



Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors

August 2023

Next Meeting August 13th 2:00, Board Mtg. 12:30

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It is that time of year to remind everyone to take precautions in the heat and around water. Be sure to hydrate, take pets for walks early or late, that pavement is hot. Check on friends and neighbors.

I know you have heard all of this before but it does not hurt to have a reminder.

We want to see everyone at our meetings and events.

Stay safe!

SEPT MEETING

We will have our regular scheduled meeting on Sept. 10th, 2023. This will give us a chance to take care of any last minute details for the annual picnic on Sept, 17th at Daybreak Park.

ELECTIONS

We have some elections coming up in Nov. Must declare your intent to run for a position no later than Oct 31, 2023. Be sure to let Mark know so he can verify your eligibility.

We have 5 board positions open.

Also Vice President, and Treasurer. These 2 positions must be current GPAA members.

As in the past we will have a committee of chapter members to oversee and monitor the elections.

This committee will consist of board members and chapter members in good standing with SWWGP.

They will pass out, collect, and count ballots, and must not be running for an office.

If you are interested in serving on the committee please let Debbie W. know.

You also might want to consider running for a board position or office. See Debbie W or Mark if you have questions.

As a 501c(3) we must follow Washington State nonprofit laws, first, then chapter bi-laws second and then GPAA bi-laws last.



Disclaimer:

Our newsletters are prepared by crazy volunteers and not paid professionals. At any given time we may become fixated on something shiny we see which may cause it to contain errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Now where did I leave my car keys.

PICNIC

Our picnic will be on Sept. 17th at Daybreak Park 10-4.

Please bring 1 or more items to contribute to the potluck and 1 or more bags of ice to help keep the food cold.

We will provide the meat, buns, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, mustard, mayo, etc. as well as the dinnerware and water.

Bring your chair, don't take someone else's, and whatever you want to drink. Your panning equip. and gold and fish book. Know the rules we are not hall monitors.

We do need popups. If you have one you can bring let Debbie W. Know.

It would be helpful to sign up for what you are bringing for a dish(s).



MANY THANKS

Thank you to Dave Urick and family for the donated items they have given us.

He also donated the new machine he demo. at the meeting, the Drop Riffle Sluice System Value 299.99.

We will have that in our next three month raffle to start in Oct.

DAYBREAK OUTING SAT. JULY 22ND 2023

Our Sat. putting at Daybreak Park on the 22nd was a success. We had a little under 20 folks including some new members.

“Mike” Quackenbush won the drawing for the sampler cup.

Thanks to those of you who were able and willing to help the new folks. Gold was found!

Our next outing will be on Sunday Aug 20th, 10-2, drawing at 1ish. Bring your chair, lunch/snack, beverage and panning equipment. As always bring you gold and fish rules.

3 MONTH RAFFLE PRIZES

Our current 3 month raffle prizes are Chinook Winds trip, room for 2, dinner for 2 (\$75) limit and show tickets for 2

Gold cube

Gold piece

Clock

Gold Rush Nugget Bucket (your choice of camo or pink)

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Raffles support our chapter.

REMINDER

If you donate items to our raffles be sure to ask for an extra ticket.

NEED IDEAS

We need suggestions for outings, education, and safety.

Also we need to fill the outings, education and raffle leads. Please help.

CLAIM REPORTS

There are more copies of the claim reports to fill out on the membership table. Take a supply if you visit or plan to visit our claims.

CLAIMS

We voted to keep the chapters claims for another year. Use em or lose em.

PAYDIRT

We have a new supply of pay dirt. See Dennis with the chapter store.

Editor's Note

We are always looking for stories to fill our pages.

Please take a minute to jot down a story (fact or fiction) and send it to me.

Tell us about your experiences, places or ideas.

Letters to the editor, pictures, jokes, cartoons and ads are all welcome.

Recipes, web pages of interest, emails, magazine and news clippings are also needed.

A newsletter is only as good as the article and content submitted.

Please give it a try and wake up the writing genius in you

CLARK COUNTY FAIR

Be sure to stop in at the hobbies and craft building and see our display. On the days we are managing the display see if any of our folks need a break and fill in for them for a few minutes. They have 6 hr. shifts.



A Gold Finder, Circa 1870.

