



Wes assures he is not peeking as he draws the tickets.



..And it's a mean looking crowd here tonight.



Penny tries to conduct some semblance of order...



...then Marvin shouts "Bingo!"



Chuck is all smiles with his geode.



Marvin is just stoked over his beaded dragonfly.



**Woo hoo! Marlea got the jumping snake in the can!
Marlea also won the 50/50 Raffle Drawing!**



**David is so excited to open his gift, while
Christoph can hardly contain himself!**



Now her work done, Carol melts into the recesses.



Wes looking pretty smug over something.



David is the Grand Prize Winner of the Sluice in our Christmas Raffle!



The Christmas party went real well, with a nice small turnout of some of our most rowdy members! What a tough crowd. But everything turned out nice enough (considering).

I would like to thank George for securing the Rec Room at Terrace Lake for our party! Thank you from all of us! It was a super neat place for this gathering, and hopefully we can use it again sometime if we need to. We brought some decorations, and he showed us the back storage room where there were a few more decorations we could use. Like the 2 foot tall Santa that lit up and some lights. My friend Carol really outdid herself while helping with the decorating and handling all the necessary kitchen chores. Thank you Carol! (I'll probably invite her again next year too!)

During our Christmas Party, **Ken Orndorff stepped up and volunteered himself as nominee for President! Yay! This is truly a noble gesture, and such a relief. Ken will make a great President.**

Here are some updates: Claudia has secured the claim for us on Dry Gulch Creek in the Quartzville Mining District, and has posted the Location Notice. She has done the necessary paperwork with Linn Co. and BLM has issued the ORMC #. Our new claim is now on record. Here is the new sign for it:



More info on this during January's meeting.

-North Santiam Mining District had their first meeting on November 12th. George Crutcher is president. The second meeting was scheduled for December 8th, held at Don Esch's place, but with the freezing rain that ensued, there wasn't really a turnout. But between George and Don, they did get some important business taken care of.

-Quartzville Mining District also had their first meeting on November 12th. The very next day, a few of us went and posted the Quartzville Mining District Sign, as pictured below:



November 13th 2016

Pictured here is Mike Hunter, John Esch and Don Esch.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Esplin