

# SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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What an amazing summer so far, July was one for the books, with several outings, and dozens of new members excited about their new-found Gold Fever. Now into August and the season is upon us, seems everyone has gold in their pan. Let's continue to educate the public about proper mining techniques while we're in the field. We had a fantastic potluck outing, thanks to the teamwork of the Board and Members. Thank you all. With our 501c3 now, we can step things up a couple notches: so get ready for explosive growth.

Anthony will be conducting our next meeting on the 10th and don't miss out on that huge nugget in the raffle. Wish I could take you all with me, up to Nome. Some day we'll have a club outing up here :)

Proudly serving as your President, Randy Harper

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## **New Club T-Shirts are Here!**

\$18 each, sizes up to XXX

Samples of a hat for (\$17) and sweatshirt (\$39) are available for future ordering

## **Three Month RAFFLE DRAWING SUNDAY**

- 1st Prize 1.5 pennyweight specimen Gold and Quartz Nugget
  - 2nd Prize Clean-up Sluice with Pump donated by D&K
  - 3rd Prize Buck Knife donated by Ken Dittier
  - 4th Prize Wand Metal Detector donated by D&K
- Need not be present to win. Tickets are \$1.00



## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**Club Meeting this Sunday, August 10th, 1pm**

**Sat Aug 9th, Dredging Outing. Meet at Lewisville Park boat ramp 9am**

**Sat Aug 16th, OPEN HOUSE Outing at GPAA Claim Direct One ALL WELCOME**

**Sat Aug 23rd, Outing at Daybreak Park**

**Sat Aug 30th Outing at Lewisville Park and \*Direct One GPAA claim for dredging**

**Sat Sept 6th, Outing at Lewisville Park**

**Sun Sept 14th, Club Meeting 1pm**

\*Note: Copper Creek or Direct One Claim is the property of the GPAA. Only active members of GPAA may prospect on GPAA Claims.

All dates subject to change.

Placer Geology, what Causes Placer Gold Deposits. Contributed by Tom Fest

It starts as mineral soup...deep in the earth... under pressure, searing heat, being forced from its resting place by the earth's growing pains: Earthquakes, Subduction Zones, Volcanos...

Then other forces of nature displace the remains; and what remains is heavy. Violent wind, eruptions, erosion, storms, floods, landslides, earthquakes and glaciers move and grind the surface of the earth like a sander with an intent on making dust.

Gold is 6 times heavier than most materials out there and 19 times heavier than water. The gold settles to the bottom...as far as it can go. Rough bedrock or clay stops the gold from its travels, then the pounding by the lighter material starts: thousands of years of pounding... into a soft malleable metal forced into the cracks. The bottom is where the water travels too, if there is any. Creeks, rivers, lakes, oceans: placer or free gold has been formed and found a home: waiting for you.

So, you are looking where??? You got it... Look deep. As close to bedrock or a false bedrock (like clay) as you can get. Look for eddys in creeks and streams where it can rest. Look at natural sluices. Look for inside corners of those waterways and pry at the places the gold can be forced into. Look for sudden drops like waterfalls... Think heavy. Think bottom of the stack. Think of where the ancient rivers were. That is where we will find most placer gold...

Have fun and be safe...fill your holes...carry your Gold and Fish pamphlet.

**July 2014 Meeting Recap**

**FILL YOUR HOLES!**

We voted and approved purchase of new club T-shirts. We also approved purchase of GPAA Membership Kits. While it is dredging season on the Lewis River Aug 1-15, we have scheduled several outings so members can use our Club's new Highbanker/Dredge combo.

Debbie Witcher won the gold nugget at the raffle and Visitors Bob, Dar and Les won gold also.



**GPAA Gold and Treasure Show, Portland Oregon, March 28-29, 2015**

**Portland Expo Center.**

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And On Facebook: **Southwest Washington GoldProspectors**

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.

Go on outings to enjoy the pleasures of the outdoors and prospect 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 fee or age requirement.

**Join in the Fun!**

**Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors**

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

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