

SW Washington Gold Prospectors Newsletter



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Hello Club Members and Friends!

We are just four weeks away from the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show, There is still time to get in on all the great opportunities to help make it even better. We need you to Volunteer. Thank you in advance for signing up at our meeting this Sunday, Mar 8th.

We need volunteers in many ways during the Gold Show and at our Friday and Sat evening's "Celebrity Meet n Greet", at the Red lion, Inn at the Quay, Vancouver WA

Friday night from 6-9pm, will be for Our SWWGP Club Members. We will have time with all the GPAA staff and our Celebrity Guests. Please come and bring your Family/Friends!

Sat from 7-11pm is open to everyone, again @ the Red lion Inn at the Quay, Vancouver WA. Our Celebrities will be there too.



We'll have a chance to thank the GPAA for this awesome opportunity to be able to fulfill our mission as SWWGP. I'm thrilled about the future of the club and it's position of education as our mission. Great things happen, when you have so many amazing people working together. I'm proud to represent Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors, And want to Thank you for being on the team. Ready to win? Let's do this! Randy

Upcoming Activities

2015

Feb 28th, Puyallup Winter

**Festival - Ticket Sales
Feb 28-Mar 1, Willamette**

**Valley Sportsmans Show,
Linn Co Fairgrounds, Albany OR , Panning Demo**

**MAR 8th DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME,
"Spring Forward"**

**March 8th, 1pm Regular
Meeting at Grange Hall**

**March 8th, 3pm Board
Meeting at Grange Hall**

Mar 8th, 4ish, Show Committee Meets after Board.

GOLD SHOW

**March 27th, Set-Up
March 27-28, SHOW**
10am to 4pm Advance tickets \$5 At-the-Door \$10

**Children under 12 FREE
Active Military & Vets
FREE with ID**

**April 12, 1pm Regular
Meeting, Grange Hall**

**April 12, 3pm Board Meeting,
Grange Hall**

Everyone is welcome.

Mar 8th! MARCH EDUCATION Mar 8th!

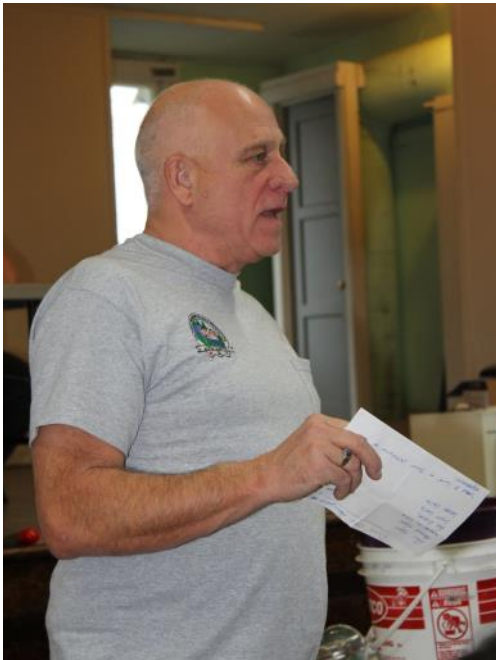
INTRODUCTION TO METAL DETECTING

Bob Mote, Owner of NW Detector Sales

**Is bringing different metal detectors and talking
about their features.**

We Need all of Us for Upcoming Educational Events

March 28-29 GPAA Gold and Treasure Show, Portland EXPO Center
 April 24 Panning Demonstration, Riverview School, Vancouver WA
 April 24 GPAA Chapter Workshop, Las Vegas NV
 April 25-26 GPAA Gold and Treasure Show, Las Vegas NV
 May 2nd Panning Demonstrations, Kids "Take it Outside" event, Coos Bay OR



Ron Koppi, Safety Officer. Contact him to join an Intro to Scuba for Dredging Class.

Safety tips:

- Do not prospect alone
- Do not blindly explore uncharted territory
- Get some training on first aid
- Get your friends together to learn CPR



As we work in the wilds prospecting, stay alert to signs or sounds of danger. Pay attention to the others with you, know where they are

The water in creeks and rivers is VERY cold, especially PRE-spring—and if you are not prepared, it could endanger your life

Standing on a river bank could put you in harms way— heavy water flow undercutting the bank may place you on a precipice that could turn into a polar bear slide

As always, stay safe!

Oh—and update your emergency information form, available as you sign in at our meetings

Raffle!	Raffle!	Raffle!	Raffle!	Raffle!
Raffle!	Winner!	Winner!	Winner!	Raffle!
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Raffle!	Raffle!	Raffle!	Raffle!	Raffle!

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See David Conti to order

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:

March	Metal Detecting	Bob Mote, NW Detector Sales
April	Dig Your Target-Metal Detecting	Marvin Kruger
May	How to Build a Bucket Fixture	Dale Long
June	Reading the River for Gold Discussion plus interactive display	Tom Fest
July	Processing Black Sand	Al Lewis
August	Treasure Hunt!	

Club Store

Item	Price
<u>GPAА Membership Kit</u>	\$84.50
<u>14" GPAА GOLD PAN</u> (retails for \$10.95) (Green)	\$6.00
<u>SCOOP</u> (retails for \$9.95)	\$4.00
<u>SNUFFER BOTTLE</u> (retails for \$2.99)	\$2.50
<u>Black Sand MAGNET</u> (retails for \$8.95)	\$7.00
<u>Classifier Kit</u> Base is a 1" Classifier with a 1/2" Screen, and a 1/4" Screen (retails for \$25)	\$20.00
<u>Mini Sluice</u> (retails for \$29.99)	\$18.00

Thank you for Supporting Our Store!



It's a fact:

Staying active starts with habits you learn early in life. Being active puts you where you have to be to learn more. The secret to long life is learning. What we are doing as a club is helping our friends live longer. Live long and learn.



