

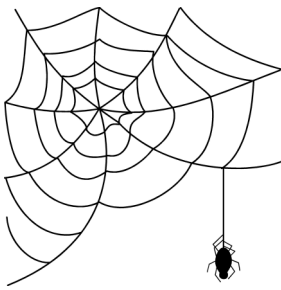


Presidents Message

I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the chapter this year. We are in very good shape with finances, raffle prizes, gold and equipment thanks to everyone's efforts. All of the positions are filled, we are starting to get some outings under our belt, we are adding new members and many existing members are feeling safe to come to meeting with covid slipping away. Everything is looking good thanks to all of you and your cooperation.
See you at the meeting,

PICNIC

We had a great time at our picnic on Sept.18 at Daybreak Park. There were approximately 70 members in attendance. We drew the winners for the extended raffle, had lots of food, gifts for the kids and everyone who signed in got a sampler gold cup and could pan it at our panning station. Lots of people tried their hand on the river and some found gold. Dennis brought pans and paydirt to sell. Ronda Hallsted, Dave Urick, and Jan Hurtubise donated prizes to our raffle as well. Everyone enjoyed the food, and we even exchanged some recipes.
Keph Sherin from Northwest Detector sales demonstrated metal detectors and answered questions. I know you all enjoyed talking with him. Thank you Keph.
A special thanks to Jeff for bar-b queuing.
Even the uninvited intruders(wasps) couldn't dampen the day.



PRESIDENT'S EVENT

We held a panning event on the 25th of Sept. at Daybreak Park which was attended by about 35 members.

We had 2 drawings for a sample cup and the winners are, Jan Hurtubise, and Willian Geger. See Debbie to claim your prize. Many people found gold in their pan. Anyone for the (big brothers?)



WELCOME

I want to extend a welcome to Van Hord who is our newest board member, and to Michelle (Mike) Quackenbush who is assist. Treasurer.

Dennis Witcher has agreed to be the equipment manager, he has been the assistant along with Ron Koppi.

Ronda and John Hallsted have agreed to co-chair the outings committee. Jon will be setting up gold outings and Ronda will be setting up rock and gem outings.

They both will be working on other outing of interest.

Please give any suggestion for outings to them.



POLKA DOT AGATE OUTING MADRAS

Please sign up for our outing to the Polka dot agate mine in Madras, Oregon right away. I need your phone number, name, and email address. Suggested items to bring, bucket, digging tool, knee pads, gloves, water for drinking and lunch or snacks. This is in the high desert, so the mornings and evenings tend to be cool with summer like afternoons.

Dress accordingly.

We will meet at the Safeway south parking lot between 8:30 leaving at 9am.

Any questions call Ronda or Debbie





NOMINATIONS

Anyone who wants to run for aboard or executive board position please let Jeff, Mark, or Debbie know right away. Nominations close at midnight Oct. 31, 2022. Election will be held at our next general meeting Nov.13,2022.

NOV.5TH GARAGE SALE

Please sign up to help with our panning booth. We will set up on Friday the 4th, The sale is only one day Sat. I will schedule everyone for work as soon as I have a list of names. If you have limited hours, please let me know. Everyone will get breaks, but please plan to work not play. I need your name, phone number and email address. This is another great opportunity to educate the public about what we do, gain some new members, make a little money for the chapter and have fun too. We will again by passes and pay for parking for those who are working.

GOLD CUBES

We have ordered 2 more gold cubes for or equipment checkout. You must be a member in good standing with SWWGP. All equipment requires a \$25 deposit which will be returned when the equipment is returned on (30 day check out), is clean with all parts and is in good working order. Please do not make us chase you down to get the equipment back. This is a great opportunity to try out something to see if you like to use it or not before you purchase it.

CLAIMS

Our claim has been re filed. Please thank Ron and Maurine Koppi for the many hrs. of work they put in on this project. It was expected to be very simple and was a real pain in the behind. Took almost 3 weeks, and a lot of frustration. This is the claims directors' job but he has had issues trying to file it so passed it to me. I have done the paperwork for the last 5 years. There is a way to file online so I asked Ron and Maurine to help. That's when the (fun) began. Thank you again!!!
If you would like to learn this process, please sign up and they will show you. It will be after a general meeting and date to be determined.



