



# WEEKEND GOLDMINER Newsletter

*Prospecting sites in the Heart of Georgia's Gold Belt*

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## Calendar of Events

**“Miners Swap Meet” at every meeting. Bring camping & prospecting articles only.**

**Meeting Time: May 7, 2016  
Auraria Community Center  
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.  
General Meeting 7:00 P.M. \* Note time changes**

**Next Metal Detecting Hunt  
May 7, 2016  
Auraria Community Center  
Starting at 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.  
WEATHER PERMITTING !  
Call 423-838-1373**

**Bear on the Square April 17 & 18 2016**

**2016 Commons (subject to change):  
April 23 & 24  
July 16 & 17  
Sept. 17 & 18**

**Gate locks have been changed. #6 key**

**\*If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Ray Sparks 770-531-9346. Or email at weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com**

## WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES April 2nd, 2016

President Henry Wilkerson called the April 2, 2016 General Meeting to order.

Please be in prayer for #1900 Nancy Healy's family. Her brother in California passed away this week

Birthdays for April are: #2890 Barbara Lawson turning

older than dirt on the 15th and #2342 Celeste Wilkerson on the 16th.

Henry Wilkerson welcomed new member Haden Dixon from Birchwood, Tn.

Guests were Michael Lung son of #3247 Rodney Lung and Mac and Tammy Lee.

#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the March 7, 2016 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #3247 Rodney Lung seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the March 2016 treasurer report as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal	\$23,812.20
Income	12,559.00
Disbursements	3,477.22
Checking Ending Bal	\$32,893.98

Money Market #1	\$48,084.83
Money Market #2	\$20,413.83

#2890 Barbara Lawson made a motion to accept the March 2016 treasurer report as read and posted. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the March 2016 membership report as follows:

- 5- new members for March
- 17- new members YTD
- #3326 – last member number issued
- \$10.00 – Logo Items sold
- \$450.00 – new members
- \$460.00 – Total

WEGM Auxiliary Chairperson Denise Johnson thanked the members for all their prayers this last month for her and Bill. Bill had a real bad spell this last month and had to be resuscitated twice and was

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**PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR  
MEMBER # ON YOUR CHECK**

**New Properties Finders Fee**

It is the policy of the WEGM to reward its members with a finders fee for locating new properties for the club to lease. The member will be paid \$240 or receive credit for \$240 in membership dues upon the club approving the lease for club use. The member must act as an agent between the landowner and the WEGM. To receive the finders fee, you must register in writing with the club secretary your intent to begin discussing a proposed lease with the landowner. You cannot receive the finders fee unless registration is complete and the lease is approved by the WEGM.

- STANDING RULES**
1. No use of alcohol on Association outings.
  2. Smoking will not be permitted at Association meetings or activities unless held in the open air.
  3. Members are expected to adhere to the Association's Code of Ethics while prospecting or mining
  4. Members are expected to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with the laws of the land and reasonable moral behavior
  5. Violation of Standing Rules will result in disciplinary action as determined by the Executive Board of Directors
  6. The President, Vice-President or their appointed spokesperson(s) are the only people authorized to speak on behalf of the WEGM
  7. Regular monthly meetings will be held on the first Saturday of each month at a scheduled time as stated in the club newsletter and website
  8. Fun must be had by all

in rehab for two weeks. Bill is holding his own now. She said that the auxiliary spent \$93.81 last month and they have \$1,519.27 in the account.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave the Hunt Master report. He said that he had a good hunt with 15 plus people hunting. The weather was really windy and cold. He buried silver dollars, Eisenhower dollars, 2 1941-S Walking Liberty coins and a bunch of clad coins. #2610 Ray Sparks found one of the token for a gold nugget. Next hunt will be a Mother's Day Hunt and he will be burying Roosevelt dimes. This will be the last hunt of the season. Remember- WEATHER PERMITTING!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There will be a Common on April 23rd & 24th at the Turner property. They are going to move some of the 1800's tailing piles down to the common area to use. It will start at 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Saturday and 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Sunday. Lunch will be served on Saturday around 1:00 P.M. For more information call Bill Quick at 706-525-0105.

Locks on the property gate will be changed on Monday April 4, 2016. If you did not get a new key call the bookkeeper at 423-458-4088.

