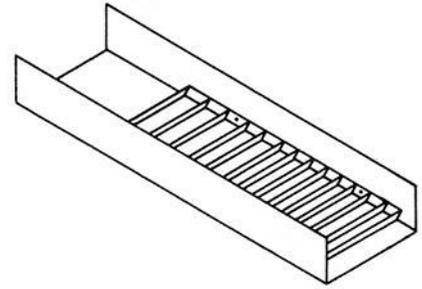




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THE SLUICE BOX

September 2017

DCPA 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. Nick: 541-993-2372 or houseofgall@gmail.com

From the Meeting:

- Called to order at 7:04 PM.
- 27 Members and 5 guests were present.
- Minutes from the last meeting were read.
- The Members were notified that the annual fees for our website and post office box were paid.
- Read on to see the duty descriptions of the positions we're nominating people to take on.
- The treasure hunt up at Middle Creek was discussed...
- The September Gold Show meeting was discussed; free advertising was to be the subject.
- Since it is September, it is time to start to take nominations for Officers for the coming term. On this night we took nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Board Members are good where they are at right now.
- Nick Gall was nominated for President.
- Gary Sturgill was nominated for Vice President.
- Scotty Rintoul nominated himself for Vice President.
- Ed Julian was nominated for Secretary.

- Ed Julian was nominated for Treasurer. Gary was going to discuss a possible dual role for Secretary and Treasurer with Ed Julian.
- Summertime mining stories were discussed among members.
- Break taken.
- Raffle Prizes drawn.
- Island Creek outing was changed.
- For our September outing to Island Creek, it was decided that since the forest fire on Cow Creek was going to keep us out of Island Creek, and that the August outing/claims cleanup was hindered due to similar limitations, that we would combine the efforts of the September outing of Island Creek into a Wednesday September 13th revisit cleanup trip to Red Mine #9.

Elections:

If you're interested in taking a position as an Officer or have been nominated for any position this year, it's only fair to know what is expected of you, to assist you in making an informed decision. Therefore, I've included the duty descriptions of each, according to our [Bylaws](#):

President:

The president shall be the Chief officer of the DCPA and shall be primarily responsible for the operation of DCPA. He/she shall be responsible to set goals and direction, and to implement programs to achieve them. As Chairperson of the Board, the President shall preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall sign all deeds and conveyances, all contracts and agreements, and all other instruments requiring execution on behalf of DCPA, and shall act as operating and directing head of DCPA, subject to policies and limitations established by the Board of Directors. In case of the permanent absence or inability of the President to act, that office shall be declared vacant by the Board of Directors and a successor shall be chosen by the Board.

Vice President:

The Vice President shall act in the place of the President, if and when the President is temporarily unable to carry out the required duties of his/her position. the Vice President shall not have the right of succession to the Presidency if and when the President is permanently unable to perform his/her duties. The Vice President shall also perform various duties as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors. In the case of the permanent absence or inability of the Vice President to act, that office shall be declared vacant by the Board of Directors and a successor shall be chosen by the Board.. The Vice President shall act as Sergeant of Arms at Board Meetings.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall see that minutes of all meetings of the General Membership and the Officers are taken and kept. He/she shall have charge of all the books and records of the DCPA except the book of account, and in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and other duties as may be assigned to him;/her. In the case of permanent absence or inability of the Secretary to act, that office shall be declared vacant by the Board of Directors and a successor shall be chosen by the Board.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall have general custody of all the funds of DCPA. He/she shall see to the deposits of the funds of the DCPA in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors may designate. Regular book of account shall be kept under his/her direction and supervision, and he/she shall render financial statements to the President, Directors, and members at proper times. The Treasurer shall have charge of the preparation and filing of such reports, financial statements and returns as may be required by law. In the case of permanent absence or inability of the Secretary to act, that office shall be declared vacant by the Board of Directors and a successor shall be chosen by the Board.

Claims Director:

He/she shall perform duties as outlined by the Board of Directors.

