

# Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors November 2024

Next Meeting November 10th 2:00, Board Mtg. 12:30



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The holidays are here already. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. For those of you traveling to family please be safe.

See you at the meeting Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>!!!

Debbie W.

## VOTING THIS COMING MEETING

Anyone who is a current member of SWWGP from Nov. 2023 through Nov.2024 will have the right to vote in this election per our current bylaws. To be a member you must have attended any combination of 3 meeting, outings, or events. (this is why you need to sign in at meetings and outings).

You can vote for all board and executive board members.

Current open positions and candidates are:

President Debbie W.

Secretary Van Hord

Open board:

Ron Koppi

Maurine Koppi

Jan Hurtubise

Lisa Young

## ELECTION COMMITTEE

The following people have volunteered for the election committee:

Charlie Hord

Carol Brown

Mike Q

Tammy Binford

Steve Kessee

Dan Kessee

Sharon Garden

Steve Kessee will be the lead for this group.

## **BUCKETS**

We will not have any buckets this month. There will be a sign- up list for next month at the membership table.

## **PAYDIRT**

We will have a new shipment of Colorado paydirt and paydirt from Prospectors Treasure. The new price is \$15 per bag due to the price increase.

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Please make sure that we have your current information. Phone number and e mail, address too please.

With the winter here we may have bad weather and if we need to cancel a meeting, we will e mail a message. We will try to call those with no emails, but you need to call if you have any doubt. We will always decide based on what we hope is safe. Always use your own judgement.

## **EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON**

We still need an education chairperson. If you are interested see Debbie W.

## **MINERS RAFFLE**

The prizes for the miner's raffle are gold piece 1.99 grams. Gold hog flow pan, GPAA paydirt bag from approx. 4 or 5 years ago. Fossil kit from Florida and a gold claw pan set.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Need not be present to win. Prizes will be drawn at the Dec. meeting.

For every 900 tickets sold I will add a prize.

## **SNACKS**

We will be having a baked potato bar this time. Please give us some feedback as to if you like it or not.

## **OUTINGS**

We are working on the outings calendar and hope to have it available at the Dec. meeting for everyone.

## **DECEMBER MEETING**

We will again have a desert potluck. We ask that everyone bring 1 or 2 of their favorite desserts. The chapter will provide ice cream and whip topping. We will have a sign up sheet at the membership table.

# **SWWGP General Meeting Minutes**

**October 13, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Debbie Witcher, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 4 first-time people introduced to the group. There were no October birthday month members.

**Minutes** of the September 8, 2024, meeting were approved as read.

**The Treasurer's Report** was approved as read with details of bills paid. The raffle taxes have been paid.

The group's equipment has been moved to a new storage unit which is less expensive and closer to the Grange. Thanks to the 14 people who volunteered to help move items from Ridgefield. An hours-long project was done in 2 1/2 hours. Equipment can be checked out from meeting to meeting or for 30 days. There is a \$25 refundable deposit. The dredge was sold for \$500 as is after a 1-month rental. The dredge will be used in a project with Washington State University to test monitoring of dredge effects on streams. The previous work which eliminates use of a dredge in Washington was based on 1 stream with the monitoring equipment just 10 feet from dredge.

**Toyota RV** is moving to Battle Ground. The owner has been generous to the group with cash donations. He has proposed having panning taught to kids for the Open House sometime in the spring of 2025. The kids would pan for free with his paying the chapter for the gold used. If adults wish to pan, they would pay the chapter.

**Membership:** 2 new members were given their membership packets.

A membership chair will be needed. This position requires GPAA membership.

Van Hord & Debbie Witcher will update the membership roster. Please make sure your information is correct. This information is very important for the group to have in case inclement weather cancels meetings: emails are sent & telephone calls to those without email use.

**Suggestions are needed for Education, Safety and Outings groups.**

Respectfully submitted by Van Meter Hord, Assistant Secretary

**Safety:** Ron Koppi gave a report on how to safely cross a stream.

There will be **an outings meeting** after the general meeting today. There will not be a chapter group going to Roaring Camp Mining Company in 2025 since only August (very hot) had enough space. Dave Conti is going for a week, May 18, 2025. Suggested outings were Montana's Sapphire mine, Madras Agates, Idaho garnets, moss agate mines, Spokane's Dinosaur Trail.

Territorial Days in Amboy will be July 11, 12, & 13 in 2025. Chapter would get a free booth to teach panning. If participation is to be, the July meeting would be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month: July 20, 2025.

**Elections:** At the November meeting there will be an election for President, Secretary and 5 board members. The election board will consist of 6-7 members who are not running for office: Steve Nelson, Dan Conti, Charlie Hord, Michael Kersteter, Carol Brown, Tammy Binton and Lisa Young. They will oversee handing out and collecting ballots, tabulating results. Debbie Witcher is running for President and Van Hord for Secretary.

**Annual Picnic:** It was discussed and passed to have the 2025 picnic on August 10, in lieu of the meeting.

**Bylaws:** Volunteers to be on a committee to review and update the bylaws. There is a need to formally address how to deal with natural restrictions on meetings, such as COVID, especially during election times.

There are **free buckets** for members. Any not taken today will be given to Dan Rouse of Prospectors Treasure Trove for his customers. There will be more buckets in the future.

**The Grange** recently had a problem with a person who gained access to the building. When leaving, be sure all doors & windows are locked, check where a person might hide, such as in restrooms, behind stage false wall, in furnace rooms.

**Dan Rouse gave the education talk** about various mining equipment and brought many samples of what he has found.

Raffles and Hospitality followed.

Respectfully submitted by Van Meter Hord, Assistant Secretary

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| <b>Executive Board</b>      | (Elected)                      |              |                             |
| President                   | Debbie Witcher                 | 360-695-3215 | ddWitcher@yahoo.com         |
| Vice President              | Tammy Binford                  | 503-766-7814 | kaycbear99@gmail.com        |
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| <b>Committees / Chairs</b>  | Appointed by chapter President |              |                             |
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| Assistant                   | Ron Koppi                      |              |                             |
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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.

| <b>GPAA Points</b>   |                |              |                      |
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| <b>Name Tags</b>   | Dave Conti     | 360-256-0892 | user764554@aol.com   |
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