

Newsletter

South West Washington Gold Prospectors April 2019



Presidents Message

Thank you to all of you who helped make the gold and treasure show a great success. Our chapter had over 70 volunteers.

You are the ones who make everything work well. The GPAA is always happy to do a show with us because as they say “we have it all together, and they can count on our chapter members.”

A big thank you to all!!!



Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday March 10th.

Board meeting will start at 12:30 and the general meeting will start at 2:00.

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!

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visit www.swwgoldprospectors.org

Sign In

Remember to sign in at the membership table to get credit for attending the meeting. Also check out the event signup sheets



Maybe

Interested in having a chapter outing at Burnt River, Oregon, Blue Bucket, Oregon, or Scotts Bar, Calif.?

These are LDMA camps but we can try to make arrangements for outing there. Sign up if interested. Dates etc. will need to be determined. This will be for all members, including non- GPAA or LDMA members. Let's see what interest you have and I will see what I can do.

Snake River

Don't forget the Snake River outing in Idaho. See Debbie W for paperwork. June 7-10

Outings & Education

We need outing ideas and requests as well as education ideas and requests.

Contact Outings director Scott Long 971-263-4025 for outings, Contact Education Director Preston Griffin 360-903-2054 for education



Roaring Camp Outing

If you are interested in joining the chapter outing to Roaring Camp May 19-26, it is not too late to sign up. Roaring Camp is in Pine Grove (northern) Calif. Just east of Sacramento. It is about a 14 hr. drive. We will have some special things happening with our folks.



Outerwear

We will be picking up the boxes of coats etc. from Columbia Sportswear on Wednesday April 10th at 9 o'clock. There is a signup sheet at the membership table. Please add your name on the list if you are able to help load/ unload the boxes, or have a truck, or utility trailer. We will put these boxes in storage until a later date when we can schedule a sorting event. Contact Jeff Wooldridge if you have any questions.



Food Collection



Approx. 400 lbs. of people and pet food and \$40 were collected at the gold show food booth for the Clark County food bank. Thanks to all who donated and to Edan and Corina for manning the booth.

AKAU Lodge



AKAU lodge has some specials for us. We will announce them at the meeting.

Chinook Winds Bus Trip

Our fund raising bus trip is scheduled for April 20, 2019 which is a Sat. This is a day trip. We leave from the Mill Plain Walmart parking lot around 8:30 ish no later than 9 am. Return is around 6 ish. Space is limited we have room for 51 people. This is open to all members, friends and family. Cost is \$20 per person and includes 10 bingo games with cash prizes and a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets available for raffle prizes, some really good ones and maybe a goofy one or so. The casino donates some nice prizes to our raffle as well. Everyone gets a discount on there meal. Ask anyone who has been on these trips and they will tell you they are a lot of fun. Sign up on the back table. Contact Debbie W. with questions. Let's get this bus filled. All proceeds go to support the chapter. We also have a 50/50 raffle. You mus be 21 to attend.

Any questions or to sign up see Debbie W. 360-695-3215

Store and Paydirt



The store and pay dirt have been moved to the break room. Dennis will have both the Colorado and Roaring camp pay dirt at this meeting.

Next Meeting



Our next meeting is May 12, which is also Mother's Day. We will have some special activities and drawings for mom's at the meeting.

Sargent at Arms



We need to have some additional Sargent at Arms people. This requires you help set up for the meeting, put chairs etc. away. This is an important part of the meeting. See Debbie.



Equipment

Equipment manager and myself cashed in some points with Brandon and got another gold cube (saved shipping) for our chapter. We now have 3 gold cubes, the 2 we currently have are always checked out and there is often a waiting list.

If you want to check out a piece of equipment contact Equipment manager Don Spillman 360-773-8708 or if he is not available contact Debbie W. 360-695-3215.

To check out equipment you must be a chapter member in good standing. Equipment may be checked out for up to 30 days. If not returned on time, or not cleaned, you will not be allowed to check anything out for 3 months. If late returns continue you will lose check out privileges. Equipment is for the benefit of all.

Don has inventoried and marked all equipment and is doing a great job! Thanks Don.



Our picnic is fast approaching! July 14th, which will be on our regular meeting day, there will be no regular meeting, however we will be having a board meeting (12:30) only. The picnic will again be at Lewisville Park in Battle Ground, set up a 9 am. Dogwood shelter (same as last yr.)

Remember there is a parking fee.

This is a pot luck, chapter will provide meat, buns, and dinnerware, as well as coffee.

Swimming, games, some mining, lots of food and friends. Sign up at the membership table, and be

Open Board Position

There is a open board position. That was vacated by Sandi Croonquist who has moved to Idaho. Anyone interested or have any questions please contact Debbie W. 360-695-3215 The position requires 1 ½ hr. on meeting day, must be a GPAA member and chapter member for 6 months, in good standing.

2019 Gold and Treasure Show

Whew! The gold and treasure show is over for this year. All of your hard work paid off and the show was a huge success. Rumor has it that this will be the biggest show this year. Let's wait and see. My thanks to all who helped. I tried to make sure everyone had free time to enjoy the show and visit with the vendors.

For all of you who helped set up and esp. those who stayed and helped tear down and clean up, Thank You!!

