

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors September 2019



Presidents Message

I want to thank all of you for your support and kind words at the loss of my mother. This has been a difficult time and the offer of help from all of you has been very comforting. I am paraphrasing a very good friend who says the only ones who leave this earth alive are the astronauts. So true. Thank you again.

See at the meeting on Sunday the 8th.

Your President

Debbie



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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visit www.swwgoldprospectors.org



Thank you to everyone who met up with Jeff and helped to move and unload coats!!

OUTINGS AND EDUCATION

We need suggestions for outings and education. Please contact Scot Long 971 219 1079 or Debbie 360-695-3215 for outings, education Preston Griffin 360 903 2054 with as suggestions.

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 clean condition. Any items that have been used in the water must be rinsed off to avoid species transfer.



ELECTION COMMITTEE

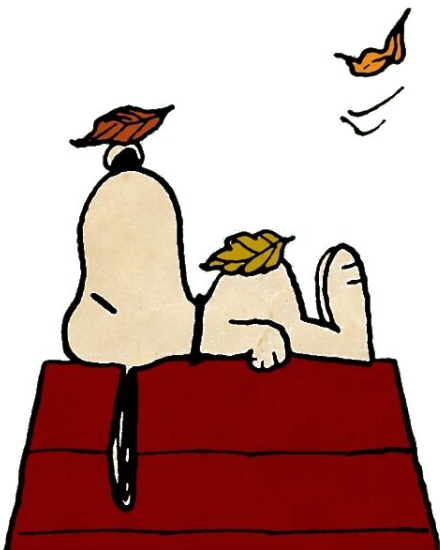
As part of the Vice-Presidents job, Jeff will be in charge of the committee to pass out, collect, count and verify the ballots in an election. Ann Erickson has volunteered to help but we need about 4 more people. Please let Debbie know if you are willing to help.

If anyone has any outing attendance sheets not turned in please get them to Mark ASAP.

ELECTIONS

Elections are coming up in Nov. We will be electing Pres. Sec. and 4 board members to serve a 2 year term.

To run for a position 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 October 31st. The secretary 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 no later than by the October 31st. Chapter meeting to vote per our bi-law change last Nov.



Buy Sell Trade

If you have any prospecting related items to trade, sell or are looking for a good deal let Mark know to publish it here.

GUN SAFETY TRAINING

Sign up for gun safety and concealed weapons training. There is a small fee. Sign up at this meeting, will start at Oct. meeting.

NEW CLAIMS

We are in the process of acquiring 4 new claims for our chapter members. We are finalizing everything with the current owners. This is a great opportunity for us. More details to follow.



August Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 2:10

3 Guests were in attendance

Secretary report: No previous minutes as meeting cancelled for the picnic

Treasurers report was made, a motion to accept was made and passed

Charlie recognized Vietnam Navy vets with a challenge coin given to him by a friend

Steve Lewin announced that the Portland chapter is having an outing and that you should contact them if you like to attend

Rick gave a report on the Sunstone mine; 17 people attended and we are going to present the owners with a \$50.00 check

Debbie announced the passing of Myron Hastings, his service will be held on 8/17 at the Baptist church on Andreson and Mill Plain. She also read a list of members who have left us and asked if there is anyone who should be added for the plaque

Edna presented membership packets to two new members

Preston gave a report on our claims

Don Spillman gave a report on our equipment

Ann Erickson, sunshine lady gave a report on the number of cards sent out for the chapter within the last month

Volunteers are going to meet at the grange hall on Sunday August 25th at 2:00 to follow Jeff to our storage facility and unload the boxes of donated clothing from Columbia Sportswear



Debbie announced that we will be accepting nominations for president, secretary, and 4 board positions. Jeff and Mark are in charge of handling the nominations and voting. Jeff asked for 6 people to serve on the committee

Debbie addressed fake emails being sent out in her name

Preston discussed the importance of reading, highlighting and keeping the Gold and Fish book with you at all times when mining. He asked everyone to bring their copy to our September meeting as he will review in greater detail

A bus trip to Chinook Winds is scheduled for Sunday, October 27th, 2019



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BINGO BUS



Our date for the Chinook Winds bingo bus is set for Sat. Oct. 26th. We will meet again at the Mill Plain/205 Walmart 8:30 and leave no later than 9AM.

