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Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. (LGMC)

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Purpose: To promote activities of mutual interest for collecting and displaying gems and minerals.

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GEODE Submission Deadline:

19th of each month for member articles & photos

E-mail: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

Membership: Annual dues are due in October. Please pay at the monthly meeting or remit to LGMC, PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA. 99336-0603.

Membership Forms: See the bottom of page 13.

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Club Meetings & Upcoming Events

Club Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. At the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7105 W. 10th Ave., Kennewick. Doors open at 6:30 pm for social. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

June 4, 2024 - General Club Meeting. No program, but **TAILGATING will begin in the church parking lot at 5:30 PM rather than 6:30.** Please see page 10 for the list of items you can sell.

June 11, 2024 - Junior Club Meeting at The REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 pm – 8 pm.

June 17, 2024 - Board Meeting, 6:30 pm.

NOTE: Due to the July 4th holiday there will be no Club or Board meetings in July and no Geode newsletter.

A Note from the President . . .



Somehow, we're approaching the halfway mark of 2024 already. The Annual Show was a success, and I wanted to thank everyone again for your help. We've had helpful comments, both supportive and critical, from many members and dealers, and I want to encourage additional feedback if there's something you'd like to discuss with Larry, myself, or the club. Speaking of feedback, I've had inquiries from several members about field trips. It's been disappointing to

Continually affirm that there are no local field trips planned. Last year we visited several highlights in eastern Washington and northern Oregon: Fir Road, Polka Dot, Saddle Mountain, and the Wild Turkey Mine. I "led" three of those field trips, with big quotes around the word "led" because the leaders are mostly points of contact and perhaps the head of a caravan. If there's somewhere you'd like to visit, and especially if you've been there before, please consider making up a sign-up sheet or asking a board member to print one out to lead a trip there.

Field Trip: Spectrum Mine

With a very energetic toddler who prefers to eat rocks rather than collect them, I've been unable to plan extended outings this year. As a trade-off, I've been working to organize one big trip to the Spectrum Mine (fee dig) to collect sunstones. Contact me ASAP if you're interested in attending as the trip is June 7-9 outside of Plush, Oregon. As I write this, I'm wondering if we could visit the Polka Dot Agate mine on the way back on June 9th. Stay tuned and come to the next meeting for details!

Patrick Donohue
LGMC President

New Club Secretary Needed

Treasurer Sally Lyon will be leaving the area in June. To replace her, current Club Secretary Debbie Muller will be taking on the treasurer's role. That leaves the club in need of a secretary. If you'd like to join in planning the direction of the club and become the secretary, please contact a Board member or contact Debbie at Stebduck8051@gmail.com for more information.

And the Club Still Needs a New Webmaster

Webmaster Kevin Fiedler will also be leaving the area and his role as club webmaster. The Board needs someone with website experience, and preferably social media expertise, to take over the webmaster duties. Contact a Board member or Kevin at fledlekr@gmail.com or check out the website listed below.

The Roles and Responsibilities of each position are posted in the Officers and New Members section of the club website <https://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com/>

New Members for June

New Club members for the month of June are Debbie and Kyle Behlen, Matt Engel, Aiden, Aaron, Hollie and Cade Keller, Jaima Nunez, Ron Passage and Sean and Lisa Saget.

Welcome to the Club everyone.

Help the Club and Get a Free Ticket to the Benton County Fair

Would you like a free ticket to the Fair the week of August 20 – 24? Lakeside will give you an adult ticket or a combination ticket and bus pass if you sign up to **help tend our club booth** for a 3 hour shift. We need two people in each of the 20 time slots or a total of 40 names.

Volunteers will be responsible for selling grab bags and other miscellaneous items, and for talking to people that stop by to ask about the club. This is one of the ways we get to interact with people to let them know about our club, so it is an important way you can contribute to the club.

We also need volunteers to help with the setup on Sunday, August 18, and teardown on Sunday, August 25. Both of these are easy jobs that are usually completed by noon.

And **we need people to fill six display cases.** The cases need to be filled before 9 PM on Monday, August 19 and materials need to be removed before 9 AM on Sunday, August 25th.

We will talk more about this at the June meeting and pass around a signup list.

Learn Wire Wrapping from a Pro. Here's Your Chance.

