

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors January 2021



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a safe and happy start to the New Year.

Even though we are still unable to hold meetings I remain hopeful that we will soon be able too.

I know that most of us are bored and would like to get together but hang in there.

Many of us are becoming irritable and grumpy but please remember to be kind to one another.

Even though we cannot see each other smiling thru our masks, smile anyway it will make you feel better.

See you soon,

Debbie W.

NEW RULES PLEASE READ!!!

The WDFW has made the decision to change beach mining rules.

WDFW has concluded that there are no exceptions to the requirement to provide proof of compliance with the clean water act. "All motorized beach prospecting will be removed from the Gold and Fish pamphlet and require a standard HPA".

You can still take sand and process in your campsite but you must take your own water and not leave it there, the way it is written... Always check with the park rangers each time... Tom



CLAIMS

If you have been to our claims please remember to drop me a quick e-mail on what you found or did. Did you find any gold? Do any clean up etc.?

I will pass this info on to both Mark and Preston for the records. Preston needs to make a report to the state/feds as required to keep our filing fees down.

Preston will be replacing a sign that has been vandalized.

A MESSAGE FROM LDMA SCOTT RIVER CAMP

Hi Folks!! It's finally here!

Some have heard me talk about this on our Facebook Group or even while you were in camp. Well, HERE IT IS...

When - April 13th-18th 2021 Where - LDMA Scott River Camp, Scott Bar California, 96085

In the spirit of the 49ers, LDMA Scott River Camp is proud to host the 1st "Wild Gold Prospector" Event!

GRANGE NEWS

As most of you are aware there are no activities happening at the grange due to the covid-19 shut down. However, the grange officers etc. have been busy.

There are some drainage problems that they have been working on. Also some issues with the moss on the roof.

There is a fresh coat of paint on the inside, as well as a speaker/sound system that is being installed for all of us to use.

Other upgrades are in the works.

When we can return to meetings we should have some nice surprises!!

FINANCES

Since we are not able to hold meetings and have a treasurer's report I thought you might like a quick update on the Chapters financial health. We have some bills we have to pay every month but overall, our finances are in good shape. With the income from our paydirt specials we have a comfortable



THANK YOU

Ann Erickson wanted to let us know how much she appreciated the flower arrangement we sent in memory of Jim.

CAMP/PICNIC QUICK TIPS

Jeanne and I would like to ask you to submit your tips for camping and picnics.

We will publish the suggestions in the newsletter and pick our favorites. Prizes will be awarded.

Email your suggestions/tips to Debbie W. at ddwitcher@yahoo.com. Here are a few examples:

- 1) Cooking on an open fire? Coat the outside of the pan with dish detergent. The smoke and grit buildup from the fire with wash right off. No scrubbing cleanup is a breeze!
- 2) Have a pitcher or air-tight container with a pour spout. Crack your eggs into the container (don't break the yolks). The eggs will stay suspended in the whites. Makes for easy safe transportation. When you are ready to use the eggs just pour out one at a time as needed. No more broken eggs in camp fridge or cooler.
- 3) Stick candle wick into the sides of a pinecone leaving about one inch at the top for lighting. Pour melted wax over the cone. When wax has cooled, ready to use as a fire starter.

Also, you can put dryer lint into an egg carton, pour over it, let it cool and cut the carton into individual sections. You now have 12/18 instant fire starters. Just light the carton.

Ok, now we got you started let's have those ideas!!



R.V .OUTINGS

I have had some inquiries about setting up a camper section for our members. Anyone with an R.V. or trailer etc. who would be interested in getting together with other members and having week-end trips. Please contact Debbie W. We have many places we can go. This is still an idea in the works and we are still looking for suggestions. This is something we can do now and still stay socially distant and have fun!

Thoughts and Prayers

I just want everyone to know David Jones has been having some medical issues and we need to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

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