

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors August 2019



Presidents Message

Our chapter exists because of all the volunteer efforts and participation by our members. We need to have some suggestions for outings and education. Any suggestions and ideas are welcome. Please contact myself, Preston for education, or Scott Long for outings.

See you at the meeting!

Your President,

Debbie Witcher

Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday August 11th.

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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NOMINATIONS

Elections will be held at our Nov. meeting. All nominations must be given to Mark or Jeff, or myself by Oct 31 per our bi-laws. We will vote on 4 board members, President, and Sec. this year. All positions are open to any GPAA member and Chapter member. You must be a chapter member for at least 6 months to hold a position.

To vote you must be a chapter member by the Oct. meeting. Mark needs to verify all eligibility.



GUN SAFETY TRAINING

We will have our gun safety training in Oct. There is a small fee and this will be at the end of the meeting for those who want to participate.

EQUIPMENT

All equipment is to be checked out thru our equipment manager, Don Spillman, or if he is not available then thru Dennis Witcher. All equipment may be checked out for 1 month at a time, and must be returned in good condition.

LDMA CAMP OUTINGS

Bob Brown is working on setting up a Burnt River outing, Scott Long is working on setting up a Scotts river outing. Dates and details will follow when we have them. These are both open to all of our chapter members.

ELECTIONS



Elections are coming up in Nov. We will be electing Pres. Sec. and 4 board members to serve a 2 year term. You must be a GPAA member as well as a chapter member for at least 6 month and in good standings. Nominations will be closed on OCT> 31. The sec needs to verify GPAA and chapter standings.

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Debbie W. to see what the position entails.

Remember that voting is open to all current chapter members. You must be a member by the Oct. Chapter meeting to vote per our bi-law change last Nov.

FALSE EMAILS



We are again seeing false emails that are being sent in my name. Please verify with me any email asking you to spend monies belonging to the chapter. You all know your limits and what is required. We have again turned this over to the authorities. These are false, disruptive, and considered harassment. We will make sure the person or persons doing this are prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Buy Sell Trade

2 claims are for sale on Eastfork of the Lewis River near the South West claims. There is a 3rd available. If someone wants to buy other 2 one is mine and other is a friend's. we are asking 5k on Craigslist and to SW members I'll sell for 4k. Claims are above SW club claims. And 3rd claim ad-joins these 2 and I'll release it at cost. Contact James at 5035050710 or kc7mmd@gmail.com if you are interested in these claims.



PICNIC

Our picnic was a great success! Thanks to everyone who helped. Jeff for bar-b-queing, Jeanne and her helper for set up, and tear down, and the food. Tina Long ran the bingo and got prizes, thanks Tina.

We held our board meeting and took care of any chapter business that was needed.

Thank you to Jim Erickson for a great raffle, as well as to Ann Erickson, Tammy Binford, and Wendy Houtz for selling raffle tickets.

Chris Cosby also brought some spin-it-offs for members to use and purchase.

All in all we had a great time!

FILL IN HOLES

Just a reminder to fill in any holes you dig when you are thru, as well as any unattended holes you may find. Also keep the gold and fish book with you and know the rules. Please carry a trash bags with you and take any trash you might find out and dispose of it properly. Lets remember to set a good example.



DREDGING OPEN

Dredging opened Aug 1st. Interested in an outing? Contact Scott Long

Please use caution when working in the rivers.

SUNSTONE OUTING

Rick Beehler lead an outing to the sunstone mine in Oregon. Looking forward to his report at the meeting.

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.

aerickson@q.com

Club Name Tags



Any club members that would like a name tag made for them can place an order at the next meeting. Cost is \$8.00 for each tag that includes up to 2 lines of engraving.

Questions? Contact David Conti

user764554@aol.com

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LDMA OUTINGS

Debbie is working with the GPAA to set up outings at Burnt River and Scotts Bar.

Bob Brown will lead the Burnt River outing, Scott Long will lead the Scott's bar outing. We do not have dates set yet but need to know how many might be interested in each one. Dates will be announced soon.

MYRON HASTINGS

As most of you are aware Myron has passed away. Myron was one of our founding chapter members, served as education chair for a few years as well as leading chapter members on Whites factory outings.

We will miss Myrons knowledge, ideas, participation in the chapter, and above all his friendship. Myron's memorial service will be Aug. 17th at 1 o'clock, at the Trinity Baptist Church, corner of MacArthur and Andresen.

Rest in peace Myron, you will be missed.

DIRECT ONE CLAIM

As announced at the picnic our Chapter will not longer maintain the direct one claim. There is no benefit to us and we are spending a lot of monies to take care of it. Preston has done a lot of work with it and we are the only ones doing anything. We do not get points from the GPAA for doing this either. The GPAA has been notified.

Executive Board	(Elected)		
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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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	Scheduled Events
Jul 14	Picnic No regular meeting, Board meeting at 12:30