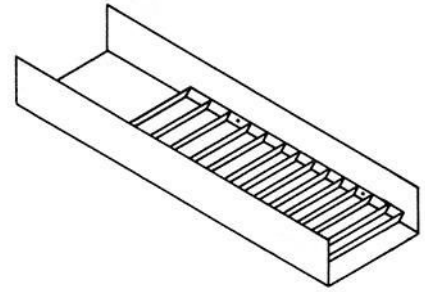




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THE SLUICE BOX

November 2017

DCPA meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Pine Grove Community Church, 1729 Buckhorn Road, Roseburg, OR 97470 at 7:00 pm. There is an optional potluck starting at 6:30 pm. The Board of Directors meeting is at 6:00 and open to all members.

Dues are \$12 per year for single or family. All members need to attend at least 4 functions (meeting, outing, gold show, picnic, etc.) to qualify to mine on our claims unless it's an official outing.

Sunshine: If you know of anyone who is ill or has had a death in the family, etc., let me know so I can send them a card. Nick: 541-993-2372 or houseofgall@gmail.com

From the Meeting:

- Called to order at 7:02 PM
- Minutes from the last meeting were read
- Motion was made to approve the reading of last month's minutes, and the motion passed
- Door prize ticket was drawn and given (we mixed door prize drawing times up a bit)
- President Gary Sturgill asked Mike for any claim updates; read on to hear more about that
- We discussed the last outing to Whiskey Run
- We announced the next outing to Red Mine #9, and discussed how to mine it
- We drew another door prize
- President Gary Sturgill announced the next Gold Show meeting for the following Wednesday at 6 PM at Abby's Pizza on Diamond Lake

- President Gary Sturgill asked if there were any other volunteers for 2018-2019 Officers, and unsurprisingly, no one piped up, so:
 - President Gary Sturgill made a motion to elect the nominees as volunteered, and the motion carried
 - So, This means that next year, our Board of Officers are:
 - **President: Scotty Rintoul**
 - **Vice President: Kris Webber**
 - **Secretary: Nick Gall**
 - **Treasurer: Gary Sturgill**
 - **Claims Director: Mike Eshelman**
 - **All other electable positions remain empty**

- Treasure Hunt: Nick Gall and his in-laws went up to the New White Quartz claim, rounded up the treasure box, took their respective treasures, and brought the box to this meeting
 - President Gary Sturgill said we'll figure out what to put back in the Treasure Box, and we'll hide it again
 - President Gary Sturgill asked Nick Gall if the box was easily accessible, and Nick confirmed it was

- The Christmas dinner on December 11th, 2017 was discussed.
 - Dinner will be served at 7 PM
 - Nick Gall was available to sign you up and take your money
 - The rest of the dinner details are as follows:
 - There was a signup sheet for folks to volunteer to:
 - Make candy; from 12 noon to 2 PM;
 - General setup, from 2 PM to 4 PM;
 - To help the kitchen prep and serve, between 6 to 7 PM;

- Cleanup is on **everyone**, after dinner, and during the gift exchange, and after the gift exchange
 - If you're reading this newsletter and have a spirit to volunteer for your Club, let Nick know, and then show up for duty!
 - We have a \$10 max wrapped gift exchange
 - The Pastor and his wife of the church where we meet, will be here for the dinner! Behave yourselves...
- Break taken
 - Raffle items were drawn
 - Scotty Rintoul discussed the present woes concerning mining down at Island Creek, and why it was recently blocked off by the BLM; it sounds like the issues with the homeless population settling in that area has ruined our access. He's still fighting to get the Club to be able to be down on the good gold grounds. Stand by for more information.
 - President Gary Sturgill reiterated that those who go up to Red Mine #9 to not go alone, and to never turn your back since there are great big ole bears and cougars known to frequent the area. Gary's got a friend that will be hunting the area with a bear tag in the upcoming weeks. Wish him luck.
 - We made our last announcement encouraging everyone to volunteer to sign up to help out for the Christmas Dinner
 - Meeting Adjourned

Claims:

- Someone called Mike and asked if the club was interested in a new claim; Gary said we are not, period.
- The LR2000 has changed significantly; everyone will need to learn how to use it in the new format. Mike found the Club claims and noticed that they're updated to 2018 even though we haven't gotten our paperwork back yet. He also highlighted some of the significant changes.
- Gary pointed out that people are claiming all the available ground around Red Mine #9.

