

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors February 2020

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have a lot of outings and activities scheduled. We have tried to pick something for everyone. If there is something special you think the chapter members might like to do please let me know. As always remember to sign in when you attend and if possible sign up for the event so we know how many people to plan for.

See you at the next meeting.

Your President

Debbie



Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday February 9th.

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

VENDORS

We still have plenty of room for vendors at the show. If you know of someone who might be interested in being a vendor, need help in talking with them, call Debbie. I will be happy to help you and I have vendor packets as well.

GOLD SHOW PLANNING MEETING

The next planning meeting will be March 7th, 1 o'clock at Elmer's on Sandy Blvd,

First AIDE

Are you trained in first aide? Willing to help in an emergency?

Please sign up at the membership table. We will provide arm bands at the GOLD SHOW in case you are needed we can identify you ASAP.

Do you have a concealed weapons permit?

Please contact Debbie

CHAPTER STORE

Check out the items we have for sale at the Chapter store. Dennis W. will be set up downstairs before and during the meetings. Most items have a good discount. Also we have pay-dirt for sale. All proceeds from the store, t-shirts and raffles go to help support the chapter. (We gotta pay those bills)



3 MONTH RAFFLE

We will be starting our 3 month raffle at this meeting, need not be present to win. Make sure your name and phone number are easy to read. We will draw the winners at the gold show.

OUTING CHANGE

All outings are subject to change or cancelation. In the event of bad weather or not enough participates we may need to cancel and outing or event. We try not to cancel but for safety reasons in may be necessary. A chapter outing has to take in to account everyone's safety. In the case of a beach outing we not only consider the storms but also sneaker wave warnings. If in doubt if an outing has been canceled contact Debbie W.

Illegal Removal of Beach Sand

It is being reported that people are violating the rules for collecting concentrates from Washington and Oregon beaches and are selling it on eBay, they are also not filling in their holes.

prospect.

If you witness anyone removing more than the limit allows or are not filling in holes, report it immediately to any local rangers office.

We do not want to loose any more of our prospecting rights.

GOLD SHOW SIGN UP

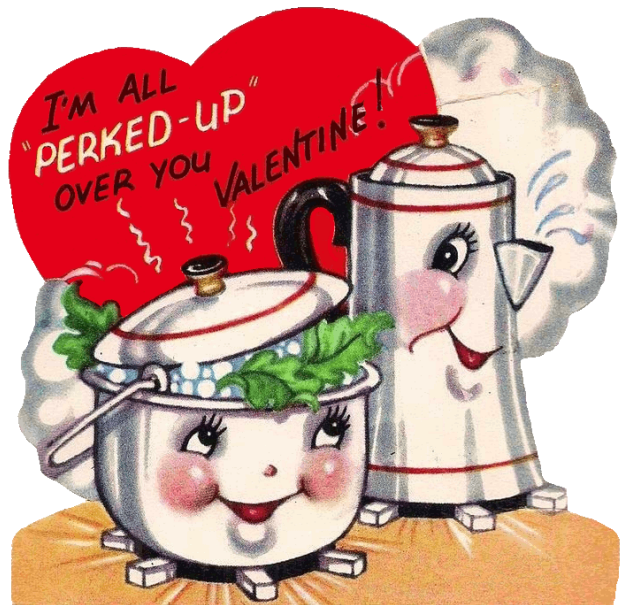
Be sure to sign up to work the gold show. Set up is Fri. March 20, the show is the 20 and 21, with tear down end of show on the 21.

Gold Show Shirts

Please sign up for your gold show t-shirt. If you are working the show you need a t-shirt. This also will give you free entry to the show. We ask for a \$5 donation for each shirt. Designs of all Kinds supply the shirts and what we collect helps to defray the shirt cost. Each shirt is around \$20.

