

The Sluice Box

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Prospectors Association

Next Meeting: Abby's Pizza,

NE Stephens, Monday, January 11, 7PM

The Prez' Message

Well HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members of the DCPA. This year will be exciting I think and challenging in regards to mining.

Our governor is trying to lock up a million acres in a mineral withdrawal area, closing it to new mining claims. Also with all the current "regulations" it will be fun keeping everything in order.

As your new president I'm having a ball with all the fun of this job.

Now club business we have our GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW coming FEB. 27 and 28th, please think about signing up to help at the show. This will be a major fundraiser for the club.

We should have plenty of outings and picnics this year 2010.

If you have ideas for outings or events please let your officers or board members know. Please feel free to call me with your concerns between 6pm and 9pm.

Finally I would like to thank all our out going officers and board members. They have spent lots of time and effort making this club a good one to belong to, I hope to do as well.

May you always find **NUGGETS !**

- Tom Handy, z-Prez'

Our Club House

General meetings are held second Monday of every month at 7 PM. Meeting Hall at Abby's, NE Stephens, North of Safeway in Roseburg.

See you there!

Membership Notes

Total Members: 276

Paid Claim #1 Leases: 39

Paid Claim #2 Leases: 29

January Birthdays

Hunt Taylor Jan 5

Margaret Bloom Jan 5

Ben Britton Jan 5

Kathy Blackmore Jan 7

Kirsten Oakley Jan 8

Penny Chamberlin Jan 9

David Hall Jan 10

Molly Deem Jan 14

James Coumbs Jan 17

Carol Smith Jan 18

Debria Eshleman Jan 19

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| Leslie McCord | Jan 19 |
| Tom Handy | Jan 21 |
| Eric Edmisten | Jan 23 |
| Janice Trout | Jan 23 |
| George Zaklan | Jan 25 |
| Darlene Coutts | Jan 26 |
| Patty Blackert | Jan 30 |

Here's wishing you nuggets in your pan



We Goofed! Forgot to elect a Claims Director

Your votes will be counted at the March Meeting if you are present. If you can't make the meeting cast your vote by USPS mail or email, the place which will be designated in the February Sluice Box:

Nominees: Mike Wagoner, Mike Eshleman, as Co-Directors [a Team]; Orvie and Karen Jordy, Wayne and Cheryl Standridge or, a Person or Team of your choice.

Notice for all the members who attended the Christmas

dinner: Somehow we are missing 4 stainless steel 4" deep food pans that were on the buffet servers. These were the pans that held the prime rib & potatoes. These belong to Party Time Rental and they want them back. Who ever borrowed them, please call **Cheryle** to make arrangements to return them, no questions asked. Anyone who saw someone take them out of the building, please give her a call. We need to have them returned ASAP. Thanks.

Program for Meeting

No Guest Speaker this month

Agenda for January General Meeting

- Call to Order
- Guest Introductions
- New Member Introductions
- Reminder to sign-in.
- Approval of December meeting minutes.
- Correspondence
- Reports
- Program:
- Old Business
- New Business
- Election and Result for Claims Director
- Auction(s), if any
- Drawing(s)
- Adjourn the meeting



Schedule of Meetings, Outings, etc.

Meetings

- January 11, Monday 7 PM, General Meeting at Abby's
- January 18, Monday 6 PM, All Outgoing and Incoming Board Members and Officers meeting at Abby's
- February 8, Monday 7 PM, General Meeting at Abby's.
- February 15, Monday 6 PM, Officers meeting at Abby's
- March 8, Monday 7 PM, General Meeting at Abby's. 2010-11 \$15.00 Dues need to be paid this meeting or before.
- March 15, Monday 6 PM, Officers meeting at Abby's
- March 31 last Membership day. \$15.00 Dues are due to be paid to the Membership Guy.
- April 12, Monday 7 PM, General Meeting at Abby's. \$15.00 Dues are PAST DUE.
- April 19, Monday 6 PM. Board Members and Officers meeting at Abby's. [quarterly]

Outings

*September – Foster Bar. Hosts **Randy and Barbara.***

The Outings Committee will soon meet to begin planning the 2010 Outings Schedule.

A few Surprise and unscheduled events and outings may be announced at the General Meetings from time to time.

Outing supplies

“Bring” water and lunch. Fill your fuel tank on your vehicle. Shovel(s),scoops,buckets,sluice box, pan(s), snuffer and classifier(s). Optional: boulder bar, metal detector, crevice tools, screens, lab kit, advanced prospecting tools, mechanically operated mining equipment and camping stuff if you want to stay longer than the outing period. Maybe your camera and a chair or two? unless hinted otherwise..

Treasure Hunts

Two hunts are planned for 2010 but dates and details are not readied for publication yet. The first hunt will be hosted by **Kelly Norton**. The second hunt will be made at a location where extant coins and relics may be found by the attentive detectorist.

