

# South West Washington Gold Prospectors May 2016 Newsletter

## Letter from the President

### Presidents Message

Looks like summer is here a little early, so the time has arrived for all of us to enjoy the outdoors. Be sure to take the safety precautions while mining as the rivers and creeks are still very cold. Our chapter has a lot of fun and exciting things coming up. We have a lot of outings being talked about and scheduled. Our picnic is fast approaching and is always a lot of fun. We have some projects we are working on and as always we can use a few more volunteers. We will have sign up sheets at the meeting or you can contact me to help. Most only take a few hours of your time but are a tremendous help to the chapter. I hope everyone enjoys the summer. See you at the next meeting!

Debbie Witcher



## Membership Committee

When you are signing in for attendance at the SWWGP meeting please be sure to verify name spelling, correct address w/zip code, e-mail address and phone number. If you are a current GPAA/ LDMA member be sure to let us know and give us your GPAA/LDMA membership number.

We are in the process of updating our records. Thank you for you help, Richard Pluff Jr. 503-957-6884

## 2016 Picnic

Our picnic is scheduled for July 31,2016 at Lewisville park, at the Dogwood shelter. This is a great time of the year for us all to gather and have fun. Some of the activities will include panning, equipment demo ( this is an opportunity for you to see how different equipment works before you make a purchase.

We will have at least one metal detecting class (bring your detector ). As well as our special raffle (SWWGP picnic style) and we will be playing Bingo. Lots and lots of food, fun and much more!

Please remember to sign up how many in your family will be in attendance and what food item you would like to bring. This is a great opportunity to bring and share your favorite summer dish.

If you are able to help out please notify Debbie Witcher 695-3215

## Are you a LDMA /GPAA member?

Please remember to give us your membership number when you sign in attendance at the meeting. When you renew your membership be sure to tell the GPAA that you want SWWGP to be credited for your renewal. If you write an article for the prospectors magazine, plan an educational outing ,or any other effort for the chapter or GPAA/LDMA let us know so we can help you submit the paperwork to get our chapter credit for your efforts.

What are the points good for? Take a look at the booklet on the back table (please don't take it with you) there are a lot of items we can get for the chapter. GPAA is working on updating and adding more items to this list. Every three months our points are updated and will be announced at that months meeting. Points do not expire so we can save them for any number of items. We have a points committee that is working on tracking pts. Bob Brown is the chair person for that committee. He and I are working with the GPAA on a tracking process so we will be awarded all the points we have coming to us. Getting this organized is a slow process and involves a lot of work. With a chapter as active as we are the points add up quickly, but we have to track and report them.

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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.			
Committees to be filled:			
Bi_laws			
Laws and Regulations			
GPAA Points tracking			

### Whites Trip

The trip to Whites metal detecting is scheduled for June 17,2016. We need to meet at the Minnehaha Grange at 7 am. We will car pool. We will be going to Quartz Creek for some interesting training. Everyone is responsible for their own lunch. More to follow on this at the June meeting.

### REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS ETC.

We need a complete inventory. This is due to Sec. Mark Matilla no later than the July board meeting. If you need help we will try to get someone to help you.

### AKAU Lodge

If you would like to go to the AKAU Lodge in Nome, AK next year and have not signed up for the trip please contact me right away. We have a few spaces open. The dates are July 28,2017-Aug. 3,2017, and Aug4,2017 thru Aug 11,2017. If we have 20 people for each week the cost will be 1000 dollars each. Regular price is 2500 dollars each. The trip is open to chapter members, family and friends. Ist come first to fill the spots. We also will have a back up list. We are able to make payments to the lodge. The first payment of 250 per person is due end of June this yr. Next payment of 250 is due end of Sept. and balance due end of June 2017. You can pay the whole amount sooner. See Debbie W. 695-3215 for details. All meals are included as well as lodging. Air fare is in additional. We are working on trying to get a group rate and save some money for everyone. More to follow on that. There is an opportunity to go for 2 weeks. Let me know if you are interested.