Work Schedule

Please sign up to help with the show. We need folks for set up on Friday approx. 830 – 12:30. Some vendors may need help also. Also lots of help for tear down on Sunday about 1 1/2 hrs. Sat. and Sun. we also need lots of workers. Signup sheet at membership desk. If you have a preference on Days, Hrs. and work area please put that on the sign-up sheet. I will do my best to put you where you prefer.



Gold Show Tickets and Vendor Packets

Gold show tickets are available for us to sell. \$5 before the show. We make \$2.50 per tickets for the chapter. You do not have to buy the tickets. But you are responsible for the monies. See Patti Long or Debbie W. for tickets.

BINGO BUS

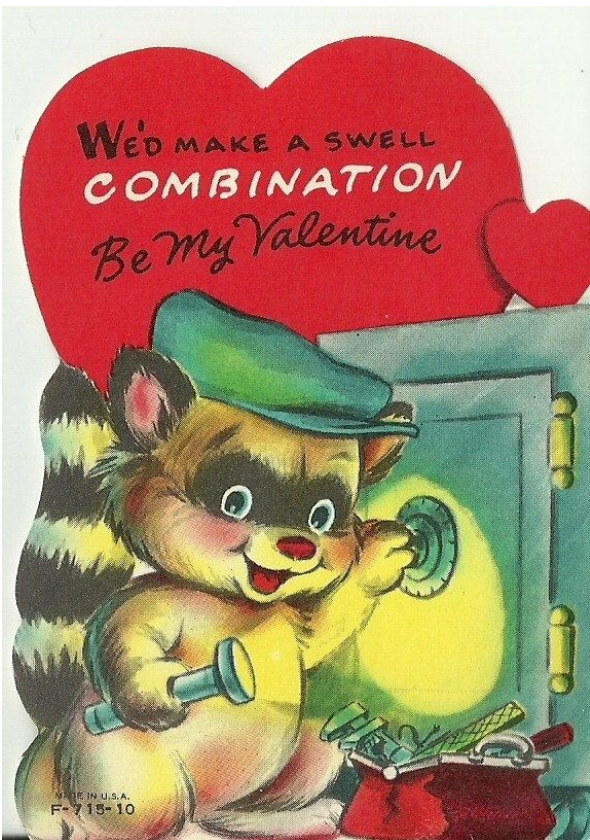
We have a tentative date set for the bingo bus trip to Chinook Winds. It is scheduled for April 25th sat. We must have a min. of 45 people and it is a \$20 donation to the chapter. We will have a cash payout on the bingo games, lots of raffle prizes, a 50/50 drawing and lots of fun. The casino gives you \$10 free play, and a meal credit. They also donate some nice prizes to our raffle
Sign up at the membership table. Open to all members, friends, etc. Must be 21 yrs old. Proceeds help to support the chapter. Come join us and have fun!!!

COOS BAY

We have again been asked to teach gold panning at the Coos Bay TCOH youth event. We have participated in the worthwhile event several times. The kids really enjoy it and so do we. Because of short notice we were unable to participate last years and the kids are requesting we come this year again. We need a minimum of 14 people to do this so please sign up. The date is May 2 which is a sat. There is dry camping available and they are providing a catered bar b que lunch for all. See Debbie for details and questions. We need to let them know ASAP so they can get the advertising notices out.

CLAIM RULES

Your board and claim guardians have set the rules for the chapter claims and they are as follow:
These claims are for current members use only.



A member may take a prospective member to the claims only 2 times.

Everyone is required to have the proper permits and equipment, including the gold and fish rules and know them.

Members are responsible for non- members actions. A non - member may keep the gold they find panning.

Please fill in your holes and carry out trash. If the claims need to have work done, please notify Preston or Debbie. We may add to these rules if we deem it necessary.

Members are required to turn in a sign in sheet to Mark so the non- member gets credit for going up there. This is considered an event for them.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

To be a member of the SWWGP chapter you need to participate in a minimum of 3 outings, events, meetings any combination of in a one year period. There is a misconception that once you are a member you are always a member. You do have to do 3 every year in order to be an active current member.

