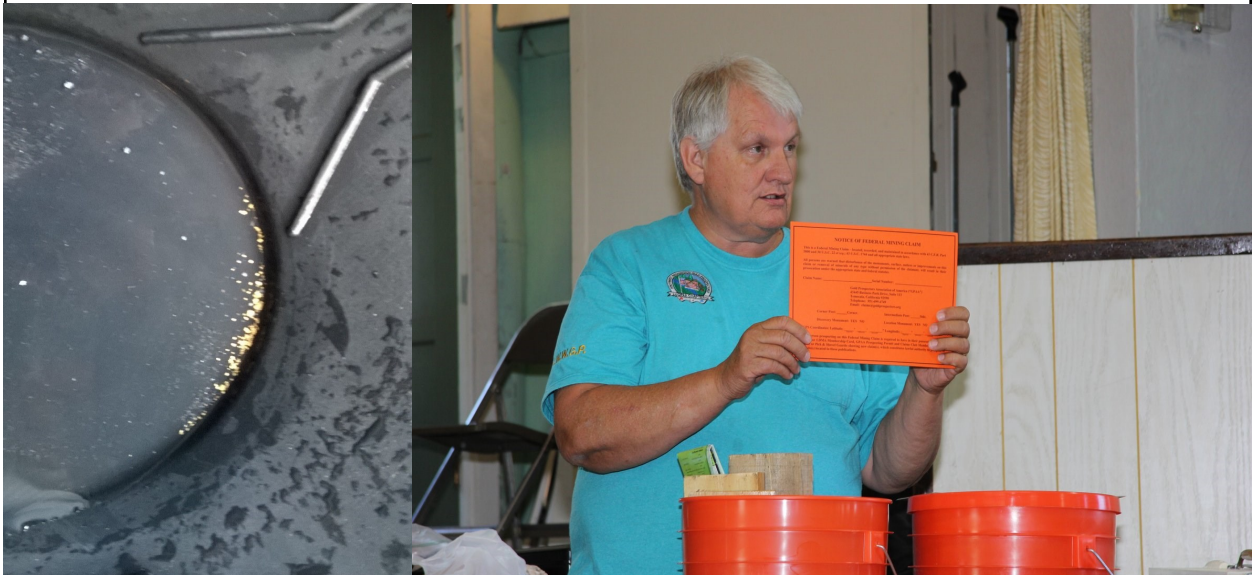
The “Dixie Doodle Bug ” was the center of attention at the SWWGP outing Sunday , June at Lewisville Park.

About 30 SWWGP “prospectors ” worked on a “common dig ”. The fearless “ placer party ” worked for five or six hours digging, filling buckets, hauling and dumping material. The “Dixie Doodle Bug ” held up her end as the group saw “real ” gold. How much? We will find out at the July meeting.

SWWGP Members also were panning individually as well as helping with the common dig. The “prospecting pioneers ” dug a hole approximately six feet by five feet by three feet deep after five and one-half hours of “hard labor ”. (If you are interested this would be 90 cubic feet, or 3.333 cubic yards. What would be the aggregate weight per cubic foot for the materials from, the “big hole ” assuming the dry volume consists of 50% sand, 30% gravel and 20% granite rocks plus the water? Can you then calculate the total weight of materials moved by the “prospecting horde ”? The answer is on page 8.) In keeping with good mining practices the “pooped prospectors ” filled the hole in before leaving which required about 15 minutes.

Steve Lewin held a drawing for those attending the outing. Verlene Betz won the gold nugget. Her very first one. Congratulations!!

We were all winners on this day. Nice weather, good friends, new members and lots of hard work and FUN!!

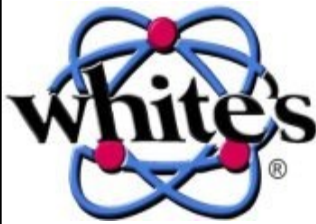


Activities from the June Meeting





D & K Prospecting & Detector Sales Inc.



Thanks to these companies for supporting SWWGP activities. SWWGP members may advertise free by submitting a business card.



Hard Working SWWGP Prospectors

A cubic foot : 1) of wet sand weighs approximately 130 pounds, 2) of gravel weights approximately 330 pounds and 3) of granite weights approximately 170 pounds.

$$(.5 \times 130) + (.3 \times 330) + (.2 \times 170) = 198 \text{ pounds.}$$

$$198 \text{ pounds} \times 90 \text{ cubic feet} = 17,820 \text{ pounds or } 8.91 \text{ short tons}$$

But remember what came out of the lake had to go back in the lake (17,820 x 2 = 35,640 pounds or 17.82 short tons).

Some Lucky Raffle Winners from the June SWWGP Meeting

