

South West Washington Gold Prospectors Newsletter

June 2018



Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday June 10th.

The board meeting will start at 12:45 and the general meeting will start at 2:00.



Membership Committee

When signing in for attendance at the SWWGP meeting please be sure to verify name, address, and phone number. If you are a current GPAA/ LDMA member be sure to give us your membership number. Let Mark know if you are not receiving chapter emails.

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Presidents Message

On May 28th 2018 Dale Long passed away and our chapter lost a beloved friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Patti and family.

For those of us who were fortunate enough to call Dale friend we will miss his smile and sense of humor.

Dale and Patti have been board members for our chapter for over 3 years, always willing to help where they were needed.

Dale helped organize and worked at every gold show that our chapter has participated in. He also worked on several committees including the gold show committee and the bi-laws committee. He loved helping with our raffles and was always willing to help in any way possible.

Our chapter will miss him and we will personally miss our friend.

Please respect the family in their time of sorrow.

Rest in peace Dale. Dignity memorial web page has Dale Long's info, His service is scheduled for June 22, 2018, at 9:00 at Willamette national cemetery. Please allow for traffic, may want to ride share for those attending. Our chapter will have a celebration of his life and a bar b que in his honor at a later date.

Respectfully,
Debbie

DAYBREAK OUTING

On May 19 and 20th we held outings at Daybreak Park. There were about 20 in attendance for both days.

Most everyone found color and it gave some folks a chance to try out some newly designed equipment.

We would like to do more outings there esp. since it is close, but we need some people to set a date and be the leader. It involves about 15min to ½ hr of your time.

Any takers? See Debbie W.

LONGVIEW LIBRARY

The Longview Wash. Library has again asked our chapter to participate in a children's education program. The date is Wed. July 18, 2018. We will be teaching panning and talking about our chapter and the importance of our role in the environment. The time will be 2 to 5. We need some help with this event. Please sign up as this is a good cause and part of our education program. Contact Debbie W. for details. 360-695-3215

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Links

Website: www.SWWGoldProspectors.org

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

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

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

Education

The June education will be on screening materials and the different sizes of screens



If you have a topic or idea for future education or would even like to share your knowledge on a topic or piece of equipment please let Mark know.

Election Committee

We need to have some members sign up to work on the election committee and refine the election process. You will make recommendations to the general membership as well as the Board of directors. This will probably involve 1-2 hrs. of your time. The committee will be chaired by one or more members of the executive officers. We will set a meeting time and place that works for the majority of the committee members. We need at least 10 members signed up. The more the better.

Questions contact Debbie Witcher

BINGO BUS

The Bus to Chinook Winds is scheduled for June 30, Sat. Meet at the Walmart parking lot park by Jack in the box just off 205 and Mill Plain Bv. The bus will leave a 9:00 AM. Don't be late cause we don't wait. This is open to all members, soon to be members, friends and family. Must be at least 21 yrs. Old. Cost to ride the bus is a \$15 donation to the chapter and includes 10 bingo games on the bus with lots of good prizes, 1 raffle ticket more is available to purchase, and more. Chinook Winds also provides, a food discount, free play, and raffle prizes.

The bus holds 55 people and we must have a min of 45 for Chinook Winds to provide a bus at no charge. Please sign up at membership table or call Debbie W 360-695-3215. Get you friends to join us. It is a lot of fun and remember this is a fund raising event to help support the chapter. You must sign up as space is lim-

CLAIM REPORT

Please remember to fill out your claim report if you visit our claims. Even if you just go for a hike on the claim it counts. Return report to the chapter. Also take a garbage bag in the event you find any trash that needs to be removed. Keep your gold and fish rules with you. Park in proper area, don't take the chance on getting a ticket or worse have you car/truck towed. These claims are open to SWWGP members.

Any questions, contact Preston Griffin or Debbie W

AKAU LODGE, NOME AK

We are raffling a trip to the AKAU LODGE IN NOME, AK. The value of this is \$2400. You provide your own airfare. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. This is for 1 week in 2019, all meals are provided, trans to and from airport in Nome, lodging clean beds, laundry available, hot showers, several kinds of mining opportunities, area history, and much more. Mining equipment is provided.

This will be drawn at our Dec. Chapter pot luck meeting. Need not be present to win. We must be able to read name and phone number on tickets. Trip must be claimed within 30 days, or it reverts back to chapter. Tickets available to members and non members alike.

