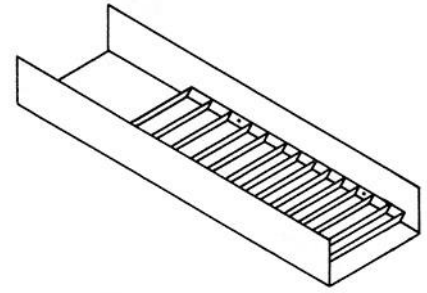




**Prospectors Association**

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**THE SLUICE BOX**

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**December 2015**

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DCPA meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Walt: 541-459-3489 or [wrevens@yahoo.com](mailto:wrevens@yahoo.com)

**From the Meeting:**

There were 41 members in attendance.

**Order of Business:**

1. Meeting opened by President Bob Peebles.
2. Intro of guests and new members.
3. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
4. Treasurer's report read and approved.
5. Claims and Outings reported.
6. Legislation reported.
7. Elections were held
8. Annual Meeting/Christmas Banquet discussed.
9. Raffle held.
10. Meeting adjourned.

**Claims:**

All of our annual paperwork is in. We're still waiting for filed copies to come back from BLM.

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### Outings:

There are no outings planned except for the Annual Meeting/Christmas Banquet. This is in part due to cooling weather and holiday season.

### Legislation:

The SB838 moratorium is scheduled to go forward as planned. As mentioned before, the lawsuit has been filed. I received this in an email from attorney James Buchal:

*"I am sorry to say that the State whined and cried about how they needed more time to respond to the motion for summary judgment and got until February 5, 2016 . In the ordinary course, under the rules, their response would have been due December 28, 2015".*

More Anti-Mining legislation from the office of Oregon Senator Alan Bates courtesy of the Oregon Mining Association Website:

<http://oregonmining.org/124-2/>

**Elections:** Your new officers are:

President: Gary Sturgill

Vice-President: Robert Krewson

Secretary/Treasurer: Belena Sturgill

### Annual Meeting/Christmas Banquet:

This event will be held on Monday December 14 starting at 6:00p.m. The location is the same place we have the monthly meeting; Pinegrove Community Church. DCPA will be furnishing the meat, potatoes and beverages. The rest is potluck so bring your favorite sides, deserts, salads, etc. There will be a gift exchange. The limit is \$10. If you bring one, you get one.

**Here are a few things from Nature that look like Christmas Trees. Merry Christmas!**



**Kerby's Corner:**

*"What about those DEQ permits, the 600 PM and the 700 PM? Do you need those on your claim or on the Public Domain? First things first, in order to receive one of those permits, you MUST first obtain an Authorization to Mine from DSL (of which there are only a limited number, by the way, meaning that lots of miners would be denied if every claim owner asked for one). See the last entry. DSL don't have authority to ask you to get a permit and their whole system is based on false pretense that conflicts with Federal Law. There are also other major issues with the DSL Permit, but I won't go into those since a considerable amount of time is already involved here. One that I will bring up is that DSL is wielding a power to regulate your right to explore the Public Domain for minerals by limiting you to three pre-chosen locations where that permit is valid. If this permit is indeed required under the law, that is a material interference with 30 USC 22 which grants the right to locate unappropriated minerals ANYWHERE on the public domain.*

*And what's more, it also places your right of discovery under extreme risk because your permit is PUBLIC and anyone can request the locations of where you intend to explore for those minerals - possibly claiming them before you even get there. Needless to say, that DSL authorization is blatantly unlawful and by requiring an unlawful permit to obtain a second permit, the second permit also becomes unlawful due to that requirement. Beyond that, the two DEQ permits really are as [Justin Peterson](#) explained, not only contracts that surrender your rights, but actually declare that YOU are a point source of pollution and are therefore officially classified as being a federal project to be regulated. These are just a few points regarding them, but perhaps the most important consideration lies in the fact that to date, ALL of DEQ's previous mining permits were proven to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction and find themselves in court yet again based mostly on the same arguments.*

*That being said, why would you get a permit? If you insist that those who don't are basically giving the entire mining community a black eye, but the reality is that it's actually the other way around. In California, as one example, the person who has done the MOST for the mining community at large in recent years is Brandon Rinehart and he did so by putting himself on the line and getting cited for the purpose of challenging the unlawful moratorium. That took courage and anyone who would say that what he did has had a negative impact is pretty clueless about their rights. That being said, I get people who are frightened of the idea of being cited, possibly arrested and having their dredge seized simply because they had no permit. At the same time, I also get that some people do not feel like they are in a position to defend themselves if they are encountered by state enforcement without a permit. I'll address not only those people, but also those who are willing to defy the states and the best means to address it."*