### Bylaws Committee

I have a list of folks who are willing to work on the by-laws committee to get the bi-laws up-dated, corrected, and cleaned up. We would like to have a few more people help out. It only requires a couple of hours of your time and your input is very important. Even though our bi-laws are in complete compliance with the GPAA we need to update and simplify them. Bi-laws are important because they govern and guide our chapter. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time for this important task.

### Club Name Tags

Any club members that would like a plastic name Tag made for them can place an order at the February meeting. Cost is 7.00 for each tag that includes up to 2 lines of engraving. Questions? Contact David Conti

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Sample

### SWWGP MONTHLY MEETING

The Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors' meetings are the second Sunday of every month beginning at **2:00 pm** at:  
Minnehaha Grange Hall #164  
4905 Northeast St Johns Road  
Vancouver, Washington

All interested parties are invited to attend the monthly meetings. 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!

For information contact:

Debbie Witcher – Chapter President,

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360-695-3215 or visit  
[www.swwgoldprospectors.org](http://www.swwgoldprospectors.org)

## Blue Bowl Instructions

A few minutes spent reading these instructions will save you time and produce amazing results.

Before getting started you will need to wash the interior surfaces with a mild dishwashing detergent such as Ivory, Joy, or Dawn to remove any oily residue. This should be repeated periodically to ensure the Bowl surfaces are clean and oil free. **Never scrub the Bowl with an abrasive, ever!**

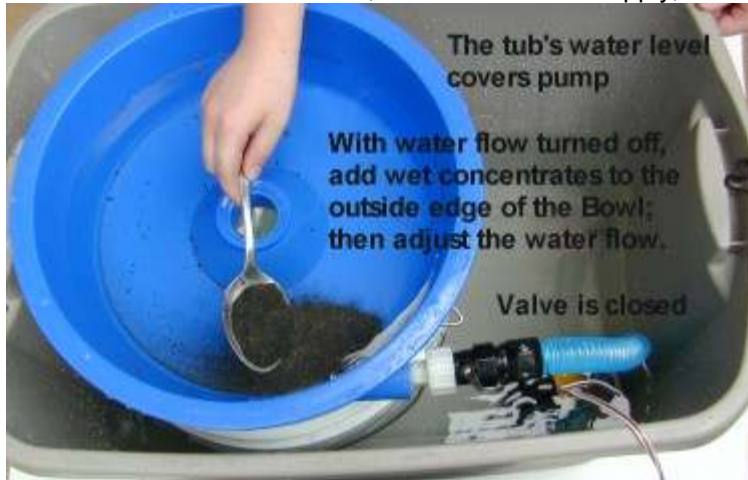
Using a self-contained method is the most efficient and recommended way for processing your prescreened concentrates. First, prescreen your concentrates to at least 30-mesh using a classifier sieve. Screen them into the pail you store your concentrates, with water until you are ready to process them. Keep the concentrates wet with water treated with an emergent such as "Jet Dry" to break the surface tension, and prevent fine Gold from floating over the top of the cone. Jet Dry and similar products are available at most grocery and discount department stores.

A 12-V, 750-GPH submersible pump provides an ideal low-pressure water supply for the unit. Pre-rigged 12-V pumps are available at Pioneer-Motherlode Mining Supply.

Level the Bowl so that the water is even with the top (outer rim) of the Bowl, the Bowl is equipped with adjustable folding legs that extend to level the Bowl on the bucket it rests on during operation. **The use of the optional levelers with hold down clips make the Bowl more stable as it rests on the bucket.**

For optimal results, it is imperative to prescreen the concentrates using a 30-mesh sieve before adding them to the Bowl. Classifying the concentrates using nested sieves (30, 50, 100) will speed up the process considerably. For example, 100-mesh concentrates require more time to process than 50-mesh, etc.

Fill the Bowl with treated water; shut off the water supply, then add one cup of concentrates along the outer edge the Bowl (inside). Always close the water supply valve before adding more concentrates. We recommended adding no more than 1 ½ cups at a time. After placing the concentrates in the Bowl, open the water control valve until the water level reaches the top of the outer rim without spilling over the rim. When the water reaches the top outer rim of the Bowl, adjust the flow to prevent it from flowing over into the 18-gallon tub.