Reminder: Wire wrapping classes with KittyKat Jewelry will be offered June 28th thru June 30th. This is a once-a-year opportunity to learn from a pro. Sign-up sheets from the May club meeting displayed items to be worked on. Items 3 & 4 will be offered on the 28th, items 6 & 7 on the 29th, and items 8 & 10 on the 30th. Both morning and afternoon classes will be offered. Classes will be at 9 am and 1 pm each of the 3 days, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. As noted on the sign-up sheets, costs are from \$30 to \$45 each. Everything is provided for each product, including the pattern.

Those interested in creating a wire wrapping group within the club, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the back table at the club meeting. We would be looking at meeting once a month. Projects will be determined by the group. We can learn from each other, share our insights, and have a little fun while we are at it. It's always more fun when you when you can share with others. For more information, contact Vickie Elkins at vlelkins@charter.net.

June Meeting Rockhounding

REMINDER: There will be NO formal program for the June meeting. A rockhounding sale or exchange will be held in the church parking lot. Rockhounding starts at 5:30. Bring items to sell or trade.

2024 Selected NFMS Club Shows - Schedule

The Shows listed below are a subset of the complete list of club shows provided in the Northwest Federation Newsletter. More complete and specific information can be found in the NFMS Newsletter or online at:

<http://northwestfederation.org/Shows.asp>

June 1 – 2, 2024	Coeur d’Alene Gem and Mineral Show Website: www.northidahomineralclub.org	Kootenai County Fairgrounds 4056 Government Way, Gate C Coeur d’Alene, ID.
June 13 – 16, 2024	Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow Website: www.prineville.rocks	Crook Co. Fairgrounds 120 S. Main St., Prineville, OR.
June 14 – 16, 2024	Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Show No website provided.	Reedsport Community Center 451 Winchester Avenue Reedsport, OR.
June 20 – 23, 2024	Madras Rock Show Contact: madrasrockshow@gmail.com	Jefferson County Fairgrounds Madras, Oregon
June 22 – 23, 2024	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Show Website: www.bitterrootgemandmineral.org	Ravalli County Fairgrounds Hamilton, MT.
June 28 – 30, 2024	Mt. Hood Rock Club Rock and Gem Show Website: www.mthoodrockclub.com	Oregon Army National Guard Recruiting Center, Portland, OR.
June 29 – 30, 2024	Cascade Mineral Society Rock and Gem Show Website: www.cascademineralogicalsociety.org	Kent Commons Comm. Center 525 4 th Ave, N., Kent, WA.
August 2 – 4, 2024	Far West Gem and Lapidary Society Contact: mcdeb1111@gmail.com	Mill Casino (Salmon Room) 3201 Tremont Ave. North Bend, Oregon
August 16 – 18, 2024	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Contact: wamsriverofgems@gmail.com	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy, Rickreall, OR.
September 7 – 8, 2024	Southern WA. Mineralogical Society Contact: swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com	Cowlitz County Fairgrounds 1900 7 th Ave., Longview, WA.
September 21 – 22, 2024	Clallam CO. Gem and Mineral Assoc. Website: www.sequimrocks.org	Burton Community Center 308 East 4 th Street Port Angeles, WA.
October 4 – 6, 2024	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Website: www.facebook.com/groups/prgms	Wingspan Event Center 801 NE 34 th Ave. Hillsboro, OR.
October 5 – 6, 2024	Marysville Rock and Gem Club Show Website: www.marysvillerockclub.com	Evergreen Fairgrounds 14405 179 th Ave SE., Monroe, WA.

Board Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2024

Meeting was Called to Order by Peter at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Patrick, Larry, Peter, Chris, Sally, Mickee, Steve, Lisa, Randy, Wayne, Phyllis and Debbie M.

Treasurer Report: All monies received for show, memberships, saw oil and grit have been deposited. No outstanding bills to be paid. Club financial situation is solvent.

Membership Report: Total 264 members – 229 Adult and Family memberships, 35 Junior memberships

Discussion about having printed paper name tags available at door for those members that have not purchased a formal name tag. These would be picked up at the table in the bag upon entering.

Junior Club Report: Not too much going on right now, new display case available at the Reach; adults would be welcome to arrange a display, although preference is for Juniors to do so. The group plans to meet in July, even though regular club is not.

Policies & Procedures review work is ongoing.

Geode Report: Randy asked if there had been any nibbles on the open Webmaster position. Hearing none, he said he has a friend that does this type of work. He could/would ask, although doesn't expect friend to do it for free.

