

Newsletter

South West Washington Gold Prospectors November 2019



Presidents Message

Be sure to attend the Nov. meeting!!!!!!!

We will be electing 4 Board members, President, and Secretary.

Nominations closed Oct. 31, per our bi laws.

Candidates will be introduced at the meeting prior to voting.

Our chapter has a lot of opportunities to give back to the community as well as educate them.

Not only with the coat for the needy program, but food and clothing collection etc. for the local Veterans. We collect people and pet food at the gold show, we have helped with education at COOS Bay several years, giving a hand to other chapters when needed. But the everyday things like carrying out the trash we find and filling in holes when we are out mining also benefit our community.

Keep up the good work!!!!

Your President,

Debbie



Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday November 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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Vancouver, Washington

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visit www.swwgoldprospectors.org

Education:

At the November meeting, Preston is having 2 representatives from the Washington Fish and Game department to talk, and answer questions regarding the new rule changes for dredging and dredge high banking.

**Coats for the needy**

On Oct. 20th we gathered at the grange to sort and distribute coats, shoes, etc. that we were given by Columbia Sportswear. We picked up the boxes earlier this year and had them in storage but with the weather turning cold and windy we wanted to get them to the needy folks asap. We had 35+ volunteers to help and distributed to 10+ organizations and to neighborhood children in need, some of them came to help sort. We had to change our plans at the last minute but with some adjustments everything went well. There were 88 large boxes to sort and by 2:30 we were ready to start distributing. Most organizations had a representative pick up. Sorry about no pizza we did not plan on ordering it until 3:30 based on the last years work party, we did however have donuts, sandwiches, a noodle salad and vegies as well as water and soda. No one went hungry.

Everyone did an excellent job!!!! Thank you to all!!

CLAIMS

If you have any questions on the new claims see our claims director Preston, or Dennis W. his assistant.

Do not bother the former claims owners from the Portland Chapter. We should now have all the info.

NEEDED

The chapter is in need of a crock pot or 2 and 3 or 4 air pots. If you have any of these to donate, please see Debbie or Jeanne.

Donations are greatly appreciated.



BENCH DEPOSIT

(Also “*terrace deposit*”) Once gold reaches a streambed, it will be deposited in common ways by the effects of running water. Most of the remainder of this article will cover these ways. During an extended period of time, a stream of water will cut deeper into the earth. This leaves portions of the older sections of streambed high and dry. Old streambeds which now rest above the present streams of water are referred to as “*benches.*” Accumulations of gold and other valuable minerals contained in an old, high streambed are called “*bench deposits.*”

An eluvial deposit might be swept down to rest on top of an old streambed (bench), but it will still remain as an eluvial deposit until it is washed into a stream of water. A bench placer deposit contains the gold deposited within that streambed before it was left high and dry.

Many benches are lying close to the present streams of water, and are actually the remains of the present stream as it ran a very long time ago.

Some dry streambeds (benches) are situated far away from any present stream of water. These are sometimes the remains of ancient rivers which ran before the present river systems were formed. Ancient stream benches are sometimes on top of mountains, far out into the deserts, or can be found near some of today’s streams and rivers. Ancient streambeds, wherever found, can contain rich deposits of gold.

Most surface placer gold mining operations today direct their activities at bench deposits. The reason for this is that the presence of an old streambed is evidence that it has never been mined before. Any gold once deposited there will still be in place.

