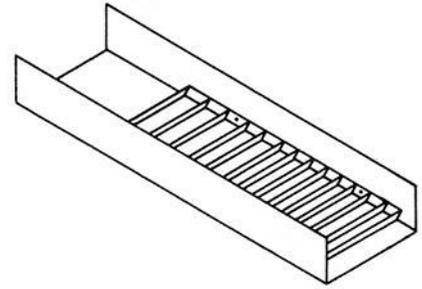




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**THE SLUICE BOX**

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**October 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 7:08 PM
- ❖ Minutes and old business from last meeting were read
- ❖ Outing for this month was announced; to Whiskey Run. Gary was there about a month ago, he found some color, but the rock was pretty hard packed. As a result, he ended up running down to the wayside as well.
- ❖ Treasurer's report: \$3987.23
- ❖ We circled back to old business as we need to fill or change our nominations for Officers
- ❖ At the board meeting, Nick Gall announced he has a baby on the way, and therefore gave notice to the Board that he could not guarantee he would do the position of President justice, for the Association. So, after asking for any other members to volunteer, which none did, the Nominations have changed:
  - ❖ Scotty Rintoul is nominated for President
  - ❖ Nick Gall is nominated for Vice President
  - ❖ Nick Gall is nominated for Secretary
  - ❖ Kris Webber was nominated for Vice President

- ❖ Gary Sturgill is nominated for Treasurer
- ❖ Mike Eshelman is nominated for Claims Director
  - Be sure to come to the November meeting, so you can cast your vote!
- ❖ It's time to start planning for the Christmas Dinner, which will be on the second Monday in December.
  - Kris has a signup sheet. The cost is \$5.00 per member. Sign up and tell us what dish you will bring. Gary will be cooking Prime Rib again.
  - There will be a \$10 unisex gift exchange
- ❖ Gary announced that someone had got into the Treasure Box up at New White Quartz!
- ❖ We took one last call for Nominations. If anyone changes their mind, contact Nick Gall and he'll put it in the newsletter.
- ❖ Vote on the Nominations will occur at the November General Meeting.
- ❖ Gary let us know he deployed a couple game cameras at Red Mine #9 to watch for claim jumpers. He showed pictures of Cougars and Bears, so be careful up there and don't go up there alone!
  - We plan on repositioning the game cameras to capture license plates, so next year, we will record Members' license plate numbers to prevent unauthorized claim use.
- ❖ Nick Gall reminded everyone to get signed in during the break, and to make sure to contact him if they are not receiving a newsletter by mail or email.
- ❖ Scotty Rintoul discussed the Christmas dinner, and reminded us we'll need volunteers to help setup and teardown of the dinner. He also reminded us of the same needs for the Gold Show coming up next year. He reiterated that we need volunteers for most everything in general, and urged members to step up. He also discussed that DCPA members are welcome at Jim Graves' property out on the mainstem Umpqua. If you need more information and directions, contact Nick Gall.
- ❖ A member asked when the Gold Show is. We haven't set a date yet. Gary did mention that we will be the only gold show in the state of Oregon. GPAA will hold theirs in Vancouver, WA. That could bode well for us.
- ❖ Break taken
- ❖ Raffle items drawn and distributed
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned

### **Claims:**

Waiting on paperwork from the BLM. Gary will check the mailbox in the next few days.

### **Outings:**

This month's outing was destined for Whiskey Run down near Bandon. The group was to meet at the Dairy Queen at 8 AM. It was a cold, foggy 43 degrees when I arrived at my local DQ. Only one other member that lives in Winston as well, showed up; and he didn't know where Whiskey Run is. I had to be back to Winston by 3 PM to get to my evening job, so I wasn't

able to make the trek to the coast and back. I knew if I did, I'd be disappointed to have to leave early to get back to town. So, with no other members showing up, we toyed with the idea of going down to the South Umpqua and poking around a bit, but we declined, knowing it'd be a frigid time in the water. I did go down to that favorite spot we thought about going later in the week when it warmed up, and the water was ice cold, and a lot higher than I like it, to get the gold out of where it's hiding. By the time I got my bucket classified, the dog was shivering and my lower legs and feet were numb.

We do have a report to share from September. Our fellow member and Web Page Editor Randy Waters from Gold Beach hosted an outing at Foster Bar on the Rogue river.

Here's his report:

*The outing at Foster Bar was a blast. Everyone who panned found gold. My poorest pan held 9 colors and my best pan held over 200 colors. I found several nice flakes and a few flakes that could be platinum. Several pieces of lead were found ranging in size from 7 1/2 pellet bird shot to 8 ounce pyramid and round sinkers. A .22 short unfired. A .22 long unfired. 2 quarters, 2 dimes and a foreign coin.*

*14 people from North Bend Prospectors and 2 people from Douglas County Prospectors showed up. On Saturday night Randy Waters and Barbara Jorge prepared BBQ Chicken and Potato Salad for the potluck.*

*There was smokies and baked Salmon, salads, breads and Cranberry Bread for dessert. Needless to say, everyone ate until they thought they would blow up.*