Socials

A kick-off Outing, with Social will be planned either at Middle or Cow Creek. More information by March. A Social will also be planned in conjunction with the Treasure Hunt.

2010 Projects

- February 27, 28, Sat and Sunday. “Gold and Treasure Show” at the Fairgrounds. Project Chairman: **Gary Sturgill**
- Sept TBA. “Gem and Mineral Show” at the Fairgrounds. Project Chair TBA.

TBA = To Be Announced

Alcoholic beverages are disallowed at all Outings..

Socials, Meetings and the like.

Outings Committee

The "Outings committee" for the 2010 year expects even better, perhaps more treasure and gold prospecting events and outings. If you would like to help out on the committee even if you are new to the Club, or have requests or recommendations, call **Gene**

Claim Maps and Directions

Hand-outs will be prepared and available at the General Meetings. We will not publish Maps and other Location information regarding Club Claims. Publishing their location could result in unauthorized use of our Claims.

Please see Claims Director, Mike Eshleman

New Members !

None for December

New Email addresses & other Membership changes

Orvie and Karen Jordy
whome4657[at]Q[dot]com

Carl and Debrah Stone
carlstone2[at] charter [dot] net

Phone number changes:

Prospector Bill Cook

New Addresses

None reported

Be sure to let us know if you change your phone number, mailing or email address so we can continue to get you the club's news.

Note: No phone numbers or addresses will be posted to the website. Only scrambled emails

Note about Email Addresses

For security purposes we have scrambled the way we write our Email Addresses, as follows:

Sam@yack.com is the same as sam [at] yack [dot] com

The Editor's Columns

The following columns are reserved for your articles, comments and opinions on any topic, but please keep it mainly on mining, prospecting or DCPA related subjects. Just bawl us out if you like, or inform us your thoughts; send us your pictures too. Guests may also send us comments. Please email your editor: [mharris8384\[at\]charter\[dot\]net](mailto:mharris8384[at]charter[dot]net) before the 25th of the month or bring your written works or photo to the next general meeting. All items are subject to the Editor's review.

THANK YOU CHERYLE GOLGERT

Cheryle is retiring for personal reasons from the Club Secretary position. She has done a great job in both the tasks of Secretary and her readiness to help with other duties requested of her. She has many times taken the initiative to perform without anyone asking and the Club has operated better and smoother for her talented efforts. Thank You Cheryle!

EDUCATION BOARD.

Thank you to some of our DCPA members for putting together an education board for public education. Purpose of this education board is to enhance public awareness and the benefits gold prospecting has on our environment.

WANTED

We would like anyone to bring there unwanted findings such as fishing lines, bullet shells, and other findings that can be harmful to our environment. Please

THE BEGINNING PROSPECTOR, Part 3

The next thing to consider getting is a home panning tub. Most experienced prospectors take their concentrates home to pan out. They don't want to spend their time out in field panning out the gold, they want to gather as much material containing gold as possible, then they can pan it out at their leisure at home.

A home panning tub can be just about any container that will hold water and is big enough to pan in. Loews or any other building supply place carries masonry tubs that make good panning tubs. Fred Myers each spring gets a supply of party tubs, round tubs with handles that make good panning tubs. Some of the storage tubs from K-Mart or Walt-mart will also work. I have known people to use old horse troughs to pan in. The possibilities are endless. You may already have something that will work. If you need to buy one it should cost less than \$10.

The advantages of a home panning tub are many. You can save your back by putting the tub on a garden table and not having to bend over to pan. The round party tubs will sit on an upturned 5 gal bucket and you can sit in a chair to pan if you want. If you are not sure of your panning skills, you re pan the tailings to see if you missed any thing. You can pan your concentrates in your garage or carport in the winter.

We are now just under \$50 in total costs, which is not a lot for the amount of fun prospecting is, and this basic equipment will last for years. We have a pan that we still use that was purchased in the 1970's. That's over 30 years for a \$10 item.

So far we have covered pans, buckets, classifiers and home panning tubs, none of which cost very much money. Now we will be discussing a more expensive item, a sluice box. Sluice boxes come in various sizes, all the way from tiny little ones to huge ones. I would recommend for a first sluice, one about 36" to 42" long by 10" wide, with a flared top. The cost is about \$75 to \$100, depending on which one you select.

Sluice boxes are set into the stream or river, in fairly shallow water. Material is shoveled into the top end and the water washes it through the box, with the heavier materials settling on to the mats and behind the riffles, while the lighter sands and gravels are washed away. The riffles and mats are there to catch the heavier materials in a more efficient way.

