

The Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association (NWOPA) 2017 Awards Dinner was held on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Since 2001 NWOPA has presented awards recognizing lifetime achievements, mineral discoveries and mine developments. Lifetime achievement is based upon cumulative work, discoveries and contributions to the prospecting, exploration and mining community of Northwestern Ontario. The *Bernie Schnieders* Discovery of the Year Award recognizes an exceptional discovery in Northwestern Ontario during the previous calendar year with the Developer of the Year Award recognizing an outstanding mineral development during the previous calendar year. In 2010 NWOPA added the *Dan Calvert* Distinguished Service Award to acknowledge exceptional service to the mineral exploration community. The award was named in honour of Dan Calvert and in 2016 NWOPA renamed the Lifetime Achievement Award in honour of Dave Christianson; both of these gentlemen were long-time prospectors and supporters of mineral exploration in Northwestern Ontario.

On behalf of NWOPA, the Awards Committee is pleased to announce the 2017 recipients:

Dan Calvert Distinguished Service Award

Robert Chataway

Dave Christianson Lifetime Achievement Awards (3)

Gary Peacock, Bill Spade and Carmen Storey

Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year (2017)

Benton Resources Inc., Traxxin Resources Inc., Ian Kerslake and James Brown – Bedivere Gold Project (Traxxin Zone)

Developer of the Year (2017)

Pure Gold Mining Inc. – Madsen Gold Project

Also at the Awards Dinner, Lakehead University presented the Bernie Schnieders Memorial Award to Kira Arnold.

Details about the award recipients are attached. For further information about these awards, do not hesitate to contact me,

Mark O'Brien

NWOPA Awards Committee

807-475-1106 (p)



Dan Calvert Distinguished Service Award

Robert Chataway



- B.Sc. Geology (1970) from University of British Columbia
- Member of NWOPA since mid 90's
- Director of NWOPA since 2005
- President of NWOPA, 2014-2017
- Chair of Thunder Bay Mining Day Committee since inception in 2013 until 2018
- Coordinated gold panning activities at the Children's Festival and the Geraldton Trade Show for many years
- Project Geologist exploring for gold, uranium, lithium, PGM, iron and base metals across Canada for 48 years with:
 - Ardiden, Pathfinder Metals, Skybridge Development, Slam Exploration, ValGold Resources, Brigadier Resources, E-Energy Resources, Rampart Ventures, Benton Resources, Murgor Resources, Anaconda Gold, PGM Ventures, Geomaque Explorations, RJK Exploration/GLR Resources, Goldcorp, MPH Consulting, etc.
- Option Deal on McCuaig Float prospect in Pardee Township

Dave Christianson Lifetime Achievement Award

Gary Peacock



- Graduated from Cambrian College (1970)
– Geological Technician
- Instrumental in the discovery of Selbaie Zinc-Copper mines in northern Quebec with Selco Exploration Company
- 1980 – diamond expl Perth, W. Australia
- 1988 – G. Peacock Enterprises providing heavy mineral separation for diamond exploration, general exploration services
- Base metal and gold exploration across Canada (in ON: Severn River, Red Lake, Lake St. Joseph, Ear Falls, White River)
- Expedited the Ungava Diamond Program
- Set up heavy mineral lab, caustic fusion plant, processing lab in Yellowknife, Lac de Gras and Thunder Bay

Dave Christianson Lifetime Achievement Award

Bill Spade



- Born at Sioux Lookout, raised by First Nation family who taught him bush survival skills and hard work
- At the age of 15 he ventured out to work seasonal jobs until he landed a mining position at the Thierry Mine near Pickle Lake
- Throughout the 1980s he became involved with mineral exploration especially geophysical surveys
- In 1999 he met the Director of the OGS and became the liaison person for Eabametoong First Nation
- Became a prospector and claim staker looking for base metals in Ontario and NWT as well as thorium and uranium in NL, ON and SK
- Started his own exploration services business including staking, prospecting and geo-referencing
- Has recently been working and training First Nation communities who want to pursue mineral exploration in their traditional areas
- Finished his high school diploma with marks in the 90s; all doors are now open for this bush worker from Sioux Lookout

Dave Christianson Lifetime Achievement Award

Carmen Storey

- BSc (Geology) from McMaster University
- Worked with Gulf Minerals
- 32 years with the Ontario Public Service specializing in industrial minerals and building stone
- Kenora Drill Core Library from 1984-1992
- Red Lake District Geologist 1992-2016 where he became a local pegmatite expert
- CIM – decades-long executive member
- Played *Taps* at the annual Remembrance Day
- Red Lake District Santa Clause Parade
- Red Lake District Lions Club
- Northwest Community Legal Aid Clinic, Director for over 15 years
- Toastmasters International – local chair



