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Mothers Day Nugget Winners

By Kameron Mitchell

I neglected to get much information on our two winners but thought they considered top billing in this month's newsletter. There were two nugget drawings on this Mothers Day: a special, women's only drawing and a regular nugget drawing. The winners were drawn by Ernie Stinson and Steve Lewin. The women's nugget was won by Sandra Paulsen and the regular nugget was won by Nolan Shanholtzer.



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Rich Placer Deposits — Educational Articles

Safety

by William Ray

Some of the most important assets we have is our eye's and hands. Every time we use a tool we have the potential to damage our self. Using a hammer to drive nails or break rocks could end with damage to your eye. Safety glasses or goggles can reduce injury. They come in many different sizes shapes and colors. Safety glasses are light weight and some make great sunglasses and have bifocals, I like this for myself, its easier to see all that

gold!!!

For your hands, there are lots of leather, cotton, or rubber gloves available. Pick a pair you like that fits the job your doing. Your hands will love you at the end of the day.

Last but not least, hearing protection. There are a lot to choose from: foam style, pre-molded, or ear muffs are just three. The foam ones are generally discarded after each use or so. The pre-molded style are

made by a specialist specifically for you. They are great if you wear them all the time. Lastly, ear muffs fit almost everyone and are especially good for those with sensitive inner ears. These are also good for easy removal.

Please take a few moment's to outfit your self and a friend before your next outing.

Remember:

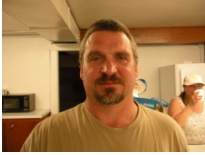
SAFETY IS GOLD !!!



Foam Plugs and Ear Muffs

The President's Adit - Opening Message

Not available at press time.



President Al Lewis

The Panning Gourmet

The editor is hoping for a new column with this title. I'd like to receive input from all of you chefs out there. Please send simple, campout-type recipes. The editor is no cook, so he needs plenty of help!

Thank you all in advance!

The Nugget Patch—Editorials

By Kameron Mitchell

"Stash the trash"

No one would call me a "Greenie" or eco-terrorist, but I am adamant about one environmental concern: **LITTER**.

I don't know if it was the "Give a hoot. Don't pollute!" or the "Put litter in its place!" campaigns I saw as a child, but I believe that whether you are in the city or the woods no one should EVER throw trash on the ground.

Littering "bugs" the heck out of me whether it's a gum wrapper,

pop top, or cigarette butt! How hard is it to hang on to it until you can dispose of it correctly?

Habits, both good and bad, begin early. Teach your children and grand children early what to do with litter. Don't get lazy! It seems that the emphasis put on not littering is transparent today. So let's try to do our part to revive this "clean" behavior!

Most of us are pretty good about not littering out in the

forest. Many of us make a concerted effort to go on trash patrols near our campsites to "stash the trash". Let's all do that! Take out MORE than you take in.

It might just catch on. Unfortunately, there will always be some who don't care. That's just the nature of some humans. And when away from the campsite, if you see litter, pick it up and take it back to camp.

ExClaims! —Letters to the Editor

"baby nuggets"

I received a note from Pat Staat on May 21st. In part she said "Three of us have been going to Daybreak park and panning. We get

a bit of color in each pan: 'baby nuggets'. They are not flakes, but chunky, as Tom would say. Water is cold and high, but we have

had a lot of fun getting it. " Now if I only knew where the park was!?"

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Promising Prospects — Outings & Events

Upcoming Meetings:

June 10, 2012
 July 8, 2012
 August 12, 2012
 September 9, 2012
 October 14, 2012
 November 11, 2012
 December 9, 2012



Panning in California May 2012

OUTINGS

There is a tentative outing planned for July 14 at the Lewisville Park near Battleground. Planned also is a Barbecue. Plenty of panning will be available in the river.



Outings Coordinator
 Steve Lewin

Concentrates—Meeting Minutes Highlights

Business Meeting 4/8/12 (unofficial minutes not published last month)

Newcomers were welcome by President Al Lewis. The Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. A discussion was had concerning the PLP payment so we could conduct a raffle at the Salem Gold Show.

Claims chair Steve Lewin reported he was to meet with the Gifford Pinchot forest ranger concerning the GPAA Copper Creek claim.

The Bylaws Committee Chair

Pat Locnikar reported the committee will meet before the next business meeting.

Old Business:

Several gold pans were purchased and will be signed by the Massies. At the Salem Show, Dixie Caris won the sluice, Joyce Selover won the backpack, and Randy Harper won the metal detector.

A speaker system is still needed. Voting on the logos will be completed today.

New Business:

The Board recommends that the club conduct monthly food drives with an incentive of one raffle ticket being given for each two non-perishable food items brought up to a maximum of six tickets.

The club decided to "adopt" the GPAA Copper Creek claim.

President Lewis announced the following appointments: Education Chair - Myron Hastings; Librarian - Ernie Stinson; Sunshine Lady - Betsy Shepherd; and Historian - Betsy Shepherd.

Winner of the logo contest was Ernie Stinson. He will receive his choice of a t-shirt or sweatshirt with the logo printed on it.

