



The Sluice Box

December 2009

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Next Meeting: Christmas Party

Monday, December 14, 6:00PM

Community Building, Central Park, Sutherlin

The Prez' Message

Howdy, I can't believe it's December already. Merry Christmas everyone!



Remember the monthly meeting will be in Sutherlin at the Community Center on Central where the train is. We will have a short meeting followed by a Prime Rib and Ham dinner. Call Cheryle Golgert if you have not made your reservation yet for dinner. There will be a \$10.00 unisex gift exchange, door prize drawings, and the year end drawing for the gold nugget donated by **Rob Gorham** from 49er's Mining Supplies. I have met a lot of people over the last 7 years and made some lasting friendships. I hope that the New Year will bring joy and happiness to ALL of you.

May all you find be... **NUGGETS !**

- Gary Sturgill, z-Prez'

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!

December Birthdays

Dave Horton	Dec 01
Bob Peebles	Dec 02
Eloise Root	Dec 07
Don Horton	Dec 09
Mary Potter	Dec 12
Larry Smith	Dec 12
Gloria Forest	Dec 13
Dennis Chamberlin	Dec 14
Micheal Taylor	Dec 16
Lloyd Thurman	Dec 16
Casey Condra	Dec 16
Donald Jones	Dec 17
Peggy Coon	Dec 20
Barbra Waters	Dec 22
Bob Perske	Dec 23
Mary Vallier	Dec 25
Laura Wasson	Dec 31
Devin Hartford	Dec 31

Here's wishing you **nuggets** in your pan

Program for Meeting

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“Christmas Party”

Meetings' Guest Speaker

The DCPA President, **Gary Sturgill**
Master of Ceremonies

Membership Notes

[As of Nov 22, 2009]

Total Members: 273

Paid Claim #1 Leases: 39

Paid Claim #2 Leases: 29

Four New Members

Molly Deem and Stacy Jones

[molldeem63 \[at\] aol \[dot\] com](mailto:molldeem63@aol.com)

Robert “Bob” Pace

[cmpace1 \[at\] charter \[dot\] net](mailto:cmpace1@charter.net)

Marin Whitaker

[brian \[at\] douglasco \[dot\] net](mailto:brian@douglasco.net)

We welcome you :)

Note about Email Addresses

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

Sam@yack.com is the same as [sam \[at\] yack \[dot\]com](mailto:sam@yack.com)



New Email addresses & other Membership changes

Phone change:

Brian and Marin Whitaker

New Emails:

Fred and Louise Reynolds
[aussie357 \[at\] gmail \[dot\] com](mailto:aussie357@gmail.com)

Orvie and Karen Jordy
[whome4657 \[at\] q \[dot\] com](mailto:whome4657@q.com)

No address changes

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.

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Christmas at the DCPA



Monday 6 P.M. December 14th

Sutherlin Community Center located in Central Park, on Central Avenue about one mile East of the I-5 exit 136; The building is situated behind the Locomotive in the Park.

Detailed directions - Take the main Exit 136 into Sutherlin, which puts you on Central Ave. Go East through town, past the Sr. Center/Library Complex. The next block will be the city park with a train on the

right. The only building in the park is the Community Center. There is a big parking lot across the street from the center and also parking in front. Only one door will be open so we can check you in when you arrive.



A **wrapped unisex gift** of around eight to ten dollars, not to exceed \$10.00. If you bring a gift, you will be given a ticket to receive a gift. Gifts are not necessary for you to attend the dinner, but please do not take a gift if you did not bring one. It seems every year someone who brings a gift is left with no gift, please do not let this happen this year! After gifts are handed out to those participating we play a fun game of “exchanging” gifts. The rules are that once your

gift has been exchanged three times you can keep it out of the game. In the past this has been very popular with everyone. Everyone should bring a unisex wrapped gift for the gift exchange. Every paid dinner guest will receive a ticket for door prizes when they are checked off the paid dinner list. So please check in with **Cheryle** and receive your ticket from **Gloria** at that time.