Contact Debbie W 360-695-3215

Apparel

Maurene Koppi has a variety of t-shirts for sale, Lots of colors and sizes. She can also do special orders such as jackets , sweat shirts etc., Want something you don't see? Just ask her.

Even though gold is rare, it is far easier to find than winning a major state lottery.



Sportsman Warehouse Outing

One June 2, 2018 our chapter taught panning etc. at Sportsman Warehouse in Orchards Wa. Chris Cosby set this education event up and gave classes on the different types of pans, getting the gold, what he takes with him on a gold getting trip, and why. This was very educational for all. We had about 20 members and interested people. Thanks to Chris and all of our members who came to help.

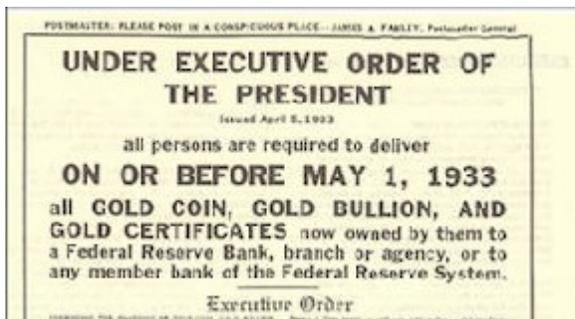
When Owning Gold Was Illegal in America

In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected president of the United States by promising to end the Great Depression, which had driven the national unemployment rate up to 25% and gutted the economy.

During his presidential campaign, FDR promised to lower government spending and taxes, and balance the budget. Once in office, he did the exact opposite. FDR's government spent more in an effort to create jobs and increase consumer demand. He raised taxes to fund the hike in spending, as well key government services. All of this was meant to stimulate the economy while assisting struggling American households, in order to bring the nation out of the depths of the economic depression that had begun with the 1929 stock market crash.

FDR quickly realized, however, that he could not print enough money to pay for his spending program, even by increasing taxes. The Federal Reserve Act of 1914 limited the amount of money that could be printed by the government. All Federal Reserve notes (paper money) had to be backed by 40 percent gold owned by the Federal government. In other words, for every dollar printed, the government needed 40 cents of gold in the bank.

One of FDR's first acts as president, was to declare the fact that Americans were withdrawing their gold and currency from the beleaguered banking system "a national emergency." He ordered all banks to close from March 6-9 "in order to prevent the export, hoarding, or earmarking of gold or silver coin or bullion or currency."



Because he believed this action was not sufficient to prevent runs on banks and the resulting drain of gold from the system, on April 5, 1933, one month after taking office, Roosevelt used the powers granted to the president by the Trading with the Enemy Act of 1917 to make gold ownership illegal. He issued Executive Order 6102, which made gold ownership—both in coins and in bars—illegal for all Americans and punishable by up to ten years in prison. Anyone caught with gold would also have to pay a fine of twice the amount of gold that was not turned over

to the Federal Reserve in exchange for paper money.

All Americans were required to turn in their gold on or before May 1, 1933 to the Federal Reserve in return for \$20.67 of paper money per troy ounce. Americans who did not turn in their gold were subject to arrest on criminal charges and faced up to 10 years in federal prison. An exception was made for dentists, who could own up to 100 ounces. Proclamation 6102 also prohibited the use of gold in contracts. This was upheld by the Supreme Court on March 1935, in what were called the Gold Clause Cases.

Millions of Americans waited in long lines to hand in their gold. Many photos from this era are often cited as examples of people getting their money out of the banks when in fact, they were simply turning in their gold in accordance with FDR's new laws.

With gold and paper money now separated, FDR was able to increase the federal deficit by issuing bonds (debt) in exchange for paper money. He used the paper money raised through government bond issues to pay for the many government programs he initiated as part of his New Deal program.

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Sadly, FDR's New Deal did not end the Great Depression. Instead, in 1937, the stock market collapsed by 90 percent and unemployment soared. Then, in the 1970s, the U.S. government removed the last remaining restraint on federal government deficits.

At that time, foreign countries could exchange dollars they received through international trade for gold held by the American government, at \$32 per ounce. In 1971, gold started to pour out of the U.S. government's stockpile due to large deficits in both the federal budget and the trade balance. At 9 PM on August 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon gave a televised speech to the nation, announcing that he was taking the dollar off the "Gold Standard." This move enabled the dollar to float freely against other currencies, and removed the final obstacle to ballooning federal deficits and trade imbalances.

