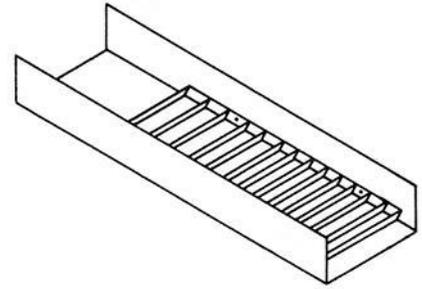




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THE SLUICE BOX

January 2018

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:

- The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.
- 32 members and 4 guests signed in as being present. If you don't sign in, we can't count you as able to mine our claims after 4 meetings/outings, and you won't get a ticket for a door prize!
- New president Scotty Rintoul kicked off the meeting, announcing his new role.
- His first order of business was to let the members in attendance know that he had a tablet at his table where members could come up and anonymously write down what they want and expect out of the club, and that we'll do our best to meet those expectations.
- Guests and new members were introduced.
- Treasurer's report: \$2332.00; some big recent payouts have been done.
- We determined what the January Outing was to be; we decided on DCPA #1 and Bottoms Up. We were to meet at the McDonald's off of exit 103 in Riddle at 9 AM.
- Old business was read and approved as read.
- President Scotty Rintoul and Ed Julian gave the members a recap of a recent meeting they had with the BLM concerning the BLM's vehicle blockage of Island Creek with boulders (a public area on Cow Creek).

- They went to the meeting on the Wednesday after the last DCPA meeting. They heard from a fella by the name of Corbin, they believe. What has occurred, is that the BLM has blocked off all roads that go down to Cow Creek. They're tired of fighting with the trash all the time from the homeless and transients that frequent this area. They said that they are going to review the situation later and that they might open it back up later this summer for the first 300 yards so they can keep a better eye on it. They don't want people going down to the area where we've actually mined. They've put large boulders across the access roads here, and they've said that we can go on down beyond the boulders but that they don't want us driving down there. Ultimately the situation is under review/scrutiny. This situation is also written in the local newspaper, which describe a lot of the roads in our area being blocked because of this same trash problem. (Editor's note: I think I found the article Ed mentioned, [you can review it here](#)). Ed reminded us of Dole Bar, and the 2 tons of trash our club removed from there over the course of a weekend or two, years back.
- Door prizes were drawn.
- We announced that this years' Gold Show is still in the works. We've decided that the tentative date this year will be June 9th and 10th. As always, we want volunteers to go to the Gold Show meetings to give their input. It is rare that volunteers are needed for much. These meet every Wednesday following the General Meetings, at 6 PM at Abby's Pizza on Diamond Lake Blvd.
- The DCPA has been presented with a unique, free of cost opportunity to spread the word of gold prospecting throughout our region. Dog Rock Enterprises has offered us the following opportunity, and we believe it is in our best interest to participate. Read more on what that could entail, in the **Education** section later in the newsletter.
- President Scotty Rintoul revealed that the club gives points for anyone who signs up **and follows through** with volunteering at any DCPA sponsored show, including this upcoming Sportsmen and Outdoor show. For this upcoming Sportsmen and Outdoor show, we're going to double the points for working the booth. These points go toward your end of year point total, which can qualify you for special prizes at our Christmas dinner.
- Break taken.
- Raffle prizes were drawn and given.
- An upcoming Outing and Outdoor show recap announcement was given.
- Motion to adjourn was raised and carried.

Claims:

No new news, stay tuned!

Outings:

This month, our Outing was to our Cow Creek claims, which are about a half hour west of

Riddle. Going into the weekend, we knew it was going to be a beautiful and unseasonably warm January day; perfect for gold prospecting. 6 of us met at the local McDonald's off of exit 103 in Riddle, at 9 AM. We were telling stories while we waited a few minutes for any stragglers, loaded up and headed out.

We made a quick stop at Island Creek to see if the BLM had made any changes to our access there, and we did find that they opened up at least one of the boulder piles enough to get a wheelchair or wheelbarrow through.

One member headed up earlier than us, and as we got to the claim, we passed him parked on the side of the road; it appeared he was repelling or some such, down the steep bank to access the river. I never did meet up with him to see how he was doing. Another member had planned on meeting us up there that afternoon, but sadly, at this last meeting, someone gave him the wrong directions to these claims (he ended up at New White Quartz, and swung a metal detector for a while and had a good time).

We stopped at DCPA #1; surveyed it a bit, and Ed Julian picked up a bit of trash. We mulled whether we wanted to hit this claim, but two of us mentioned we hadn't found anything there before while test panning, so we headed up to Bottoms Up.



