

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors March 2024

Next Meeting March 10th 2:00, Board Mtg. 12:30

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Wow this year is off to an extreme start. The weather is keeping us all guessing. We are getting some activities planned by do need some ideas. Our raffles are going well and the only fund raising planned at this time is Territorial Days July 12,13,14. Need volunteers and then can work out details.

We have a solid membership, and we are growing every meeting.
Hope to see you all at the meeting.

NO MAY MEETING

We will have an April meeting but no May meeting since our meeting day falls on Mothers Day.

MINERS RAFFLE

We will draw the miners (formally 3 month) prizes at the meeting on Sunday March 10th.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You have 30 days to claim your prize or it reverts to the Chapter. Need not be present to win.

GOLD PIECE

X STREAM PRO

DREAM MATTS

PAY DIRT BAG

ESCAPE EXPERIENCE MUST BE USED WITHIN 30 DAYS



COOS BAY/ MERYTLE POINT

If you would like to help at the kid's adventure with our gold panning learning experience and have not signed up, please contact Debbie W. 360 695 3215 asap. This is a one-day event Sat. May 4th. I have a discount on lodging while it lasts, or dry camping is available. Also, lots of camping in area. Here is the list I have of those who are going:

Debbie W

Sharon Stewart

Betty and Norm Erickson

Doug and Lou Buckendall

Steve and Edna Nelson

Bob and Carol Brown

Maurine and Ron Koppi

Wayne and Pam Tipping

Charlie and Van Hord

Dave Jones and wife

Yet to decide:

Rick Beehler and Lisa

Jamie Louie

Bring a chair to sit on, your pans (2), snacks. And beverage

Lunch will be provided. If you have a pop up please bring it. Charlie will be transporting our 2 pop ups and tables.

Dress for the weather rain, wind, or sun. Who knows

Not everyone pans but there will be lots for you to do.

Any questions contact Debbie W. 360 695 3215

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

We are adding 2 names to our remembrance plaque. Jerry Keesee and Pat Staat.

If you know of one of our members who has passed, and their name is not on the plaque please let Debbie W. and Dave Conti know.

PAY DIRT

We have a new batch of Colorado paydirt available. See Dennis at the store.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

We have a new board member, Michael Kersteter. Thanks for volunteering and welcome.

OUTINGS CHAIRPERSON

We still need an outing chair... see Debbie w. Anyone interested?

If you don't help please don't complain. Need suggestions too.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

There are membership cards available at the membership desk. Please get an updated one. Remember to sign in and double check the info we have. Phone, email etc. We do NOT provide that info to anyone except Van, Mark and Debbie.

CLAIM SLIPS

Pick up your claim and permission slips at the membership desk.

TERRITORIAL DAYS

We will participate in Amboy Territorial Days if we have 20 folk who will commit to working . It is a 3 day event so some folks will need to work multiple days.

Sign up at the membership desk. We will have a booth and teach panning. This is a very good way to interest new members.

NOTE FROM HOSPITALITY

We will be serving root beer, and orange floats this meeting.

MEETING

Our meeting will be downstairs. Please keep the chatter to a minimum once the meeting starts so everyone can hear. Thank you.

EQUIPMENT LIST

This is a list of most of the equipment you are able to check out. \$25 refundable deposit, conditions apply. 30 day max. check out time. Must be a current member. We need your email, address and phone number. Any questions see, Dennis W., Ron Koppi, or Debbie W.

Mt. goat trommel
Large trommel
Small High Banker
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Gold Cubes
Dry washer
Dry Vac.
Miller tables
Dredge
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Tent

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Check Dans web site
March 23 11-3 pros and cons with Tom Bohmker
What does hi grade ore look like?
April 10 2-7
With Cash Best and Mike Pung
With their products

Lots to learn folks take advantage of these learning opportunities.
Debbie W. President SWWGP

Minutes of December 10, 2023, general meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Gambling license is current.

There were 2 birthdays this month.

There are 3 guests welcomed.

Claims: Reminder to fill out forms when going to the claims. Take the permission slip with you which gives you access to claim.

Equipment:

The dredge was rented for \$300 prior to its sale. The interested party said the dredge would not do for his needs & returned the dredge. He had fixed the dredge. He donated the cost of repairs. The dredge is up for sale at \$1500. Sold parts of one sluice.

Other excess mining equipment will be for sale to reduce at the March meeting. Also available will be more buckets.

Non-profit status: Any vendor interested in donating to the group can ask for a donation letter.

Picnic: Instead of a meeting, the group's annual picnic was approved to be held on Sunday, August 11, 2024. It will be at Daybreak Park. There are some roads at Daybreak Park which remain closed.

Membership: Edna Nelson gave out membership packets to 3 new members. Very important to check your information when you check your attendance. Enter information legibly.

Outings: A chair is needed. Ideas about possible places, near & far, are needed. Such as, Dave Conti is heading up a group to go to Roaring Camp Mining Company.

May 4, 2024, Saturday, is the **Coos Bay youth event**. It begins at 9 AM. There are motels in the area (Debbie Witcher is checking on getting discounts) and dry camping (free, outhouse, restrooms & water). There is a set number of people needed, please sign up.

Amboy Territorial Days are July 12, 13, & 14th. The booth will be free, 2-4 people to man booth. \$5 per gold sample for panning. On the meeting day of the 14th, just a few to be at the booth. Sign-up sheet closer to dates.

Woodland Parade: Need members to enter parade, perhaps using a flatbed truck, mining outfits. Date in the summer TBA.

Raffles: The 3-months raffle will be called the Miner's Raffle. Starting with the March raffle, this raffle will be a 4-month raffle. One of the March prizes is a Hazel Dell Escape Experience for 2 which must be used by the end of April. Also, GPAA pay dirt bag & gold, matt, Extreme Pro outfit.

Board: Tammy Binford can no longer be on the board since she was elected unanimously to be vice president. Mike Kersteter was unanimously elected to fill this board position.

Dan Rouse of Prospectors Treasure will be giving classes on various aspects of mining; the schedule of classes will be put into the newsletter.

Education: How to read streams handout one per family. If more are needed, more will be printed.

There are new bipartisan **government regulations** being discussed to remove access to public lands, close some BLM, denying even walking on these lands. Includes the selling of the National Parks to Wall Street. This has been discussed through several different past administrations. Contact your legislature representative.

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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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