You need to be a current member to use our claims, check out our equipment, check out from the library, vote on chapter business, etc.

There are no membership fees or dues, it is your participation in the chapter that counts.

Be sure that you always sign in at meetings, outings, and events to get the proper participation credit.

NAME TAGS

Be sure to order your name tag from Dave Conti. He needs a minimum order for us to get a discount. Name tags are around \$8. He is placing an order after the meeting Sunday, so we will have them by the gold show.

GOLD SHOW T SHIRTS

If you have not ordered your t shirt for the gold show be sure to do so. Debbie needs to turn the order in on March 17th. There is a requested \$5 donation to help DOAK defer the cost of the shirts. Your shirt allows you entry into the show. Be sure to list your name, and size.

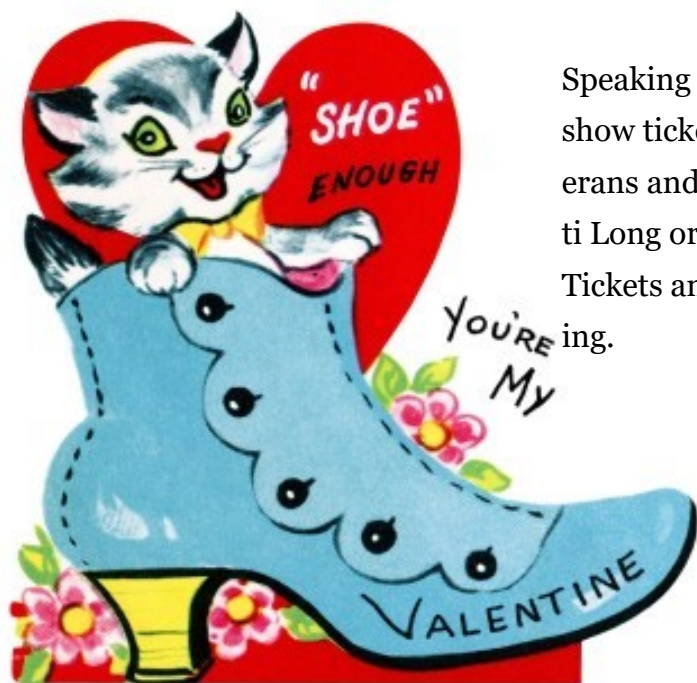
TICKETS

Speaking of the gold show, have you been selling your gold show tickets? The cost is \$5 pre-show, \$10 at the door. Veterans and kids 12 and under are free. Need tickets? See Patti Long or Debbie Witcher.

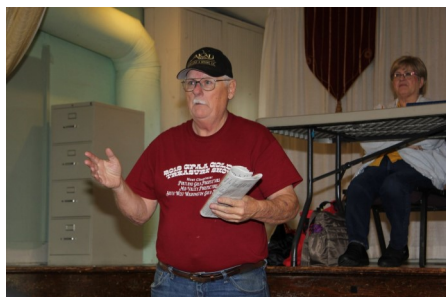
Tickets and money are due back at the March Chapter meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

Need a membership card, is yours expired? See Edna for a new one.



January Meeting



Buy Sell Trade

If you have any prospecting related items to trade, sell or are looking for a good deal let Mark know to publish it here.

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.

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South West Washington Gold Prospectors

General Meeting Minutes January 12th, 2020

Meeting called to order at 2:08 pm

There were 6 guests in attendance

2 new members were introduced

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 board approved paying the grange rent for the next 6 months

See Patti for gold show tickets to buy and or sell

There is a gold show signup sheet, there is a \$5.00 deposit

Vendors are needed for the gold show, Debbie has vendor packets

There is a sign up for anyone who has medical training to be identified at the gold show

