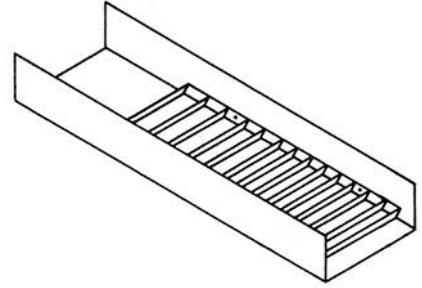




Prospectors Association

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THE SLUICE BOX

November 2015

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

From the Meeting:

The church has finished their remodel of the chapel so our monthly potlucks have resumed. There were 26 members present.

Order of Business:

1. Opened by Vice President Mike Wagoner
2. Introduction of Guests and New Members
3. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved
4. Treasurers Report read and approved
5. Outings – New White Quartz and Sunshine Park
6. Membership – 180 members including children
7. Claims: Looking at a new claim
8. Legislation – SB838 Moratorium and Lawsuits
9. Nominations for Officers – No New Nominations
10. Annual Meeting (Christmas Party) – Sign ups started; \$5 per person, \$12 @ the door.
11. Raffle held
12. Meeting Adjourned

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Outings:

There are none currently planned for November or December except the Annual Banquet. If you wish to host a Prospecting or Metal Detecting outing during the remainder of the year, let me know.

Claims:

Mike Eschelman said he was checking a new claim out. I have a friend from Eugene who might want to sell his in the Bohemia area which will be exempt from the moratorium. Mike Laurence and I looked at another claim on Brice Creek in Bohemia. I discovered it on eBay. They said we could go and test it. We didn't find even one speck in our pans.

Nominations of Officers:

We started in September. Gary Sturgill was nominated for President and Robert Krewson for VP. There were none in October except that Gary's wife Belena has agreed to be Secretary/Treasurer. If nobody is nominated next month, there shouldn't be a need for a vote. All candidates will win by default.

Annual Meeting: This is to be held Monday December 14th at 6:00 p.m. The cost to members will be \$5. You can pay at the next meeting or mail it to the address listed above. The fee will be \$12 for non-members and those paying the night of the dinner.

Legislation:

The lawsuit for Injunctive Relief was filed against the state of Oregon on Monday October 19th by James Buchal, Esq. citing Federal Pre-Emption (the state cannot control Federal Mining Claims).

A new Pro Mining bill HB 3089 was passed in Oregon this year. The link below is from the newly formed Oregon Mining Association website:

<http://oregonmining.org/at-long-last-oregon-legislature-adopts-mining-policy/>

A similar Federal bill called the **National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015** has passed the U.S. House of Representatives. We need to contact our Senators and tell them to vote yes when it comes to that point in the legislative process. You can read about it here:

<http://naturalresources.house.gov/newsroom/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=399515>

This would give Oregonians two Federal Acts (the new one and the Mining Law) plus a new Oregon law (all promoting mining) to fight SB838 with.

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SB838 calls for imposing a moratorium on motorized mining along streams in Oregon. This will affect Essential Salmon Habitat (ESH) and their tributaries (even those that were non-ESH this year) except where there is a barrier (natural or manmade) which would prevent salmonid to travel that far. The current draft map shows closed areas as red and open as blue. If you have a claim on a stream that has such a barrier or conditions that would prevent fish from navigating, then the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is supposed to look at each one on a case by case basis to see if it needs to be removed from the moratorium.



Ready to Dig



Nick Gall trying his luck

We left Mickey Ds and headed west up in to hills around Middle Creek. The water wasn't fast enough to run a sluice box so many just panned. I had acquired a Keene 2.5 inch Highbanker/Dredge Combo which I equipped with a Hydro-Force nozzle. These not only suck up material but they can shoot water in a hole on the bank and get that material too resulting in very little picking and shoveling. Everything was going fine until we had a plug. We got it loose but the nozzle kept shooting out water like it was still there (the valve was closed) so I disconnected it and just used it as a high banker. There was also a problem with the water flow. As a result, there were bigger pieces of rocks and gravel in the sluice box. In the end there was very little gold. Although this 2.5 inch combo came with a P90 pump, I don't think it's strong enough to power that size of a nozzle.

