

# South West Washington Gold Prospectors



Next meeting is Aug 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 at 2:00

Board meeting is at 12:30

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Wow what a busy summer this is turning out to be for our chapter. Hopefully soon we will have an outing chair who will be planning some outing for us.

As you are aware we have been putting a lot of time into the preparation for our booth at the Right-line picnic. It is an honor to have them ask us to teach panning as their events are by invitation only to both vendors and attendees. We will all be panning (no standing around looking pretty on this one) but I know we all will have a lot of fun.

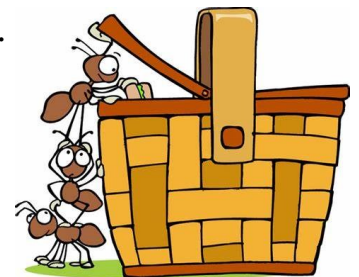
I am confident that we will have folks who want to join our chapter and learn more about recreational mining.

See you at the next meeting!!!!

## **PICNIC**

Our picnic will be Sept. 18, 2022 at Daybreak park. Jeff W. will be cooking. The Chapter will provide the meat for the bar-b-que, condiments, and dinnerware.

Please sign up at the membership table, let us know how many in your family will be attending, and what food you will be bringing.



Debbie W.

**BE SURE TO SIGN IN AT ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

## **NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for all board and executive board members are open. You must have been a member for at least 6 months. For executive board you also have to be a GPAA /LDMA member. Please see Jeff or Debbie if interested. . Please see Jeff or Debbie if interested. You must declare your intention to run for an office no later than Oct. 31, 2022 per our bi-laws. We do encourage all chapter members to join the GPAA .

## **NAME TAGS**

Dave Conti has ordered name tags and plans to have them at the Aug. Meeting. Please bring your money to pay Dave.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the following people who helped to assemble the gold sample cups.

David Jones  
Charlie and Van Hord  
Dennis and Debbie Witcher  
Mike Quachenbush  
Tom, Toni, and Lily Fest  
James McCaston  
Jeff and Kerry Wooldridge  
Jan Hurtubise  
Jay Collman  
Ron and Maurine Koppi  
Bob and Carol Brown  
Jim and Dena Rieckman  
Jeanne Gieg  
Preston Griffin



I hope I didn't miss anyone, this is the list from the sign in sheet.

A special thank you to Kerry Wooldridge for making the arrangement for our lunch and getting a big discount from KFC as well.

## **CLAIRIFICATION**

We are not collecting any money from panners at the Aug. 20-21 event. Rightline paid us a hefty deposit so we could purchase the gold and supplies we needed.

Rightline is planning to make a donation to the chapter at the event.

They are building a frontier town to house some of the vendors, and there will be a country music concert as well. Lots more fun stuff. More details at the general meeting. We are invited to participate in the events on ours breaks etc. If you have not signed up to teach panning please do so right away.



## **Volunteers at the GPAA Gold & Treasure Show:**

Any of our chapter members who worked the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show on Saturday and/or Sunday and have *not* had their parking fee(s) refunded, please contact me **ASAP** at (360) 695-3215.

Money was provided by a joint effort of the Portland Chapter and Mid-Valley Chapter. Your total parking fee will be refunded.

All monies not paid out by the end of the August 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting are to be returned to Jim Irwin of the Portland Chapter. He will refund to the Mid-Valley Chapter.

So if you do not claim it by then, you won't be refunded.

## **Going to Chapter's Claims:**

Anyone going up to the Chapter's claims for *any* reason, please fill out a sheet with the following information: your name, phone number, date of visit, and what you did, e.g. panning, picking up trash, clearing a path, going for a walk and checking out the area, etc.

It is important that I have this information for our records and to report on our filings.

If we do not have this information, we will *not* be able to keep these claims.

## **FIREARM SAFETY**

For those of you wanted information on firearm safety etc. Here is the information. Firearms safety northwest Mark D Sanders 360 687 5281.

Mark Sanders is not affiliated with our chapter.

## **ARTISTS NEEDED**

We are designing a mine front for future booths and need some artistic people to help out. If you would like to help out please contact Ron or Marine Koppi or Debbie W.

## **SHORT MEETING FOR AUG. 20-21 EVENT.**

We will have a short meeting after the general meeting on Sun. Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **CLAIM FORM**

We have short form that needs to be filled out each time you go to the claims. Please turn it to Debbie since I have to do the Paperwork for the state and feds. Pick forms up at the membership table.



## **BOARD MEMBER AND CLAIMS CHAIR NEEDED**

**The Rightline Event on Saturday & Sunday, August 20 & 21, 2022:  
RV camping at the Cowlitz County Fairgrounds:**

Cost \$16.22 per night including tax

Electricity is available; water is accessible.

Tent camping is available.

We suggest bringing your breakfast and snacks or visiting a local restaurant. (We will provide you more information at the next meeting in August.)

Lunch is provided by Rightline.

Kerry and Jeff are taking the lead for this part of the event.

Kerry needs your name and phone number **ASAP** to get you signed up. Payment when you get there.

**Kerry's number (775) 443-0086.**

**Anyone needing a motel room, contact me at 360-695-3215.** Breakfast is provided by motel.

**Saturday, August 20, 2022:**

SET UP at 1 PM. SHIFT STARTS at 3 PM. ENDS AT 11 PM. SOME WILL BE LEAVING EARLIER, AROUND 9 OR 10 PM.

**Sunday, August 21, 2022:**

SUN SHIFT STARTS AT 2 PM. ENDS AT 7 PM. IF YOU CAN NOT STAY TO HELP TEAR DOWN, LET ME KNOW.

IF YOU ARE NOT ON THIS LIST OR CAN NOT WORK ALL DAY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP.

We will be outside at the Cowlitz Fairgrounds, so bring a jacket for the evening. Bring a chair if you want to sit down.

Dress in miners clothes. **No chapter or GPAA shirts. No shirts with writing on them.** Wear a name tag if you have it. Need dress ideas? Call me at 360-695-3215.

Food will be provided; we will also have a cooler with cold water in booth.

Rightline has built a 16x16 building to display old mining equip. etc. If you have anything you would be willing to display for the weekend, put your name on it and let me know what you have, they need a list from us. There will be security there to keep things and people safe.

If you have any gold, silver, copper etc. that you would be willing to display for the week-end, we have a locking case. Put you name on it.

Need a motel room or RV/tent spot? Let me know no later than Sunday's meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will get a lot of breaks and have a chance to visit other displays and booths. Please be flexible and have fun!

Anyone living in the Vancouver area who can provide a ride for someone, please let me know.

**Thank you, Debbie W. 360 695 3215**

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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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