Randy and Larry received an email that a Chet Volkman from Walla Walla. He says has meteorites for sale. Both Larry and Randy felt that language of the note made them uncomfortable with the veracity of the offer. Questions were "Is he a member of Walla Walla club?" "Have they been authenticated?" "Would he take them to Portland State for authentication?" Randy shared the note with a member known to collect meteorites and took the action to get back to Mr. Volkman declining to post it to the Geode since he wasn't a club member as well as providing contact information to the Walla Walla club for Mr. Volkman.

Programs: June meeting – tailgating begins at 5:30 p.m. rather than 6 or 6:30 p.m.
No regular club meeting in July; although the Juniors will meet.

Old Business: Discussion about the club supply of saw oil and grit: Do we want to buy more oil? Who will store and dispense it? In the past we order and have drum delivered, and Club provides the pump. Believe last cost was \$12.00 per gallon.

Had an inquiry about someone wanted to get two Geodes cut... is willing to pay...this brings up the question does the Club wants to keep a list of member volunteers willing to have these types of inquiries forwarded to them?

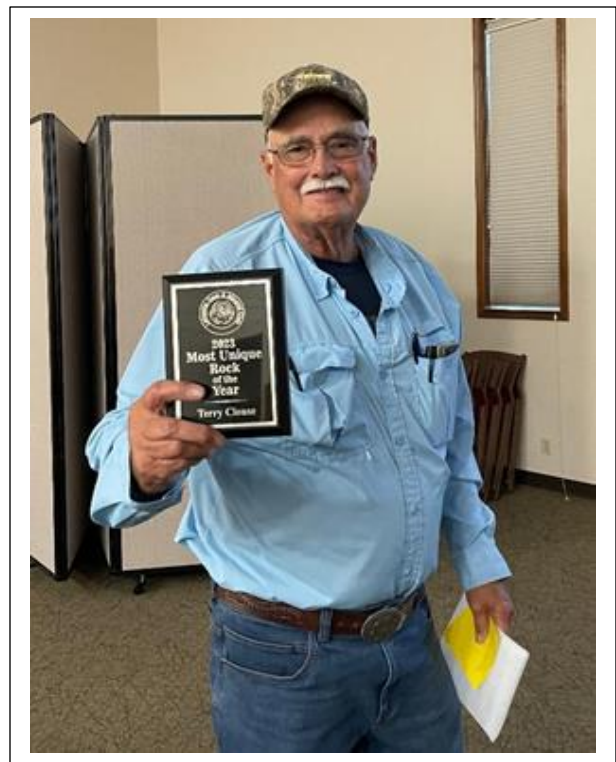
Patrick has all the Library materials. Should mention in Geode that we have these available.

Patrick has 8 people signed up for the June 7 and 8 Field Trip to the Spectrum Mine in Oregon. It is approx. a 7 hour drive. Attendees are encouraged to bring a spare tire as the road is "brutal."

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We finally caught up with the last of our 2023 Year-End Project Winners

Terry Clouse was the final winner of the 2023 Year-End Project Competition to receive his trophy. His rock ham hock “Ham Dinner” won first prize in Category 2, The Most Unique Rock. Congratulations, Terry.



Flat Lap Cabbing Classes and Social/Crafting Gathering to Begin

Beginning July 15th, cabbing classes will be held every Monday and Tuesday from 5:30 to 9 PM. Adult club members only. No children, please. Do not bring thundereggs or geodes to cut, or any thick material. An assortment of slabs will be available. Beginners are certainly welcomed!

The first visit is \$10. After that, the club charges \$2.00 an hour, which is to be paid at the end of each class. The fees go to replenishing the materials used for the class.

The classes will be held at Mickee Madden’s workshop in Kennewick. A sign-up sheet will be available at the June meeting. You can also call her at 509-438-5798 to sign up or ask questions. She will call you to give directions to her home the week before.

Mickee would also like to form a social/crafting club within our club, meeting in her workshop. The initial gathering will be July 21st, from 1 to 3 PM, to choose what days would work best for everyone, and to choose a project to begin with. There is no charge for this. With each project, though, the members will need to have their own materials and tools.

Examples include: Different forms of wire-wrapping; chainmaille, making rock buddy creatures out of tumbled stones; gem trees; etc. It’s about whatever the group wants to tackle, one project at a time.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the June club meeting.

Mickee felt that the Auction portion of our April Show was too, too big. There weren't enough people manning the area to keep an eye on everything. Apparently, someone altered another persons' slip so that it read \$50 instead of \$180 dollars and this person (and the Club!) lost money. It is too fast and chaotic for only 4 people to handle and keep flow going. Mickee will provide a drawing to Larry of how she thinks the area should be set up for next year.