### **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:**

One of the guys from the Department of State Lands called me on Oct. 19th looking for a member of the DCPA to participate in a “Rules Advisory Committee” as it pertains to SB 3. I presume he got my information from our website. I'm pretty diplomatic but I couldn't help but get a dig in about SB 3 at the end of our phone call. Please read on for the details, I got what appears to be a copy of the formal communication that was sent to our good friend Kerby Jackson:

*"DSL is preparing to undertake a rulemaking pertaining to the authorization of placer mining under state removal-fill law in light of the recent passage of SB3. In that vein, we are seeking candidates to serve on a Rulemaking Advisory Committee. Currently, we plan to convene the RAC in early November, location TBD."*

### ***Roles and Responsibilities for the Rules Advisory Committee***

*The Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) plans to convene a Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) to advise DSL on changes to Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) relating to authorization of placer mining under state removal-fill law (ORS 196.795 -196.990).*

*RAC members agree to fulfill their responsibilities through attending and participating in meetings, studying available information, and providing input to DSL. Members agree to participate in good faith and to act in the best interests of the group and its charge. Members are expected to consider a range of issues and options to address them, discuss the pros and cons of the issues/options presented, and seek to develop recommendations reflecting the “sense of the group”.*

*Members acknowledge that the group is an advisory body to DSL and that its role is to provide advice and frame policy choices and that rulemaking authority rests with DSL.*

### ***Member responsibilities include:***

- Review background materials and analysis to understand the issues to be addressed in the review process.*
- Work collaboratively with one another to explore issues and develop recommendations.*
- Consider and integrate public input into recommendations as appropriate.*

*DSL will provide technical support, substantive expertise, logistical assistance, administrative assistance, and advice to the RAC, but will not be represented on it.*

*Members should try to attend all meetings. If a meeting is missed, the member is welcome to contact the assigned DSL staff person(s) for a briefing.*

*Members agree to be respectful at all times of other representatives, staff, and audience members. They will listen to each other to seek to understand the other's*

*perspective, even if they disagree.*

*Members agree to make every effort to bring all aspects of their concerns about these issues into this process to be addressed.*

*Members are advised that e-mail, blogs and other social networking media may be considered public documents.*

*While not precluded from communicating with the media, members agree to generally defer to DSL for all media communications related to the group's process and its recommendations.*

*Expectations for the decision-making process:*

- Members agree that consensus has a high value and that the group should strive to achieve it. As such, decisions and recommendations will be made by consensus of all present members.*
- The commitment to work for consensus means that members will participate in the give and take of the process in a way that seeks to understand the interests of all and will work together to find solutions workable for all.*
- When consensus cannot be reached, DSL may invite minority opinions for documentation. Those with minority opinions are responsible for proposing alternative solutions or approaches to resolve differences.*
- Meetings will be conducted in a manner deemed appropriate to foster collaborative decision-making and consensus building.*
- Members will honor decisions made and avoid re-opening issues once resolved.*

*And finally, the inevitable legal disclaimer: Meetings are open to the public and will be conducted under the provisions of Oregon Public Meetings Law (ORS 192.610-690). Time for public testimony will be included at all RAC meetings. RAC records, including formal documents, discussion drafts, meeting summaries and exhibits, are public records. Communications of the RAC are not confidential because the meetings and records of the RAC are open to the public. "Communications" refers to all statements and votes made during meetings, memoranda, work projects, records, documents or materials developed to fulfill the charge, including electronic mail correspondence. (ORS 192.410(4)).*

**And:**

There is some good news to be shared from our friends over at [AMRA](#)...

***American Mining Rights Association***

***This should put a smile on the face of those who think the EPA and the sue and settle tactics by the enviro groups are out of control;***

**PRESS RELEASE:**

**News Releases from Headquarters>Office of the Administrator (AO)  
Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to End EPA "Sue & Settle"**

***"The days of regulation through litigation are over," – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.  
10/16/2017***

**Contact Information:  
EPA Press Office ([press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov))**

***WASHINGTON (October 16, 2017) – In fulfilling his promise to end the practice of regulation through litigation that has harmed the American public, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an Agency-wide directive today designed to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, providing an unprecedented level of public participation and transparency in EPA consent decrees and settlement agreements. "The days of regulation through litigation are over," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "We will no longer go behind closed doors and use consent decrees and settlement agreements to resolve lawsuits filed against the Agency by special interest groups where doing so would circumvent the regulatory process set forth by Congress. Additionally, gone are the days of routinely paying tens of thousands of dollars in attorney's fees to these groups with which we swiftly settle."***

***Over the years, outside the regulatory process, special interest groups have used lawsuits that seek to force federal agencies – especially EPA – to issue regulations that advance their interests and priorities, on their specified timeframe. EPA gets sued by an outside party that is asking the court to compel the Agency to take certain steps, either through change in a statutory duty or enforcing timelines set by the law, and then EPA will acquiesce through a consent decree or settlement agreement, affecting the Agency's obligations under the statute.***

***More specifically, EPA either commits to taking an action that is not a mandatory requirement under its governing statutes or agrees to a specific, unreasonable timeline to act. Oftentimes, these agreements are reached with little to no public input or transparency. That is regulation through litigation, and it is inconsistent with the authority that Congress has granted and the responsibility to operate in an open and fair manner.***