The advantage of a sluice box is that you can process a lot more material in a shorter time than by panning alone. You still need to classify it before putting it through the sluice, and at the end of the day when you empty the box, will need to pan the material left in the sluice box, but what you will be panning is much more concentrated than from panning alone.

Another advantage is that you do not need a permit, like you do for high bankers and dredges. Sluice boxes can be used all year long, weather permitting, and are easy to carry and set up. Even people with dredges and high bankers still use their sluice boxes sometimes.

We have now covered all the basic equipment for prospecting in our area, and as you can see we are talking about costs of \$150 or less for a pretty complete setup. The equipment can be purchased a little at a time, there is no need to rush out and get it all a once.

The thing with recreational prospecting, is the thrill of seeing gold in your pan, and knowing you are the first to ever see it. This is a healthily endeavor with beautiful scenery, a

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wonderful thing to do with kids and grand-kids. As long as you refill your holes, you do no damage to the environment, and have a great time in the outdoors. May the bottom of your pan be filled with gold.

Written by **Gloria Forest**

(Part 4) in the February newsletter



Funny Story Time

THE BLUE BIRD

As a little bird all colored in blue,
I went to a party and around the room I flew.
I landed here and I landed there
only to be tossed back into the air!
I stopped here and I stopped there
and it seemed I stopped everywhere!
Everyone seemed so happy and nice
that some places I even called on twice.
Finally, however, amidst laughter galore
I just couldn't take it anymore! Thinking in
my metamorphosis I'd be a mouse,
I was totally surprised to be a bird house!
Thanks to whoever bought this house
that was a lot of fun.
Happy New Year everyone!!!!!!

Chuckle for the Day

Funny story by: **Chuck and Rooney Jones**

If you have a funny story or prospecting joke
e-mail the editor Marian Harris

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General Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2009

The very short general meeting was held before the club's annual Christmas dinner at the Sutherlin Community Center with 89 diners present. Meeting started at 7 pm.

A: Minutes:

Karen Jordy made a motion to approve November's minutes as published in *The Sluice Box*. The motion was carried by all present.

B: Correspondence:

Our President **Gary Sturgill** announced that we received our first check for our up coming "Gold Show." This news was given a loud wave of applause.

C: Claims:

Mike Eshleman reported that he had nothing to report.

D: Badges:

Desi Rains reported that he would take care of ordering new badges at our next meeting. Several badges were picked up at the sign in table before the dinner.

E: Treasurer's Report:

Gloria Forest reported that the Camp Millennium fund now has \$362.10. The club account is down due to all the recent activity and acquisitions, namely our Christmas dinner, deposit for the fairgrounds and the buying of a \$1,400 cargo trailer to store and haul the various club supplies in.

F: Membership:

Gene Forest declined to speak so the group could eat.

G: Old Business:

- Gold and Treasure Show committee meeting Monday December 21st at 6 pm at Abby's before the officer/board meeting.
- **Old & new officer's and board member's** will meet at **7 pm** at Abby's after the Gold and Treasure Show committee meeting Monday 21st . Everyone please be there.

H: New Business:

None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm so we could eat !!!

Just so everyone will know – after dinner **Randy Waters** won the annual Christmas backpack drawing. **Floyd Jenkins** ticket was drawn for the volunteer's annual Christmas nugget. If you did not attend our fine Prime Rib dinner, you missed a great event. Everyone had lots of fun stuffing their faces, and exchanging presents. A heart felt **THANK YOU** needs to be given again for all the members who helped set up, decorate, and clean up after the dinner. You all did a wonderful job.

Submitted by **Cheryle Golgert**,
Secretary



Announcing a Special Drawing

A **New drawing** begun in this past July is for a self-contained, Mini Trommel." donated by "Prospector **Chuck Breshears**" . It's named "Mountain Goat" with a Reverse Helix. A Proline 12 VDC 750GPH pump is included and the tray. It is about 2 ft High, 2 ft Deep and 2 ½ ft Wide. Manufactured by www.camelminingproducts.com



We will need to sell about 300 \$1 tickets before the drawing. To date 189 have been bought.
{thanks loads Chuck!}

DCPA BYLAWS Notice for the Newsletter

Bylaws: Page 9

BYLAW ADDENDUM

Oct 2009: Article 10 added sentence. Shall read. "Board members audit the treasury books every 3 months."

March 2010..

Classified and Miscellaneous

Send your personal ad to the editor before the 25th of the month for insertion into the next Newsletter. Please keep the matter related to mining. Personal ads related to mining are free to DCPA Members. Contact the editor to place Business Ads or non-mining related Personal Ads.

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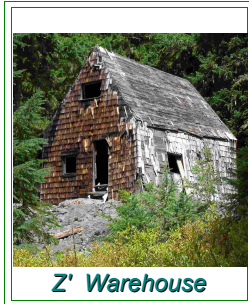
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