Having people take the lead in each area made things run smoothly.

Emily Reidel was a great hit again this year.

Our own Myron Hastings had his education booth again this year and it is always a big hit with the attendees. Almost every time we went by his booth he was talking with folks. Thank you Myron.

Become a Member

How do you become a member of our chapter? Attend any combination of 3 meetings, outings, or events. There are no fees to join or dues just fun and education. No age limit.



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 their family as well.
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
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360-256-0892

March Meeting



Snake River Invitational 2019

We have again been invited to the Snake River Invitational for 2019. This is an event one of our fellow GPAA chapter's hosts. It is scheduled for June 7-10, 2019, in Idaho. It does require pre-registration. Flyers are on the membership table. I have the registration forms etc. for anyone interested. Jenny Whitmore is in charge of this event. Eric Whitmore is the Idaho state director and both do an excellent job.

Points

I checked with the GPAA to see how many points we have. We were hoping to order some more equipment and if they bring it with them to the show it saves shipping. However the GPAA is in the process of changing computer systems and does not have all of the info available. We will have to wait to find out how many points we have. I will continue to check on this from time to time.

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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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Links

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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.

Safety

Fording Streams & Rivers Safely

Membership

When signing in for attendance 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.

If you need an updated membership card be sure to let Edna know. Also we have medical cards available.

Edna Nelson 503-307-0852

rockhounstoo1966@yahoo.com

Outings / Education / Safety

We need your suggestions for outings, education or safety.

There is a list started at the membership table. Please contribute.

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

Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal Pickup 360-896-7220	Topside Mining	Northwest Detector Sales 503-936-1443
Whites Metal Detectors 1-800-547-6911	Creekside Prospecting	Roaring Camp 209 296-4100
Chinook Winds Casino & Resort	Armadillo Mining	Spin it Off
Quick Badge	Fossickers	Thrive Life
Danner Boots 877-432-6637	Dana's classic Flowers and Gifts	McCord's Vancouver Toyota
Lost Adams 541-340-0931	Danas Classic Hair Supply	AKAU Lodge 760-500-1329
Designs of all kinds 360-892-5597	Packwood Prospecting and Mining Supply	American Mining Supply
Gold Getter	Nayhely's Place 360-571-7088	The Gold Lab
AAA Precious Metals 503-253-8591	Wilson Brothers	Avon Products—Bug Guard 971-212-5996
Pro Caliber 360-892-3030	Sportsman's Warehouse 360 604-8000	Oregon Treasure Trail Society

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.

	Scheduled Events
Apr 20	Chinook Winds Bingo Bus
May 19-26	Roaring Camp
Jun 7-10	Snake River Invitational
Jul 14	Picnic No regular meeting, Board meeting at 12:30

WA State Parks WAC 352-37-340 for those of you who need beach prospecting information
<https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=352-37-340>

This rule is enforced by the Parks Department. Please also remember that use of water provided at any park campsites is not allowed for prospecting.

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Agency filings affecting this section

WAC 352-37-340

Small-scale beach prospecting and placer mining.

- (1) Small-scale beach prospecting and placer mining is allowed year-round in the seashore conservation area, except within fifty feet on either side of designated ocean beach access roads.
- (2) The director may close specific areas to beach prospecting or placer mining when deemed necessary for wildlife protection or public safety.
- (3) Only hand-held mineral prospecting tools and the following mineral prospecting equipment may be used in the seashore conservation area:
 - (a) Pans;
 - (b) Spiral wheels;
 - (c) Sluices, concentrators, rocker boxes, and high-bankers with riffle areas totaling ten square feet or less, including ganged equipment;
 - (d) Suction dredges that have suction intake nozzles with inside diameters that should be five inches or less, but shall be no greater than five and one-quarter inches to account for manufacturing tolerances and possible deformation of the nozzle. The inside diameter of the dredge hose attached to the nozzle may be no greater than one inch larger than the suction intake nozzle size;
 - (e) Power sluice/suction dredge combinations that have riffle areas totaling ten square feet or less, including ganged equipment, suction intake nozzles with inside diameters that should be five inches or less, but shall be no greater than five and one-quarter inches to account for manufacturing tolerances and possible deformation of the nozzle, and pump intake hoses with inside diameters of four inches or less. The inside diameter of the dredge hose attached to the suction intake nozzle may be no greater than one inch larger than the suction intake nozzle size; and
 - (f) High-bankers and power sluices that have riffle areas totaling ten square feet or less, including ganged equipment, and pump intake hoses with inside diameters of four inches or less.
- (4) Upon request, other mineral prospecting equipment may be considered by the commission on a pilot basis.
- (5) All trenches, depressions, or holes created in the beach during mining activities must be back-filled before working another excavation site.
- (6) Setting up or using mining equipment or conducting mining activities in a manner and/or location that subjects people, personal property, or park resources to injury or damage or impedes traffic on the driveable portion of the beach is prohibited.
- (7) A person may possess or transport up to ten gallons of concentrate per day.
- (8) Any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 79A.05.030, 79A.05.165, and 79A.05.615. WSR 11-19-015, § 352-37-340, filed 9/8/11, effective 10/9/11.]