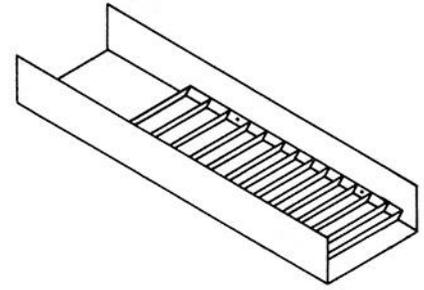




Prospectors Association

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THE SLUICE BOX

July 2016

D CPA 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. Walt: 541-459-3489 or wrevens@yahoo.com

From the Meeting:

We did not have a meeting at the picnic and there was no newsletter for June. With me not being at the May meeting and not much happening in the legislative field, there wasn't anything for me to report. I would like to extend my sincere apologies to the members who showed up on Monday June 13th. We usually don't have a meeting the Monday after the picnic. I should have mentioned that in an email.

Claims:

We went out to our Cow Creek claims in May and did our annual assessment work. It was raining when I met everyone at Mickey Ds. Those who consider themselves true Oregonians were waiting in the rain!

We headed out in spite of the weather. When we got there it had pretty much stopped. After working for about 2 hours, a couple of people dipped their pans in the water to try their luck. We had a bit of a discussion session and then everyone went home.



Robert Krewson, Bob Pace & Rick Byrd on DCPA 1



Discussing mining, mining laws, etc. on Bottoms Up

You can view other photos of this event in my Facebook Album here:

https://www.facebook.com/walter.evens.7/media_set?set=a.10153813664237054.1073742009.751307053&type=3

Outings: We had our annual picnic at Umpqua Park in the Douglas County Fairgrounds. There were probably 20 or so people. President Gary Sturgill cooked the burgers and dogs. We had kind of a late start so we only did one metal detecting hunt. It was a little warm after a cool morning so folks were kind of anxious to go home. There was plenty to eat and drink. Everyone seemed to have a good time making new friends and reconnecting with old ones.



The Hunt



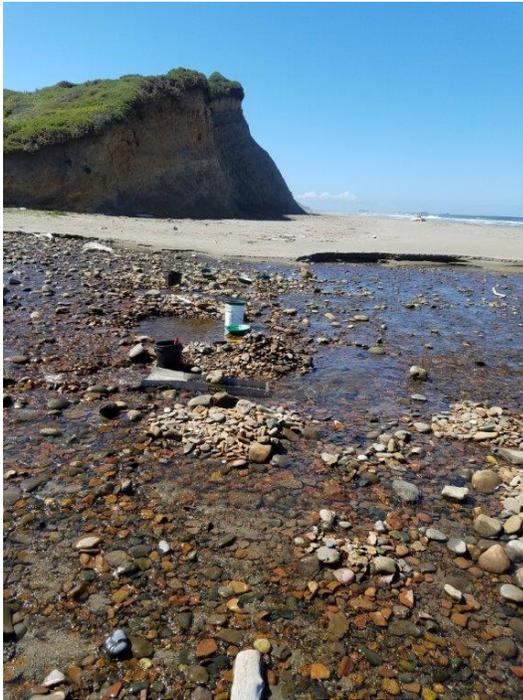
Chilling Out

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There was an outing to the Wayside at the end of Seven Devils road near Bandon on Saturday the 18th. I had a prior commitment so I didn't go. President Gary Sturgill, Vice-President Robert Krewson and his wife were the only attendees. From what I heard they had a great time and got some color. Here are some photos of the diggins.



A Nice View of the beach



A Close up of the operation

Our next outing is for three days at Foster Bar on the Rogue River inland from Gold Beach Friday July 15th through the Sunday 17th. For those who wish to caravan we will meet at the Dairy Queen in Winston at 10:00 on Friday.

Education:

Many of us have the Black Magic (Miller table) that Gary Sturgill makes. I've asked him to demonstrate it at the July meeting.

Legislation:

The Rinehart case was heard in California Supreme Court in Los Angeles California on June 1st. Those who were in attendance say that Rinehart's attorney, James Buchal did a great job speaking up for the miners and the Mining Law. It will take up to 90 days before any kind of ruling is made.

Here is a video of Dave Mack at a New 49ers meeting in Happy Camp, CA talking about the hearing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTFt6aW3KPI>

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DCPA member Scotty Rintoul spoke with an Oregon State Police officer who was patrolling the Cow Creek mining area. When asked if the state was enforcing SB838's ban on motorized equipment his reply was that they haven't received any notification from Salem regarding this and aren't going to do anything until they do.

There's a new Non-Profit organization; The Western Culture Conservancy. It promotes mining, logging and commercial fishing. Here's their website.

<http://westerncultureconservancy.blogspot.com/2016/06/important-information-on-oregon-mining.html>

They are sponsoring a really big raffle similar to the legal fund raisers that the New 49ers have! Their first drawing will be in December. The proceeds will be used to fund our legal battle here in Oregon.

James Buchal, attorney for the Plaintiffs against the state and SB838 will be submitting a brief in the middle of this month to the 9th District Court of Appeals.