We were quick to unload at Bottoms Up, surveyed the area a bit, and quickly headed down to find good digging grounds. Don Munion went upstream, and quickly found some color. I, president Scotty Rintoul, and two new members headed downstream, where I had found what appeared to be a fresh gravel bar all settled in with washed up bushes, tree branches, and small plants. Scotty took right to classifying material into buckets. I found color in my first pan, so I wasted no time in classifying to ¼ inch into buckets to take home and run on my equipment. Test pans done along the course of classification kept revealing colors, so I kept at it. Scotty and I coached the new comers on the area, its history, and how to recover the gold in this area, while they worked the grounds.



I had to head out by 2 PM to get back home on time to go to work, so I trekked my buckets and equipment up the trail to the parking area, loaded up and headed out, with a smile on my face.

Treasure Hunt:

This is pending a new treasure hoard to be collected and buried. Stay tuned!

Legislation:

Sad news on the Rinehart case, via our good friends over at AMRA which came out the day of our January meeting:

Unfortunately, and regretfully, we have just been contacted by Brandon Rinehart and his case was denied by the United States Supreme Court.

Here is the email to Brandon from PLF:

Brandon,

Unfortunately, the Supreme Court denied your petition this morning. I'm sure this is a disappointment to you and James, as it is for me.

The silver lining is that, although this is the end of your case, the defense of miners' rights continues. James has done great work challenging Oregon's suction-dredge ban in Bohmker in the Ninth Circuit, which PLF supported as amicus on behalf of Western Mining Alliance. A win in that case will render California's ban preempted too. The SG's brief highlighted Bohmker as another opportunity for the Court to consider the preemption question if the Ninth Circuit goes the wrong way.

There is no justice.....

Education:

Here's an excerpt of a letter sent to the DCPA regarding the upcoming Sportsmen and Outdoor show:

Dog Rock Enterprises (Josh and Sarah Bohmker) and Cascade Mountains Gold (Tom

Bohmker, author of the Gold Panner's Guide Series) have a very warm invite not only to participate, but be

part of the headliners in this year's Sportsman's and Outdoor Shows. These shows are located in Eugene (Feb 2-

4) with an attendance of 15,xxx people a weekend, Roseburg (Feb 16-18) attendance of 10,xxx people a weekend, and

Medford (Feb 23-25) with an attendance of 14,5xx people in a weekend. This is a huge opportunity that we would like

to offer the entire Oregon mining community to participate in. The demographics of the people attending are people who appreciate free and open access to the outdoors.

Together, we can fill a void that has been missing at these shows. Our proposal is that clubs located in adjacent areas to each of the shows send a few volunteers to run a panning booth over the course of the weekend. If we can get enough volunteers, each club would only need to volunteer 1/2 day or day over the weekend, and in return, you would be able to advertise your club to local prospects, wear your gear, fly your banners and talk to the public about mining, while sparking new interest within your community into a demographic that is looking for something new.

Armadillo Mining Shop in Grants Pass is offering their panning booth setup to be used at each of the shows, and has sand to pan with. Each club would donate gold or \$ to salt the bags with. We would also gratefully accept any donations towards the purchase of booth space to offer this opportunity to this many people. The price is much higher than any local or GPAA gold show, and we are purchasing a 500 sq ft bulk space totaling \$1,250 for each of the shows. Any surplus donations beyond the booth fee will be donated to Waldo Mining District to be put towards the ongoing legal fees... (paying the lawyer).

Member's Corner:

I'd like to try something new in the newsletters going forward; stories and pictures from our members of that yellow metal that we all love. Please email, text, or bring samples or pictures to the meetings of your take of your gold prospecting treasures, and if there's room, they just might get included in the newsletter.

From Terry Johnston, who won a bag of cons in a raffle several months ago at one of our meetings (woohoo!):