Mickee would like to take on two young people to train how to do the auction correctly. She would watch them the entire time the first year.

Mickee also brought up that the Club needs to hire people to take down the show in future years. The people that ended up having to do the heavy lifting at the end were mostly retiree-aged people who shouldn't have been doing any heavy lifting.

Larry said he is thinking about adding two additional vendors next year to cover the anticipated cost increase. This brought up discussion around how the vendors did this year, what type of vendor(s) to add, vendors not wanting to compete with each other, rotating a couple of vendors each year, and that dealers prefer less dealers rather than more. We had a good mix this year, without a lot of duplication. There was a lot of "late" interest.

Sally asked if there had been any interest in the positions available – e.g. Librarian and Treasurer. There had not, so Sally suggested Larry temporarily be the treasurer, as he is already on the account. Debbie M. offered to assist/apprentice so Larry wouldn't have too much work. Discussion ended with Debbie accepting Secretary/Treasurer dual role until a new Secretary is found, whereupon she would transfer to Treasurer solely. Voice vote passed.

New Business

Mickee is setting up her shop to have Cabbng Classes. She will get the Club equipment from Larry. There was discussion about how much to charge, ending with a probable \$10 initial fee and \$2.00 per hour. Attendees will need to be Club members and will have to sign the Club Safety Waiver. Class size will be limited and a record will be kept for the monies collected.

Mickee also plans to host a lapidary Social Club at her home. This would be free and topics and hands-on work will change as the group decides. It is for what people want to do and to have others to do them with. Examples included wire wrap, chain-mail, rocks, and rock buddies.

Silversmithing class arrangements are coming together. Will be either a two or three-day event, probably after the Fair. There is going to be a 10 person minimum. Cost will be \$80 per session and will have to be PREPAID. The first day attendees would make a pendant, the second day would be making rings, and the third day, should we choose to have one, would be whatever they want.

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It's Field Trip Time - Remember the Federation Code of Ethics

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. endorses the Code of Ethics adopted by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. It also informs its members that several State and Federal agencies regulate collection of rocks, minerals and fossils found on public lands within their jurisdictions. One example is BLM regulations for Rockhounding on Public Lands provided at <http://www.blm.gov/or/>
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

CODE OF ETHICS

A large measure of the enjoyment of our hobby consists of collecting in the field. For that reason, the members are proud to endorse the following Code of Ethics:

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately-owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the “Golden Rule,” and will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

Lakeside Club Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the Club President, Patrick.

Old Business

There is a video on YouTube from Currently Rockhounding about our April 2024 show. The video can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ch7EAlrZFY&t=946s>.

Our 2025 club show date has been set as the last weekend in April. The prior weekend is Easter.

April Show Tidbits:

- Attendance at this year's show was 1374 – down about 275, which could be due to the nice weather & other events.
- 135 Geodes purchased and cracked.
- Silent Auction earned the club \$1960, consignment members \$1200, Junior Club \$1840
- Club made \$12,500 after all expenses except Bennett Rentals and a cake purchase.
- ATM earned the club \$51.00 after vendor got their full up-front requirement met.
- “Between the Buns” food vendor had to depart early. The county food inspector shut them down because of a hand washing station issue.

New Business

- NW Federation and Hatrock Hounds next weekend at the EOTEC facility in Hermiston, OR.
- Sunstone trip sign-up in back – drive down June 7th (7-hour drive) overnight camping/RV or some lodging. Be sure to have extra tire(s) and water. Club President Patrick will lead the trip.
- The mine will hold its annual Spectrum Mine Extravaganza on June 15 and 16. Free day digging, hot dogs, music and more.
- June 28-30 Kitty Kay Wire Wrapping classes will be held. Sign-up sheets are available in the in the back today so Kit Kat knows the amount of materials needed.
- August 20-24 - Benton-Franklin County Fair. The club needs volunteers to help with cases, the booth, Set-up and Tear down. See the article in this issue of the Geode.
- October 5th Riverfest - will need volunteers - 10 am – 3 pm and set-up
- The club needs a new Club Librarian.

New/First Time attendees introduced themselves and drew a key chain. Door Prize drawings were held.

The club took a 10-minute break

Terry Clouse received his award for his 2023 Most Unique Project - the “Ham Hock” Rock

Larry presented “Basic Elements of Showmanship” and encouraged additional participation in showing. Larry also presented some photos of entries into the show as examples of showmanship principles.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Muller, Secretary

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Larry reported that he requested a quote from SunWest Sports for 50 hats for the Club to sell (25 each of two styles). SunWest gave him a quote of just over \$900 dollars and then offered to donate them (i.e. FREE) to the Club. Larry immediately placed the order.