The metal detecting outing was cancelled due to rain.

You can see more photos in my Facebook album:

https://www.facebook.com/walter.evens.7/media_set?set=a.10153365474102054.1073741994.751307053&type=3&uploaded=15

Kerby's Corner:

“So what if you are mining under the 1872 Act upon the Public Domain (that portion of Federal Lands which is NOT withdrawn from mineral entry) or on your mining claim? Do you need a permit from the State of Oregon or need to adhere to nonsense in 838? For starters, let's look at the DSL "Placer Mining Authorization". The first red flag that comes up is the name "mining authorization". This implies that you are not authorized to mine or prospect without first seeking permission from Oregon DSL, despite the fact that as a Citizen of the United States (or one who has declared an intention to become one), you have already been granted a RIGHT from the U.S. Congress to go upon the Public Domain to locate and develop unappropriated minerals and what's more, that right has existed since 1866. The second (and perhaps most important) red flag that comes up is when you realize what DSL is, how they came about and why. DSL is one portion of the Oregon State Land Board, which was created by the Oregon Admission Act in 1859. Their duty (says Congress, who created the OSLB) is to manage and dispose of the mineral, timber and other resources of State School Lands inside the borders of the State of Oregon for the purpose of funding the state. Later on, their duties included management of state forests and other lands which the State of Oregon had procured through purchase, grants or land exchanges. Do DSL have management of, let alone disposal power over the Public Domain or your mining claim?” “While they'd like to, the answer is of course, "no". DSL neither have authority on your claim, on the unappropriated Public Domain, nor can they over-ride the will of Congress who granted you a right to mine (and the Oregon Admission Act, which created DSL's governing body even says so, in that the Act specifically states that they may not interfere with Congressional disposal of the Public Domain, which is exactly what our Mining Law is). So do you need a DSL Authorization to mine on your claim or on the Public Domain? The answer is "no", simply because their authority does not extend to your claim or the unappropriated Public Domain. In fact, their authority was SPECIFICALLY LIMITED from interfering with your rights to appropriate and develop said mining claim”. To be continued ...

Pocket Mining by Alex Quartz; NUMBER II (Cont.)

“The trace from a free or decomposed pocket is always on the top of the ground, in the grass roots as it is termed, and rarely if ever is found down any depth in the soil unless it be of a very loose nature so that the gold can readily sink down into it. But if the soil be firm and compact and the hill or mountain side steep, the biggest prospect will be obtained by scraping the loose dirt and gravel on top down, say an Inch, to where the ground is hard and compact, for very little of the gold will work down into the solid ground if it has any chance at all to work down hill.”

Pocket Mining by Alex Quartz; NUMBER II (Cont.)

"I have panned on traces where other prospectors, who were in the habit of going down to bedrock for their dirt to pan, had worked, and where they could not raise a color on bedrock where the soil was not more than 14 inches deep, I have got as high as 25 cents to the pan by taking the loose dirt on top of the ground.

It may be well to explain what a pocket trace is, for the benefit of the novice and those who are inexperienced. A pocket trace is the gold and other minerals which are liberated or forced out from the pocket and by their specific gravity gradually work down hill, naturally spreading out over the surface more or less in its downward course, until it finds its level or works into some gulch or ravine.

In the case of pockets of this class which have been capped over by slides and locked up, as it were, from longer giving a trace, or where a great space of time has elapsed since the gaseous action ceased to throw out the gold from the pocket, the gold in the course of time works down into the soil and finally reaches bedrock. But in the majority of cases the gold and the mineral that comes with it from the pocket are in the surface dirt.