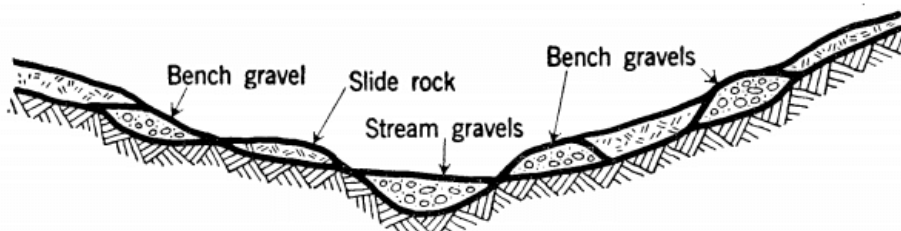
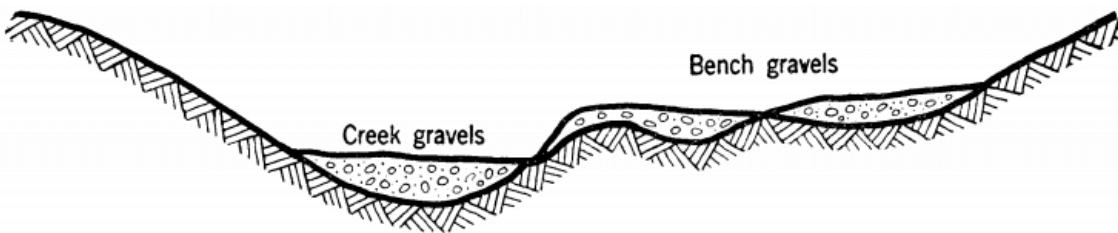
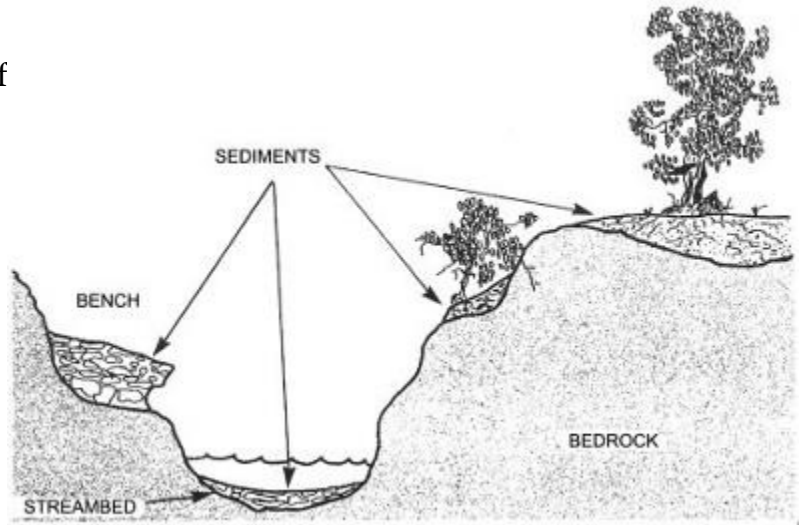


FIGURE 1.—Types of placer deposits (after Geological Survey).



Buy Sell Trade

Don't forget to take advantage of this section of our newsletter. This is a great resource for our members to use, We need a description of the item (s), contact info. And a price if it applies.



October Meeting Minutes

South West Washington Gold Prospectors General Meeting Minutes October 13th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 2:07 pm

There were 5 guests in attendance

Secretary report was read, a motion to accept as read was made and passed

Treasurers report was read, a motion to accept as read was made and passed

The concealed carry class was cancelled, Debbie has information if you still want to take it

There are lots of new donations for the library and Dave needs help in rotating out some of the older stuff to make room

Preston is finishing up on the paperwork for the claims we are getting from the Portland chapter

Mid Valley has invited anyone to attend an outing next Labor Day in Quartzville

When Dan is available, he will provide Mark a list of available equipment for the chapter to check out

The coat sort will be Sunday October 20th at 1:00 at the grange, a boy scout troop will be assisting

Jeff needs help picking up the coats from the storage facility, he will meet up with any volunteers at the G Creek exit on I5, Wednesday at 9:30

Dan brought back some great items from Alaska for the raffle

The remainder of people who want to go on the bus trip must sign up by the end of the meeting today

Nominations for President, Secretary, and 4 board positions must be submitted no later than Oct. 31st

Brandon is now managing all the gold shows

A volunteer is needed for a picnic coordinator

The safety report was a presentation on items needed for an emergency kit

The education was on dredging updates and that Preston will have the region 5 biologist attend a future meeting for a presentation on the requirements



MAY YOUR STUFFING BE TASTY,
MAY YOUR TURKEY BE PLUMP,
MAY YOUR POTATOES'N GRAVY...
HAVE NARY A LUMP,
MAY YOUR YAMS BE DELICIOUS,
MAY YOUR PIES TAKE THE PRIZE,
MAY YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER
STAY OFF OF YOUR THIGHS.

Happy Thanksgiving

HOLIDAY DINNER

Be sure to sign up for the holiday dinner which will be held at the Dec. meeting. There will be a list of suggested dishes etc. you may want to bring or bring you favorite. Sign up at the membership table.

The chapter will again provide the meats, dinner ware water, soda, coffee and some treats.