To recover micro-fines, prescreen the concentrates using a 50, or 100 mesh sieve. After adding the concentrates to Bowl, adjust (increase) the water flow slowly until waste discharges over the center cone. Set the control valve to maintain a constant water level. Note: Maintain the water level 1/4" from the top of the outer rim of the Bowl when using 50 mesh pre-screened material; 1/2" from the outer rim if prescreening using 100 mesh pre-screened material.

A good rule of thumb is, the higher the screen mesh number, run lower and slower.

This isn't rocket science... If material flows over the edge of the Bowl, or the water flow is too great causing gold to be swept over the inner cone into the retention bucket, don't panic, the gold will remain in the bucket, or tub for that matter. The learning curve is about as steep as the mountains of Florida. If the water flow rate is too great, cut it back; too low, increase the flow. Watch the discharge over the rim of the inner cone; if you see micro Gold being swept over rim, slow it down a little.

### Blue Bowl Setup Instructions

Place the Bowl over a three-five-gallon plastic pail (10"-11" ID) inside the 18-gallon tub; attach the hose from the pump (water supply) to the Blue Bowl, then level the Bowl. Position the pump inside the tub, beside the pail, about 2" +/- from the bottom (placing the pump in the tub helps avoid getting trash in the pump.) Placing the pump on a common brick works well. Fill the pail with water first; then fill the tub to within two inches of the rim of the bucket; add Jet Dry to the water then start the pump.



**Using optional levelers  
\$19.95 per set**

**You can raise or lower the bowl by turning the large disc clockwise or counter-clockwise while attached to the bucket. The flange will hold the leveler in place as the disc is moved in either direction.**



**Leveler attaches to bucket with flange and support clip**

Once the Bowl is level, adjust the water flow so that the water is running at the top of the outer rim of the Bowl, but not over flowing. An even swirl pattern around center cone is desired. Keep the water inside the Bowl; this will allow the vortex to maintain its strength and remove the black sands from your Bowl.

Note: If there is a small amount of minus 30 garnets, black sand, or other foreign matter that will not wash out of the Bowl, shut the unit down. When the water flow has stopped and the level has dropped, use a bulb snuffer to blow the material to the outer side of the Bowl then restart the unit. Material trapped by Gold can be able to be swept away by the vortex.

It is strongly recommended to wet the concentrates prior to adding them to the Bowl.

Items needed for an optimal re-circulating recovery system:

- Blue Bowl
- 12V pump (pre-plumbed)
- 3 ½ -5-gallon plastic pail (10"-11" inside diameter is ideal)
- 18-gallon plastic tub
- Wetting agent (Jet Dry, etc.)
- Enough treated water to fill the Bowl, pail, and tub to proper levels
- 12V battery, or other suitable 12V DC power source (a 12V, 6-amp battery charger will work in a pinch)

Before cleaning out the Bowl, shut off the water supply and allow the water to settle down. The Gold can then be removed with a sniffer bottle.

The complete nesting Blue Bowl concentrating system is available at Pioneer-Motherlode Mining Supply and authorized dealers. Prices range from \$165.00 a standard kit, to \$209.00 for the deluxe outfit. For optional equipment, contact Frank or Mindy; customized outfits are available through Pioneer-Motherlode Mining Supply.

Panning fine-Gold concentrates by hand is difficult and tedious. The Blue Bowl can recover Gold as fine as talcum powder when setup and operated properly. Every new piece of recovery equipment has a learning curve; the Blue Bowl system is so simple a child can use it effectively, with outstanding results!

## East Linn Treasure Seekers 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Silver Hunt June 25<sup>th</sup> Supporting the local *Kids Food Pak Program*

Night Hunt June 24<sup>th</sup>, starts at dark.

Location: Sweet Home, OR

Hunt Details and Fees:

We kick off the Event with a fun **Night Hunt**, this hunt is Friday Night @ dark. We ask the participants to bring \$3.00 in common coin to toss out before dark. No lights allowed, no back light on detectors etc. We started this a couple years ago for training purposes. Its been a lot of fun so we do it yearly the night before. Pot luck to proceed the Night Hunt.