As all gold hunters know, we are blessed with [high-technology instruments](#) to aid our searches for precious metals. Nuggets can be identified in a highly mineral matrix, thus eliminating unnecessary digging of unwanted material, and the Goldspear will locate even gold dust. However, none of these sophisticated detectors appeared overnight, nor was any one man responsible for the invention of metal detection.

THE PIONEER

If any one person could be regarded as the inventor of metal detectors, I will nominate English geologist and mining engineer R. W. Fox. It was Fox who first discovered that electricity will flow through metallic ores as well as solid metal objects. Thus, circa 1830 he devised a simple metal locator which consisted of nothing more than a battery, several metal rods and a suitable length of wire. His first method of detection was as follows: one metal rod would be driven into the earth where the suspected vein of ore was located; it was connected to one terminal of the battery. The other battery terminal was connected to a floating wire. Other metal rods were driven into the ground at several different points and successively touched with the floating wire. Where a spark occurred, it was an indication that metal was present. Circa 1870, this device was modified to two rods insulated from each other in a common probe and connected via battery to a bell and plunged into the earth. When contact was made by metallic ore, nugget or metal pipe, the bell rang, thus indicating the presence of a conductive object.

SWWGP General Meeting: July 9, 2023

Meeting called to order at 2:20

3 Visitors were in attendance

The June General meetings minutes were read, a motion to accept was made and passed

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

Everyone needs to fill out a claim slip for their visit

An offer was made to assist anyone who would like to obtain the claims that the chapter is releasing

There is a new hospitality jar for donations

Rick Beehler brought in 10 opals that he sold from his last outing and donated a piece of obsidian with gold streaks to the raffle

Myrtle point outing was a great success and we will need more volunteers for next year

The last Daybreak outing had about 35 people in attendance. There will be another Daybreak outing on Jul. 22nd

The Colorado pay dirt is delayed and will be available in Aug.

The Sept. 17th picnic at Daybreak park needs pop ups and lots of ice for the food. We remind everyone who will be prospecting to carry their Gold and Fish book with them

Positions open for this fall are Vice President and Treasurer.

Dan gave a demonstration on some new equipment

Debbie is going to discuss some demands that were communicated to the chapter regarding GPAA requirements which if followed would violate Washington State non profit laws.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

BERGER'S TOP SERVICE BODY SHOP BLAYLOCK LOGGING CARQUEST COOS CURRY ELECTRIC COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE COQUILLE TIRE D & H LOGGING
DAY SHIP SUPPLY FAT ALBERT'S FRANZ BAKERY FRED MEYER GIB'S RV KNIFE RIVER MCKAYS MARKET COOS BAY MYRTLE POINT GUN CLUB
NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION OREGON FIRST CREDIT UNION PACIFIC RIM PEPSI ROTO ROOTER SAUSE BRO'S. SMOKIN HOT BRASS
SOUTHWESTERN OREGON BOW HUNTERS SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON GOLD PROSPECTORS TIOGA MOUNTAIN MEN

We acknowledge all of the volunteers, individuals and sponsors who work tirelessly to make sure this event goes successfully.

Myrtle Point, Oregon 

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BUY SELL TRADE

For sale drill press, make offer

Free wire storage baskets, 2'x2' x4 foot long. 4 available. See Dennis.

OUTINGS CALANDER

Aug. 13th meeting

Aug. 30th Daybreak Park

Sept. 10th meeting

Sept. 17th picnic at daybreak, 3 month raffle drawing

This is only a partial list:

Still working on the following,

More outings at Lewisville, Daybreak, Our Claims

Bingo Bus

Spin it off factory (local)

Sunstones

Fossils

Rice Rock Museum

Cape Disappointment

?????????????? Suggestions please

Again this is only a partial schedule. All outings, events etc. are weather dependent.

[Add dates are subject to change and other events will be added when dates are known.](#)

Claim Visit Record

Return this slip to Ron Koppi or Debbie Witcher

On (Date) _____ visited the claims

I did general maintenance, _____ anything else _____

Carried out trash _____, Filled in some holes _____

Panning/Mining _____, Did you find any gold? _____

Was anyone else on the claim(s)? _____

Who else was with you? List all names _____

Have them sign as well: _____

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