A \$20 donation to Chapter which included 10 bingo games with cash prizes, a raffle entry. We will have 50/50 raffle and super raffle with great prizes. As in the past, all tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. This is a fund raiser for our Chapter. We will have lots of good prizes and a few fun ones as well.

As long as we have 50 folks in attendance, we will have a special prize drawing that everyone will have a ticket for. No cost. We also provide some snacks and water.

We must have 50 in attendance or we have to pay part of the cost of the bus. Last year the bus cost was \$1000. This is a fund raiser for our chapter that is open to all. So, sign up your friends, family and neighbors. Name and Phone number required. Must be 21 yrs. old. Please help fill the bus, we always have fun gambling at the Chinook Winds casino. Remember they are a Chapter sponsor and have been for 6yrs. They also donate nice prizes for our bus raffle, as well as give everyone a meal credit and a gambling credit.

This is a day trip, we usually return by 6ish. Depends on traffic. Come and have fun with us.

Face Book Corner

<https://www.facebook.com/SWwashingtonGoldProspectors>

You will find links to many things, from crevassing, how to read a stream bed. things that give you an insight to where that gold is laying for you to pick out of Mother Nature's hiding places.

How do you season your NEW gold pan? That has been there a few times and can be found in the history by scrolling down the wall of information.

There were recently some good tips on learning to metal detect for gold.

Some of those links and others pertaining to Rock and Gems may be found at my FB site.

<https://www.facebook.com/rockhound.rick>

For MEMBERS ONLY, there is a group section set up, but you need to be a MEMBER of the SWWGP.

If you want to be added to that SWWGP GROUP, email me (rickbeehler@ymail.com) a picture of your current membership card and I will add you to the private closed group of SWWGP members only.

In that group you can safely contact and chat with others in the club about special places to go or ask questions that you may wish to be more discreet about what you are doing and where you might be going.

If you have questions of fears about Facebook, I can show you settings that are there in Facebook to give you a better feeling of security. You can select certain people that they alone can see your site.

DO NOT ! I repeat DO NOT ! accept a friending request from just anyone, there are some spoofing duplicates and even though you may know the name or picture, be careful. Some people forget their login and passwords, that can be the cause of a duplicate site for someone. If you get a duplicate friend request that you are in question about, SIMPLY, ask them a question that only the two of you might know. Something like "how is the weather in Arizona now that you have moved there", both you and your friend KNOW, they are still living in Vancouver Washington.

I hope this may give some people a better idea about Facebook and our group that is there to be used by MEMBERS ONLY.

Sincerely,

Rockhound Rick

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

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

We are ready to have the names of our members who have passed away put on our memorial plaque. Here are the names we have so far: Boo Coo, Linda Erickson, Dale Long, Robert Novak, Myron Hastings, Walter Jensen, Tracy Gracey, Robert Gilmerook, Floyd Kreur. Please let us know if spelling needs to be corrected, or of anyone we may have missed. We would like to have our plaque ready for the Oct. meeting.

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

360-256-0892

GOLD SHOW

Yes, the 2020 gold show is being planned for the Clark County Event Center. This will again be a joint chapter function with SWWGP again taking the lead. We need to start working to get vendors signed up for the show now. We should have forms soon, as well as pre- sale tickets. This is a big money maker for all the chapters who participate, but it does take tremendous effort and cooperation on everyone's part. The show is set for March 30 and 31 with set up on the 29th.



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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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Gold and Fish Book: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/mining/>

HPA Rulemaking web page: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>



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Please support these vendors as they support us with contributions and in many cases discounts. We will be doing interviews with many of them so we can get to know a little more about them.

	Scheduled Events
Sept 8th	12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.
Oct 13th	12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.
Nov 10th	12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg. and election