The prohibition against owning gold wasn't uplifted until 1974 when President Gerald Ford—unaware that it was a federal felony to own gold—saw sound-money advocate Jim Blanchard on TV raising a bar of gold and asking from his wheelchair: "Why can I not own this?" Ford signed proclamation Pub.L. 93-373, which legalized gold ownership and also made it legal to include gold clauses in contracts, effective 1977. Ford failed, however, to reestablish gold as a back up to government fiat or the American dollar.

As a result, deficits continued to mount. Today, the U.S. federal deficit is at \$21 trillion with another \$70 trillion in off-balance-sheet debt, which can be triggered if certain individuals or institutions renege on debts that the Federal government has guaranteed. The purchasing power of the U.S. dollar has precipitously declined, as well.

To hear several U.S. presidential candidates remark that "we can always print more money" is disturbing. It was that line of thinking—first with FDR and later with Nixon—that instigated today's mounting deficits and the dollar's declining purchasing power. Printing more money is fraught with the very real risk of creating high rates of inflation that will destroy the purchasing power of the dollar further, and potentially damage every American's savings and the livelihoods of people living on fixed incomes such as Social Security.



Because of its rarity, a gold nugget can be worth three to four times the value of the gold it contains.



Raffle



What will be our "surprise" raffle prize this month???

Our Claims

These are not shared claims. They are for our chapter members in good standing only. Our claims manager Preston Griffin has information available for you.



Humans have been decorating themselves with gold since at least 4000 B.C., according to the National Mining Association.

Safety

June's safety topic will be on personal protective equipment,



Jewelry that is marked 10K is made of 10 parts gold, and 14 parts other metals.



Stories from the Klondike Gold Rush



Not all people headed to the Yukon to seek their fortunes were planning on doing any prospecting. Kathleen Rockwell was born somewhere in the Midwest United States, although she was always pretty vague as to where. A dancer by trade, she started out in chorus lines and on the vaudeville stage, but the amount of money that could be made off of miners and prospectors was impossible to pass up.

She found her place in the Savoy in Dawson, Yukon, where she took the stage name "[Klondike Kate](#)" and became famous for both her renowned "Flame Dance" and her daring pink tights. She was so popular that she was soon earning gratuities, tips, and a portion of the profits—according to Kate, she made more than \$30,000 in her first year onstage. That's a good amount of money even today—in the 1890s, it would have been simply staggering.

Kate was so popular with the miners, in fact, that they would hand her gold nuggets just for stopping to speak with them on the street. Sadly, her personal life wasn't as happy, and it took a turn for the worse when she met and fell in love with a man named Alex Pantages. He moved to Seattle with a promise to bring her with him so they could marry—instead, she found out he went on to marry someone else. She ultimately married twice, and she died in 1957 after [writing her life story](#) and trying to debunk the idea that she was a gold digger.

CPR/ FIRST AIDE CLASS

Don't forget to sign up if interested.

	Scheduled Events
6/10	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
6/22-6/24	GPAA/LDMA Outing Burnt river Or
6/24	Prospecting outing (Chapter claims) Lead needed
6/30	Bingo Bus
7/8	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
TBD	Polka dot mine TBD
7/21	Prospecting outing (location TBD)
8/4	Picnic (Lewisville Park)
TBD	Dredging outing TBD
8/25	Prospecting outing (location TBD)
9/9	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
9/26-9/30	GPAA/LDMA outing Burnt river OR
10/14	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
11/11	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
12/9	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings

What do you mean gold can float !



You always hear people saying that you should add jet-dri or some de-greasing agent/soap to your pan when you are doing your cleanups or working with your concentrates. I know some people that don't believe gold will float.....but here I have a nice example of a floating piece of 20-25 mesh gold.

Surface tension is a property of the surface of a liquid that allows it to resist an external force. It is revealed, for example, in floating of some objects on the surface of water, even though they are denser than water. The surface of the water behaves like an elastic film and is strengthened by the addition of oils.

A surfactant, in this case jet-dri or dish soap breaks up the bonds between the oils in the water and decreases the natural surface tension of the water by 3 times.

So when doing clean ups, add 1-3 drops of jet-dri or soap to your pan to minimize surface tension and floating gold. Too much soap can also be bad.....if the water you are panning in is all bubbly/sudsy, small gold can attach to the bubbles surface and float out of your pan.

Raffles

We have had great feed back from you on our raffles. Both the regular raffle and the secret raffle.

We have a really sweet secret raffle prize planned for this time, so come to the meeting and buy your tickets.

Remember tickets sales are part of what helps to support our Chapters expenses, Rent etc.

Jim Erickson is doing a fantastic job with the raffle!



