

# South West Washington Gold Prospectors Newsletter

## September 2018



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

The board meeting will start at 12:30 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.

Edna Nelson  
503-307-0852  
rockhounstoo1966@yahoo.com

### Presidents Message

This is a time to stop and reflect and remember that we are all volunteers. Most of us joined the chapter to learn about mining, make new friends, and have fun. Many of you have volunteered to lead or serve on committees, help with the raffle, work on claims, help with hospitality, and much more. All of these areas help to keep our chapter run smoothly.

Take a moment to thank our volunteers for the great job they are doing. Our volunteers give a lot to our chapter and ask for nothing in return. Please treat them with respect and positive comments.

I personally am extremely proud of all our volunteers for what they give to us and the job they do. Without all of you SWWGP would not be the great chapter we are.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH !!!!!!!

Proud to be your President

Debbie Witcher

### CLAIM FORM

Please continue to fill out the question form on the GPAA claim and the chapter claims. We will file these in the event we need to provide BLM or the GPAA proof of maintenance etc.

### DONATIONS

If you donate item to the chapter such as equipment, raffle prizes, library materials etc. please give them to Debbie W., Jeff W, Jim E., Mark, Patti, or Dave Conti. We will give you a receipt for these items. We are being required by the state and federal to track these donations for tax and tax exempt purposes.

<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>(Elected)</b>		
President	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddWitcher@yahoo.com
Vice President	Jeff Wooldridge	360-694-7557	harmonicajeff@msn.com
Secretary	Mark Mattila	360-609-6813	chipper49@outlook.com
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<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>(Elected )</b>		
	Patti Long	503-320-3854	palong48@gmail.com
	Rick Beehler	360-601-6855	rickbeehler@ymail.com
	Jim Erickson	360-260-3225	aerickson@q.com
	Jeanne Gieg	360-673-3179	jeannegieg@gmail.com
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	Preston Griffin	360 903 2054	griff11546@gmail.com
	Sandy Croonquist	503-661-5529	exetor1325@comcast.net
	Tammy Binford	360-449-2714	kaycbear99@gmail.com
<b>Claims Chair</b>	<b>(Elected)</b>		
	Preston Griffin	360-903-2054	griff11546@gmail.com
<b>State Director (WA)</b>	<b>(Appointed by GPAA)</b>		
	Steve Lewin	971-212-5996	goldpan123@yahoo.com
<b>Committees / Chairs</b>	<b>Appointed by chapter President</b>		
<b>Education</b>	Preston Griffin	360 903 2054	griff11546@gmail.com
<b>Equipment Manager</b>	Don Spillman	360-773-8708	
<b>Fundraising Coordinator</b>	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddwitcher@yahoo.com
Assistant	Jim Erickson	360-260-3225	aerickson@q.com
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<b>Picnic, Holiday Dinner</b>	Jeanne Gieg	360-673-3179	jeannegieg@gmail.com
Assistant	Maurine Koppi	360-254-9309	koppi@comcast.net
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<b>Safety Officer</b>	Ron Koppi	360-254-9309	koppi@comcast.net
Assistant	Steve Keesee	360-269-2341	None
	Norm Erickson	503-801-1452	None
	Betty Erickson	503-801-1452	bettyerickson13@yahoo.com
<b>Sargent at Arms</b>	Daniel Keesee	360-269-2341	None
	Bob Brown	360-576-0213	photogal01@comcast.net
	Jeff Wooldridge	360-694-7557	harmonicajeff@msn.com
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<b>Webmaster</b>	Dennis Clevenger	360-281-6338	dennisc@pacifier.com
<b>Historian</b>	Jeff Wooldridge	360-694-7557	harmonicajeff@msn.com
Assistant	Deborah Lee	360-624-6565	deborah35@me.com
<b>Gold Buyer</b>	Preston Griffin	360 903 2054	griff11546@gmail.com
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
<b>Name Tags</b>	Dave Conti	360-256-0892	user764554@aol.com
<b>Awards</b>	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddwitcher@yahoo.com
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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.