Junior Club probably needs a supply of shirts. An inventory will be taken and provided to Larry.

The Benton-Franklin County Fair is coming up in August. Sign-up sheets for manning our table and display area will be available at the June meeting. (Since there is no meeting in July, this will hopefully allow for good notice for signing up.) Fair dates are Tuesday, August 20 – Saturday, August 24.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Muller
Secretary/Treasurer

Bringing Back a pre-COVID Tradition: Badges

Given the number of new Club members over the past several years, the Board would like to bring back a long-standing tradition that fell by the wayside during the COVID years: Badges. If you have a badge from the April Show, please bring it to the June meeting. If you have a purchased badge, please wear it.

Thinking of Selling Something at a Club Shows Auction or Other Club-Related Activities?

Following is a list of items the Club Board has determined can be sold at Club shows, [auctions](#) and other club-related activities:

- Rocks, [minerals](#) and fossils (specimens and rough).
- Jewelry, jewelry-making [equipment](#) and supplies.
- Lapidary and carving rough and associated equipment and supplies.
- Rockhounding equipment and supplies.
- Faceting rough and associated equipment and supplies.
- Gold panning / metal detecting equipment and supplies.
- Flint knapping equipment and supplies.
- Magazines, books, [DVDs](#) and CDs associated with any of the above items / topics.

The items you sell must be directly related to minerals, rocks, [fossils](#) or jewelry.

Please remember that what we sell reflects directly upon our club and tells the public what we are about.

Club Considering a List of Members Willing to Cut Rocks for Non-Members

Do you have a rock saw (or two) and would be willing to cut rocks for non-Club members? In response to recent inquiries, the club is considering developing a list of members who would be willing to cut rocks for non-Members. A small fee is being considered. If interested, let Patrick know at the Club meeting.

Classifieds

Mike Zinski's workshop is available for lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: gemmakermz@cs.com.

Tumbling Grit is available to Club members through Mickee Madden and is sold in 2 pound bags only. Please have exact change at pick-up. Club members can contact Mickee at 509-438-5798.

- 60/80 grit \$5.25
- 220 grit \$6.55
- 600 grit \$8.00
- Cerium oxide polish powder \$18.30

NOTE: For every ten pounds of tumbled rock you donate to the club, you receive a 2-pound bag of 80/90 grit or 220 grit. Please, no river rock. Thank you.

New American Federation of Mineralogical societies Website.

The AFMS has updated its website. It has a new look and is very usable. Check it out at: <https://www.amfed.org/>.

Update— AFMS Display Case Uniform Rules, 9th Edition Now Available

Larry Hulstrom, AFMS Uniform Rules Chair for 2023, has announced that the rules for AFMS Display Case Contests have been updated. The 9th Edition of the AFMS Uniform Rules can be found at <https://www.amfed.org/contests/Rules>

Reminder: Club Membership forms are available online at:

<https://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com/officers---new-members-info.html>

You might be a rockhound if:

- your spouse asks you to stop identifying the mineral occurrences in roadcuts at 70+ mph. Or,
- you visit yard sales and estate sales looking for rocks and minerals.

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers Email: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

President	Patrick Donohue	Director	Wayne Larson
Vice-President	Peter Kovich	Director	Jane Moore
Secretary	Debbie Muller	Federation Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Debbie Muller	Junior Club Lead.	Pauline Schafer
Past President	Chris Sorensen	Bulletin Editor	Randy LaBarge
Program Director	Vacant	Librarian	Vacant
Membership	Lisa Noland	Webmaster	Kevin Fiedler
Sunshine	Vacant	Historian	Mickee Madden

By-Laws specify two year elected terms for Board Members, beginning in November. President, Vice-President and One Director begin terms in even numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer, and a Second Director begin terms in odd numbered years. The Federation Representative, Junior Club Leader, Bulletin Editor and Committee Chairs are Board-approved volunteers. By-laws can be found at: www.lakesidegemandmineral.com.

Rockhound Legislative Advocate

When notified by the AFMS, the NFMS, ALAA or club members about legislative issues that will affect rockhounding activities, we will forward that information to club members via email lists.



Club Affiliations:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)
 Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS)
 American Lands Access Association (ALAA)

<http://www.amfed.org>
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms>
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