Still In Need of Treasurer

Mark is filling in as treasurer for the time being until we have a new volunteer. Mark as you know is not only the chapter secretary, but also newsletter editor, so it is important that we find a volunteer to fill this position.

If you are interested or have any questions please talk to Debbie, Mark, or Patti Long who was a previous treasurer. We will go over what is involved and expected with this position.

Watch the chapter calendar, on Facebook, web page, and newsletter as well as special emails for outings and event dates and updates.

PICTURES

If you do not want you or you childs picture taken and possibly shared with other on facebook, website, or newsletter, you must let the photographer know. We share pictures from all outings, meetings, and events.

GPAA Kits

We still have a couple of GPAA kits with membership, and remember if you are renewing your membership to be sure to let the GPAA know to credit our chapter with your membership.

They are also giving out 50 year pins this year if you renew



Dog mushing wasn't the only way to get around Alaska. Stampeders used horses, reindeer, ice skates and even bicycles! One adventurous young man, Ed Jesson, left Dawson Canada on February 22, 1900 astride a bicycle that he had just learned to ride the week before, and arrived 1000 miles away in Nome on March 29, tired, bruised and almost snowblind.



Jesson wrote that the bicycle "stood the trip in splendid shape and to my great surprise I never had a puncture or broke a spoke the entire trip." With the frozen Yukon River as his trail, Jesson encountered some pretty rough traveling, "but," Jesson said, "it didn't eat anything and I didn't have to cook dogfeed for it." Jesson was not the only one to use a bicycle for transportation; others tried similar feats with varied degrees of success.

The word "gold" comes from the Old English word "geolu," meaning yellow.



Board Position Open

If you would like to be a board member or know someone who would, please contact Debbie W. at 360-695-3215. Requirements are simple: attend a board meeting once a month just before our general meeting about an hr to 1 and ½ hrs extra of your time. Be a current GPAA member, and a chapter member in good standing for 6 months or more. Board members make decisions and recommendations on things that are in the chapters best interest.

3 Month Raffle

We will be starting our 3 month raffle at this meeting. All gold related products. Raffle winners will be drawn at our annual picnic Aug. 4th, 2018.

Filming

Some of our chapter members are filming and taking pictures of outings and events the chapter participates in. If you object to having your picture or your child's picture taken and or posted on our web sites etc. please notify the person doing the filming. We have placed a disclosure on the web page that applies to the Facebook pages as well. If you do postings please take note of the disclosure and follow it.

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 their family as well.

aerickson@q.com



Club Name Tags

Any club members that would like a plastic 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
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360-256-0892



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,

ddwitcher@yahoo.com or 360-695-3215 or visit www.swwgoldprospectors.org

Collection for Veterans



Don't forget that we are continuing to collect food, toiletries, warm clothes for veterans. Pet food for their animals. Please bring your donations. Boxes will be provided.

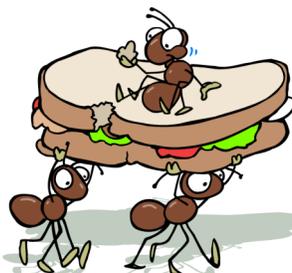
2018 Picnic

Our picnic is scheduled for Aug. 4th at Lewisville Park, Dogwood Shelter 9-dusk.

There is a parking fee. Please sign up with the number of folks you will be bringing so we know how many to plan for. This is a pot luck, the Chapter will provide the meat, dinnerware, and condiments. "Chef Jeff" will be bar b queing again.

This is open to all friends and family, and soon to be members. Games, prizes, swimming, mining opportunities, and much more.

Sign up at membership table.



Buy Sell Trade

There will be mini high bankers for sale at the next meeting

Have something to sell or give away? Looking for something to buy? This is a free service to our Chapter members. Please send an email to Mark Mattila with the information and pictures at chipper49 @outlook.com

OPEN POSITIONS

We need some Sgt. At Arms.

Duties include setting up chairs and tables at the meetings, passing out materials, putting away of chair, tables at the end of meetings.
Also we need a couple of board members, must be GPAA and chapter members in good standing.

Talk to Debbie W. for details.

Jim Erickson needs 2 people to help him with the raffle at the meeting. See Jim.

