

## **Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors February 2025**

Next Meeting February 9th 1:30, Board Mtg. 12:00



### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

As some of you know, our Sunshine lady Ann Erickson and myself will try to check up on members who we haven't seen at meetings.

Ann sends out cards to those who we know are sick etc. If there is someone you have been missing at the meetings, please let me know. Also, it is nice if you can also check up on them. Sometimes there is a health or family issue and it is always nice to hear a friendly caring voice.

See you at the meeting!!!

Debbie W. 360 695 3215

### **FEB. MEETING**

Our general meeting will start at 1:30. We have requests to have a short meeting so people can watch super bowl. We will try to be done with meeting no later than 3:30. Board meeting will start at 12:00.

We will meet upstairs for the general meeting and will only take a 5 min or so break before starting the raffle.

### **GRANGE MEETING**

If you are interested in joining and supporting our grange, please contact Debbie W. The grange meets the first Wens. Of the month at 1 o'clock. The meeting lasts approx. 1 hr. Come check it out.

### **BAD WEATHER**

Winter is here and the possibility of snow and ice too, creating unsafe driving conditions.

In the event we find it prudent to cancel a meeting or event Jan will post a notice on our web site and Van will send out an e-mail notification. Please check to make sure we have your correct and updated information.

As always you can call and check with Debbie W. 360 695 3215.

## **CALANDER**

**MARCH**

**9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**APRIL**

**13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**27<sup>TH</sup> POLKA-DOT-AGATE MADRAS OREGON WEATHER PERMITTING**

**MAY**

**3-4 MERYTLE POINT OREGON TEACHING KIDS PANNING**

**11<sup>TH</sup> NO MEETING**

**25<sup>TH</sup> SPECTOR MINE**

**MAY 31**

**CLAIM WITH CHRIS**

**JUNE**

**8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**15<sup>TH</sup> COYATE CANYON MAMATHS**

**21<sup>ST</sup> CLAIM WITH CHRIS**

**28-29 SAPPHIRE MINE GEM MT. PHILIPSBURG MONTANA**

**JULY**

**11-12-13 TERRITORIAL DAYS AMBOY WA. (FUND RAISING BOOTH FOR swwgp)**

**20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**AUG.**

**10<sup>TH</sup> PICNIC**

**16 CLAIMS WITH JAMIE AND TANNER**

**24<sup>TH</sup> CLAIM WITH CHRIS**

**SEPT.**

**7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**21<sup>ST</sup> LAWSONS BAR WITH DAN**

**28<sup>TH</sup> WIND RIVER MINE WITH J.T.**

**OCT.**

**12<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**ALL OUTINGS ETC. SUBJECT TO CHANGE. More will be added. We also need more ideas.**

We have sign-up sheets for all outings and events. If you are interested in one or more, please put your name and phone number down. This does not obligate you but gives us an idea of how many are interested which will help with planning.

## **VALENTINES DRAWING**

When you sign in be sure to get a raffle ticket for the valentine basket. No purchase necessary. One ticket per person.

## **MINERS RAFFLE**

Purchase your tickets for the miner's raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winners need not be present at drawing. The drawing will be held at the April meeting.

Prizes are:

Piece of gold, camping package, mini sluce, clean up buddy, Chinook Winds Resort package.

## **BUCKETS**

We will have a large number of buckets at the meeting. Please let those who have not gotten buckets yet take some first. What is left anyone can take.

## **NAME TAGS**

We will turn in an order for SWWGP name tags soon. If you would like, fill out the request sheet at the membership table. Print your name and title if you have one. The cost will be \$10 to be paid in advance.

## **RAFFLE**

J.T. Buck is joining the raffle committee and assisting Tammy and Jan. Jamie Louie will be giving them backup.

# **SWWGP General Meeting Minutes**

**January 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by President Debbie Witcher, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 6 guests introduced. The 7 January birthday members were acknowledged.

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

**The Treasurer's Report** was approved as read.

Information about the Minnehaha Grange which rents the building out to the SWWGP was given out stating that the grange meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 PM. Any interested in joining can contact present members.

**The February meeting** will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> which is Super Bowl Sunday. After a discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed that the General Meeting will start at 1:30 PM and the Board Meeting will be at 12 noon.

## **Committees:**

**Education:** A chair is needed, give ideas to Debbie.

**Fund Raising Ideas are needed:** Amboy Territorial Days is the only such event scheduled.

**Librarian:** Queenie has volunteered to be the group's librarian, ordering name tags, and keeping plaque updated. Dave Conti has retired from those positions.

**Membership:** Lisa Young gave membership packets to 2 new members.

**Newsletter:** Editor Mark Mattila needs articles, recipes, items of interest to add.

**Outings:** Outings chair Jamie and Kim will lead an outing to their claim on August 16, 2025. A sign-up sheet will be available closer to the date. Next month, the outings calendar should be ready.

**Hospitality:** Give ideas of 'treats' to Jeanne Gieg or Debbie.

**Sunshine:** Ann Erickson sends cards to members who are experiencing illnesses, recovering from injuries, or have lost family members. Please let her know.

**Apparel:** Maurine Koppi must have at least 6 items to place an order. The last order should be arriving in a few weeks.

**Webpage:** Jan Hurtubise says all is well.

**Facebook:** There are still some problems with removing an erroneous site, but Facebook is aware of problem and working with the group to fix it.

**Gold Buyer:** Ron Koppi said gold for Miners Raffle and monthly raffles is covered. There is Pay Dirt for sale.

**Raffles:** 1 more person is needed to help with raffles. Let Debbie know.

The Miners Raffle in April has a gold piece, Chinook 1-night stay with dinner & show for 2, Clean-up Buddy, Mini sluice, Camping package.

Mark Mattila makes display holders for the small plastic containers for mineral, gold & gem specimens. Two sizes can be seen on the raffle table. Contact him if interested in purchase.

**Safety:** The waters are high flowing and very cold: be careful.

Ron went over items ready to be put in the car with winter weather traveling being unpredictable: battery pack for cell phones, flashlight, ice scraper, maps, gloves, cash, blankets, water, food. And check your tires.

Wildfires can occur anytime & place: have a go-bag ready. At home have important documents in a safe place which you can quickly get to if evacuation is needed.

**Education:** JT Buck gave an excellent review of going to Wind River Mine in Skamania County, bringing a group of mineral specimens found there. He had a binder with photos taken. He and a friend did weeks of many hours at the computer looking up information on the site, researching if there were any claims in the area. Research is a time-consuming necessity for a good and safe excursion.

### **Old Business:**

The **AKLU lodge** needs a mechanic for heavy machinery, ATVs, and other equipment. Contact them with your resume.

**Car Show:** It can not be done at the Grange: there is not enough room.

**By-laws:** A meeting will be at the end of the March General Meeting.

**Blanket Drive:** At least 4 tables are now full of donated items. With this amount, local families will receive the bulk with some going to California.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM after the raffles, followed by everyone going downstairs for hospitality.

Respectfully Submitted by Van Meter Hord, secretary

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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.

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