October 2022 Grneral Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:09

We had 5 visitors and 2 new members were introduced

The secretary Sept. 2022 minutes were read, a motion to accept was made and passed

The treasurer's report was made, a motion to accept was made and passed

A very big thank you to the 44 people who volunteered and worked the Right Line event

Everyone who worked the event will receive a wooden token souvenir.

There was also a special drawing for those who worked

Michelle Quaskenbush has volunteered to become the assistant treasurer

There is a need to an outings director

There is a panning outing at daybreak park on 9/25.

The BLM did not notify anyone that the claim paperwork was changed to Sept. 1st. There was a discussion as to weather we should keep the claims. A vote was taken to keep them for now until it can be determined if the GPAA will take them over. Chapter members can use them if GPAA assumes them

There will be no bingo bus in the foreseeable future as the bus company has gone out of business

Right Line donated the remaining gold from the event to the chapter which is approx. \$4,000

Right Line also donated \$7000 dollars to the chapter

The safety presentation was on watching out for children around rivers while on outings

Picnic update, as of today no BBQ's are not allowed due to fire conditions. Debbie will be checking Monday for any updates

A plan B to bring your own meat or main dish and sides to share was voted on and accepted

There is an upcoming outing to the Polka Dot mine in Maddress on Sat. October 15th

Ron and Mauring have a small property for trailers, Hotel is \$90.00 a night. We will meet at the Safeway store at 9:00

The chapter decided to acquire two gold cubes with our GPAA points

There is a NW Largest Garage sale on Nov. 5th. We need volunteers to sign up.

A chapter vote was taken and Van Hord was elected as a board member.





Gold, Garnets and More

By Van Meter Hord

I was the incredibly lucky winner of our group's 3-month raffle: one week at Roaring Camp Mining Company, certificate donated by Scott & Tina Long. WOW!

Charlie's only requirement was that it be warm & rainless. The last week of August was perfect with temperatures in the low 100's and sunny, sunny, sunny.

The owners of the mining company were such excellent hosts: helpful, answering questions. (The French fries at the Trading Post are the very best!)

After an orientation on Sunday, the first day, we had demonstrations daily: Wissbanger class; Trommel demo; Blue Bowl demo & more. A nice easy hike with Ricky along a newly constructed trail going upstream was also on the agenda: the wild grapes just beginning to develop, the fig trees. We participated in everything: learned a lot.

The Mokelumne River flowing through the property was refreshingly cold with a gentle floating from one end of the camp to the other reinvigorating those who took advantage of it. Wildlife of otters, various birds, and large fish (which the otters seemed to love to have for their dinner). I saved the life of a huge dragonfly which was helplessly floating on the river: brought to a rock to dry, we watched it test out its wings & fly away. Domestic pets of 2 cats, 3 goats, and 2 cows. I loved it.

Charlie & I came home tired but very satisfied with our bits of gold, my garnets (OK, EXCEEDINGLY small, need 30x power to see them), a great piece of petrified wood that Charlie found.

Best of all were the fellow miners: we met a couple, Rebecca & Bruce (members of our group & Portland's), who were just finishing a 3-week stay. People from as far away as Switzerland. Miners that we exchanged contact information with. Friendships were made. Overall, a wonderful time.

We recommend it to all.

Addendum: I had fun teaching a family a Scottish Country Dance: Kimberly, & young daughters Laurael & Katie. Perhaps we four could be the charter members of the Mokelumne River Scottish Country Dancers? One can only hope.



**There will be a special ghoulish prize
added to the General drawing
For October**



Korean Fried Noodles (Chap chae) by Anne Chou

8 oz Korean sweet potato noodles
1 onion, sliced
2 carrots, sliced into thin strips
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 lb spinach
3 green onions, sliced thin
5 shitake mushrooms, rehydrated and then sliced

2 Tbs vegetable oil
2 Tbs sesame oil
3 Tbs soy sauce
2 Tbs sugar
1 tsp sesame seed

Preparation:

1. Cook noodles according to package directions and cut into shorter pieces
2. In a frying pan over medium heat, heat vegetable oil
3. Add onion slices, garlic and saute for about a minute
4. Add mushrooms & carrots and cook till+ tender.
5. Put aside in a large mixing bowl
6. Fry cooked noodles lightly just to warm up using a little oil.
7. Add all set aside vegetables to the noodles once it warms up.
8. Add the sesame oil, soy sauce, sugar and sesame seed mixture
9. Mix well and taste it to add more seasonings if needed. Sometimes I add a little water so it doesn't stick to bottom of pan.



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