POLKA DOT OUTING

Don't forget to sign up for the outing at the Polka dot mine in Madras Oregon, on Sat. June 16th 2018. There are newly discovered thunder egg beds to dig in!!!! See Rick Beehler or Debbie for details. Sign up at membership table. Sign up is preferred but you can just show up on Sat.
(and no you do not go into a mine)

GOLD AND FISH RULES UPDATE

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>

There is a new gold and fish book out on June 1,2018. You can copy the front cover and the new pages and attach to you existing book. Know what applies to mining/panning and make sure you keep it with you.

On April 14, 2018, the Fish and Wildlife Commission directed WDFW to begin rulemaking to require individual Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) permits for all suction dredge mineral prospecting.

What are the proposed changes? WDFW's goal is to modify rules to authorize suction dredging activities through individual HPAs rather than under the Gold and Fish Pamphlet.

WDFW's objectives in this rulemaking include: Develop an individual HPA application method for suction dredging that is streamlined; Develop application and reporting methods to enable WDFW to determine: the number of prospectors engaged in suction dredging and where and how much suction dredging occurs; and Identify methods to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species through the movement of suction dredging equipment into and around the state.

The next closest meeting in Olympia is July 19th in the Natural Resources Building, Room 172 from 7:00 PM—9:00 PM
1111 Washington St. Southeast, Olympia WA 98501



May 2018 SWWGP General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:10 68 members in attendance.

Minutes were read and approved

Treasurers report read and approved

Voted to no longer adopt the yellow jacket and easy money GPAA claims . Debbie will notify the GPAA

Matt Barner resigned from board due to personal obligations

Equipment manager Don Spillman will inventory equipment and have report at next meeting.

All expenditures will be presented at board meeting and must be approved before being reimbursed. All committee chairs have a budget and need to stay within that budget. President, vice president and Sec. Treasurer can approve minor expenditures during the month. If not approved you will not be reimbursed.

If you do not want your or your child's picture on Facebook, newsletter, or web page, it is your responsibility to let us know. We take lots of pictures at chapter functions and like to post to let members etc. about our activities.

Members are not to commit Chapter financially or otherwise without prior approval of board and/or president.

Report on Myrtle Point kids outing. Great job by those who attended. We have been invited back next year. Date to be announced.

We asked chapter to provide gold as part of our continuing community education program.

Chapter voted to again participated in this event next year and provide gold and vials.

Debbie reminded us that education is part of our mission statement and that includes education in the community not just within the chapter meetings.

We asked chapter to provide gold to the education outing at the Longview Library kids program and the Sportsman warehouse Demo as part of our community education program.

Chapter voted to provide gold and vials.

Board voted to ask membership to pay Jim Erickson \$300 for the AKAU lodge trip , the trip will be used as a 6 month raffle prize to be drawn at the Dec, meeting.

Chapter members voted to approve expenditure. Trip is valued at \$2400.

It was suggested we look into stickers, ribbons, etc. to identify our members cars when using our claims.

We are considering a small donation to AMRA. Preston Griffin said he will try to contact a member of AMRA to come to chapter meeting and talk with us.

Members voted to no longer have the medical info sheets since we provide the medical info cards which are more accessible.

3 month raffle prizes we announced. Tickets on sale now.

We are in need of about 5 sgt. at arms for the chapter. Several of our current sgt. At arms will be out of area for summer.

Chapter members were reminded that the claims we have are private claims and open only to chapter members. Please fill out a report and carry out and trash you might find.

Preston Griffin and Steve Lewin presented our education segment of the meeting.

Bill Birdwell presented the safety segment.

Rick Beehler talked about the upcoming Polka Dot mine outing, please sign up at the membership table. Rick is the lead for this outing.

Break

Raffle drawing.

**Thanks to these companies for supporting our activities.
Members may advertise free by submitting a business card.**

Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal
Pickup

Topside Mining

Northwest Detector Sales
503-936-1443

9 Cent Color Copies
360-896-7220

Creekside Prospecting

Roaring Camp
209 296-4100

Whites Metal Detectors
1-800-547-6911

Armadillo Mining

Spin it Off

Chinook Winds Casino & Resort

Fossickers

Thrive Life

Quick Badge

Danas classic Flowers and
Gifts

McCord's Vancouver Toyota

Danner Boots
877-432-6637

Danas Classic Hair Supply

AKAU Lodge
760-500-1329

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Packwood Prospecting and
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American Mining Supply

Designs of all kinds
360-892-5597

Nayhely's Place
360-571-7088

The Gold Lab

Gold Getter

Wilson Brothers

Avon Products—Bug Guard
971-212-5996

AAA Precious Metals
503-253-8591

Sportsman's Warehouse
360 604-8000

Oregon Treasure Trail Society

Pro Caliber

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.