Jeanne is in charge of the dinner and needs helpers to set up and clean up. Signup sheets will be at the membership table. This holiday is for the whole family so come and enjoy. It is a great opportunity to visit with other members as well.



WINTER WEATHER

With winter approaching and lots of snow predicted we want to have everyone's correct e-mail and phone number. If we have to cancel a meeting or event, we will make every effort to let you know well in advance, but we need correct info.

STORE

Remember to visit the chapter store. Dennis has it downstairs and some of the items we carry are: pans starting at \$6, snuffer bottles , classiifers and inserts, scoops, sluices, starter kits, pipettes, vials, as well as pay dirt bags to name a few. We have passed on our discounts plus a little fee for the chapter. Check out our catalogue.

If you want something we don't have, ask Dennis and we will see what we can do.

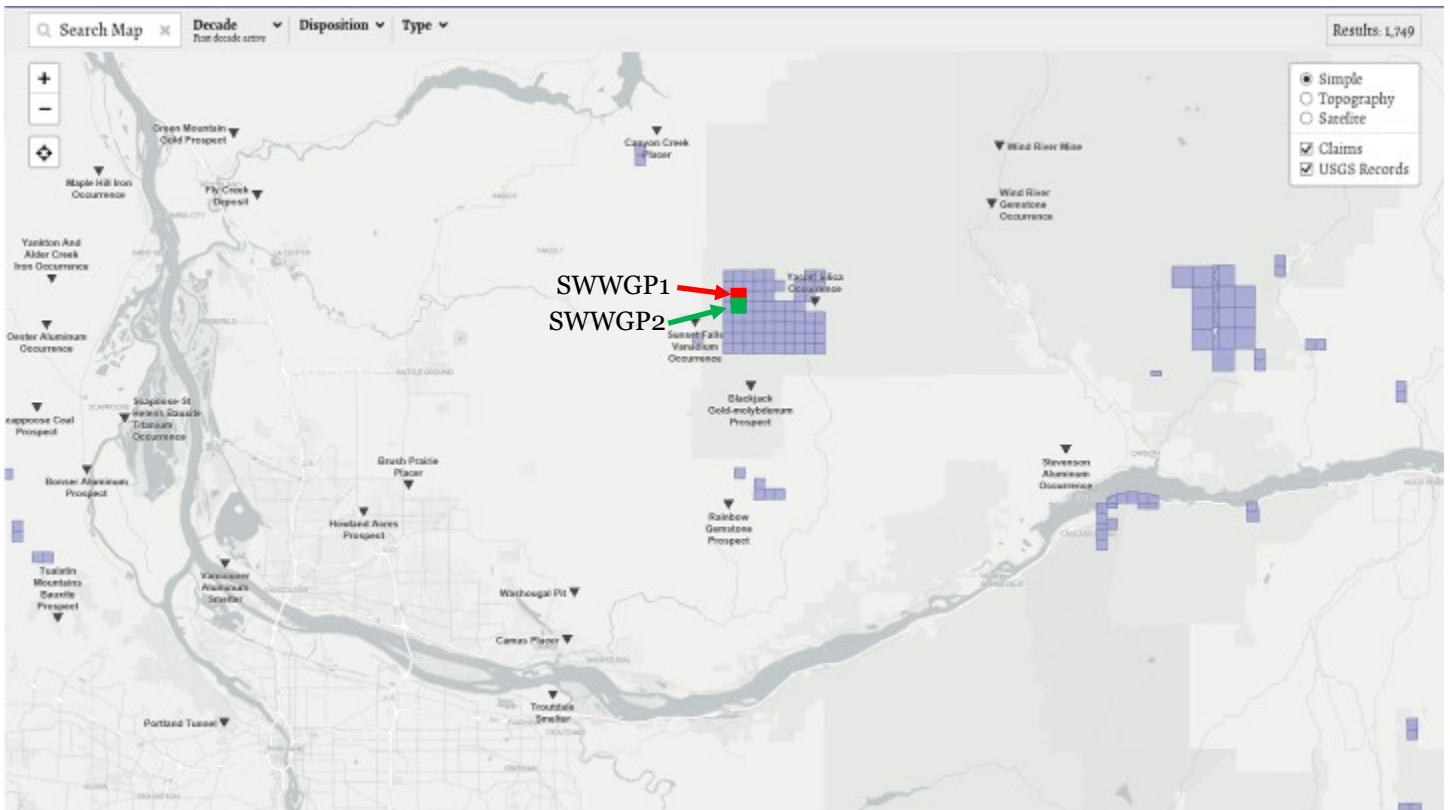
SHIRTS

Visit with Maurine and check out the shirts etc. for sale.