What do I Bring:

- Bring a potluck dish of the usual potluck size with the serving utensils.
- **A** through **N** – Vegetables and side dishes
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- **S** through **Z** – Salads.
- If you have a “special” dish that you feel everyone would enjoy and your name comes into a different category please bring that instead.
- The club will furnish the prime rib, with a small ham cooked for those who do not want prime rib. Also furnished will be condiments, baked potatoes, coffee and punch. If you do not want coffee or punch, please bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. There is a pop machine in the building with a special recycling bin for the cans. If you feel you need a steak knife, please bring your own.

Cheryle Golgert handed out the sign up sheets for volunteer help with the various jobs that go with holding a dinner of this size. Thanks everyone for signing up. Setting up will begin at **11 AM** at the Sutherlin Community Center on the day of the dinner. If you are not needed you will be called.

Thirsty? Bring that special beverage if you like but alcohol is disallowed at all DCPA functions.

Questions ?

Call Cheryle after 1:00:PM



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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, 7 PM, second Monday of the month. bring these items to the next general meeting Nov 9 Monday at Abby's Roseburg Oregon. All items are subject to the Editor's review.

THE BEGINNING PROSPECTOR (PART 2)

Last time we talked about getting started prospecting. After mastering panning and going on your first few outings with the club, you may be ready for a little more equipment.

The next things to get are a couple of 5gal buckets and a classifier. The buckets enable you to take more material at a time to the river's or stream's edge for panning. The classifier lets you get the big rocks out so that what you are panning is a little more concentrated.

5 gal buckets can be bought at any hardware store, or sometimes can be found discarded at construction sites. (Cost around \$5 each) Bakeries get frosting in 3 gal buckets and often will give the empties away if you ask them for them.

Classifiers can be purchased from our clubs store, or from any prospectors supply house. The screen should be around 1/4 inch mesh, for your first classifier. (cost around \$12.) You can also make one from a 3 gal bucket with a drill, some rope, and PVC pipe. Take a 3 gal bucket and drill holes in the bottom with your 1/4 inch bit. Remove the handle, drill holes for the rope around the top, on each side. With a saw cut the PVC pipe to the right length for handles, thread the rope with a knot in one end, thru one hole, thru the pipe and back thru

the other hole, knotting the end. Repeat for the other handle. You now have a classifier. (A word of warning, for this kind of classifier, the free buckets from a bakery are better because most of the 3 gal ones you buy from hardware stores are made of recycled material that will crack or split when you drill it)

To use the classifier, place it in the top of a 5 gal bucket, shovel some material in, and shake the material thru the classifier in to the bucket. Discard the rocks left in the classifier Repeat until your bucket is full enough, then pan the contents of the bucket.

We have now discussed pans, snuffer bottles, vials last time for a cost of around \$15 and buckets and classifiers for a cost of \$22 so we are now up to a total of \$37. Not a lot of money, but a lot of fun when you see gold in your pan.

Written by Gloria Forest

(Part 3) in the Jan newsletter



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WANTED



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



Funny Story Time

Chuckle for the Day

The Gold Urinal

Before his 2001 inauguration, George Bush was invited acquainted tour of the White House.

After drinking several glasses of beverages, he asked President Bill Clinton if he could use his personal bathroom.

When he entered Clinton's personal bathroom, he was astonished to see that President Clinton had a solid gold urinal.

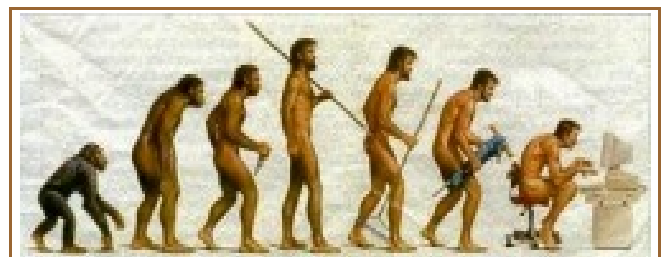
That afternoon, George told his wife, Laura, about the urinal. 'Just think,' he said, 'when I am president, I could have a gold urinal too. But I wouldn't do something that self-indulgent!'