Bear on the Square will be April 16th and 17th. We will have a booth there demonstrating the art of prospecting. We need volunteers to help both days. You can work all day or for a few hours. It is a lot of fun helping the kids pan. Bring a lawn chair. For more info call Ray Sparks at 770-531-9346.

#2539 Andrew Whelchel talked to the members about a trip to Washington, Ga. to look for gemstones. The club will pay for the admission and lunch and dinner. You will have to furnish your own transportation there and back and pay for lodging if you stay both days. They are planning for May 21st and 22nd if enough members want to go. If you are interested in going please call Andrew Whelchel at 770-561-1303 or Done Vincent at 770-869-3546.

Lifetime members for March are: #2459 Harold Vaughn, #2494 Brian James and #2505 Harry Sands.

Raffles were held: Guest Mac Lee won the door prize of a Prospector Silver round.

Blue Ticket winners were:

- Bag of ore - #2038 David Cochran
- Bag of ore - #2505 Harry Sands
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- Bag of ore - #2883 Daryl Combs (Mississippi)
- Bag of ore - #2757 Dean Willard
- Nugget - #1073 Roger Moore
- Knife - #1314 Floyd Cooper
- Coin set - #1314 Floyd Cooper

Green Ticket winners were:

- Bag of ore - #3204 David Griffith
- Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
- Bag of ore - #2505 Harry Sands
- Bag of ore - #2845 Terry Willman
- Gold Nugget - #2166 Bob Wilson
- Knife - #3204 David Griffith
- Coin set - #3151 Robert Russell
- German-Eye knife - #2890 Barbara Lawson

WEGM Auxiliary winners were:

- Coin set - Denise, wife of #2583 Bill Johnson
- Bag of ore - Denise, wife of #2583 Bill Johnson
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- Gold Nugget - Denise, wife of #2583 Bill Johnson

No, Denise wasn't the only one who purchased tickets, she sold 118 tickets! First time that has ever happened.

Next meeting will be May 7, 2016  
 Board meeting at 5:00 P.M.  
 General Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to adjourn the April 2, 2016 meeting. #3204 David Griffith seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**RULE OF THE MONTH:**

GENERAL CONDUCT: Public drunkenness, profanity, excessive noise and other such behavior is prohibited. No member will threaten another member in any way. Members and guests will abide by Federal, State and local laws, rule and regulations. No alcoholic beverages are allowed at club functions.

**FOR SALE SUBMISSION POLICY**

The FOR SALE section is free for members only. Membership number, name and phone number must accompany the ad. Ads will be run the month of submission only. You may resubmit your ad each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

**WORDS OF WISDOM:**

**If you don't learn to laugh at trouble,  
You won't have anything to laugh at  
when you get old.**



**#2610 Ray Sparks  
Winner of gold nugget at metal detecting hunt**

These are the new WEGM T-shirts for the men and ladies. All shirts are \$10.00 ea. There will be a \$6.50 shipping and handling charge for each shirt. If you want to place an order please state the color and size of shirt and how many. Send your order to: T-Shirt Order. P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, Ga. 30533. Make check or money order to Weekend Gold Miners Club.



Ladies Shirt

Colors: Pink, Green, Purple and Pink Camo.  
Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large and 2X.

Ladies shirts do not have a pocket.



Mens Shirt Colors: Black, Tan, Grey, Hunter Green,  
Camo

Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large, 2X.

Camo shirts do not have a pocket.



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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST**

**NAME:**

**PHONE NUMBER:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CITY:**

**STATE:**

**ZIP:**

**SPOUSE'S NAME:**

**Children Under 21:**

**MEMBER NAME:**

I recognize that mining and prospecting are inherently dangerous, and that the club's properties have unmarked and unidentified hazards, to include abandoned mine shafts, caves, sink holes, steep slopes and other people, both invitees, licensees and trespassers and that any one or combination of the above can cause injury or death. I waive any claim against the Week End Gold Miners, Inc. or the land owners and covenant not to sue for any damage, injury or death caused to me, or for the loss of equipment or personal items while on the properties. I further recognize that there are special dangers to minors and I shall assume all responsibility for each minor accompanying me. I further agree to carry such insurance as I feel necessary to protect my interest and to indemnify and hold harmless owners from any liability arising out of my actions while on the properties.

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Guest Signature

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Date