## ROARING CAMP

Next year 2019 on May 19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> a group of us from our chapter will be participating in a week long outing at Roaring Camp in California. Right now we have approx.. 16 people who have made reservations. There are still a couple of cabins and tent spots still available for those who want to go. You can call them and reserve your spot with a small deposit.  
This is a mining camp and you can keep all the gold you find. This is an opportunity to learn different methods of mining, relax and enjoy the weeks experience. See Dave Conti or Debbie Witcher for information.

### **PICNIC**

A good time was had by all at our yearly picnic on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. Several members from the Mid-Valley chapter joined us. They won lots of prizes too.

The Portland Chapter was not in attendance this year because they had an out of town outing that had been planned.

Our thanks to "Chef Jeff" who did the bar-b-queing again this year.

Thanks to Jeanne Gieg who took care of the food planning, set up and clean up.

We had a great raffle, thanks to Jim Erickson, Tammy Binford was in charge of the three month raffle tickets. We drew the winners at the picnic.

This year Scott Long and Bill Birdwell took charge of the dredging, and had extra help from other chapter members. They all had a good time and it was a learning experience.

This year we were able to play bingo lots of interesting prizes.

Our thanks to everyone who helped with set up, and clean up. A special thanks to Steve Keeese and his crew for all their help.

The food was great and I am working on the date for next year.

### **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

### **ELECTION CHANGE**

As many of you know it was voted at the last general meeting to change our election process. Anyone wishing to run for an office or a board position must notify either the President, Vice-President, or Secretary, by October 31. You must be a current GPAA/LDMA and chapter member in good standing to hold an office or board position. Officers at least 6 months chapter membership.

There will be no added candidates after Oct. 31, and no write in candidates.

We are asking that all members confirm and or provide you GPAA/LDMA number. For the purposes of a vote a couple will each have a vote if they are functioning under the same number. Any questions contact Debbie W.

## **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.

## **AKAU LODGE RAFFLE**

Remember to buy you raffle tickets for an opportunity to win a week at the AKAU lodge in Nome ,ALASKA. We will draw the winner at the Dec. Holiday meeting. His is a value of \$2500, you do not need to be present to win. You will be responsible for your own air fare. Proceeds go to the chapter. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

## **Election committee**

We need people to sign up for the election committee.

## **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.

## **BUS TRIP TO CHINOOK WINDS**

There are about 20 seats that are not spoken for on the bus trip to Chinook Winds on Sat. Sept.15, 2018.

We play bingo with prize money on the way to the beach. Chinook Winds has sponsored our chapter for the past 5 years. We have a raffle with lots of nice prizes and a 50 / 50 raffle. We draw prizes on the way home. The casino gives us raffle prizes they have selected just for us. They also give each person \$20 free play and a discount on your meal.

This is a fund raiser for our chapter. Cost is \$20 per person and includes your bingo card and a raffle ticket. The trip is open to all members, soon to be members, friends and family.

We meet at the 205/mill plain Walmart parking lot. Park by the jack in the box. Please be there between 8 am and 830 am. The bus leaves no later than 9am. Don't be late we don't wait. Lets fill those seats!! Remember you need to get signed up as space is limited. Call Debbie W. 360-695-3215 to sign up or with questions. We return to Vancouver about 6ish. Must be 21yrs of age to go. This is a really fun trip! Just ask anyone who has gone on it.

	<b>Scheduled Events</b>
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

### **OCTOBER POT LUCK**

We will be having a memorial pot luck and life celebration at our Oct. meeting. Our own "Chef Jeff" will be bar-b-queing again.

The chapter will provide meat, buns, condiments and tableware. Please bring a dish or 2 and put your name on your items. Do not bring chips as they also will be provided.

This is an opportunity for all of us to remember those members who have passed.

