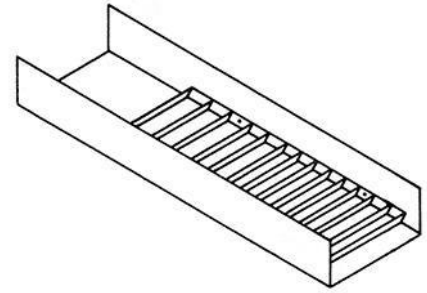


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**THE SLUICE BOX**

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**July 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:**

- Called to order at 7:02 PM by President Gary Sturgill
- There were 26 members and guests present, a good turnout for July.
- Don't forget about our bring a friend or family member incentive. Bring a friend or family to the meeting and get 5 raffle tickets for you, and 5 for them, for free! At this meeting we gave away 4 bags of cons, plus other great prizes.
- Old business was read and approved.
- The Gold Show Committee still meets on the Wednesday following the General meeting, at 6 PM at Abby's on Diamond Lake Blvd.
- At the last meeting, they went through a box of banners that were donated by Mitch's Mohave Rocks and Gems. They pulled them out and the back sides are nice and clean. A

lot of them have stick-on letters on them so we can peel them off and put up our own messages for advertising next year's gold show. One of our members has a machine that can make letters and will do that for a nominal fee. We have 11 heavy duty banners at our disposal.

- New business: There will be a walking tour on July 18<sup>th</sup> of historic downtown Jacksonville. Details given.
- Saturday July 15th is our outing to the New White Quartz claim on Middle Creek. Everyone meet at the McDonald's off of exit 103 at 8 AM.
- Nick asked if anyone planned on going. Claims Director Mike Eshelman rightly pointed out that we need to go and perform maintenance on the claim, or we better give up the claim. We had 5 members commit to going.
- Break taken
- Nick Gall made an announcement that he wanted to start a claims class at his house. Look for details in the newsletter.
- Raffle items drawn
- Meeting adjourned

### **Claims:**

I (Nick Gall) am interested in starting up a claims class in August at my home, ASAP. This would be to learn how to find and file for a claim, beginning to end. If you're interested, please email or call me at [houseofgall@gmail.com](mailto:houseofgall@gmail.com) or 541-993-2372. I'm thinking of having it at least one evening per month, at about 6 or 6:30 PM on a weekday. I need to know who is interested and what days work best for you before coming up with the first meeting date. I'm thinking of a potluck type get together that lasts 2 or less hours, depending on how excited everyone gets.

No new news on any existing claims, except our annual cleanup and maintenance trips.

### **Outings:**

Our outing this month was to the New White Quartz claim on Middle Creek. We all met at the McDonald's off of exit 103 at 8:00 AM. We got distracted telling stories and didn't depart for the claim till about 8:30. We had an excellent turnout of 9 people. Our outings continue to grow!

The 4 mile logging road heading up out of Glenbrook to the turnoff at the crown of the mountain is rougher than a corn cob! The washboards are terrible, you gotta be careful heading up at any kind of a swift clip as them washboards will send your rig sideways toward the ravine. Of course, with 8 vehicles making the trip, there must have been a dust trail 2 miles long. It sure made for some blind corners when the sun was bearing down on a dust cloud whose edge was lying under tree shadows.

We stopped for a moment at the road that shoots off the hairpin turn to make sure everyone was still together. Mike told us about an old miners cabin and gravesite somewhere to the east of where we stood.

We got to the spur road that heads down to the claim itself. We took our rigs in single file and stopped along the way to trim back the branches and paint scratchers out of the way, while making our descent.

After arriving, we made an assessment of what work should be done, while trimming branches and improving the trail. We found that the sandpaper-like material we put over the wooden bridge had been stripped off by wind or water. It appears the bridge shifted a bit too, but it's still sturdy.

We gave a good eyeball once-over of the worse part of the road, right as you land at the parking area on the claim. There was gnarly roots and dips there, that make this area inaccessible to lower 2 wheel drive vehicles. We could see where folks are scraping the bottom of their cars and taking chunks out of the roots.

So, we commenced on removing the roots! We employed shovels, picks and chainsaws on them. Scotty got out his Come-Along with some chain, and ripped one loose. As soon as we were victorious on one, we moved to the next. Then, Donald and I got buckets of rocks out of the nearby creek (something we all have great practice in) so we could fill in the holes, and smooth out the areas of root still exposed. We all agreed that this was the best improvement made on the road in quite some time. I wouldn't hesitate to take a lower-profiled rig in there if the area was dry. Watch out on the other logging roads on the way in though! Whomever is responsible for taking care of these roads is not doing a good job on these particular ones. Below are pictures of some before and after shots of the road; and a picture of most of the group at the meeting time.