Later when Laura had lunch with Hillary at her tour of the White House, she told Hillary how impressed George had been at his discovery of the fact that, in the President's private bathroom, the President had a gold urinal.

That evening, when Bill and Hillary were getting ready for bed, Hillary smiled, and said to Bill . . . "I found out who pissed in your saxophone



Funny story by **Marian Harris**



*mankind and supposed evolution
Picture found by Gene*

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

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Claim Maps and Directions

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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**

Agenda for December General Meeting

Christmas Party will precede the Meeting



- Call to Order
- Guest Introductions
- New Member Introductions
- Reminder to sign-in.
- Approval of Sept meeting minutes.
- Correspondence
- Reports
- Program: New board members
- Old Business
- New Business
- Auction(s), if any
- Drawing(s)
- *Adjourn the meet*

Schedule of Meetings, Outings, etc.

Meetings

- December 14, Monday 6 PM, our Christmas Party.
- December 21, Monday 6 PM, Officers and Board Members meeting at Abby's.
- 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

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.

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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, held at the same place hunts have been made in previous years. At least fifty dollars in coin remains there unclaimed. The second hunt will be made at a location where extant coins and relics may be found by the attentive detectorist.

Socials

Christmas Party: Dec 14th

2009 Projects

All done for the year. Was a good year and thank you to all the volunteers that made them possible.

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 and 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 Forest**

Douglas County Prospectors Association

General Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm at Abby's Pizza on Stephens St., Roseburg, OR by President **Gary Sturgill** with 63 prospectors present. There will be no program or demonstration tonight.

Guests and New Members:

A hearty welcome was given to guest **Molly Deem** and **Bob Pace** tonight's new member.

A motion by **Les Blackmore** was made to approve September's General Minutes. The motion was approved.

A: Committee Reports:

- **Badges:**

Desi Rains was not present tonight. Badges must be paid for in advance and ordered from Desi. Badges remain \$8.00 for the pin back kind. See Desi for other styles. They are ordered at the meeting and come back usually by the next months meeting. Please pick up your badges when you sign in.

- **Stores:**

Bob Peebles reported that he has all of the club store items on sale for \$1.00 above cost tonight. What a deal!

- **Claims:**

Mike Eshleman reports no changes with our claims. He is trying to get the BLM as a speaker early next year. The tentative subject will be the steps required to file a claim, maintain it etc.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Gloria Forest, Treasurer gave the current treasury report.

- **Membership:**

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Gene Forest, our “membership guy” states we have one new member. 2010 membership dues will be due this April and will be \$15.00 per family.

B: Old Business:

1. **Pump Permits: Gene Forest** will be sending out new membership cards along with the pump permit papers before the next meeting.
2. **Gary Sturgill** thanked everyone that attended the Island Creek picnic and all our other recent outings.
3. **Christmas Party:**

If you want to attend the dinner, and have not paid yet, please send your Secretary **Cheryle Golgert** a check made out to DCPA for the number of dinner's you need. The prime rib must be special ordered at least 2 weeks before the dinner so time is short.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Please send checks to:
Cheryle Golgert

If you have a question please call her after 1 pm. Thank You!

When:

December 14th at 6 pm. We will have a brief meeting before we eat.

Where:

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- 4 **Cheryl Standridge** spoke to the group about low participation at our outings, especially the potluck barbecue ones that require a lot of work to get ready for the outing. Food and paper products need to be bought, barbecue obtained and all transported to the outing site. If the low participation keeps up this way the outing hosts will not volunteer to do

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the outings, so everyone should get involved and attend the outings. How would you like to give a party and very few people invited show up?

