

## **President: Vincent Thurkettle, Great Britain**

My Friends,

I have been a gold-pro prospector for 31 years. I have attended World Goldpanning Championships for 19 years. I have had a place on the WGA World Council as a National Representative and then a member of the Board for 18 years.

I enjoy all that gold can bring us – friends, travel, adventure, money, romance, history, tradition and knowledge. Over the years I have met with many of you to talk about gold or competition techniques, or rivers, music, food and drinking, or our families and children; in fact just about everything life is!

Gold breathes ‘life’ for us and I love it!

Vincent Thurkettle