Want something you don't see? Ask Maurine and she will try to get it for you.



Some claims in our area



RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5, both for reg. raffle and the 3 month raffle.

Jim has a lot of great prizes, as well as gold, and a surprise raffle every month.

month raffle prizes are a Chinook Winds package including, dinner, room, and show tickets for 2, a gold piece, and a sluice box.

All proceeds go to support the chapter.

Thank you to everyone who have donated prizes, it is greatly appreciated!!!



Current Listing of Available Apparel

Description	Quantity	Size	Color		Price EA
Gold Show Short Sleeved T-Shirts	1	M	Royal Blue	2018 Gold Show	\$5.00
	3	L	Royal Blue	2018 Gold Show	\$5.00
	2	S	Burgundy	2019 Gold Show	\$5.00
	4	M	Burgundy	2019 Gold Show	\$5.00
	2	XLT	Burgundy	2019 Gold Show	\$5.00
	2	2XL	Burgundy	2019 Gold Show	\$5.00
	2	M	Camo	2019 GPAA	\$5.00
Jackets (WO/Name)	2	XL	Black		\$40.00
	1	2XL	Black		\$40.00
Long Sleeved T-Shirts	1	L	Black	W/Pocket	\$23.00
	1	L	Red		\$23.00
	1	XL	Red		\$23.00
	1	2XL	Red	W/Pocket	\$23.00
	2	L	White	W/Pocket	\$23.00
	1	XL	White	W/Pocket	\$23.00
Short Sleeved T-Shirts	1	S	Black		\$18.00
	1	M	Black	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	1	L	Dark Blue	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	1	XLT	Dark Blue		\$18.00
	2	S	Light Blue	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	1	M	Light Blue	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	1	L	Light Blue	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	1	XLT	Light Blue		\$18.00
	1	2XL	Light Blue	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	1	2XL	Royal Blue		\$18.00
	1	M	Light Gray		\$18.00
	1	2XL	Light Gray	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	2	M	Medium Gray	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	1	L	Medium Gray	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	2	2XL	Medium Gray	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	1	S	Orange		\$18.00
	2	M	Orange	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	2	L	Orange	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	1	XL	Dark Pink		\$18.00
	1	2XL	Dark Pink		\$18.00
	1	S	Red		\$18.00
	1	M	Red	W/Pocket	\$18.00
	1	M	Tan		\$18.00
	1	L	White		\$18.00
	1	XL	White		\$18.00
	1	XLT	White		\$18.00
Sweatshirt W/Hood	1	XL	Black		\$33.00
SWWGP Black Strips	4				\$5.00
SWWGP Hats	1		Black		\$18.00
	3		Tan W/Neck Cover		\$18.00
SWWGP License Plates	98				\$1.25
SWWGP Patch	4				\$5.00
SWWGP Stickers	37				\$2.00



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

Club Name Tags



Any club members that would like a 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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October meeting

Executive Board	(Elected)		
President	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddWitcher@yahoo.com
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Board of Directors	(Elected)		
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Claims Chair	(Elected)		
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	Norm Erickson	503-801-1452	None
	Betty Erickson	503-801-1452	bettyerickson13@yahoo.com
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	Bob Brown	360-576-0213	photogal01@comcast.net
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Webmaster	Dennis Clevenger	360-281-6338	dennisc@pacifier.com
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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

Website: 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/>

GPAA <https://www.goldprospectors.org/>

[HPA application process.](#)

<http://mylandmatters.com/>



Safety: The November safety presentation will be on Survival Lessons

Thanks to these companies for supporting our activities.

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	Dana's classic Flowers and Gifts	McCord's Vancouver Toyota
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Lost Adams 541-340-0931	Packwood Prospecting and Mining Supply	American Mining Supply
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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 360-892-3030		

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
Nov 10	12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg. and election
Dec 8	12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.
Jan 12	12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.
March 20	Gold Show Setup (Clark County Events Center)
March 21-22	Gold Show (Clark County Events Center)