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Dear gentle prospector;

As I sit in my front room, I enjoy the warmth through the window, and enjoy the birds being busy in the front yard. I hear the trumpets of Spring in the distance, and I hasten to clean, repair, recover and landscape my yard. It's good exercise, my doctor prescribed it, so I do it. I love prospecting, and I do it all the time. Sure, I pick up cans, bottles—\$2 this week. I find things on the ground as I walk to and from my car, businesses, and meetings. So— does this mean that my doctor prescribed prospecting?

I don't need to think about it.

All day, I look for things out of order. If broken, I fix. If needs putting away, I do. I learn things by paying attention. It's amazing how much you can remember if you are paying attention. For example, At our latest Club Meeting, I fixed our intermittent microphone with a fresh battery, and the Gavel Monster was put aside. **January: I travelled with Club member Rod Stagner** to Southern Oregon after the January Club (WOW-what a meeting!) meeting. I had an agenda, quick and neat:

- 1.) Investigate the forest road access to the BLM land south of the Cave Monument national park,
- 2.) See if the new "Sunshine Susie" GPAA claim was of any interest, [pg.
- 3.) run in my newly rebuilt car axle seal, and catch up with my friend.

We found that you cannot venture along the forest road past the only gate in the way, a private claim. I was ready to hike, but that would be of no practical value other than the exercise, so we wandered in the car along winding dirt roads for hours, warmed by the sun and looking at everything. I found a big chunk of green siliceous rock, quartz rocks filled with bits of metal, lots of healthy trees and a grouse..

I don't make a special deal out of prospecting, I just do it whenever I am out and about, and that's a lot. I prospect in the Surf as I drive south to California to visit my Father in San Francisco Bay area. I prospect when I walk to the bank, ride my motorcycle, or even when I get gasoline. I find coins, bits and pieces of metal (pens, keys, pins, wire) and sometimes bits of broken cars. I don't carry many tools, but I always have bags, gloves and camera. I am looking forward to learning more about prospecting, the rules and acceptable practices. I want to learn more about the Gold and Fish book, and doggone it! I want to go to every claim in the GPAA mining guide, with pictures and Gold to show for it. Well, one day at a time, there is always another day... and the weather is always good for prospecting!

I talk about the weather and gold, but I did not mention the Gold and Treasure show which we are hosting March 28, 29. We have lots of activities planned before the doors open on Saturday. The Prospecting folks from Alaska land Friday, and we are going to welcome them, get them settled and do a quick meet and greet. Don't miss your opportunity to help and work with them!

Call Linda, Randy or Steve if you want to get involved.

David J. Fritz

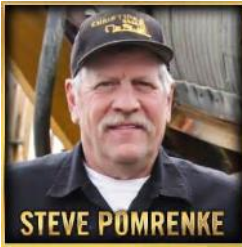


Here, I throttle Linda for attempting to fix our intermittent microphone with her gavel



CLUB MEMBERS-MEET OUR CELEBRITY GUESTS-COME TO RECEPTION

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH, INN AT THE QUAY, 6-9PM



Steve Pomrenke is one of the most successful gold miners in Nome, Alaska. In 2010, Steve and his team scooped \$3,000,000 in gold off the ocean floor. Steve grew up on a dairy farm in Minnesota, became a mechanic, and then, in the 1990's owned his own open pit gold mining operation.



Shawn Pomrenke is the co-owner of the Christine Rose and Shamrock: two highline dredges that are the ones to beat in Nome. He and his family live there year-round, running their increasingly successful mining company. Shawn has devoted himself to mining and just wants to provide for his family. "Mr. Gold" is becoming a mining legend. Though would-be rivals chase him around the grounds; Shawn's most explosive battles are with his father over how to run the family business.



Hank Schimschat has everything on the line in Nome with 600K invested in his mega-dredge, the Au Grabber. Last summer he won a wager against Shawn Pomrenke by delivering a huge "Au Haul". Obsessed with the Pomrenkes, Hank will do whatever it takes to prove his worth and recoup his massive investment. Though Hank has a new, inexperienced crew, his decades behind excavator controls are all he needs to defeat his rival.



Melody Tallis began metal detecting in 1990 with her husband Arthur Tallis, and began mining for gold in 2002 when she joined a prospecting crew in Arizona. In 2008 she headed for Alaska and has been working Alaska claims ever since. She has the distinction of finding a nugget weighing 11.6 oz. while on holiday at the Ganes Mining Camp. Melody was an avid viewer of the show Gold Rush and thought it was about time to see a woman miner represented. So she became a member of a crew. Melody wants to let the world know that women do play a large role in what is considered a man's



Jerry Rhodes. Machine Operator and Machinist, Jerry is the brain behind Tony Beets' plan to resurrect his 75-year-old gold mining dredge.

Machines are in Jerry's blood. He grew up helping out on the family-owned machine shop in Phoenix. Jerry is slowly rebuilding the family hard rock mining operation, the Hungry Mole Mining Co.



Joe "Bering Sea" Dehring is one of the daring miners who has set his sights on gold, beneath 4 feet of solid ice. The dredge he dives from is Anchor Management.

The winter season for dredging the Bering Sea begins when storms calm and the ice is thick enough to support the miners' dredging equipment. Joe is one of the few people tough enough to take on the challenge of dredging for gold during an arctic winter.



Tori Lynn Hartling, her Mom and 3 sisters pool their money and leave Southern California to reopen their family-owned gold mines in Nome and Fairbanks, Alaska; while racing against severe winter storms to strike it rich.

Getting both mines up and running, the women face the full wrath of Alaska, as they try to continue their family legacy and secure a return on their investment.



**February
Education!
Visitors!
Raffle Winners!**



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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.

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Join in the Fun!

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