



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
ASSOCIATION
Keizer, Oregon**



Secretary/Editor: Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT: Karen Darnell

VICE PRESIDENT: Ted Staley

TREASURER: Claudia Wise

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We currently have a very important raffle with very handsome prizes and I strongly encourage you to purchase tickets as well as promote ticket sales. I would like to challenge each member to sell 10 tickets by December 1, 2016. It's kind of like selling candy bars for your school, right? Help restore our freedom to recover gold efficiently.

Volunteers are still needed to sign up to help out with the "Rally Around the Flag" event in Cottage Grove. Prospecting, rock hounding and metal detecting are all under attack by those who wish to lock us out of our lands. This event is our opportunity to mingle with and bring awareness to folks who are freedom-minded, but don't necessarily understand that we fall within the ever-increasing breadth of overregulation.

-Diary of a 49er, July 6th, 1849, Salmon Falls, South Fork of the American River-

July 6th. -We have to-day removed to the opposite side of the river. This, with pitching our tent, has occupied most of the day. Still, we have made \$4 each. I have been seated for several hours by the river side, rocking a heavy cradle filled with dirt and stones. The working of a cradle requires from three to five persons, according to the character of the diggings. If there is much of the auriferous dirt, and it is easily obtained, three are sufficient; but if there is little soil, and this found in crevices, so as only to be obtained with the knife, five or more can be employed in keeping the cradle in operation. One of these gives his whole attention to working the cradle, and another takes the dirt to be washed, in pans or buckets, from the hole to the cradle, while one or two others supply the buckets.

Read more 49'ers tales at:

http://nevada-outback-gems.com/gold_rush_tales/california_gold_rush-tale43.htm

Meeting Minutes from

June 23rd, 2016

Call to Order: All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Total 23 -We had 17 members present and Karen welcomed 6 guests: Pete Dane, Ryan Laack, Tom Bohmker, Sarah Bohmker, Josh Bohmker, Hannibal Bohmker and Abby Bohmker.

Tonight's Guest Speaker: The highly esteemed author, fellow miner, mining consultant and geologist **Tom Bohmker** will gave us a presentation on "**Pocket Gold in Oregon**" after our break. He asked if anyone objects to being filmed during the presentation for his new online tutorial/seminar involving his various presentations.

Raffles/Legal Funds: Armadillo Mining sent us a "Thank you" for our support. -Waldo and Galice Mining Districts joined forces . Waldo Mining District was founded in 1852, and Galice Mining District in 1853. The Mining Districts were formed to "Preserve, Protect and Promote Mining". Tax-deductible contributions may be made to the Western Culture Conservancy.

LAWSUIT FILED:

ON OCTOBER 19, 2015, THE GALICE & WALDO MINING DISTRICTS (ET AL) FILED SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT (MEDFORD) AGAINST THE STATE OF OREGON & SB 838.

ON FEBRUARY 18, 2016, A HEARING WAS HELD IN MEDFORD, AND ON MARCH 25, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARK CLARKE RULED THAT A BAN ON MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT WAS NOT A BAN ON MINING AND UPHELD SB 838.

ON APRIL 7, 2016, THE MINERS FILED AN APPEAL PETITION WITH THE U.S. 9TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, WITH OUR OPENING BRIEF DUE JULY 14, 2016. *(from Waldo Mining District, June newsletter)*

ENTER TO WIN

1/2 POUND OF GOLD

The Western Culture Conservancy (WCC) is proud to sponsor a series of two (2) Drawings to help raise the necessary funds for Galice & Waldo Mining Districts to stay in the fight against SB 838, and so EOMA & Waldo can continue the case in the Oregon Supreme Court against DEQ's unlawful permit.

\$5.00 PER ENTRY ~ SIX ENTRIES FOR \$25.00

PRELIMINARY DRAWING

will be held DEC. 2, 2016

GRAND PRIZE (to date): White's MX Metal Detector

Plus many more great prizes!

FINAL DRAWING

will be held June 2, 2017

GRAND PRIZE: 1/2 LB. of Placer GOLD!

Plus many more great prizes!

ALL ENTRIES IN THE PRELIMINARY DRAWING WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN IN THE FINAL DRAWING.

**Both Drawings will be held at joint meetings
of the Galice & Waldo Mining Districts.**

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

ONLINE ENTRIES: Entries can be made by going to:
<http://westerncultureconservancy.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>

**SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES TO:
WESTERN CULTURE CONSERVANCY
P.O. BOX 1407
JACKSONVILLE, OR 97530**

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
WESTERN CULTURE CONSERVANCY**

To request a receipt, please include self-addressed stamped envelope with your mailed entry.

Otherwise, your check-stub is your receipt.

PRIZE LIST PRELIMINARY DRAWING DEC. 2, 2016

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>DONOR</u>
1941 WW2 CAPTURED RUSSIAN NAGANT PISTOL WITH DOCUMENTATION - DONATED BY RANDY AND SUSAN PROBASCO (WAITING FOR VALUE, SHOULD FIND OUT TODAY.)		
MINER STATUE	\$29.95	ARMADILLO
BOOK: THE PROSPECTOR'S GUIDE TO RESEARCHING & LOCATING MINING CLAIMS	\$29.95	TOM KITCH.
(4) FANCY HANDLED KNIVES	???.??	DAVE LEWIS
VB CLASSIFYING GOLD FILTER COMBO	\$339.00	CHARLOTTE
1.0 DWT NUGGET ON 18" GOLD CHAIN	\$599.00	SHELLY STU
GRAND PRIZE: WHITES MX SPORT METAL DETECTOR	\$799.00	K.HARNACK

NOTE: THE PRIZE LIST WILL BE PERIODICALLY UPDATED AS MORE PRIZES ARE DONATED.