5. **“Digger” Scotty Rintoul** spoke to the group about how the club needs to consolidate the different meetings in order to save time and gas. He suggested having the general meeting and Officer/Board meetings on the same night so that maybe more members could go to them and be more involved. The Officers/Board will take this into advisement.

C: New Business:

1. DCPA Officers and Board of Directors have voted to have a “Gold and Treasure Show” this coming year at the fairgrounds February 27 and 28, 2010. The planning committee needs more people. See **Gary** after the meeting if you want to help. Envelopes containing a cover letter and contract were

MINUTES CONTINUED

readied for mailing before tonight's meeting. **Dan Vallier** and **Shirley Peebles**, thank you with helping the committee with this task. Next “Gold and Treasure Show meeting will be at 6 pm November 16 at Abby's, before the Officer's meeting. **Les Blackmore** asked to be on the committee. Thanks Les!

2. **Outing:** An outing hosted by **Orvie** and **Karen Jordy** will be held this Saturday November 14. Destination: A scheduled guided tour of the Cottage Grove Mining Museum. The museum admission is free. There will be a caravan that leaves from Abby's promptly at 10 am and also at Sutherland's old Ray's parking lot at 10:15 am. If you have any questions please call the **Jordys**.
3. **Marian Harris** made the announcement that her scholarship was accepted for college. She needs somebody to do *The Sluice Box*. She will attempt to continue as long as she can, but she

requests that members volunteer to come to her home and help fold, stamp and staple the newsletter, which is a time consuming project. **Karen Jordy** volunteered to do the proof reading for her. The club really needs to have a backup person who is willing to learn how to do the job.

4. **Election** ballots were handed out by **Dedria Mabie** for the 2010 officers and open board member positions.

Elected were the following:

President:

Tom Handy

Vice President:

Bob Peebles

Secretary:

Cheryle Golgert

Treasurer:

Dave Goodwin

Board member:

Terry Johnston

Board member:

Gary Sturgill

Board member:

Gloria Forest

Sgt. Of Arms:

Dave Hansen

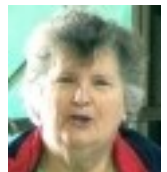
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Amendment: **Dave Hansen** withdrew and **Les Blackmore** is now our new Sgt of Arms.

Drawings:

The 50/50 lucky winner for \$19.00 was won by Gary Sturgill who donated it to Camp Millennium. Numerous members won some very nice prizes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.
Submitted by **Cheryle Golgert**,
Secretary



Announcing a Special Drawing

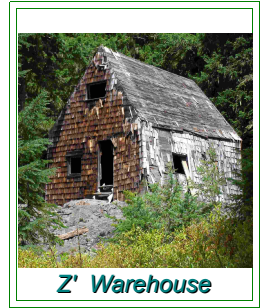
A New drawing begun in this past July is for a self-contained, Mini Trommel." donated by "Prospector **Chuck Breshears**". It's named "Mountain Goat" with a Reverse Helix. A Proline 12 VDC 750GPH pump is included and the tray. It is about 2 ft High, 2 ft Deep and 2 ½ ft Wide. Manufactured by www.camelminingproducts.com We will need to sell about 300 \$1 tickets before the drawing. To date 189 have been bought. **{thanks loads Chuck!}**



Our Club Store

We have new T-Shirts and Ball Caps with the DCPA Logo. In stock also; pans, scoops, snuffer bottles, classifiers and more..

Bob Peebles,
Property Manager will announce any sale or special items



Z' Warehouse

Go BOB!!



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..

Wanted: A good working order dredge outfit with a utility stake bed trailer and all the goodies. Call Gene 459-7647

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Election Review and Record

Directors Terms Remaining beginning
January 1, 2010

Dave Goodwin	1 year
Cheryle Golgert	1 year
Larry Smith	2 years
Gary Sturgill	2 years
Terry Johnston	3 years
Open	3 years

Other: A Special Election is needed for the **Claims Director**, an Officer of the Club

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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