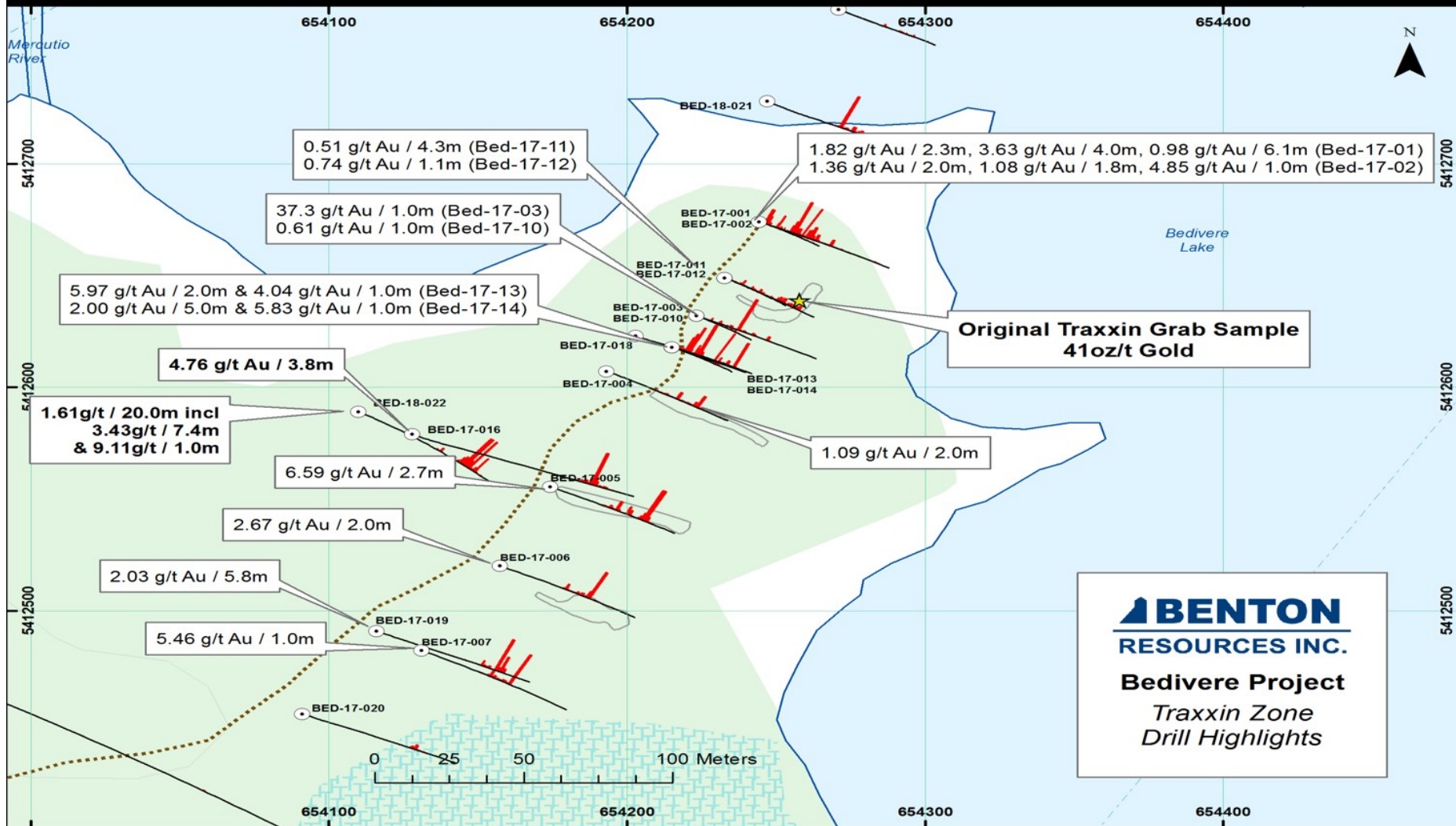
Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year – 2017



Bedivere Gold Project (Traxxin Zone)

Benton Resources Inc./Traxxin Res. et al

Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year – 2017



Bedivere Gold Project (Traxxin Zone)

Benton Resources Inc./Traxxin Res. et al

Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year – 2017

- **Staked area in 2010 as follow up to work done by Fern Elizabeth Exploration in the 1980's**
- **While mapping, the Traxxin exploration team discovered float assaying 5.2 gpt Au just off the main structure**
- **They dug a hole by hand near the float, took 8 hours and 4 people, found 40-50 samples containing visible gold**
- **Benton has invested over \$1M on the Bedivere Project:**
 - **Completed line cutting, stripping, soil sampling, IP, two Airborne Geophysical surveys, limited ground mag, prospecting and chip sampling, and 3 phases of diamond drilling totalling over 3000m**
 - **Drilled 21 holes on the Traxxin zone with six others testing geophysical anomalies on other areas of the property**
 - **Drilling has intersected altered mafic intrusive body up to 50m wide with successive layers/veins of quartz which can be upwards of 15m wide**
- **More work is planned for 2018 based upon recent drilling**

Bedivere Gold Project (Traxxin Zone)

Benton Resources Inc./Traxxin Res. et al

Developer of the Year - 2017



Madsen Gold Project
Pure Gold Mining Inc.

Developer of the Year - 2017

- **Pure Gold acquired Madsen from Claude Resources in 2014 as it had a strong foundation:**
 - one of the highest-grade, undeveloped gold projects in the world
 - nearly a million metres of drilling data
 - existing infrastructure: mill & tailings facility, services and ramp
 - located in the prolific Red Lake mining camp
- **December 2017 mineral resource of 1.74 M ounces gold indicated and ~300,000 ounces gold inferred**
- **Pure Gold has invested approximately \$56M to date**
- **PEA indicates ~900,000 ounces of gold over 14 years**
- **Reconditioned underground ramp with new ground support, air and water lines, mine air heating and ventilation, electrical power and communications**
- **Bulk sample planned for Q2, objective of a positive production decision by the end of 2018**

Madsen Gold Project
Pure Gold Mining Inc.

Developer of the Year - 2017

Since 2014 Pure Gold has made significant improvements to both the environmental conditions at the site and engagement with surrounding communities



Madsen Gold Project
Pure Gold Mining Inc.