

South West Washington Gold Prospectors October 2017 Newsletter



October Meetings

October 8, 2017 is our next board and general meeting. The board meeting will start at 12:45 and the general meeting will start at 2:00.

Just a reminder that ALL meetings are open to everyone, no one has or will be excluded. These meetings are a part of your chapter.



Membership Committee

When you are signing in for attendance at the SWWGP meeting please be sure to verify name spelling, correct address w/zip code, e-mail address and phone number. If you are a current GPAA/ LDMA member be sure to let us know and give us your GPAA/LDMA membership number.

We are in the process of updating our records. Thank you for you help,
Richard Pluff Jr.
503-957-6884
magiedrag-on1956@hotmail.com

Presidents Message

Another year is almost over, it seems to go by to fast. As I reflect on many of our chapters activities, outings and accomplishments I realize where the time has gone. We are a very active Chapter and many of you have participated in several activities and community events such as the clothing collection to sort and donate to the needy (164 boxes), the gold shows both ours and Puyallup, helping our fellow Chapter in Mid-Valley build their membership at the Albany sportsman show, the Harvest Fest. Trips to Burnt River, Polka Dot agate mine, Nome AK, Labor day outing, Daybreak and Lewisville, Get the Lead Out to mention a few. Our picnic was a huge success. We have adopted 3 claims thru the GPAA Adopt a Claim Program. We will be setting up our calendar of events for next year so please let us know your interests and ideas. We are open to all ideas. Our elections are fast approaching as well as the holidays. As always please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or comments.

Your President,
Debbie



Outing Ideas

Is there something you would like to see our Chapter members Do? Want to take a field trip or outing you think might be of interest to other members? Let us know. Send me an e-mail or call me at 360-695-3215 and lets see what we can do. Debbie Witcher.

Executive Board	(Elected)		
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Other committees will be formed as needed. Please let Debbie Witcher know if your name was missed or if you would like to serve.			

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Holiday Dinner Sign Up

We only have 2 more meetings before our holiday dinner. The time is here to start thinking about it. Please take a moment to sign up for the pot luck and let us know how many will be attending.

Education

Preston Griffin will be doing our education this month. Also he will be doing some claims education in the future. If you are interested in the sign in table. an in depth class please sign up at



Mining Equipment

If you have a piece of mining equipment you would like to demo and share with others, please bring it to the meeting. We will have demos at the BBQ.

Chapter Insurance

We will have a representative from an insurance company at both the October board and general meetings to answer any questions you might have as far as how insurance we need to purchase applies to our chapter. Bring your questions.

Club Name Tags

Any club members that would like a plastic name Tag made for them can place an order at the next meeting.

Cost is 7.00 for each tag that includes up to 2 lines of engraving.

Questions?

Contact David Conti

user764554@aol.com

360-256-0892

Collection for Veterans

Don't forget that we are continuing to collect food, toiletries, warm clothes for veterans. Pet food for their animals. Please bring your donations. Boxes will be provided.



SWWGP MONTHLY MEETING

The Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors' meetings are the second Sunday of every month beginning at **2:00 pm** at: Minnehaha Grange Hall #164 4905 Northeast St Johns Road Vancouver, Washington

All interested parties are invited to attend 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: Debbie Witcher – Chapter President,

ddwitcher@yahoo.com or 360-695-3215 or visit www.swwgoldprospectors.org

Committee Members Needed

Just a reminder that we need additional committee members for the following:

Outings
Education
Sargent at arms/safety

Please consider helping out.

All have Chairpersons but do need a few more folks to help.

If you need information, want to know what is involved, time needed or to volunteer, Please contact Debbie Witcher 360-695-3215

Legal Update

I just got this from Justin:

2017 Legislative & Lawsuit Update

Some people were asking what the status was on our Legislative work this year in Washington State. We were able to kill all House & Senate bills against us. Saving the taxpayers of Washington tons of money.

HP 1428-2017-18 (Dead)

SB 5228-2017-18 (Dead)

HB 1077 – Washington State Legislature 2017-18 (Dead)

HB 1106 — Washington State Legislature 2017-18 (Dead)

As for our intervention in the CW VS WDFW lawsuit A big thank you to the judge for granting us permission to intervene in the suit. Things are going well, we have a 2nd meeting with the Washington State AG very soon. We will update to when that day comes and the results. We are having settlement talks now, to reach an agreement without having to go to a full blown trial. The impact of this lawsuit to Washington Tax Payers is beyond huge & we feel this needs to be settled out of court.

Tom Fest

Buy Sell Trade

Have something to sell or give away? Looking for something to buy? This is a free service to our Chapter members. Please send an email to Mark Mattila with the information and pictures at [chipper49 @outlook.com](mailto:chipper49@outlook.com)

NONINATIONS

The nominations have opened for the following positions: (These are elected positions

President

Secretary

4 board positions

Job requirements are in your by laws or see an executive officer or board member.

