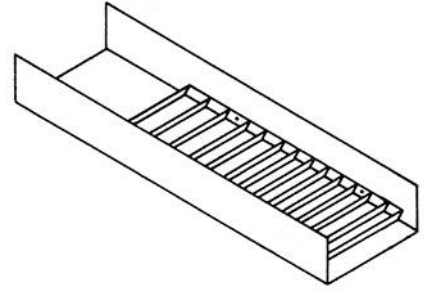




Prospectors Association

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THE SLUICE BOX

September 2016

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, 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. Walt: 541-459-3489 or wrevens@yahoo.com

From the Meeting:

Meeting opened by President Gary Sturgill

Guests and new members introduced

Minutes from previous meeting read and approved

Treasurer's report read and approved

Claims: DCPA is looking at a new claim in Douglas county

Dropped Taylor Creek in Josephine county

Outings: Clean up at New White Quartz; Talked about possibly sharing with North Bend

Prospectors; Panning booth at Pioneer Days in Canyonville

New Treasure Hunt clues given

Break

Raffle held

Meeting Adjourned

Claims:

There was an outing on Thursday July 21 to an old hydraulic mining area off North Myrtle road. Several members went metal detecting. Many thought the area would make a nice addition to our claims list. Mike Eshleman filed paperwork on a 40-acre parcel. Brian Whitaker found a small gold nugget with his White's MXT metal detector.

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Claims (cont.):

The general membership voted to drop the two Taylor Creek claims down in Josephine county. The main reason was that it's in Essential Salmon Habitat (ESH) and is closed to motorized mining due to the SB838 five-year moratorium. Also, I had heard from a meeting of the Galice Mining District that Taylor Creek road to Briggs Valley may be closed in the future making access to the area impossible.

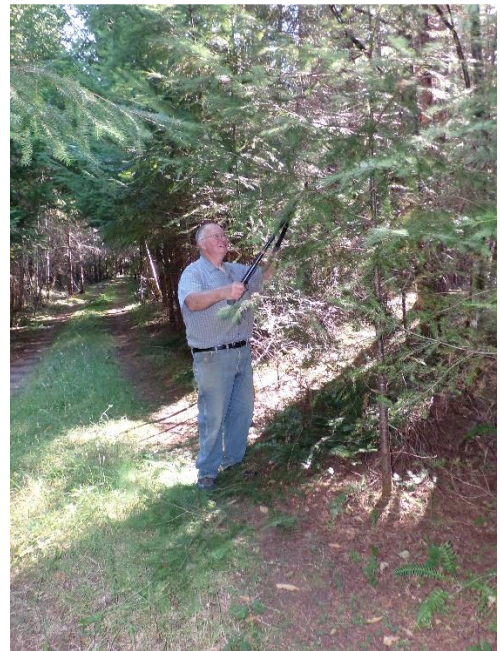
Outings:

About half a dozen of us went to our New White Quartz claim on Middle Creek. Mike Eshleman obtained some large used sanding belts from one of the local mills. We secured them to the wooden ATV bridge we replaced last year to keep anything or anyone from slipping. We also cleared the paths in to the claim of debris. We posted some new signs on the perimeter. These were provided by VP Robert Krewson's wife Cinda. Many Thanks!

Ed Julian trimmed some trees on the way in then filled some buckets to process at home. Nick Gall and I did some test panning. There is still a little bit of work to be done. There are some roots growing across the road directly in to the claim which makes the journey not only bumpy but slightly difficult. We might need to remove them to make access more comfortable and for those who don't have 4-wheel drive.



Mike Eshleman & Scotty "Digger" Rentoul Getting R Done!



Ed Julian clearing the path!

You can see more photos on my Facebook page here:

https://www.facebook.com/walter.evans.7/media_set?set=a.10154075989982054.1073742015.751307053&type=3&uploaded=3

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Outings (cont.)

North Bend Prospectors:

A few years back when DCPA was still a GPAA chapter, they shared outings with the North Bend Prospectors. It was suggested to investigate the possibility of renewing that. From what I hear, North Bend has some nice claims. On a similar note, one of the local groups I belonged to in California established a reciprocating agreement with another club to share claims. It worked out very well. It's my understanding that the relationship is still valid today. It allows associations to increase areas to mine without the cost of obtaining and maintaining additional claims.

Sharp's Creek: Our outing for September will be to the Bohemia Mining District. It's the "Open to the Public" area. The date is Saturday the 17th. The schedule says Lowes parking lot in Roseburg at 8:00 a.m. I'm not back tracking from Sutherlin. If I go, I'll meet the group at the Walmart Parking lot on Row River Road in Cottage Grove at 9:00. Bring a lunch and plenty of water. There are outhouses in the campground across the road. This is Non-Essential Salmon Habitat so you can use motorized equipment. Just make sure you have the proper permits. Dredging is allowed until the end of November.