PRIZE LIST FINAL DRAWING JUNE 2, 2017

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>DONOR</u>
BOOK: THE PROSPECTOR'S GUIDE TO RESEARCHING & LOCATING MINING CLAIMS	\$29.95	TOM KITCHAR
(4) FANCY HANDLED KNIVES	???.??	DAVE LEWIS
GOLD CUBE MERCHANDISE	???.??	MIKE & PAM
WHITES / LESCHE DIGGER W/SHEATH	\$49.95	JACK STILL
BIG FOOT STATUE	???.??	FRANK SERRONI
A52 KEENE SLUICE	\$125.00	DAVE LEWIS
HARD ROCK NUGGET	???.??	JOSH & SARAH BOHMKER
11.0 DWT GOLD NUGGET	Market. Value	ARMADILLO MINING

(2) VB CLASSIFYING GOLD FILTER COMBO	\$339.00	CHARLOTTE GARCIA
1/4 LB (20) SILVER COINS	Market .Value	ARMADILLO MINING
KEENE MINI MAX POWER SLUICE	\$499.00	KEENE ENG.
KEENE HIGH BANKER #173/BRIGGS	\$1,750.50	KEENE ENG.
GRAND PRIZE: 1/2 POUND OF GOLD (6oz Troy)	Market. Value	GMD/WMD et.al

NOTE: THE PRIZE LIST WILL BE PERIODICALLY UPDATED AS MORE PRIZES ARE DONATED.

Karen will put packet together to send out with all necessary information on the raffle.

NOTE: The money you spend on purchasing tickets is *not* tax deductible. **But**, if you want to make a DONATION to Western Culture Conservancy (a 501C3 non-profit org), as a contribution to our legal battles, **your donation IS tax deductible.**

~~ALL MINERS ARE AFFECTED BY SENATE BILL 838~~

FOSSIL FLATS OUTING SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEKEND: June 24th thru ????:

-Delmon said he's going on Saturday, June 24th, Karen will be there on Sunday, June 25th, and Walt and Penny scheduled to get there on Monday, June 26th, with plans to camp at Fossil Flats all week.

Secretary's Report: No meeting minutes to report at this time (hard copy not in hand). Penny requested that she retain the sign in sheet after meetings for attendance records, etc.

Treasurer's Report: The treasury looks good; the motion was made, seconded and passed by all. -Claudia needs Penny to accompany her to the bank to officialize her as treasurer.

Claims Report: Claudia wants **everyone that has gone to any of our claims**, to make a log of **how many hours** were spent there prospecting, breaking trail, panning, and/or maintaining the claim and let her know, so she can include them in the Affidavit of Annual Assessment Work and the Maintenance Fee Waiver paperwork that will soon be due.

We Need a New Laminator: Yvette says she has one and will donate it to us! Thank you so much Yvette!

Rally Around the Flag: July 30th Cottage Grove Fairgrounds. Karen will send out email with more information.

Petition “No More Emergencies” signature sheet was passed around. The “Emergency Clause” was put into play in 2004. Last session, 74% of the bills were slipped thru using the “emergency clause”, thus preventing us, the voters, from having any say or objections to the bill. By vote, the people should be able to repeal it. This petition is requesting modification of the clause to stop its abuse. The petition is due to be turned in by July 9th.

Break Time and raffle Ticket Sales

Snacks: Our break time was truly a heavenly affair! **David Schmidt** put in his time and flair by serving each and every one of us **STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE!** With all the trimmings! I mean *all* the trimmings, including ice cream, whip cream, a wafer cookie, a large strawberry dipped in chocolate and red drizzle on top of the strawberries and shortcake that he made up the night before! What a wonderful treat, it was like everyone’s birthday! Hooray! **Thank you so much David**, you certainly have created a special tradition we all now look forward to! (He did the same thing last year as well!)

Our guest Speaker Tom Bohmker came equipped and prepared, with Ryan Laack operating the cam-corder, ready to film his power point presentation, some of his charts, an assortment of the books he’s written, as well as many other informative reference books on local geology and gold mining. For his presentation, **he gave us a crash course in the geologic make-up of Oregon**, the mineral distribution and breakdown/weathering of ores at the earth’s surface. He showed us examples on his charts and explained why and how locations of **pocket gold** occur and what to look for in the local geology. What a wealth of knowledge Tom has! He really has put in some time and exhaustive research along with years of experience. For him to come and share that knowledge with us is so right-on! We are truly honored to have him at any of our meetings. **THANK YOU TOM! YOU ARE GOLDEN!**

June’s letters are “K” and “L”-????????

July’s Letters are “M and N”-

Meeting Adjourned

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY JULY 28th @ 7:00
BE THERE!**

Visit our website at <http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/>

The Millennium Diggers Association is a group based in Keizer, Oregon, which is near Salem, Oregon. The Association is for people that share an interest in searching for things of value. The club's charter is to provide members with an Association that will help promote the activities of metal detecting, prospecting, rock hounding, and treasure hunting. Part of our yearly dues pay for mining claims that are available for all club members to use. We use Association meetings to share information about locating gold, silver, coins, jewelry, gemstones, fossils and metal detecting. We plan Association outings each month where we can help each other learn all aspects of our outdoor activities. This is a great family activity, bring the kids! Please feel free to drop in on one of the monthly meetings.

We meet the **4th** Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m, at:

[Clear Lake United Methodist Church](#)

920 Marks Drive

Keizer, OR 97303

We meet in the church's Fellowship Hall; a real a nice meeting place complete with tables, chairs and a kitchen. The church is located across the street from the Clear Lake Fire Station. There's plenty of parking in the church's parking lot which is located behind the church.