The New 49ers out of Happy Camp California have come up with another way to fight not being able to use motorized equipment. Here's a short introduction by Dave McCracken on the "Floating Sluice":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3PN41TXiuY>

On a similar note a customer recently came in to purchase a sluice box that he planned on floating and building a suction device similar to the Gold N Sand Hand Dredge. They also make a header box that dumps the material directly in to your sluice box. Here's the link to their website:

<http://www.gold-n-sand.com/>

New Product:

Tom and Josh Bomkr of Cascade Mountains Gold are making instructional videos. You can preview them here:

<http://www.goldpannersguide.com/#!videos/r1meu>

I also heard that Tom has some new books out. I'll see what I can find out and report next month.

Kerby's Corner:

Stampede To Red Dog - Early Days in Southern Oregon

"The recent hejira to the frozen North in search of the precious yellow metal is exceptional experience for this Coast only in one respect, and that is the magnitude of the sudden exodus. The westward course of the "Star of Empire" was long ago deflected northward, and will probably never cease its movements in that direction until it bumps up against the North Pole, as it did formerly against the Pacific Ocean. Frantic scrambling after new placers has been the fashion ever since Sutter dug his memorable mill race. Southern Oregon was long a "storm center" for such excitements, and is not, even now, and probably never will be, wholly proof against them. The best diggings were easily discovered long ago, but people go on rediscovering them or extensions and additions to them, as the richer claims give out, just to keep their hand in. The Jacksonville diggings were the first to lead off in 1852, soon followed by the Sterlingville and Willow Springs diggings, and live camps they were. Then came in quick succession the rich finds of Althouse, Sailor Diggings and Sucker Creek to absorb some of the o'er eager seekers after the "golden fleece." Those were days of quickly acquired and quickly spent fortunes, as well as days of quickly hurrying to and fro. In the madness of their devotion to "the root of all evil," the lucky as well as the luckless wayfarers became indifferent to their own safety and fell easy victims to the treachery of savage foes. And here, in Southern Oregon, and especially in Josephine County, was "the dark and bloody ground" of our early territorial existence. As the stampede I have set myself about describing raged over a section of country thickly studded with historical incidents relating to Indian hostilities, I will devote a portion of my space to their rehearsal.

It was in the late '70s [a belated era for placer excitements], that word was passed around among the sometimes sleepy settlers of Josephine County that certain parties were quietly taking out great gobs of gold on Red Dog, a tributary of Briggs Creek. That simple statement, often told in a clandestine manner, was sufficient to awaken every somnolent Van Winkle into old-time activity. Sedate old farmers, who were certainly old enough to have known better, began to gather up their camp fixtures and camp followers and Cayuses to engage in the inspiring chase.

Not to be wholly out of fashion, a neighbor of mine and myself concluded to join the surging crowd. My neighbor, in addition to being an experienced miner, was a good fellow all around to be out with on such an expedition. He was one of those rare individuals, sometimes met with, who insist on doing all their part of the work and the other fellow's, too. This is something easy to submit to, where a man is mean enough to tolerate it, and some men are constructed on that plan to a grievous degree. My partner also had a penchant for doing more than his share of the talking. This would have been agreeable all round, too, had he only had a better speaking acquaintance with the Queen's English. The trouble was he labored with the serious impediment of prior acquaintance with unmusical Dutch, and the readiness with which he would become entangled in the mixed intricacies of complex English was a credit to his courage rather than to his discretion"

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"It was no use to extend sympathetic assistance to him, for he was no sooner out one linguistical difficulty than he was into another. But there was nothing harmful in his loquacity. He did not, as is the habit of too many voluble beings, burden the atmosphere with wretched profanity. His most impious form of ejaculation was embodied in the mild expression of "By Dorge." "By Dorge," however, did service on all occasions, in season and out. It was the keystone and finish to all his oral architecture.

But this is slow progress towards our intended El Dorado. Our route took us down Applegate to Slate Creek, and up that stream to the crossing of the divide known as Hays' hill, thence past the old Hays place over to Deer Creek and down Deer Creek to its mouth, where it forms a junction with Illinois River, where we camped on a bar noted in Indian war history. But there were other spots passed by us that deserve mentioning first. One place on Slate Creek is sometimes pointed out by old timers as the scene of the shameful murder of two Indian women. J.M. Sutton, one of Southern Oregon's earliest and most painstaking historians, makes the following reference to the circumstance. After describing the hanging of an innocent Indian boy at Jacksonville, whom he vainly endeavored to rescue, he proceeds as follows: "No mob ever committed a more heartless murder than this. It is only equaled by the murder of two Indian women and a child ten months old, by a private of Captain Wilkenson's company on Slate Creek, on the 7th day of November, 1855. The women and child had been taken prisoners and entrusted to this man and another to guard in the rear of the company as they marched to Illinois Valley. He wantonly shot them and left them lying by the side of the road." To be continued...

W.W. Fidler. - OREGON NATIVE SON HISTORICAL MAGAZINE December 1900

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 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 White's MXT Metal Detector with Coil Cover: \$639; 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; Used Gold Miner Spiral Wheel: \$200; Gold Magic 12E Spiral Wheel, used once. Works wet or dry! Comes with tub: \$325; Used D&K 3 inch highbanker/Dredge Combo with 6.5 HP Honda Engine and P185 pump: \$1,000. Walt @ 541-315-2030