Claims:

Stay tuned!

Outings:

Our outing this month was slated for Island Creek, right on Cow Creek just west of Riddle. Trouble is, it's either on fire, or is closed off for the foreseeable future due to fire line restrictions. There was no outing on Saturday following the meeting. Gary Sturgill, Ed Julian and one other miner went up to Red Mine #9 on Wednesday morning, September 13th, to finish our annual claim cleanup so we could meet our obligations for the year. They did what necessary cleanup there was to be done to begin with, then collected gold bearing material afterward to take home.

One of the greatest things about belonging to this club is the stories of process behind finding the gold, and evidence of the gold. Let's see your gold pictures and hear your stories! Please feel free to send your stories and your pictures of gold you've recently found (preferably on DCPA Claims) to be included on our Social Media pages, and/or in the newsletter if there is room (such as this month or last month).

Treasure Hunt:

Gary announced that he relocated the buried treasure that is up at the New White Quartz claim on Middle Creek, so that it is in a much more accessible location; even allowing access to those handicapped, or not.

“Clue 1. I can hear the water, but can’t see it.”

“Clue 2. Find the notch in the tree, turn 90 degrees.”

“Clue 3. Take 40 paces, find the double notched tree, and turn 90 degrees.”

“Clue 4. Look for a “fer see” to spy a stack of rocks.”

“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:

Posted online on September 19th by Kerby Jackson: Oregon SB 838/Motorized Moratorium (Bohmker, et. al. v. State of Oregon, et. al) update: We were scheduled to have oral arguments in the 9th Circuit in November. I have just been informed by our legal counsel that this will now not take place and the case has been "pushed back" to a currently unknown date. (One factor in this, may be that the 9th Circuit is waiting to see if Brandon Rinehart's case is accepted by the United States Supreme Court. Note: Some say that Brandon's case has been accepted by SCOTUS, but as per info from Brandon and Pacific Legal, that does not appear to be true yet).

Education:

So far I haven’t covered the following organization much, since I believe that technically, we fall under the Galice Mining District umbrella. But, if you aren’t familiar with an organization named AMRA (American Mining Rights Association), you may want to be. American Mining Rights Association is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit, tax-exempt Association based in Coulterville CA. AMRA was created by miners, hikers, hunters and public land users to preserve and maintain their rights as they pertain to the use of our public lands. If you have internet access you can view their website at <https://www.americanminingrights.com/> to learn more. I’ve been following their activity for awhile now, and I am sure glad they’re around.

Back in 2013, they posted [this handy piece of information on their website](#). It might be a little too big to fold up and put in your wallet, but the importance is the same. I’ve intentionally done a page break here and did other modifications so it will fit on one page that you can tear out or print from this newsletter.

Carry this in your wallet, RIGHT TO ACCESS CLAIMS USFS

This is taken directly from the Forest Service Directives and should be carried by all miners at all times.



While “undue burden” seems to be widely debated by the Forestry Department, we believe it is common sense. If I have a claim, or plan to prospect an area for a potential claim, I have a right to access to that PUBLIC LAND for the purpose of bona fide prospecting. Meaning, if I plan to check out an area on the Feather river, I am allowed, according to the Forest Service’s own rules to access that public land without an undue burden to reach it. I do not have to be a claim owner to access the land, just a “bona fide” prospector. We are all bona fide prospectors if we search for gold...period.

While we are not saying you should get into arguments with the Forest Service over trying to reach an area you want to prospect, we are saying in their own manual of rules they must follow, they are to allow access for the purpose of prospecting or accessing their claim.

If you are approached by USFS and they deny you access to a claim or portion of public land while you are prospecting, contact us.

2813.14 – Right of Access to Claim

The right of reasonable access for purposes of prospecting, locating, and mining is provided by statute. Such access must be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Forest Service. However, the rules and regulations may not be applied so as to prevent lawful mineral activities or to cause undue hardship on bona fide prospectors and miners.