Steve Lewin conducted the raffle. The gold nugget was won by Bob Novak.



Ernie Stinson

Business Meeting 5/13/12 (unofficial minutes)

This was SVWGP's Mother's Day meeting. President Al Lewis welcomed several new members, many coming via the Salem Gold Show.

Secretary Pro Tem, Rosalie Mitchell, read the April meeting minutes which were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Safety Officer Bill Ray presented a talk on equipment to carry with you while prospecting.

Librarian Ernie Stinson made a call for book donations for our library. The rule for book check out is you must return it at the next business meeting. The following books were recommended reading for prospectors in the area: Gold Diggers Atlas, Lost Mines and Treasures of Pacific Northwest, WA State Gold Mines.

Old Business:

Steve Lewin reported on his meeting with the Amboy Forest Ranger regarding the GPAA Copper Creek claim. He learned that the Forestry Department didn't have any money to put a gate on the property. We are now looking into the costs of a gate.

New Business:

Scott Atkinson discussed the Washington Gold & Fish booklet. The URL link to it is on our website. You can get a free copy by calling 360.902.2534 or online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00290/wdfw00290.pdf>.

President Al Lewis requested 3 new Board members. We asked for volunteers, voted on each:

Jason Schlink – Board Member
Robert Gregory - Equip Manager
Dixie Carr - Hospitality Hostess.

Steve Lewin - Outings Coordinator
Membership Cards – we are waiting for our logo to be finished.

We then had a long discussion on outings.

On the 2nd Saturday in July (July 14), we will have a BBQ at Lewisville Park plus panning.

Suggested outings : Quartzville, GPAA Copper Creek claim, Al Lewis's claim, Steve Lewin's claim at Copper Creek.

Several questions were asked, much discussion was had and decisions were made regarding:

Pets – are okay but need to be on a leash.

Alcohol – it was suggested that no alcohol be used when operating mechanical devices and that it was recommended that the drinking be confined to evenings hours only.

Weapons - the consensus was that properly permitted weapons would not be restricted.

Illegal Drugs – you will be asked to leave.

Suggestion was made for the Club to have on hand a First Aid Kit. Our Safety Officers are going to look into the cost and a list of what needs to be included. They will also maintain a list of members that are certified first aiders. Medical forms for the outings are being worked on also.

The club okayed the purchase at cost of a Coin Master metal detector from Myron Hastings. It was given to our new equipment manager, Robert Gregory, for storage.

Steve Lewin conducted the raffle. The special women's only Mother's Day Gold Nugget winner was Sandra Paulsen. The regular nugget winner was Nolan Shanholtzer.

DYK???

"Did You Know" By Kameron Mitchell

1. The Sudan was formerly called Nubia. Nub means gold.
2. On a scale of 1 to 10, the softest mineral is talc (1) and the hardest is diamond (10). Gold is 2.5.
3. Pyrite's name is derived from its crystalline structure: pyritohedron or 12-sided. (It is also found in a cubic form or 6 sided.)
4. Specific gravity is the ratio of a mineral's weight and the weight of an equal volume of water. Water's specific gravity is always one.
5. A five gallon bucket of water weighs about 41.9 pounds. A five gallon bucket of gold will weigh 19.32 times more or 809.5 pounds.
6. One ounce of gold can be drawn out into a wire 40 miles long.
7. Most placer gold is about 80% pure but can range from 50% to 99.9% pure.
8. Silver is the most common impurity in gold followed by copper, iron, zinc, and lead.

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GPAA Mission Statement

The mission of the Gold Prospectors Association of America is to further the advancement of gold prospecting and treasure hunting by:

1. Developing an organization that actively encourages camaraderie, fellowship, and personal contact among people with the same interests in gold prospecting;
2. Adhering to environmental laws;
3. Following the Bureau of Land management, Forest Service, and Army Corps of Engineers laws and doctrines;
4. Promote increased public awareness of ecologically sound prospecting and small-scale recreational mining for adults, families, and children;
5. Teaching club members how to prospect for gold and treasures;
6. Developing teachers and mentors;
7. Educating the general public about the history of gold prospecting and of the importance of mineral extraction.

The Tailings Pile — Other Notes of Interest

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS !!

I need your help writing this newsletter! Any of you who would like to write an article or editorial is wholeheartedly welcome to send your writings to me. I may need to edit some content and/or shorten them due to space limitations, but I will try to keep that to a minimum.

Reporters are sought! I may not be able to make all outings and of course I can't see all that happens, so help in reporting on what you see

will be appreciated. Also, more than one of you may report on the same outing or event. I can compile the information. Don't be shy.

Short story writers: send me your compositions. I would like to include a story with each issue in a "Around the Campfire" section and I don't want to use and reuse my own!! I'm not sure of the space we will have available, but I will let you know soon.

Thanks for all your help.

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. Soon there will also be outings to enjoy the pleasures of prospecting for gold. Become a member of one of the newest chapters of the Gold Prospectors Association of America.

(GPAA membership is required to be a voting member but it is not necessary to join in the fun.)