**Kerby's Corner (cont.):**

*“For those who feel that they MUST get a permit, even to mine on the Public Domain, out of fear of the consequences, the best thing I can suggest is that when they apply for the permit, that they include a cover letter with their application that states that they protest the idea that the state can regulate them and that they are applying for the permit under a position of forced duress out of fear of being prosecuted for engaging in what is actually their right. That cover letter should be notarized and kept in your records (if you like, you are free to send a copy to Galice Mining District and we will insert it into our records for potential use in future lawsuits against the state). It cannot hurt if you include a statement in your cover letter that you are NOT surrendering any of your granted rights., once again stating that you protest the attack on your rights. And that you are applying only in duress due to being threatened with fines and imprisonment under unlawful legislation.” To be continued ...*

**Pocket Mining by Alex Quartz; NUMBER III; Free or Decomposed Pockets**

To THE Editor:  
*“The professional pocket hunter, when he finds a trace from a free or decomposed pocket, goes to work tracing it up in the following manner: He first ascertains by panning where the gold lies; whether on top of the ground in the grass roots, or down deep in the soil, or on bedrock. When he finds out where the gold lies, or, in other words, where he gets the biggest prospect, he then pans across the trace to find the center.*

*Gold, on account of its great specific gravity, will work downhill in the same course from the pocket as water would from the same source, and when he finds the center of the trace, which he determines by the prospect he gets in the pan, the largest prospect always being in the center of the trace, he then closely examines the gold in order to find out whether he has more than one kind or not.*

*When he is satisfied that he is getting only one kind of gold he tries a pan-full from the center of the trace farther up the hill. If the trace is a slim one and he only gets a very light prospect in the center of the trace, say three or four small colors to the pan after panning carefully to save everything that has greater specific gravity than the dirt, particles of broken rock, etc. , he closely examines the result in order to find out what goes with the gold.*

*He does this so that he can follow that mineral, which comes from the pocket also, should the gold give out entirely in the trace before he reaches the pocket. To find out what mineral comes from the pocket with the gold, he pans across the trace the same as he did to find the center.”*



**Pocket Mining (cont.)**

*“If he gets a considerable amount of any mineral substance or crystals in his pannings in the center of his trace and does not get any on either side, it invariably comes from the pocket or from the ledge that gives the pocket, so by following what comes with the gold, when the gold gives out, it will lead to the ledge at the point where the pocket exists.*

*When there is one or more kinds of gold in the trace it shows that there are two or more traces run together, or lapped over each other, and coming from as many different pockets. Sometimes the second gold found in the trace comes from a seam or ledge running parallel with the trace, which gives out a little gold all along, and on which the pocket exists.*

*Oftentimes prospectors who are inexperienced and cannot always tell pocket gold, work on what they suppose is a pocket trace when in reality it is gold thrown off from one of those blind ledges or seams that run in an up-and- down-hill course and give out a little gold all along, and does not "pocket" at all.*

*When there is sufficient gold in the trace to follow, and the largest amount is on top or in the grass roots, the prospector follows the gold until it gives out and then drops back and finds the feeder or "spur hole," or where the gold goes into the ground as it were, which leads him to the pocket.” To be continued ...*

**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. I will approach the board about selling business card size ads for vendors. However, if you’re a vendor and the item is used, I don’t see why I can’t post the ad.

E-mail them to me: [wrevens@yahoo.com](mailto:wrevens@yahoo.com) Send photos if you like. I’ll try to get them in. If you don’t have e-mail then call me at 541-459-3489.

**For Sale:** Slightly used Minelab 705 General Purpose Metal Detector \$625 Tom Bohmker, Cascade Mountains Gold @ 503-606-9895. Email: [cascademountainsgold@gmail.com](mailto:cascademountainsgold@gmail.com).

**For Sale:** Used small Keene high banker, foldable and portable with an electric motor/pump and no hoses, \$250; Stephen Trout @ 541 391 2406 in Elkton.

**For Sale:** Used White’s MXT Metal Detector with extra 10 Elliptical DD Coil: \$600  
Used White’s DFX Metal Detector with headphones and older Bullseye pinpointer: \$500  
Used Gold Genie Spiral Wheel: \$300 Walt @ 541-7459-3489