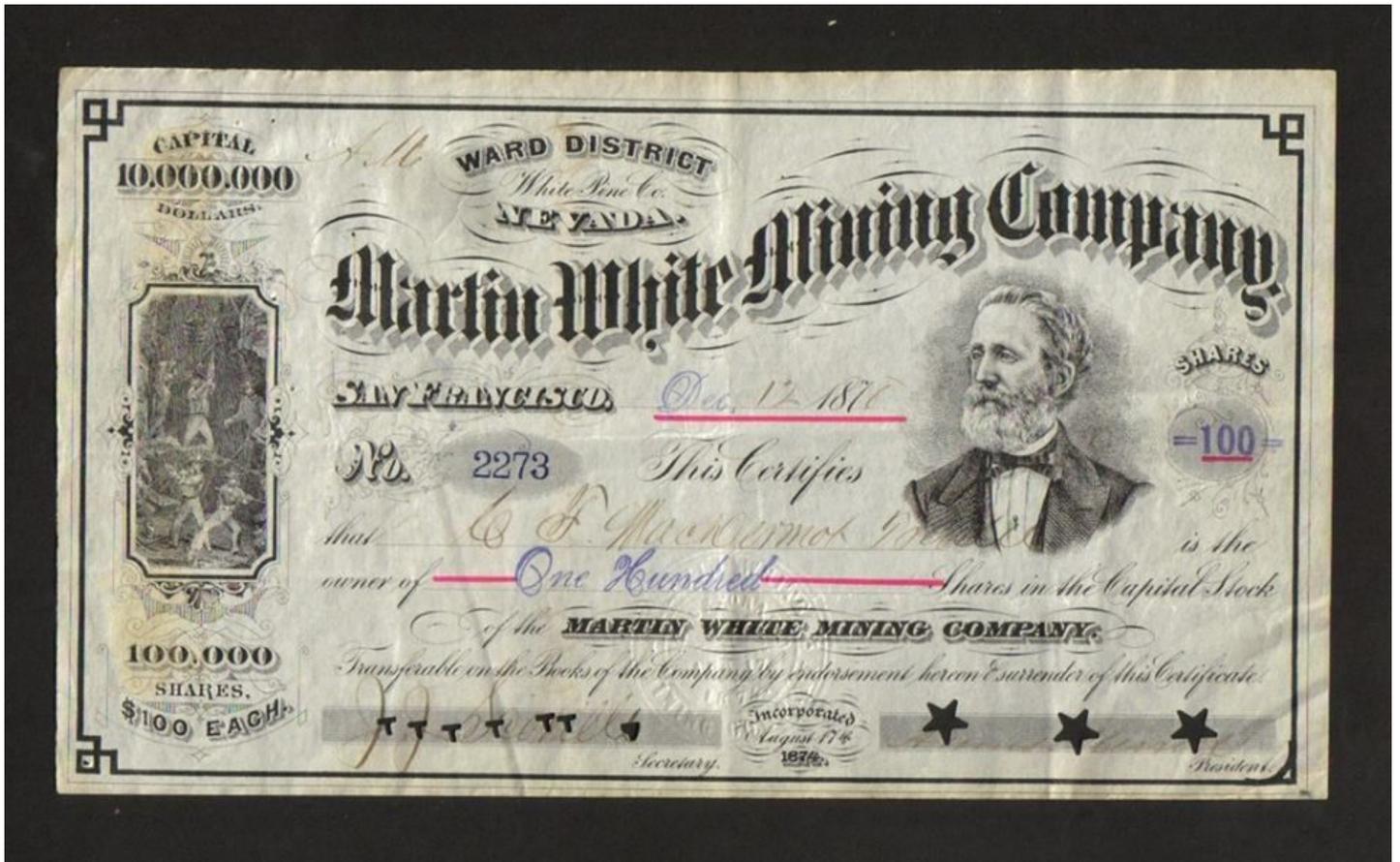
In the top screen I found one nugget and three pickers, and after panning the fines I have about 100 flecks of gold in the black sands. Check out the attachment.



Kerby's Corner:

"A queer phenomenon is connected with the working of the Martin White ore (at Ward, White Pine, Nevada). The ore is very base, and it is necessary to roast it. During the roasting process no deleterious or disagreeable fumes are observable, yet, says the Territorial Enterprise, the hair and beards of all the men engaged about the works are soon dyed a bright and permanent green. Even the eyebrows of the workmen are as green as grass. In scores of Nevada mines, ores of various kinds are smelted and roasted, but in none of them is either the hair or beards of the workmen changed from their natural hue. It is said there is less arsenic in the ore of the Martin

White than in that of any other mines. Arsenic has no such effect on the hair. White, light and sandy beards and hair take a grass green, whereas black or dark brown hair is dyed a deep bottle green". - Engineering & Mining World, December 1st, 1888



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, Contact Walt @ 541-315-2030:

- 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.
- White's Gold Master V-Sat: \$250



DCPA 2018 OUTINGS SCHEDULE

ALL OUTINGS ARE RAIN OR SHINE

OUTING MEETING TIMES ARE 9 AM

January 15th: Cow Creek Claims (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

February 16th, 17th, and 18th: Outdoor Show

March 17th: Red Mine #9 (meet at old Myrtle Creek 7-11 / 24 Hour Mini Mart next to Saw Shop)

April 15th: Nesika Beach (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)

May 19th: Cow Creek Claims – Cleanup (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

June 23rd: BBQ Fun Day, 10 AM (Douglas County Fairgrounds)

July 14th: Middle Creek Claim – Cleanup (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

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

September 15th: Cow Creek Claims (meet at McDonalds off exit 103, Riddle)

October 13th: Red Mine #9 (meet at old Myrtle Creek 7-11 / 24 Hour Mini Mart next to Saw Shop)

November 17th: Nesika Beach (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)

December 15th: 7 Devils Wayside or Whiskey Run (meet at the Winston Dairy Queen)