Silver Hunt June 25th

Time: 10am

Fees: **Pre-Registration:** Common Coin Hunt: ELTS Member \$10.00 Non Member \$15.00

Fees at the gate: Members: \$15.00 non members \$20.00

Silver Hunt: (MAIN EVENT) **Pre-registration** ELTS Member \$25.00 Non Member \$40.00

Fees at the gate: ELTS Member \$30.00, Non Member \$45.00

Clean up Hunt (All fields) must be entered in all Saturday Hunts) \$2.00 per person or \$3.00 @ the gate.

Several of us will camp at the site. \$10.00 per night, dry camping, some power available. No reservations.

Last year ELTS was able to donate \$2500.00 to the local Kids Food Pac Program, the previous year we donated \$1,000. We hope to at least meet or beat last years!

Please feel free to call, text or email me with questions. I will be happy to mail you an application. You are welcome to become a ELTS member as well, then you can take advantage of the discount!

Rita Houston

Oregon Detector Sales

ELTS Secretary

541-401-3197

## MID VALLEY PROSPECTORS



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### MID VALLEY MONTHLY MEETINGS

(No January, April, July or September 2016 Meetings)

The Mid-Valley Gold Prospectors' meetings are the first Sunday of every month beginning at **1:30 pm**.at:

Brownsville Fire Department,  
600 E Blakely Ave, Brownsville, OR  
(541-990-1148)

Become a member of the Mid-Valley Chapter of the Gold Prospectors' Association of America. GPAA membership is not required to be a member and Mid-Valley membership is **FREE!** For information contact: Roy Houtz – Chapter President, [midvalleyprospectors@yahoo.com](mailto:midvalleyprospectors@yahoo.com) or 541-990-1148 or visit [www.swwgoldprospectors.org](http://www.swwgoldprospectors.org)

# SWWGP MAY Meeting and Raffle Winners



# MID VALLEY PROSPECTORS



## MID VALLEY MONTHLY Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by the President.

March Minutes- Linda read the minutes, motion to approve as read, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report given –motion to approve, seconded and passed.

Went around the room with introductions for everyone in attendance.

### Old Business

Cabella's went off great, lot of kids on Saturday, little slower on Sunday with the great weather. Some of the parents were more excited to see real gold in the pan when the kids got done than the kids were.

GPAA Gold Show- We had 11 people on Saturday and 12 on Sunday. Compliments from Brandon on all our help before, during and after the show and getting the equipment packed up and loaded. Vancouver is still working on the books. **\*\*EDIT\*\*** Roy got the show check and members will be slightly surprised with the results at the June meeting.

Mike's panning bags went over well and Art's stickers sold well.

DEQ 700PM- The application and map is finally up on DEQ website. \$25.00 fee again since the surcharge is gone. Permit is site specific for up to three (3) locations, but you can add locations later for no charge. Since you can't dredge in ESH waters, if you are moving less than 50 CY of material a year with a dredge, you don't need the DSL General Authorization permit.

### New Business

The four silver rounds w/nugget we bought for the Gold Show are available to members for \$65.00 each.

Pioneer Picnic- We have 6-8 people already committed for the event. Cabella's is again donating items for the event.

THANK YOU. Art will have his dredge on the trailer for a float in the parade, hoping to have a couple of people to walk along with it to hand out some butterscotch "nuggets".

We were invited to the Vancouver chapter's beach outing on May 14/15 at Cape Disappointment.

Roy is refiling the club claim, due to a paperwork problem. Will be done in the next week or so.

**\*\*EDIT\*\*** Please don't use the club claim as Roy went up to post the new signs and found claim markers from another filing on it. Roy is working with BLM to get things straightened out, but let's not create an issue until then.

There might be a possible joint outing on the chapter claim with Vancouver later.

Vancouver picnic is July 31<sup>st</sup>, we have been invited. Roy, Wendy, and Art had a great time last year. If you go away hungry it is your own fault. Great prizes in their raffle as well.

We have a couple of new items in the library. Pocket Gold of SW Oregon and a prospecting DVD. These were donated to us at the Gold Show.

