



The **S**luice **B**ox

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**ROSEBURG GPAA
CHAPTER**

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**We meet every 2nd Monday of the month
Our next monthly General Meeting
will be held on August 8th at 7 pm**

At Abby's Pizza Parlor located on NE Stephens, Roseburg Or.
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Wow, it just seemed like yesterday when I wrote my first message. Where did the month of June go?

I have been real busy learning the ins and out of dredging. All I can say is "What A Rush!" I even lucked out and found a little of the elusive yellow stuff. However I think I found enough nails to build a 3 bedroom house and lots of sinkers! Oh well, at least I am doing my part as to removing trash and debris from our waters!

With dredging season in full swing a lot of our members were not at the July meeting I am assuming that they probably won't be back until the September meeting. Members that attended our monthly meeting also received the information for the Cedar Creek Outing. We had 11 members show and had a good time. Not much Gold was found but great conversation and welcomed 2 new members to our club. Absentees also missed out on a product demonstration. Thank you to Rick Wilson for his demonstration at the meeting.

DCPA 1 outing was a bust so I apologize again to all who attended. Somehow we will make it up, but this time I hope that we can have a working dredge and also figure out which hole that we were to dredge. We could also do without the RATTLESNAKE! Be extremely careful if you go to work the DCPA 1 claim be aware of your surroundings and with all of the rain that we have had the grass is really high so the snakes are hard to see.

I need everyone to start thinking about the upcoming Gem and Mineral show. A huge thank you goes to Bob Peebles! He is making up the gold bags for the show. So we need to get the names of our volunteers that will be selling gold bags at the show and also members interested in teaching people how to pan. Please make sure to contact me so we can get a schedule going. I have always thought and heard that, "*a person only gets out what they put into something*" so make sure to step up and help out our club!

Til next month may you all find riches & happiness!

Your Prez~ Tony Walton

Reminder

**If a member of DCPA joins
either GPAA or the LDMA**

**Make sure to tell them you
are a member of DCPA in
Roseburg, Or.**

**The DCPA will in return
receive club credits!**

Editor's Note

I wonder if the “in-stream working timetable” will give us a couple of extra days for “RAINY DAY’S” like we use to get for snow days at school? Hey, you can’t blame one for trying! One has to find the humor behind most everything right?

So as I was trying to figure what to write during the summer storms I figured that I would do a little diggin’ for some useless but interesting information. So I found a little bit of history lesson to share, along with my opinion of course.

Did you know that historians believe that gold was discovered as early as 3,000 B.C. by either the Egyptians or the Sumerians. They popularized their culture of using gold as both decorations and as a symbol of wealth. The Roman Empire then found that by combining gems with the gold, it further enhanced the usage of gold in society. Gold was made more desirable after the Native Americans began creating fine arts of gold alloys and mechanical plating, but nothing would ever compare to the first Gold Rush in the United States of America.

A **17 pound yellow “rock”** was found by a farmers son in Little Meadow Creek on a family farm in North Carolina in the year of 1799. The family used the rock as a doorstep for 3 years until a jeweler identified the rock as a “**large gold nugget.**” Not understanding the value of gold, the nugget was sold for the hefty price of \$3.50 (a week’s worth of wages) the true value was around \$3,600.

In 1803, John Reed, the farmer, organized a small gold mining operation during this time another **28- pound nugget** was found by a slave named Peter. In order to handle the large amount of gold found in the region and state, the Charlotte Mint was built in nearby Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Reed Farm, also known as Reed Gold Mine, last mining efforts of underground mining took place in 1912, it has since been designated as a National Historic Landmark, which is open to the public.

The history of the success of the gold mine and the area first introduced the world to gold mining. Claims were staked and later sold off to bigger companies while others neared richness overnight. Now that society had a little understanding of how the elusive gold was sought after and found, in the early 1830’s another mad rush for gold occurred in Georgia. Nothing could prepare for what had occurred next when a young sawmill worker, James W. Marshall discovered gold, in the *American River* in California on January 24, 1848. His findings set the stage for the California Gold Rush.

Gold prospecting became a respectable job, while others lost everything they owned. Some unfortunate prospectors even lost their lives while they went to search for their chance of finding their riches. For some, they gave up on the thought of prospecting and found small riches into running business for supplies that prospectors and mining companies needed. The prospectors, the mining companies, small business owners, farmers and families soon turned a once vacant countryside into a booming township of which has helped build the world as it is today.