Outings:

This month's Outing to was to the infamous Red Mine #9!

There were 4 groups of people; 10 people in all, which included 2 kids. There was lots of fun to be had; everyone assisted in digging a 6 foot deep hole where everyone was thinking there was gold, within that gold-bearing red clay dirt! The hole had interesting layers in it, and they were actively panning out their findings...What they ultimately found shall remain a mystery, unless you happened to be there! Getting the paydirt off of the claim and into vehicles required just a bit of good ole' miners ingenuity as you can see below, which ultimately landed the buckets of rich pay near the back of our pickups.



Treasure Hunt:

The Treasure has been found!! Stay tuned for the next treasure hunt...

Legislation:

From AMRA, via [Minerals Make Life](#):



Nobody wants to see a huge scar on the surface of the earth that is visible from space. Small-scale miners are encouraged to fill in their holes when they are finished working on them. No other group can lay claim to cleaning the environment the way that small-scale miners do. We volunteer our time to go clean up other people's trash from the forests, rivers and campsites. We also remove toxic heavy metals such as lead and mercury from the watershed. Our equipment captures 98% of the liquid elemental mercury, (both naturally occurring and that which was lost during the 1800's) and nearly 100% of the lead. Those toxins are then no longer present to contaminate our drinking water or the food chain. Few, if any, other groups can beat our cumulative efforts to clean, restore and preserve the environment than the small-scale

miner. Ignorance of mining gives us a bad rap and we must all work to change that perspective into a truthful one.

More information from AMRA for you:

Update on the Barstow BLM blocking the miners access to their real property mining claims:

As you all know, the BLM recognized the right to, and granted us access to our claims, then encouraged us to drive around the signs, then stated they would take pictures and submit an affidavit to the BLM Law Enforcement for prosecution for doing what they say we could do. There is a term for that in law enforcement, it is called "entrapment".

As you also are likely aware, they didn't show up when we challenged that fact. Didn't clear the roads like they said they would for the desert tortoise (so we did) and have no legal right to deny access to the owners, disabled and legitimate miners.

We've made it easy for them in this video. It is of AMRA President Shannon Poe driving around the sign and accessing the claim on that day in October.

We sent this video to the BLM and from the analytics, they seem to really view it a lot.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHuirumM2-w&feature=youtu.be>

Miner's Mall:

This will be a monthly classified advertising area for members who want to buy or sell prospecting and mining equipment. This is for members only. No retailers please. However, if you're a vendor and the item is used, I don't see why I can't post the ad. If you have an ad in here and the item has sold, or you know the person and know it has sold, please let me know.

E-mail them to me: houseofgall@gmail.com Send photos if you like. I'll try to get them in. If you don't have e-mail then call me at 541-993-2372.

Used Equipment, Contact Walt @ 541-315-2030:

- **Slightly used Whites VX3 Metal Detector with coil cover: \$959**
- **New Minelab X-Terra 505 Metal Detector with Koss UR30 headphones, Pro-Pointer pin pointer, 9 inch 18.75 kHz mono coil plus finds pouch & baseball cap: \$800.**
- **White's Gold Master V-Sat: \$250**



DCPA 2017 OUTINGS SCHEDULE

ALL OUTINGS ARE RAIN OR SHINE

OUTING MEETING TIMES ARE 8 AM

February 18th: Red Mine #9 (meet at old Myrtle Creek 7-11 / 24 Hour Mini Mart next to Saw Shop)

March 18th: Nesika Beach (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)

April 15th: Island Creek (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

May 13th: Cow Creek Claims – Cleanup (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

June 17th: BBQ Fun Day, 10 AM (Douglas County Fairgrounds)

July 15th: Middle Creek Claim – Cleanup (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

August 19th: Red Mine #9 – Cleanup (meet at old Myrtle Creek 7-11 / 24 Hour Mini Mart next to Saw Shop)

September 16th: Island Creek (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

October 14th: Whiskey Run (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)

November 18th: Red Mine #9 (meet at old Myrtle Creek 7-11 / 24 Hour Mini Mart next to Saw Shop)

December 16th: 7 Devils Wayside (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)