The January Cape Disappointment outing has been cancelled due to the weather

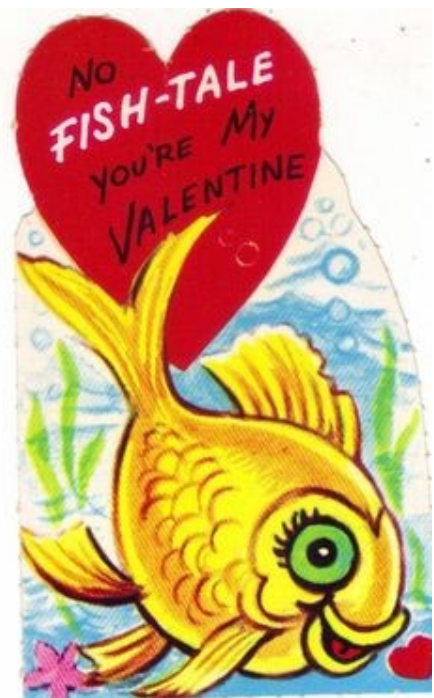
Any nonmembers must be accompanied by a member in good standing in order to prospect on any of our claims. They may visit up to two times and then must become a member to prospect any further

This month's safety was on fire starting ideas

This month's education was on how to read the water in a river which is different than reading the river flow.

Gold show flyers are available for people to post

Scotts river will be having a memorial weekend metal detecting outing



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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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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/>

Thanks to these companies for supporting our activities.

Pro Caliber	McCord's Vancouver Toyota	AKAU Lodge 760-500-1329
Designs of all kinds 360-892-5597	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	Northwest Detector Sales 503-936-1443
Danner Boots 877-432-6637	Danas Classic Hair Supply	Oregon Treasure Trail Society
Lost Adams 541-340-0931	Packwood Prospecting and Mining Supply	American Mining Supply
Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal Pickup	Topside Mining	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	

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.

2020 Scheduled Events

Feb 9th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

Mar 7th Gold Show Mtg. 1:00 Elmer's on Sandy BLVD

8th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

20th Gold show setup Clark Co. Events Center 8:30 am Lunch provided

21st Gold show 9:00-5:00 Lunch provided

22nd Gold show 9:00-5:00 Lunch provided

23rd-24th Cape Disappointment outing, Contact Scott Long — filming, demonstrations, Mike Pung, Dave Urick, Chris Cosby, possibly Kevin Hoaland and maybe more, Contact Debbie Witcher or Rick Beehler

28th Daybreak Park outing 10:00 am, Potluck lunch at 12:00, Contact Debbie Witcher

Apr 17th, 18th, 19th Glass Butte Oregon, contact Debbie Witcher or Rick Beehler (Regular mtg. Cancelled)

25th Chinook Winds bus trip

May 15th—24th Roaring Camp (tentative) Contact Debbie Witcher, Scott or Tina Long

16th Daybreak Park outing 10:00 am Contact Debbie Witcher

17th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

Jun 5th, 6th, 7th Scotts Bar outing, pre register with Debbie Witcher, camp fee is required

14th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

19th, 20th, 21st Opal dig outing, Southern Or. Dry camp, Contact Debbie Witcher or Rick Beehler

26th, 27th, 28th Sunstone dig outing, dry camp, Contact Debbie Witcher or Rick Beehler

Jul 4th Cape Disappointment outing, Camp out beach mining (Reserve space asap) Contact Scott or Tina Long

12th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

18th Chapter Potluck Picnic, Daybreak Park, Contact Debbie Witcher or Jeanne Gieg

Aug 9th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

15th Chapter Claims outing, (members only) Contact Scott Long

15th Daybreak Park outing 10:00 am Contact Debbie Witcher

22nd Daybreak Park outing 10:00 am Contact Debbie Witcher

Sep 4th—7th Camp out and mining with Mid-Valley chapter, to sign up contact Roy or Wendy Holtz 541-890-6214

13th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

18-20th Burnt River LDMA camp outing, Contact Debbie Witcher or Bob Brown

Oct 11th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

31st Nominations close for Nov elections (Treasurer, Vice Pres. And 5 board positions)

Nov 8th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg. Elections

Dec 13th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg. Holiday Dinner