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Kerby's Corner:

For those with internet access, here's a link to a video and it's description:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDexpMBAs6M>

International expert Professor Rick Sibson talks about how fluids, faults and earthquakes interact in the crust to form fault-hosted gold deposits. Ken Harris has mined a typical fault-hosted deposit at the Red Robin mine in the Alps of southeast Australia.

For those without internet access or for those who want even more, here's a continuation on the articles I shared in the January, February and August newsletters. In part, it discusses pocket mining, and some of what the early prospectors in our region were discovering about where and how the gold and other minerals lie in the ground. It's found at

<http://gpex.ca/smf/index.php?topic=12499.0>: This month, we'll continue with the next section, No. IV:

Number IV

The particles of gold found in free or decomposed pockets have a slight affinity for each other, as if magnetic. To demonstrate, it is only necessary to take the flour gold from one of these pockets and corner it down in a pan until it forms a string of an inch or so in length in the crease of the pan; then take considerably more water into the pan and by a sudden jerk movement try to scatter the flour gold by the action of the water carrying it over the bottom of the pan. No matter how fine your gold may be, you will find, try whatever way you may, that you cannot completely distribute and separate the particles of gold. You can always see it with the naked eye, and, if you will take a small magnifying glass and examine the bottom of the pan, you will find that the particles of gold lie in bunches or clusters and not completely scattered, each particle laying separate by itself.

The flour gold from a milling vein, or, in other words, from a vein or ledge that carries an equal amount of gold all along, when treated in this manner will completely separate, and it will be found by examining the bottom of the pan closely with the glass that each particle will be seen lying by itself and not gathered in clusters or bunches the same as the pocket gold.

There may be several other minerals found in this class of pockets, but a pocket without calcite, iron, copper, lead, and sulfur has not yet been found. They are always present in free or decomposed pockets. They may not always occur in the same form, but they are generally in a chloride or metallic state. These five minerals are the key to the pocket and are what cause the pocket to form. Of course gold is included and makes the sixth mineral. Several other minerals may be found in pockets besides those five above named, but they do not play an important part in forming the pocket. Wherever this combination of these five minerals is found in a ledge, and there is any gold, there is generally a pocket on the ledge, although, either from some curious action of nature or from the peculiar action of some other foreign mineral upon this combination of five, it sometimes occurs that no pocket forms even when those five necessary minerals are present, but this seldom happens.

It is nearly always safe to count on finding a pocket on a ledge near the surface where those five minerals exist at one point, no matter in what form they may occur so long as they are there. The size of the pocket can very often be determined by the size of the ledge proper. A large ledge nearly always gives a large pocket, while small ledges and seams do not appear to have the body to support a large deposit of those minerals, consequently, the pockets are small. The rim, ledge, or seam which comes in contact with the ledge proper, at the point where the pocket occurs, is as essential to forming the pocket as the combination of the five minerals; and in every pocket yet found of this class, this contacting seam or ledge has always been found. It appears to be the feeder through which the minerals are carried to the pockets, although sometimes the pocket occurs on the this feeder instead of the ledge. Those cases occur oftener where the ledge is barren quartz than where the ledge is more mineralized. The first step that the prospector should take, who intends to follow this branch of mining, is to make a study of those five minerals, so that he can readily detect them in any form; and when he has acquired that knowledge he then has the main key to finding this class of pocket. I have known men who were so expert at detecting, with their eyes, those minerals and the different indications of a pocket, that, after a close examination of the ground, they would walk directly to the spot and mark the place on top of the ground where the pocket was, and upon digging down, the pockets were found directly underneath the spot they had marked.

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

March 18th: Nesika Beach (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)

April 15th: Island Creek (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

May 13th: Cow Creek Claims – Cleanup (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

June 17th: BBQ Fun Day, 10 AM (Douglas County Fairgrounds)

July 15th: Middle Creek Claim – Cleanup (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

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

September 16th: Island Creek (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

October 14th: Whiskey Run (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)

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

December 16th: 7 Devils Wayside (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)