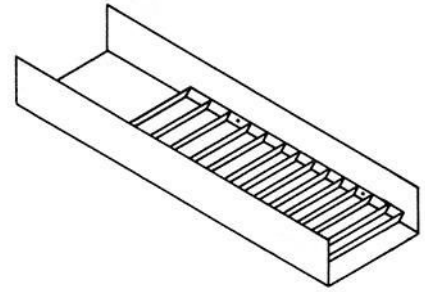




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**THE SLUICE BOX**

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**December 2017**

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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. Nick: 541-993-2372 or [houseofgall@gmail.com](mailto:houseofgall@gmail.com)

### **From the Meeting:**

Our Annual Christmas Dinner was this month, so as such, we held a very short General Meeting before commencing on an absolutely feast-filled blast! So if you didn't make it, here's the recap of the brief meeting:

- The monthly outing was announced; it was to 7 Devils Wayside; everyone was to meet at the Winston Dairy Queen on Saturday at 8AM
- Old business was read and approved
- New Business: We're ready to eat!



*Gary Sturgill's Signature Prime Rib, steaming and ready to eat!*



*Better get yourself in line, or you're gonna miss out!*



*If you go away from here hungry, we're pretty sure you don't have anyone to blame but yourself!*



*Outgoing President Gary Sturgill converses with guests!*



*All kinds of white elephant gifts awaiting their new owners!*



*DCPA Webmaster Randy Waters explaining something very important to Club Member Desi Rains...*



*All of us gathered together...*



*Former President Bob Peebles, at far top right  
Claims Director Mike Eshelman, facing the camera at center*



*President-elect Scotty Rintoul plays Santa Claus handing out gifts!*



*DCPA Meeting Raffle Expert Floyd Jenkins and Gary Sturgill handing out white elephant gifts!*



*A Good ol' fashioned white elephant gift swap!*

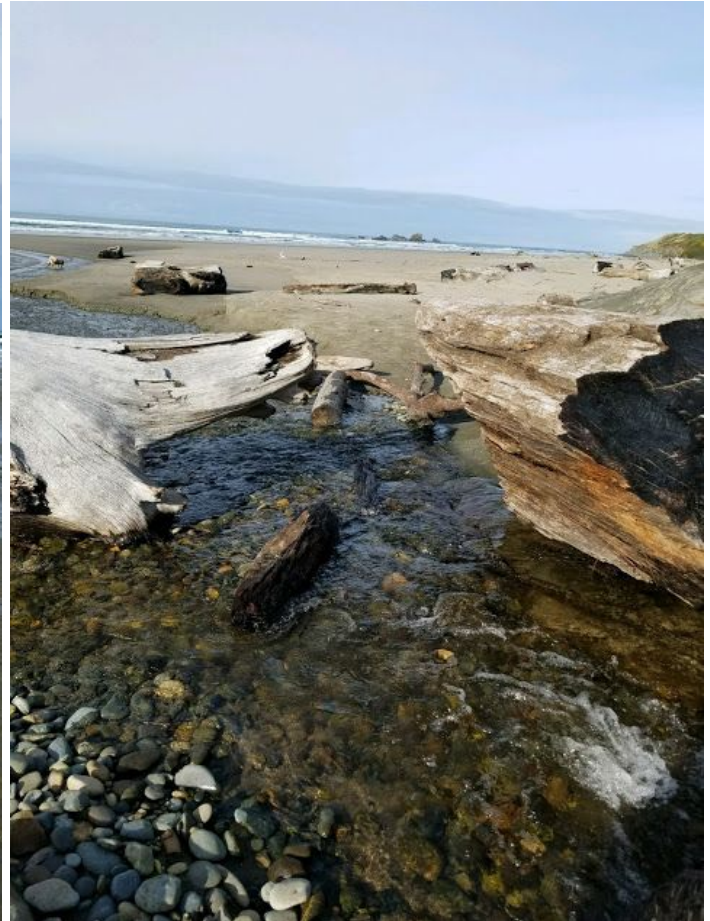
- **Meeting adjourned**

## **Claims:**

Claims Director Mike Eshelman received our paperwork back from the BLM.

## **Outings:**

The outing this month was to 7 Devils Wayside, just north of Bandon, OR. Due to prior obligations, I was not able to Host this outing, so I sent out notification to all members on the email list looking for another Host, and no one responded that they were going to attend. As far as I know, no one went. However, I ended up going to the Bandon and Coos Bay area the following weekend, and was very interested in finding 7 Devils Wayside and Whiskey Run on my own, since I had never been there before. Of course, I couldn't help it, so before we embarked, I gathered up a few essential prospecting supplies. I stuck a pan in the water down at Whiskey Run, and found a little color. I ended up climbing the cliffside after a band of red dirt I saw from the beach, and panned some of it out. The rest I brought home.



## **Treasure Hunt:**

Stay tuned!

## **Legislation:**

President-elect Scotty Rintoul called me yesterday; it seems there's some legislation regarding The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, that recently passed through the House of Representatives, and on its way to President Trump's desk to be signed. It's regarding the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and the fact that they may have 17,519 acres of land returned to them if President Donald Trump signs a bill that passed the U.S. Senate Thursday night. At the time of publication, I have skimmed over the bill, and I think that the state of Oregon still holds the power over mining rights and other general public access such as hunting and fishing. It seems to me that the crux of the situation is to give the Tribe more money from Timber Sales on that land. Of course this is my own interpretation and could be completely off base, so please feel free to read for yourselves in the meantime. The News-Review article can be viewed [here](#) or can be perused in the physical paper copy of the newspaper that came out on December 22nd. If you get this newsletter via snail mail and want to take this newsletter to the library and need the full URL, it is:

[https://www.nrtoday.com/news/local/senate-approves-restoring-land-to-cow-creek-band-of-umpqua/article\\_4238eed6-ab54-52b6-bbb2-0547d53a993d.html](https://www.nrtoday.com/news/local/senate-approves-restoring-land-to-cow-creek-band-of-umpqua/article_4238eed6-ab54-52b6-bbb2-0547d53a993d.html). So, I drummed up the bill itself, and that can be viewed [here](#) or if you take this newsletter to the library to surf the internet, you may need this whole URL to help in your search:

<https://www.congress.gov/congressional-report/114th-congress/house-report/254/1?overview=closed>

## **And in other legislative news...**

From Kerby Jackson on December 26th, 2017:

“Pleased to announce that I was just informed by our attorney that oral arguments for our case against the State of Oregon over SB 838 (Bohmker, et. al. v. Oregon, et. al) have been scheduled for March 8th, 2018 (finally!).”

## **Kerby's Corner:**

Kerby seems to have started a Photo of the Day posting, so I began following it. I just might start picking the most DCPA relevant picture, and including it in the newsletter. Here's this month's personal picks:



*Even the old timers took the day off ...*



*Dan Green (left) and crew digging ditch in Galice. These ditches were such marvels of basic engineering that nearly 120 years later, they are still 99% intact.*

### **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](mailto: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 2018 OUTINGS WILL GO HERE NEXT YEAR:**

**To Be Announced; Stay Tuned!**