I invite the criticism of practical experts on this subject whose theories, views and experience differ from mine, so that the different theories and views expressed upon this most important branch of mining may result to the general good of all the miners and prospectors on the coast, and especially to the readers of the Mining and Scientific Press."

Miners report from August 26, 2016 Washington State Trout Unlimited meeting at Leavenworth, WA, By David Straight (cont.)

"Then I, talked about (little missy) Amanda's miss info, Very professionally as she interrupted over and over again I felt I handled the miss concern. Except for we will never agree on some things.

Then I was cut off do to time for the creek tour, so we hurried out to the trucks and up to the creek about 10 miles away. We walked the length of two claims, the water was very low and teaming with 2" fry. They showed many dredge holes, and I asked what their concerns were one by one and pointed out the benefits to each hole, until we got to one that was really bad. I pointed out how much this one hole pissed me off and how irresponsible that person was and how I'd like to tie him naked to a tree next to a red ant hill and cover his privates in honey after I beat him senseless. And, when he began screaming for mercy, I'd wait a few minutes then cut him down and throw him in his hole and toss in a shovel and make him fill his way out."

Miners report (cont.)

“And then I spoke on, that there is always one in every group and that it was just, as irresponsible as, the fisherman who put ten fish in their cooler when the limit is seven and who throw, their beer cans around and that it is up to all of us to educate each other and police and penalize our own.

(I, wanted to let them know we get upset to and we can be harsh in policing our own)

Then I said that there is four ways to handle any problem. You can see it, and do nothing, which no one should do, but that a few will.

Or, you can see it and be aggressive and confrontational and everyone gets pissed and nothing is accomplished, and someone may get hurt.

Or, that you can see it and dial 911 and when the police do nothing (and at this point I looked right into Greggs, Derek's, Kim's, and Amanda's eyes and said you can get upset work off emotion, gather up your money, lobby politicians, and get them shut down, harming thousands of people in the process, for the errors of a few, like you've done in Oregon and Maine.

Or you can use that money for good and fight it through education and go to the clubs and claim owners, and each other's groups such as your own groups and educate them with real true information and common sense, and ethical practices and procedures. Such as I have done in driving 5 1/2 hours to get here. I told them that I would work on getting that hole corrected by the end of the week (which I have done). And it should be completed today. (Special thanks to Justin Carr).

Then some people left and I had very good conversations with individuals like Derek, Kim, and Others, they truly thanked me from their hearts and said they would work on cooperation and education. I said to remember the four ways of handling a problem and I repeated it to them again (as written above). And I thanked them again for allowing me the opportunity. And when I left about a mile up 97, I found an ancient tertiary river channel that is more than likely the source of the Scotty Creek gold and silver, I chipped away at it into my pan walked to the creek and panned out over a 1/2 gram in one pan of material as well as a (half a rock split) of a palm sized rock loaded with silver. It would assay well over \$100. Ton. Then, I got back on the road, and said to myself, I'll be back!”

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.

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Miner's Mall (cont.):

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 e-mail then call me at 541-459-3489.

For Sale: Slightly used Minelab 705 General Purpose Metal Detector \$625 Tom Bohmker, Cascade Mountains Gold @ 503-606-9895. Email: cascademountainsgold@gmail.com.

For Sale: Used small Keene high banker, foldable and portable with an electric motor/pump and no hoses, \$250; Stephen Trout @ 541 391 2406 in Elkton.

For Sale:

Used White's MXT Metal Detector with extra 10 Elliptical DD Coil: \$600

Used White's DFX Metal Detector with headphones and older Bullseye pinpointer: \$500

Used White's XLT Metal Detector with extra 5.3" Monoloop Coil: \$400

Used Gold Genie Spiral Wheel: \$300

Used D&K 3 inch Highbanker Dredge Combo with 6.5 HP Honda Pump: \$1000 Firm!

Walt @ 541-7459-3489