## Treasure Hunt:

Gary visited the New White Quartz claim this month to freshen up the marks on the trees and to make them more visible. They're now eye level for a 6 foot man.

It's been awhile since we've offered more clues. The pattern so far has been to give a clue every meeting or so, and to include one clue in the corresponding newsletter. Since it's been awhile, we'll include the most previous clue given, plus the next, and last clue.

*"Clue 5. Follow the last clue under the rocks to the treasure. Please put the clue back."*

*"Clue 6. Once you've found the treasure, remove one item. Write your name on the paper. The 5th person to find the treasure is to bring the box to the next meeting."*

## Legislation:

On July 12<sup>th</sup> we received an update on on Oregon SB 838/SB 3 case ( Bohmker, et al v. State Of Oregon, et al) from Kerby Jackson: "Some of us had fully expected the state to petition the 9th Circuit to dismiss our case on mootness due to the passage of SB 3. I am pleased to report that this did NOT happen. A recent filing (yesterday) by the State of Oregon, states in part that:

"Defendants-Appellees State of Oregon, et al., submit this letter to provide additional information about Senate Bill 3 and to express the state's agreement with appellants that the central legal issue in this appeal—whether the state can prohibit the use of motorized equipment to mine in habitat for protected fish on federal land—is not moot." Full steam ahead into the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals!"

Then on July 18<sup>th</sup>, we received an update on the SB 838 Case (Bohmker et. al. v. Oregon, et al) in the 9th Circuit: "This case is being considered for the November 2017 Portland oral argument calendar. The exact date of your oral argument has not been determined at this time. "

Meanwhile, in California's fight on the ban on suction dredging, here's a July 12<sup>th</sup> update from the American Mining Rights Association:

"Very typical of Judge Ochoa on the cases down in San Bernardino.....kick the can down the road. We have been locked out of suction dredging for 8 years now, the mining community has spent tons of money fighting this and once again Ochoa postpones any kind of ruling on the cases."

"Here is the email from James Buchal:"

This morning I appeared before Judge Ochoa in San Bernardino Superior Court, for a hearing at which four issues were up for decision: (1) whether the Court should revise his summary adjudication ruling on federal preemption in light of the California Supreme Court decision; (2) whether the California Department of Fish and Game violated the California Environmental Quality Act and Administrative Procedure Act in issuing the 2012 regulations; (3) whether the Legislature violated the "one subject" rule in the California Constitution when it passed the second two bills concerning the California moratorium; and (4) whether takings claims for the regulatory taking of unpatented mining claims are impossible because the regulation makes all discoveries no longer valuable.

Unfortunately, the Judge announced that he was sorry for dragging us all to San Bernardino, but he was not ready to proceed on any of the motions. He proposed rescheduling on July 24th. Unfortunately, I will be out of the country on that date, and will be undergoing a medical procedure. He then said August was not a good month for him, which would push any re-argument into September.

As some of you may know, there is some consensus to attempt to delay the first and second issue to see whether the U.S. Supreme Court will grant the petition for review in the Rinehardt case, but matters (3) and (4) can and should be decided as soon as possible. There was some discussion with the Judge in which he indicated that he was not prepared to wait for possible U.S. Supreme Court developments in making decisions in his Court.

On that basis, my best judgment was to proceed with a telephonic hearing on July 25th (it will be at 10:00 a.m.), rather than suffer further delay into late September for an in-person hearing.

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**Education:**

**Kerby's Corner:**

Kerby's been writing lately about every other government overreach besides mining. I'll keep my ear to the ground for the next newsletter.

**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:** 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. Walt @ 541-315-2030



## **DCPA 2017 OUTINGS SCHEDULE**

**ALL OUTINGS ARE RAIN OR SHINE**

**OUTING MEETING TIMES ARE 8 AM**

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

**March 18<sup>th</sup>: Neskia Beach** (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)

**April 15<sup>th</sup>: Island Creek** (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

**May 13<sup>th</sup>: Cow Creek Claims – Cleanup** (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

**June 17<sup>th</sup>: BBQ Fun Day, 10 AM** (Douglas County Fairgrounds)

**July 15<sup>th</sup>: Middle Creek Claim – Cleanup** (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

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

**September 16<sup>th</sup>: Island Creek** (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

**October 14<sup>th</sup>: Whiskey Run** (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)

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

**December 16<sup>th</sup>: 7 Devils Wayside** (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)