



## SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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**There are no outings scheduled at this time.  
Club Meetings Nov 10 & Dec 8 2013 and January 12 2014**

### October Winners!

Tracy George won the Gold Nugget  
Becky Beck won the Peridot gemstone set  
Van Hord, and Robert Novak also won gemstones

Aliyah Schlegel won a Day Trip to Steve Lewin's Claim.  
(That was a special prize-in-a-prize that Steve donated.)



### PRESIDENTS DESK

Hi Yawl It was good seeing you all at the last meeting I want to thank the kitchen staff for all of the hard work they to keeping the coffee hot and all of the goodies out for everyone and thank you to all the folks that bring in the homemade goodies.

Don't forget the President and the Secretary positions are up for election and the board members positions are up for election so think about who you want to nominate for all of the positions or stand up and nominate yourself for one of the positions.

Remember that the weather is getting colder so be very careful while all of you are out prospecting this time for year.

I want to thank all of my officers and board members for all of the hard work and all of the fun outings that were held this year and looking forward to all of the ones that are coming in the future. I also want to put out a big thanks to Kameron and Rosalie Mitchel for all of their hard work they did for the club.

**WELL I'VE RAMBELED ON LONG ENOUGH.**

**MAY THE BOTTOM OF YOUR PANS TURN GOLD WITH WHAT IS LEFT OF THIS YEAR.SEE YA'LL AT THE NEXT MEETING ON 11/10/2013 SAME TIME AND THE SAME PLACE.**

**SINCERELY,**

**THE PRES., Al Lewis**



**Winter Banquet January 12<sup>th</sup> after regular meeting  
It's a New Year with New Officers  
Bring your Best Dish !**



## Vice President Sees Sharing and Education as Gold in 2014

I asked our current Vice-President and candidate for Club President, Bill Ray, to say something in this Newsletter about his vision for our Club in 2014. Here's what he has to say:

"I'm hoping to have some hands-on training on a dredge. We will set one up inside the grange and go over how it works, do's and don'ts, and the nomenclature. Should be a lot of fun!

We also want to talk about where gold hides in streams. That will take us through Winter and into Spring. In the summer of 2014 I'd like to see us get together to improve all our skills in common operations, dredge, trommel, and high banker. Somewhere in all of that is Beach Mining and a whole lot of FUN :}).

Go for the GOLD, Thanks Bill Ray VP

## There's GPAA GOLD in Bedrock! Yabba Dabba Doooo!



GPAA member Dave Wagner and his lovely wife Pat had to take a trip to BEDROCK. What a ride it must have been in such a vehicle. With Dave having that bum foot, guess who had to supply most of the energy getting that ancient vehicle up to speed,,,, and then STOP TOOO.

But it was for a good cause, they went there to deliver copies of the GOLD PROSPECTORS magazine and the PICK & SHOVEL GAZETTE donated by the GPAA to be distributed at the Portland Regional Rock & Gem Show. Accepting the donation was Larry Purchase who will distribute what literature that was left to the Advisors from all of the clubs that helped put the show together. The people who found the Gazette and the Gold Prospector at the show were happy to get the extra reward for attending the show. They found a lot of information about what is going on in the world of prospecting for gold.

A special thankyou should go out to Louis Escarcega from the GPAA office for making this delivery possible. Story and picture donated by Rick Beeler, SWWGP Board Member at Large.



### **No Christmas Party In December**



At the October meeting, the Board of Directors voted to change our HOLIDAY FEAST to January 11<sup>th</sup>. December is just too hectic. In January we will be more relaxed, have more fun, and eat MORE.



## Trading Post



For sale. \$500. 2" Dredge, Gold Wheel and a small engine and water pumps. Ron Schroeder 360-513-3049 Thanks!

Wanted. 300 or 460 magnum Rifle. Would you like to sell it or trade for gold? Let's talk! Gary Smith

### Let's Get Together

This has been a busy gold prospecting Summer and Fall. The best part for me is being together with other Gold club people, outside, gittin gold. Here are some pictures of recent good times sent in by Becky Beck.



The first one is with NaeNae & Carly & Alex.  
Carly is co-winner of Raffle to go on Steves claim with him.



Bob and Alex sluicing, Anthony & Michele, Bill & Laura



Then there is Ray, Carly's Dad, and last there is Ernie at the mud hole again. He found more gold! Go figure. He staked a claim on it. LOL.



#### Safety Tip from SWWGP Safety Officer, Randy Harper

"As for Safety; make sure your wearing something bright, hunters are out this time of year.

Have fun, enjoy the Fall season, but remember:

Its called Fall for a reason, whether its fallen leaves or ice, please be careful."



## NEED PROSPECTING EQUIPMENT? CHECK IT OUT!

To check out equipment you will need your member number. If you have checked out something and are bringing it back you will have to hold off re-checking it out till the end of the meeting to give other members the chance to use the equipment too.

Here's what we have: panning tubs, 14 inch pans, Whites Electronic metal detector, suction siphon, Grizzly sluice #3 with hand pump, 5 gallon buckets, two classifiers, a mini high banker fine gold recovery with battery and charger, holsters and belts.

You need to be in good standing with the club to check out equipment. You need to get ahold of me or a board member (preferably me) at 360-601-8752 or [airgod40@yahoo.com](mailto:airgod40@yahoo.com).

Dave Greer, Equipment Chairman

## Dredging at the Blue Moon Claim

Over Labor Day several of us went down to Al Lewis and Judy Steven's gold claim in the mountains south and east of Sweet Home. We all helped carry Al and Derek Sweeny's new dredge down the hill, winching it over the cliff to the river below along with all the equipment.

Al, Derek and Dave Greer worked the dredge. The men had to rotate positions frequently because the water was so d--- cold. That dredge Al & Derek built is a gold gittin machine!

Oh, did I mention... after 2 great days of dredging, we all had to help haul the dang dredge back up the ding dang hill! We had a great time! written by Linda Williams (okay, it was a little Cliff)



## October 13, 2013 Meeting Highlights

71 people attended including 7 visitors and guests. Steve Lewin reported that Washington State's Gold and Fish Pamphlet is being revised. A known change will be a requirement to have 50 ft spacing between sluices. More info coming.

We have a new Treasurer, Michele Loveall. Linda Williams is our new Newsletter Editor and Patti Long is our new Webmaster. 8 people accepted nominations for At-Large Board positions: Marven Kruger, Ernie Stinson, Daniel Keese, Anthony Loveall, David Conti, Greg Frisella, Robert Gregory, and Dale Long.

The President and Secretary positions are up for vote this year. Linda Williams accepted nomination for Secretary, Pat Locnikar declined the nomination. Bill Ray accepted nomination for President. Current president Al Lewis is undecided at this writing.

# MORE TRADING POST

Members in good standing can advertise for free. E-mail it to Linda Williams, Editor, at [bstwshes@yahoo.com](mailto:bstwshes@yahoo.com) 503-703-1142 Listings are posted for 3 months. To continue past 3 months, just e-mail me. Newsletter deadline is the first Sunday of each month. Thanks!

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### **Join us !**

All interested parties are invited to attend one of our monthly meetings. There will be opportunities to learn about prospecting laws, methods, and equipment as well as some hands-on practice. There also are outings to enjoy the pleasures of the out of doors and prospecting for gold. Become a member of one of the newest chapters of the Gold Prospectors Association of America. All memberships are individual; there is no age requirement. There are no membership fees and GPAA membership is not required to join in the fun.

### **Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month at 1:00 pm  
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