



SWWGP Newsletter

September 2021

Next meeting is October 10th, 2021 at 2:00

Board meeting is at 12:30

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

At the writing of this it looks like things may be improving on the covid front. We are all really tired of Covid and it pals, but I think we all understand that this is like the flu, here to stay. Please take the necessary precautions for you and your family and hopefully we will get back to some regularity in our lives.

Hope

OCTOBER MEETING

We are still planning to hold our Oct. 10th meeting. Masks may be required. We will keep you update on any changes.

PICNIC

We were sorry to cancel the picnic but we felt it was in the best interest of everyone.

We were not only concerned about covid but also about the strain on the hospitals and health care system overall.

I had many folks who normally attend tell me that they would not be attending this year because of the things I just sited.

We would rather keep all our members and guest safe.

3 OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

We have 3 open board positions that need to be filled. Please consider volunteering. This does not require a lot of your time, mostly an extra hr. on meeting day. If you are interested or would like to suggest someone talk to any board member, Vice President Jeff or myself with questions. Let me know if you are interested.



GPAA GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW

As many of you know by now next year's show will be held at the expo in Portland. This means that the Portland chapter should be taking the lead for this show and we will help. As of now there is not a meeting planned for the group but I am sure there will be soon. I know the GPAA has a lot of changes in mind mostly because of the pandemic. As soon as I have more info I will update you. Keep in mind that this is a joint venture of all three chapters, us, Portland and mid-valley. It is important that we all co-operate and work together.

TREASURER

We have someone that has volunteered to be the treasurer for the chapter. As you may know Patti Long will be moving out of state with some of her family. First and foremost I want to thank Patti for all of her hard work. We will miss her.

Patti and I have both talked to our volunteer and will be meeting with her shortly. She is a very good fit for the position. We will introduce her at the next meeting and a vote will be taken from the general membership as to accepting her as our next treasurer.

CLAIMS PAPERWORK

I filled out all the claim paperwork for all our claims that are necessary to maintain our claims for another year. The signers on the claims met and took care of having our signatures notarized. Preston, Dennis and I have taken care of the filings. All should be good.

SPORTSMAN SHOW

We are still planning to have a booth at the sportsman's show next Feb. Maurine Koppi is working to get us signed up and will have all the details soon. This is a 5 day event.

This should be a great opportunity for us to give out chapter info and get some new members, as well as teach and refine panning skills. We should also be able to increase our treasury. Your help will be needed and we will have a signup sheet at the membership table for those who are willing to help out.

SUNSHINE

Please be sure to let Debbie W. 360 695 3215 know about anyone we should be sending a get well etc. card to. I will be taking care of that until the Oct. meeting at which time Jeanne Geig will take over. We will be able to give her a current list of members with address.

RAFFLE

As many of you know Kerry had surgery on her hand and needs extra help with the raffle. She should be in a cast by then so let's step up and help out.

We will draw the 3 month raffle winners at the Oct. meeting. All raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds from raffles go to support the chapter. This is one of the few ways we can make money to pay our bills.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment is available to all members in good standing to check out. \$25 deposit refunded if equipment returned, on time, in good condition and clean. Contact Don Spillman, Dennis Witcher, or Ron Koppi to make arrangements.

NAME TAGS

If you would like a chapter name tag let Dave Conti know. They are around \$8. He will be turning an order in soon.

NEWSLETTER

Editor Mark and I are requesting folks to contribute to the newsletter. We are the ones who put this together. I write most of the Chapter news and Mark spends hours putting everything together and publishing our newsletter. He does a fantastic job and we all appreciate his effort. Thanks Mark!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR SPONSORS

The Red Cross recommends that all first aid kits for a family of four include the following:

2 absorbent compress dressings 5 x 9 inches

25 adhesive bandages assorted sizes

1 adhesive cloth tape 10 yards x 1 inch

5 antibiotic ointment packets

5 antiseptic wipe packets

2 packs of aspirin

1 blanket (space blanket)

1 breathing barrier

1 instant cold compress

2 pair of non latex gloves

2 hydrocortisone ointment packets

Scissors

1 roller bandage 3 inches wide

1 roller bandage 4 inches wide

5 sterile gauze pads 3 x 3 inches

5 sterile gauze pads 4 x 4 inches

Oral thermometer

2 triangular bandages

Tweezers

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