Even to this present day in 2011 prospecting has it’s own place in the world. Some absolutely love it while others hate it and are trying to stop it all. Strong and solid businesses have been built throughout the centuries for the prospectors and outdoor recreation activities alike, what will happen to the economy when these companies are forced to shut down. Not to even mention what will be in store for our youth and future generations if more rights are taken from them.

I would like to remind you to make sure and help support our club, our officers, board members and sponsors this year and remember to make a donation to Camp Millennium at the meetings. We must stand together and help retain our rights and protect our future!

Your Editor~ Kelly

REFERENCE: INTERNET WIKIPEDIA ENCYCLOPEDIA

DCPA
ROSEBURG GPAA CHAPTER
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2011

Held at Abby's on Stephens Street in Roseburg Oregon

Meeting called to order by Tony Walton, chapter president.

New guests and members were welcomed. 57 members and guests were present.

M/M to approve minutes by Mike and Ed seconded it and minutes were approved.

Desi talked about Senate Bill 518 which would authorize state lands to change our general authorization. Desi would gladly email anyone all info he gets. Name tags... see him also.

Mike made a motion to send Desi the chapters email list.

Tony gave Treasure report.

Claims ... Mike E. would like to know who said they would help with signing our claims. He has rules for our claims if any one wants them.

DCPA Claim 1 section corner divides 2 claims 6 people 2 hours to get claims cleaned up.

SNAKES ARE OUT BE CAREFUL!!!

Store.. We have Fred and Denise running it now. pans, hats and trying to get T-shirts and maybe hooded sweatshirts

Old Stuff...

BBQ went well!!! Treasure hunt and Pot Luck was fun.

THANK YOU Dedria!! Great games and gifts. THANK YOU Kelly N!! Great coin search!!

Raffle off the gold nuggets that were not found during BBQ/DETECTOR HUNT.

We are having Gold Show Meetings before General meeting so any one that wants to help with Gold Show come early.

Any one have a better place to meet!!??

 **Club Store** 

Make sure to see our
Club Store Manager
CHECK OUT WHAT FRED HAS IN
STORE FOR YOU

Pan or Classifier w/ small snuffer
HATS
tweezers, vials etc.

Please also take a moment to Thank
him for becoming our New Manager.
His volunteered position is greatly
appreciated.

****MEETING REMINDERS****

If you are having trouble hearing at the meetings, please feel free to sit farther away from the gaming area as possible.

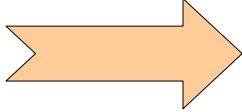
DON'T FORGET TO DONATE TO CAMP MILLENIUM'S PIGGY BANK!!

It takes us ALL to help a little to help others out a lot!



****Outings****

SCOTT'S BAR CALIFORNIA - AUGUST 19th 20th 21st



Make sure to come to the meeting to
find out all about this special trip!

WE WILL MEET AT 7:30 AM

MCDONALD'S PARKING LOT (EXIT 103- RIDDLE) for those who are
South of Riddle-please call Tony to let him know where to pull off and meet up with you.

ON AUGUST 19TH 2011.

**TONY WILL NEED THE NAMES OF PEOPLE
THAT WILL BE ATTENDING SCOTT'S BAR OUTING.**

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 13TH 2011**

Let's get together and hit the river at
ISLAND CREEK CAMPGROUND
Meet at McDonald's Parking lot 9 am
Exit 103 Riddle

We will leave promptly at 9:05 am

Bring all of your equipment, chairs and
sunscreen!

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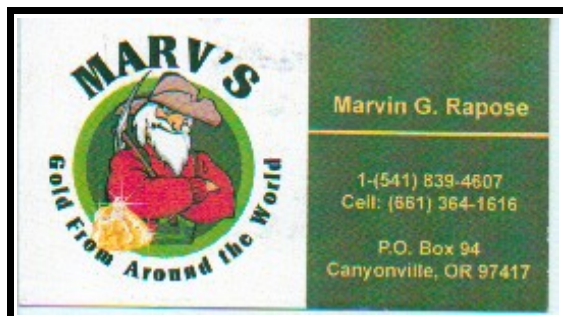
SEPTEMBER 25th 2011

THIS WILL BE OUR ANNUAL CLEAN-UP FOR
BOTH THE DCPA-1 AND BOTTOMS UP CLAIM!

Meet at M^cDonald's exit 103 at 9 am

We will do our clean-up and then everyone will
be able to whip out their equipment and work
the claims.

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