You must have been a Chapter member for at least 6 months, and be a GPAA or LDMA members in good standing. Interested in filling a position or nominating someone? See Jeff Wooldridge or Debbie Witcher

(This requirement does not apply to Committee chairs or committee members. These are positions appointed by the President not elected positions)

Please consider helping out. This is your chapter.



BAR_B_QUE/POTLUCK

The chapter will be providing the meat, buns, and condiments. Please feel free to bring what ever you like to this potluck. Jeff W. will be our grill master for the event. Contact Jeanne Geig or Debbie Witcher with questions or to find out what you might want to bring

HARVEST FEST

Sunday Oct. 29th 2017 is the date of the Harvest Fest. This is a community fund raising activity and is a lot of fun. Our Chapter participated last year and was invited back this year. Jim Erickson is in charge again this year. Please consider donating a few hours. We have a sign up sheet at the sign in table. Any questions contact Jim Erickson 360-260-3225.

OPEN CHAIRS AND COMMITTEES NEEDING HELP

Outings both chair and members
Education both chair and members
Safety committee See Ron Koppi
Sgt. At Arms
A few more needed.
All committees welcome help.

T SHIRTS

Remember to buy your Chapter t-shirts. We also have license plate holders available now. Need a special order? Ask Maurine Koppi

CHAPTER STORE

We would like to restart the chapter store but we need someone to be in charge. It is not a lot of work and will be open only at meetings. Please contact Debbie for more info. There is a lack of available vendors that are close so this will fill a need.

GOLD SHOW MEETING

The next gold show meeting is scheduled for OCT> 22, 2017 ant the Minnehaha grange 1 o'clock. And is open to EVERYONE. Please come and participate. Meeting should not be much more that2 hrs. We have out of town chapter participating so we need to get them on their way at a reasonable time. Any questions, call Debbie. My apologies to those couple of folks who showed up on the 24 of Sept.

3 MONTH RAFFLE

Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5
Drawing to be Dec. 10th at our general meeting and holiday potluck.

PRIZES:

Thule car top carrier
\$50 Roaring Camp gold dirt
Gold and Quartz specimen
Miner collector coins silver
Disney collectors picture
Tickets available at sing in table



May 2017 SWWGP General Meeting Minutes



Next meetings: November 12th Board 12:45
 General 2:00

Guests: 2

No secretary minutes due to the Aug meeting cancellation

Treasurers report was read. A motion was made and passed to accept.

An insurance representative will be speaking at the Oct. meetings

The chapter had Liberty paydirt available for purchasing at \$13.00 per bag.

It was announced that Dennis Clevenger is the new website lead.

It was announced that Ron Koppi is the new Safety lead.

Reminder was made that if you have 3 meetings and or outings to please see Richard Pluff to receive your membership materials

Wallet size medical cards are available

License plate holders are available for \$1.25

Harvest festival panning will be on Oct. 29th from 1:00-5:00

Elections will be at the Nov. meeting. Open positions are 4 board positions, President and Secretary. Persons nominated must be GPAA or LDMA members and a chapter member in good standing for at least 6 months.

The elections committee needs 5 or 6 people to help out during the Nov election.

A signup will be available at the Oct. meeting for the upcoming Christmas dinner.

Tickets are available for the next 3 month raffle. They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

GPAA kits are available for \$54.50

Jim Erickson is the new Raffle lead

Preston Griffin is the new claims director

Sgt. At arms are needed

There will be a BBQ potluck for the Oct general meeting. Hot dogs, hamburgers and buns will be provided.

Education for Sept. was the construction of a mini high banker

An outings chair and committee are needed.

Debbie reported out on the Alaska trip and that there are still a few positions available for next years trip on July 20-26th 2018.

The mayor from Nome will be a guest at next years Gold and Treasure show.



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sort

Quick Badge

Danner Boots

Lost Adams

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Gold Getter

AAA Precious Metals
503-253-8591

Pro Caliber

Oregon Treasure Trail Society

Topside Mining

Creekside Prospecting

Armadillo Mining

Fossickers

Danas classic Flowers and
Gifts

Danas Classic Hair Supply

Packwood Prospecting and
Mining Supply

Wilson Brothers

Sportsman's Warehouse

Nayhely's Place
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Northwest Detector Sales
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Roaring Camp

Spin it Off

Thrive Life

AKAU Lodge

American Mining Supply

The Gold Lab

Avon Products—Bug Guard

McCord's Vancouver Toyota

Please support these vendors as they support us with contributions and in many cases discounts. We will be doing interviews with many of them so we can get to know a little more about them.