***"Sue and settle" cases establish Agency obligations without participation by states and/or the regulated community; foreclose meaningful public participation in rulemaking; effectively force the Agency to reach certain regulatory outcomes; and, cost the American taxpayer millions of dollars.***

***With today's directive, Administrator Pruitt is ensuring the Agency increase transparency, improve public engagement, and provide accountability to the American public when considering a settlement agreement or consent decree by:***

- 1. Publishing any notices of intent to sue the Agency within 15 days of receiving the notice;**
- 2. Publishing any complaints or petitions for review in regard to an environmental law, regulation, or rule in which the Agency is a defendant or respondent in federal court within 15 days of receipt;**
- 3. Reaching out to and including any states and/or regulated entities affected by potential settlements or consent decrees;**
- 4. Publishing a list of consent decrees and settlement agreements that govern Agency actions within 30 days, along with any attorney fees paid, and update it within 15 days of any new consent decree or settlement agreement;**
- 5. Expressly forbidding the practice of entering into any consent decrees that exceed the authority of the courts;**
- 6. Excluding attorney's fees and litigation costs when settling with those suing the Agency;**
- 7. Providing sufficient time to issue or modify proposed and final rules, take and consider public comment; and**
- 8. Publishing any proposed or modified consent decrees and settlements for 30-day public comment, and providing a public hearing on a proposed consent decree or settlement when requested.**

### **Kerby's Corner:**

We'll finalize the series of articles I shared in the January, February, August, and September 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 is the end of the articles, with the last section, No. V:

#### *Number V*

*The reason why pockets of this class are always found in decomposed quartz is because the combination of the five minerals, mentioned in article No.4, which are always present in this form of pocket, acts upon the quartz, and, being a strong decomposing agent, soon rots away the ledge at the point where they concentrate.*

*The gold in those pockets is generally rough and "scraggly," and pieces are often found all honey-combed like pumice-stone where the quartz has decayed away and left nothing in a solid form except the gold. Sometimes in the larger pockets of this class there is smooth gold, similar to well-worn placer gold, found in the center of the pocket; but, upon examination it will be found that those smooth nuggets have a coating or glazing of copper on the smooth surface and are more of an orange tint than the rest of the gold in the pocket. Sometimes those nuggets or pieces which are found in the center of the pocket are rough and scraggly on one side and smooth and glazed on the other. Those smooth pieces are found only in large pockets, and in pockets where they are found there is always a large percentage of copper in the mineral combination. Whenever the majority of the colors found in a free pocket trace are in the shape of needle points broken off or "arrowheads," as the pocket hunter calls them, the trace is seldom worth following up, for the pockets that give*

*traces are invariably small and seldom amount to over \$5 or \$6. (About a quarter oz. of gold, more or less, probably worth some effort these days)*

*They occur on small stringers of quartz not over a half inch in width and often not more than six or eight feet in length, and generally cut through soft, yellow porphyry. The best free pockets are always found in the porphyry or on or near the contact with the porphyry and serpentine. The most of this class of pockets when laid bare are very deceiving to the eye, for the reason that little or no gold is visible, it being coated and concealed by iron oxide, manganese, etc.; but, when washed thoroughly in a pan, the decomposed matter will be found to be very rich. Then, again, in other cases, the gold being free from coating, will show so distinctly that the inexperienced pocket miner will think that the decomposed matter in the pocket is much richer than it really is. The flour gold is always in the top and bottom of the pocket; consequently, the flour gold in the trace will be found in largest quantities nearest the pocket when it is still in place, and, again, when the pocket is out and gone, the flour gold will be found in largest quantities near where the pocket originally was.*

*The experienced pocket hunter will soon detect by the flour gold he gets in his trace whether the pocket is still in place or not. He does it in this way: By carefully examining the flour gold--if he finds the most of it very light in weight as well as in color, which he can readily detect by his manipulations with the pan and by watching closely how the gold acts--he soon finds out whether the majority of the flour gold came from the bottom or top of the pocket. His judgment is based upon the following facts: Say, for instance, that a free pocket contains 200 ounces of gold. The gold which comes from the top of that pocket we will say is worth or assays \$17 per ounce; then it will be found that the gold in the center or middle of the pocket will be worth less, say \$16.75 per ounce, and the gold in the bottom of the pocket will be worth still less, or about \$16 per ounce, so thus it will be seen that the gold gradually diminishes in value from the top to the bottom of the pocket. Where the gold is more alloyed with silver rather than copper this feature is more plainly noticeable; and the prospector, finding the majority of his gold a light color and light in weight, and intermingled with white particles resembling gold coated with quicksilver, naturally concludes that the gold being examined came from the bottom of the pocket, and it is out and gone, and he is only getting the gold from the bottom of the pocket in the trace.*

*Free or decomposed pockets occur generally upon ledges that are barren except where the pocket exists, and the size of the pocket depends upon the size or width of the ledge and the amount of the mineral combination which concentrates where the pocket forms.*

### **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>: Nesika 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)