We now have a facebook page- Mid Valley Prospectors

**\*\*EDIT\*\*** The Sweet Home metal detecting club, East Linn Treasure Seekers, is having a silver hunt on June 24/25<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a night hunt (no lights allowed, not even the back light on the detector) on Friday, and the main silver hunt on Saturday, with a cleanup hunt after. All proceeds go to the Kids Food Pac in Sweet Home. This provides food packs for kids that otherwise might not get much to eat over weekends and school breaks. Art will have the info at the June meeting.

Raffle results- Linda got the 50/50, table went to Roy, George and Becky

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Art Waugh

Secretary

From The Presidents Desk

I hope everyone is having a good month so far. If you go out next weekend please do not go up to Old Farts Dream claim as there is a problem and I'm working with BLM to get it corrected and will let everyone know what is going on at the June meeting. Hopefully it is resolved by then. We will see everyone on June 5th.

President

Roy Houtz



# 2016 Oregon and Washington GPAA Chapters Calendar of Activities

## June 2016

- 05 — Brownsville Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 10 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 11 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 11-12 — GPAA Gold & Treasure Show  
Boise, ID**
- 12 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 14 — Flag Day
- 16 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 18-19 — Bremerton Outing—Chapter  
Claims in Sequim
- 19 — Longview Monthly Meeting
- 19 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 19 — Fathers Day

## July 2016

- 04 — Independence Day
- 08 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 09 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 10 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 16 — Longview Monthly Meeting
- 17 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 21 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 31 — SWWGP/PGPI Picnic—Lewisville  
Park

## August 2016

- 01 — Outing Lewisville Park
- 07 — Brownsville Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 12-15 — Outing Yellow Jacket Creek  
Randle WA
- 12 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 13 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 14 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 18 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 20 — Longview Monthly Meeting
- 21 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting

## September 2016

- 05 — Labor Day
- 09 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 10 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 11 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 15 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 17 — Longview Monthly Meeting
- 18 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting

## October 2016

- 02 — Brownsville Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 07 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 08 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 09 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 15 — Longview Monthly Meeting
- 16 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 20 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting

## November 2016

- 06 — Brownsville Chapter Monthly Meeting

- 10 — Marine Corps Birthday—(Semper Fi)
- 11 — Veterans Day
- 11 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 12 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 13 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 17 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 19 — Longview Monthly Meeting
- 20 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 24 — Thanksgiving Day

## December 2016

- 04 — Brownsville Monthly Meeting
- 09 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 10 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 11 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 15 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 17 — Longview Monthly Meeting
- 20 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 25 — Christmas Day
- 31 — New Year's Eve

## 2016 Oregon/Washington Rock & Mineral Shows

You can view a complete list of the 2016 Rock & Mineral Shows listed for Oregon and Washington by visiting the websites below:

OREGON — <http://www.rockngem.com/ShowDatesFiles/ShowDatesDisplayAll.php?ShowState=OR>

WASHINGTON — <http://www.rockngem.com/ShowDatesFiles/ShowDatesDisplayAll.php?ShowState=WA>

## GPAA Oregon/Washington Chapters

**Auburn — Auburn Green River Valley Gold Prospectors** — 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm. River Estates Club House, 3611 I St NE, Auburn, WA (253-833-2255)

**Bremerton — Western Washington Prospectors**  
2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm., Elm Lutheran Church, 5911 E Hillcrest Dr., Port Orchard, WA (360-830-4613)

**Brownsville — Mid Valley Prospectors** —  
1st Sunday, 1:30 pm. Brownsville Fire Department, 600 E Blakely Ave, Brownsville, OR (541-990-5148)

**Everett — Everett Gold Prospectors**  
2nd Friday, 7:00 pm., Silver Lake-Alfy's Pizza, 9620 19th Ave, Everett, WA

**Longview — Fire Mountain Prospectors** — 3rd  
Saturday, 10:00 am., Bob's Sporting Goods, 1111 Hudson St., Longview, WA (360-274-3396)

**Portland — Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.** 3rd  
Sunday, 12:00 pm., Milwaukie Grange,  
12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, OR (503-258-8553)

**Vancouver — Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors** — 2nd Sunday, 2:00 pm.  
Minnehaha Grange 4905 NE St Johns  
Road, Vancouver, WA (360-695-3215)

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