

Chairman of Competitions Committee: Ken Karlsson, Sweden

My name is Ken Karlsson, and I am a 52 years young man from Kopparberg, Sweden. The interest for gold and goldpanning started as a general mineral interest which I have had since I were a small Boy. But then, since we started with goldpanning competition in Kopparberg in 1984. And I was one of those who took the initiative to that, since that it has been gold and nothing but gold, that matters for me.



I went to my first World Goldpanning Championship in Tankavaara 1987, and have been to 18 Championships so far. 1991 when Kopparberg hosted the Championship I was working as judge and scrutineer. I have been a member of the Swedish Goldpanning Associations executive committee for some years, and I have also been president of Kopparberg Goldpanning Association for 7 years. I am a member of WGA rule committee.

Although, the most important thing that have happen to me, concerning goldpanning, is that I meet my wife Ulla, during the Championship in Scotland 1992. Together with her, I run my own firm Gold&Adventure, in which we teach

people (so far approx. 30.000) how to pan for gold, and we also tell them a lot of the history of gold from all over the world.

For me the World Champion competition is the highlight of the year!

With best regards
Ken Karlsson”