Please contact Rick Beehler or Debbie W. with the name of anyone you want to honor.

### **EQUIPMENT**

The length of time you can check out equipment has been changed from 2 weeks to 1 month. This is the same as checking out materials from the library.

### **OUTINGS**

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

### **OFFICES TO BE ELECTED OR RE- ELECTED THIS YEAR**

Vice- President  
 Treasure  
 And 5 board positions.

Anyone interested please contact Debbie, Jeff, or Mark by Oct. 31.

### **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

### 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)



### 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  
[user764554@aol.com](mailto: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**

### 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!

### GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW MEETING

There is a sign up sheet at the membership table for all those who are wanting to work on the Gold and Treasure show committee. The Portland chapter is taking the lead for the show since the show is in Portland again this year. I have not heard from Mike the President of the Portland chapter as to when he is scheduling a joint meeting, but we all know how much work is involved and we need to get started on our end.

I will let you know the date of our first meeting soon.

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)

### DREDGING

Our thanks to Scott Long and group for leading several dredging outings at the GPAA claim this last month. Most of these are last minute outing due to Scotts schedule. We try to notify you by e-mail. This has been a great opportunity for the dredge to be used.

## August 2018 SWWGP General Meeting Minutes

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 2:15
- ◆ 1 visitor was in attendance
- ◆ The secretary report was read, a motion to accept was made and passed
- ◆ The treasurer report was read, a motion was made to accept and passed
- ◆ Preston reported out on our claims
- ◆ There was a motion made to change the equipment checkout time to 1 month and passed
- ◆ There will be another Chinook Winds bus trip on Sept. 15th
- ◆ Volunteers are needed for Sargent at arms
- ◆ There is paydirt and mini high bankers available at the store
- ◆ There is an outing suggestion sheet at the sign up table
- ◆ The next 3 month raffle will be in Jan.
- ◆ There are still some spaces available for the Roaring Camp trip, May 19th—25th
- ◆ The next Gold and Treasure show will be in Portland next year and the Portland chapter will host
- ◆ A motion was made to participate and passed
- ◆ A motion was made and passed to modify the Bylaws to close nominations on Oct. 31st, and in order to vote you must be a GPAA member and a member in good standing of the chapter as of Oct. 31st
- ◆ A motion was made and passed to not have a monthly meeting during the month of our picnic

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Hello Club Members ... Summer is almost over, schools have started, and fall is just around the corner. Our Club Meeting is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, which reminds me that it is time to get our raffle table ready. There will be some nice items on the table, including gold and our mystery package. Please plan to attend the meeting and remember to buy tickets to support our Club.

We are going to try something a little different this month. We will add items to the gold and gem raffle depending on how many tickets are sold (more tickets purchased, more prizes offered).

See you at the meeting, Jim (the Raffle Guru)





**Thanks to these companies for supporting our activities.  
Members may advertise free by submitting a business card.**

Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal  
Pickup

Topside Mining

Northwest Detector Sales  
503-936-1443

9 Cent Color Copies  
360-896-7220

Creekside Prospecting

Roaring Camp  
209 296-4100

Whites Metal Detectors  
1-800-547-6911

Armadillo Mining

Spin it Off

Chinook Winds Casino & Resort

Fossickers

Thrive Life

Quick Badge

Danas classic Flowers and  
Gifts

McCord's Vancouver Toyota

Danner Boots  
877-432-6637

Danas Classic Hair Supply

AKAU Lodge  
760-500-1329

Lost Adams  
541-340-0931

Packwood Prospecting and  
Mining Supply

American Mining Supply

Designs of all kinds  
360-892-5597

Nayhely's Place  
360-571-7088

The Gold Lab

Gold Getter

Wilson Brothers

Avon Products—Bug Guard  
971-212-5996

AAA Precious Metals  
503-253-8591

Sportsman's Warehouse  
360 604-8000

Oregon Treasure Trail Society

Pro Caliber

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.