

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors November 2020



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would like to wish each and every one of you A Happy Thanksgiving. It is unfortunate that we will not be able to spend the holiday with family and friends. Take a moment and reflect on the blessings we have and cherish our family and friends. I am sure we are all glad for what we do have. I am looking forward to the time when we can all safely gather and hold our meetings and event again Be kind to each other! Happy Thanksgiving!

Your President

Debbie W.



FACEBOOK INVITATION

Rick Beehler administrator of the official SWWGP facebook page would like to invite you to join our members page. Please contact Rick at rickbeehler@ymail.com to sign up. Since we do not give your information out to anyone as promised you need to make the contact. Rick will not give your info to anyone else.



MEETING, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

As of Nov. we will not have a Dec. meeting. I was considering calling a board meeting but since the grange is not open and it does not look like it will be in the near future given the current covid situation we will not be doing so.

The GPAA does not have any major events scheduled for the 2021 year either. Of course things can change, so we will keep you posted.

GPAA DEPOSIT

Our deposit for the outings in May and Sept. at LDMA camps for all of us have been returned since both of those events were not able to be held. The money is back in our checking account.



GPAA/LDMA

Remember you can purchase your memberships on line even though we cannot hold our meetings. You can also call GPAA and make a purchase but please remember they are also dealing with Covid and working remotely. Be sure to credit our chapter with your purchase.



Having the tools that made this project easier did make that time more enjoyable.



A Special thank you for an enjoyable outing with Friends!

Felix Paydirt, Gold Claw, GoldGetter , Dream Mat

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

They help make our activities easier & possible !

Note—This activity was arranged through contacting fellow members who are connected to the clubs SWWGP Facebook “MEMBERS ONLY GROUP” site. It is a safe zone to contact fellow members to put together a small group outing

Coming up in December, I will be posting pictures of the Gold that was panned out and a GUESS THE WEIGHT CONTEST, the person who is closest to the weight will WIN a small DREAMMAT.

This will be open to those who are members registered in the SWWGP MEMBERS ONLY GROUP

If you have not been added to the Members only Group and want to be added;

Email your request to me ;

“Rockbound Rick” at RickBeehler@gmail.com in the subject line please type in SWWGP GROUP

CHAPTER PAYDIRT

ON Oct. 22 Ron and Maurine Koppi, Jeanne Geig and Preston Griffin, as well as Dennis and Debbie Witcher met at Debbie’s home and made up pay dirt bags to sell to chapter members. We spent a little over 4 hours weighing gold and adding it to paydirt, sealing the bags etc. each bags contained a min. of \$10 in gold and 1 of every 25 bags contained an extra \$10+ picker as a bonus.

Most paydirt bags from commercial outfits contain 50 to 80 percent of gold for the price you pay so this was a really good value for chapter members.

If there is enough interest we are planning on making up a limited number of paydirt bags to sell again. We have enough gold for one more batch. Please call Debbie 360-695-3215 to pre-order and reserve your bags. These make great Stocking stuffers for Christmas.



EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT

I am encouraged by the number of members who are checking out equipment and library materials. Remember there is no fee for this so take advantage of the service. Contact Don Spellman, Dennis Witcher, or Ron Koppi for equipment checkout. Dave Conti or Debbie W. for the library.



DONATIONS

We have people who have donated items to the chapter, books, equipment, and raffle items.

Please only give any donations to Jeff Wooldridge, Jim Erickson, Debbie w. or Ron Koppi for raffle and general items.

Don Spellman or Dennis W. for equipment.

Dave Conti or Debbie W for Library.

Kitchen Jeanne or Preston.

Jeff or Debbie can accept any item for the chapter.

We have a member who reported donating equipment to another chapter member for the chapter and to the best of our knowledge it was not turned over to the chapter.

Please do not give items to anyone except the above named people. You are entitled to a tax donation for your income taxes and the above folks have the paperwork for you.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTATIONS

I want to thank all of you who have contributed to the newsletter, please keep those stories etc. coming. Turn them into Mark M.

PASS IT ON

A little over a third of our members do not have an email address. If you know someone who does not have an e-mail address please consider printing the newsletter for them and keep them updated on important messages. E mails are our main communication process right now as well as Facebook, and our web page all requiring computer access.



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Please do your best to support our chapter sponsors in any way you can. Many of them have been extremely hard hit by the shutdown. Some of them are not open for business at this time, but please keep them in mind for the future. Many are able to do business over the phone or on line. Below is a partial list of our sponsors. Designs of all Kinds, Vancouver Toyota and RV., Chinook Winds, AKAU Lodge, Roaring Camp, Dana's Classic hair Design, Prestige Minerals and Gems, River Gold Designs, Armadillo Mining Shop, Packwood Mining Supplies. These are just a few of our sponsors.

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Please remember to support all our sponsors as much as you are able. Given the economy they need as much help as we can give them.