

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors June 2025

Next Meeting June 8th 12:30, Board Mtg. 2:00



Prospecting in Bigfoot Country

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We are getting new folks at every meeting. With Parkersville and Territorial Days we should have a few extra people.

Please take a minute or two to introduce yourself and welcome them. It is always hard to be the new person.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the June 8th meeting.

Debbie W.

NO JULY MEETING

Because we will have a booth at the Territorial Days July 11-12-13 we will NOT have a chapter meeting. The grange is not available for us to use the next Sunday, so no meeting.

There are a lot of open slots to work in the booth at Territorial Days. This is a fund raiser and community education event, so we need as many of us to participate as possible.

For details and to sign up call Debbie W 360-695-3215.



PICNIC

The picnic is scheduled for. Aug. 10th at Daybreak Park. We will bar-b-que Hamburgers and hot dogs. The chapter will provide dinnerware, meat, buns, condiments.

Please bring your chairs, at least one dish for the potluck, your beverage and a couple of bags of ice to help keep the food cold.

We do need a few more pop ups and tables. Let me know if you can bring them.

Jan H. is bringing the barbecue but we need someone to volunteer to cook.

And last, we need someone to go out to the park in the morning around 7:30 and save the area for us. People will start arriving around 8ish.

We will have our raffle, play bingo, draw the winners for the miners raffle, have gifts for kids, and a lot more. Plan to attend for a good time...and as always sign in. Questions please call Debbie W. 360 695 3215.

CALANDER

JUNE

8TH MEETING

15TH COYOTE CANYON MAMOTHS

21ST CLAIM WITH CHRIS

28-29 SAPPHIRE MINE GEM MT. PHILIPSBURG MONTANA

JULY

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

20TH MEETING

AUG.

10TH PICNIC

16 CLAIMS WITH JAMIE AND TANNER

24TH CLAIM WITH CHRIS

SEPT.

7TH MEETING

21ST LAWSONS BAR WITH DAN

28TH WIND RIVER MINE WITH J.T.

OCT.

12TH 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.

PAY DIRT

We have a new shipment of Colorado paydirt, and it will be available thru our chapter store.

T SHIRTS

Remember we have a very good suppl of chapter t shirts. Buy now and save. They are available at the membership table.

SIGN IN

Always remember to sign in and make sure your info is correct at the membership table.





PARKERSVILLE

Sat. June 7th we will be at Parkers Landing in Washougal to teach panning and participate in the Parkersville History Celebration.

Our members will be in mining outfits and period dress. Those of you who signed up to help have the info needed but if you have questions please call Debbie 360 695 3215.

This should be a fun event.

CLAIMS AND OUTINGS

Check your calendars for the upcoming dates of outings to the claims and other events.

The claim owners who are chapter members will be leading the outings to the claims. This is for our chapter members.

Thank you in advance to Chris, Jamie, Kim, and Tanner for being generous with their claims.

COOS BAY/MYRTLE POINT

We had 15 or so folks who attended this outing and community service event, teaching panning to 150 kids and their families.

It was a cold, rainy, and sometimes windy day but the sun did make an appearance or two.

Lunch was provided to all.

Our chapter donated 4 pans and 2 scoops to their raffle to help them raise funds for this event.

The Oregon Hunters Association President again donated some very nice prizes to our chapter to go in our raffle to thank us for our participation in this event.

“Thank You” to all of our members who took the time and spent their own money

to make this trip. I know everyone feels that it is a very worthwhile event and the kids especially look forward to learning to pan and getting the gold every year.

DIAPERS

Please bring diapers to the June meeting. We will be donating them to babies in need.

PET FOOD

Thank you to everyone who brought pet food or donated money at the April meeting. I delivered all of this to the Clark County Food Bank and they will distribute it to those requesting this in our county.



POLKA DOT OUTING

Approx. 20 folks went to the Polka Dot Agate mine to dig for thunder eggs and blue agate. We also had several piles of other types of agate and minerals to choose from.

We were treated to a demonstration of flint knapping and knapping history.

The gentlemen at the agate mine were very helpful and knowledgeable.

We were given a generous discount on the items we purchased.

In all it was very educational and fun.

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