Treasure Hunt:

You must attend the monthly meeting to hear the clues. President Gary Sturgill has hid a box of five items and a piece of paper with five lines. Finders will remove one "Trinket" from the box and sign their name to the list. Those five will have their names put in to a drawing for a big prize. There are differing degrees of "Treasure". Those who get there first receive the best. Here I thought it was the gold and silver cache he hid before his stint with the GPAA!

Legislation:

Rinehart: At the time of the last meeting we were still waiting for the ruling on the California Dredging Case. I will report the results at the September meeting although many of you already know what they are. What you may not know is why they ruled the way they did.

SB838: We are still going forward with our appeal. Attorney James Buchal has filed briefs with the court on behalf of the dozen or so Plaintiffs. The State asked for an extension to answer.

Education: There wasn't any last month.

This month Gary will be demonstrating the Kwik Kiln.

Kerby's Corner: *"Stampede To Red Dog - Early Days in Southern Oregon" (cont.)*

"To follow all the particulars of the general engagement that now ensued would make this article unduly long. It can be abbreviated by simply saying that the fight continued till after midnight, when a temporary lull was obtained by the Indians retiring. Olney showed up at the ranch in the morning, considerably the worse of the wear for his enforced adventures."

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"The remaining pack mules were gathered in and relieved of tumbled burdens. The Indians were heard of right away at Captain O'Neil's camp near Eight Dollar Mountain, where they managed to catch onto another pack train, this time the property of Coyote Evans. A couple of battles were fought around this noted mountain that and the following day, in which the Indians were victorious at first, but finally withdrew with their abundant plunder down Illinois River towards the Big Meadows on Rogue River.

Without stopping for any further long digressions we will now try and get in touch with our original theme - the trip to Red Dog. The foregoing extracts are sufficient to show the contrast between such expeditions now and in earlier days, when the red man had such a fetching desire not only for pack trains, but also for locks of human hair. But if the dangers have been minimized, so too have been the glittering prospects of suddenly acquired wealth.

The remainder of our route took us down the same stream thus renowned in Indian war annals, past the celebrated copper mines and over the mineral-bearing hills to Briggs Creek, thence up that creek to Red Dog. A good-sized miners' village composed of tents was already on the ground. There is no mistaking the character of this sudden aggregation of adventurers - it is the old story, told and retold so often on the Pacific Coast, the same hurrah, the same banter and badgering, the same noisy carousal and midnight drunkenness that are so uniformly characteristic of these wild rushes. That there were no "dead men for breakfast," or supper, as the case might be, was due mainly to the brevity of the excitement. The elements were abundantly ripe for it; but the Red Dog furor eased up nearly as suddenly as it was started. One account of its inception, as told me by J.L. Wilder, is as follows: A man [he thinks it was Melichi Baughman, though he is not positive on this point], was riding along on a mule when he saw something that resembled the copper bottom of a wash boiler, but wondering how it could have got up into that terra incognita sort of a region, he concluded to investigate. His investigation soon developed the fact it was nothing more or less than a slab of gold that had become disintegrated from its bed of quartz. Perhaps one of the reasons for the sudden ending of the stampede might be traced to the infrequency of such findings of old wash boiler bottoms. Another reason - a reason that must crop out at every new discovery of mines from this on - is found in the unfair allowance of such big claims to be the first men on the ground. Good diggings had been found all right enough, but with twenty acres to the man it does not take many claims to absorb a good-sized stream. Before Congress took a hand in regulating this matter, claims were apportioned more in accordance with common fairness through those usually turbulent assemblages called "miners' meetings." One hundred feet up or down the gulch was the maximum allowance. Congress, it must be confessed, has made a bad mess of it regulating something it did not understand.

Finding everything claimed up and rapidly ripening into that condition when contest and lawsuits would come in fashion, my partner and myself could only re-enact the role of "a looker-on in Venice." We had no occasion, however, to regret our trip. There is a fascinating excitement about these movements that makes recompense for many of their hardships. One seems to live more in a few weeks than he would otherwise in as many months. Let no one then seek to decry this form of hegira on general principles; for experience has shown that it will not "down.""

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“It furnishes the necessary training for those hardy adventurers who have made Pacific Coast development what it is.” W.W. Fidler. OREGON NATIVE SON HISTORICAL MAGAZINE December 1900

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. I will approach the board about selling business card size ads for vendors. However, if you’re a vendor and the item is used, I don’t see why I can’t post the ad.

E-mail them to me: wrevens@yahoo.com Send photos if you like. I’ll try to get them in. If you don’t have email, then call me at 541-459-3489.

Used Equipment: Slightly used White’s MXT Metal Detector with Coil Cover: \$639; 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; Used Gold Miner Spiral Wheel: \$200; Gold Magic 12E Spiral Wheel, used once. Works wet or dry: \$325; Keene 100 GPH pump with Honda 4HP engine: \$400.00; Walt @ 541-315-2030



For Sale: RP44 Shaker Table with stand. Retail at \$3000, asking \$2400; located in Gold Beach. Call Douglas @541-247-6707

For Sale: Dixie Doodle Trommel: \$500 motor needs work call Micah @ 541-221-2914

