

# South West Washington Gold Prospectors Newsletter

## August 2018



Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday August 12th.

The board meeting will start at 12:45 and the general meeting will start at 2:00.



### Membership Committee

When signing in for attendance at the SWWGP meeting please be sure to verify name, address, and phone number. If you are a current GPAA/LDMA member be sure to give us your membership number. Let Mark know if you are not receiving chapter emails.

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### Presidents Message

At the time of this writing I can almost taste all the good food at our picnic. Bill Birdwell and Scott Long are investigating into the possibility of have our dredge at the picnic. Remember no one under 18 may participate. Currently the dredge is for group use by the chapter.

We are moving right along with a growing membership, and folks volunteering. This is summer and many time things slow down due to vacations etc. but we all still like to get together and have fun.

After all having fun is what this is all about.

See ya at the picnic and the next meeting.

Your President

Debbie Witcher

### GOLD AND FISH BOOK/ AND CLAIM REPORTS

Please remember there is a NEW gold and fish book as of

July 1<sup>st</sup>, and you need to carry it with you when mining. Also if you go to the Chapter claims or a GPAA claim be sure to fill out the report and give it to Preston. This is important.

We are still in need of 4 or 5 sgt. At arms. Please consider helping.

### WELCOME

We want to welcome Edna Nelson, and Tina Long to the board.

<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>(Elected)</b>		
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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.			

<b>GPAA Points</b>	Bob Brown	360-576-0213	photogal01@comcast.net
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## Links

Website: [www.SWWGoldProspectors.org](http://www.SWWGoldProspectors.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SWwashingtonGoldProspectors>

Gold and Fish Book: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/mining/>

HPA Rulemaking web page: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>

## Education

If you have a topic or idea for future education or would even like to share your knowledge on a topic or piece of equipment please let Mark know.

Topic ideas:

How to sell gold

What do we need to do to meet the required improvements on our claims

What kind of equipment is best to use for a given situation (gold cube, sluice, high banker)



## HOSPILITY

Tina Long and Tanysha Quade have volunteered to help Jeanne with hospility but we do need one more person who is not a board member to assist. Jeanne. Toni Fest reminded everyone that donations of food or funds is greatly appreciated.

## LONGVIEW LIBRARY

On July 18,2018 the following chapter members participated in the Longview Library youth education program.

Doug Buckendahl, Don Daniels, Tom Fest, Toni Fest, Lily Fest, Steve Nelson, Edna Nelson, Neil Crawford, Debbie Witcher, Lloyd Nelson. Thanks to all of you, great job!!!

We were invited to teach gold panning. Tom Fest gave a short talk about gold and panning to a group of students.

Each one of us taught the basics and the kids were excited to keep the gold.

We were able to teach about 100 or so kids ages2/3 thru high school about panning. Our thanks to Felix Dirt who provided approx. 65 packets. The SWWGP provided the rest.

### Cute Story:

I was showing a group of 4/5 girls what the sands looked like in the pan when they were dry. They could not see any gold even though I told them it was there. As we added water and started to swirl the dirt in the pan there it was the gold started to stand out. The girls got very excited and wanted to know how I made the gold!

## BUS TRIP

Another bus trip to Chinook Winds is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2018. Be sure to sign up. The cost is \$20 per person donation that goes to the Chapter. We will again play bingo-cash prizes and have our raffles.

The casino will again give everyone a meal credit, \$10 free play, and give us raffle prizes.

We have 53 spots available. This is open to all members, soon to be members, family and friends.

Everyone had a great time last trip. Remember you can bring you metal detector and walk the beach if you want to.

This is a fund raiser to help support the chapter

## **RAFFLE**

Scott Long, Don Spellman, Doug Buckendahl, along with Jeff Wooldridge will be assisting Jim Erickson with the monthly raffles.

## **ELECTION**

Please sign up to assist the board in refining our election process. Now is the time for your input. We will do this at our board meeting in SEPT.

## **Election committee**

We need people to sign up for the election committee.

## **AKAU LODGE RAFFLE**

Raffle tickets for the AKAU Lodge trip are available! The winner will be drawn at the Dec. general meeting/dinner. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Want details on the trip. See Debbie W.

## **ROARING CAMP**

We are currently setting up a trip next year May 19 thru May 25 to roaring camp mining camp. There are cabins and tent sites available, on a first come basis. You can make payment if you would like, but reserve asap. Want info contact Dave Conti or Debbie W. This is a great mining and education experience.

## **Volunteers Needed for Raffle**

Jim Erickson need 2 more people to help him and Ann with the raffle. Dennis took over the store, Richard Pluff is out of state working and Dale is no longer with us so he needs the help. It is only during the meeting time.



	<b>Scheduled Events</b>
8/4	Picnic (Lewisville Park)
TBD	Dredging outing TBD
8/25	Prospecting outing (location TBD)
9/9	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
9/26-9/30	GPAA/LDMA outing Burnt river OR
10/14	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
11/11	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
12/9	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings

**OUTINGS**

Remember to give Bill Birdwell you outing requests and suggestions. Also you can volunteer to lead an outing.

Paul Knight has lead both the May and June outings at our claims, Rick Beehler has lead the polka dot mine outing. Tammy Binford is working on an outing to be announced.

**MEMBERSHIP CARD**

Don't have a current membership card? Let Edna know when you sign in at the membership desk.

### 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)

### Sunshine

Please let Ann Erickson know of anyone who might be under the weather, in the hospital ,or just need a feel good card. Remember to let us know of anyone with a new addition to there family as well.

[aerickson@q.com](mailto:aerickson@q.com)



### 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.

### 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 \$8.00 for each tag that includes up to 2 lines of engraving.

Questions?

Contact David Conti  
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360-256-0892



### 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](mailto:ddwitcher@yahoo.com) or 360-695-3215 or visit [www.swwgoldprospectors.org](http://www.swwgoldprospectors.org)

# July 2018 SWWGP General Meeting Minutes



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