



WEEKEND GOLDMINER Newsletter

Prospecting sites in the Heart of Georgia's Gold Belt

**Club Address: P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, GA 30533
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Calendar of Events

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

**Meeting: June 7th, 2014
Auraria Community Center
Board meeting at 5:00 P.M.
General Meeting at 7:00 P.M.**

**May Common 2014: Turner Property
Sat. 5-17 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.
Sun. 5-18 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.
Lunch served at 1:00 P.M. both days
More info call William Quick 706-344-9087**

**Dates for other Commons for 2014:
July 12 & 13
Sept. 20 & 21
Details to follow on each**

If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Benny Chester 770-531-9346.

Bill Johnson on the 28th, Drew Sparks, son of #2610 Ray Sparks on the 19th and #1483 Robert Johnson on the 2nd. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Anniversaries are #1553 Robin & Jan Venable, 29 years on the 29th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

#2686 Don Vincent made a motion to accept the April General Meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2757 Dean Williard seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the April 2014 Treasurer report as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal	\$45,899.39
Income	7,268.00
Disbursements	2,253.51
Ending Bank Bal	\$50,913.88
Money Market #1	\$28,013.94
Money Market #2	\$20,394.40

#2533 Bill Johnson made a motion to accept the April 2014 Treasurer report as read and posted. #0859 Brenda Shedd seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Roger Moore gave the April 2014 Membership report for Membership Director Benny Chester while he was selling shirts.

12 - new members for April
34 - new members YTD
#3151 last member number issued
\$20.00 in camper permits
\$1140.00 – new members

Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave the Hunt Master report as follows: He said that he had a good turn-out for the hunt today with around 34 people to hunt. He buried 3 rolls of Roosevelt dimes for the Mother's Day Hunt. There were two tokens buried, each worth \$100. #2610 Ray Sparks and #1407 Kenneth Limie found those. This was the last hunt of the season and

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES May 3, 2014

President Roger Moore called the May 3, 2014 general meeting to order.

He welcome guests Bobby Ortiz, Joseph Smith, Kyra, granddaughter of member #1553 Robin Venable and #2342 Celeste Wilkerson daughter Dreama and James for Tennessee.

Birthdays for May are #2539 Andrew Welechel on the 6th, #1407 Kenneth Limie on the 27th, #1348 John Robertson on the 29th, Denise Johnson, wife of #2533

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the next hunt will be in October. He thanked everybody for supporting the hunts this year.

Celeste Wilkerson gave the WEGM Auxiliary report as follows: She said that the fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans & slaw went really well. She plans on having fried chicken and all the fixings for the May 17 & 18 common on both days. She thanked her daughter Dreama and Joyce Conner for helping today.

Benny Chester stated that the Bear on the Square went really well. He thanked #2188 Henry Wilkerson, #2342 Celeste Wilkerson and her daughter, Dreama, #2583 Bill Quick and Joyce Conner for helping set two booths up on Friday afternoon. He said on Saturday he had #1407 Kenneth Limie. #2188 Henry Wilkerson, Joyce Conner, #2610 Ray Sparks and his son Drew and daughter Anna, #2222 Eric Scheibl and his son, Nathan, #2686 Don Vincent and #2973 James Hendley IV to help. They had a high banker, a sluice and a Desert Fox on display. He said the Sunday started out slow but picked up in the afternoon. He had #1407 Kenneth Limie, #2188 Henry Wilkerson, Joyce Conner, #2686 Don Vincent and his wife June and #2973 James Hendley IV. He thanks all the above for helping. He said that they used 6 of the 5 gal. bags of ore and gave out 3 DWT of gold to the kids.

Bill Quick stated that the May common will be on the 17th & 18th on the Turner property. Saturday will be from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. and Sunday will be from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. Lunch will be served both days. They will have panning tubs set up for the kids. This will be open to the public, so bring a friend and join the fun. Wear old clothes and shoes, you will get wet and muddy. If you need more information please call Bill Quick at 706-344-9087.

Lifetime members for April are : ##2640 Timothy Coffell and #2826 Jessie Metcalf. Congratulations!!!

Roger Moore presented the August 2014 election ballot to the membership. Those running are:

Vice-President:
#1290 Benny Chester
#2843 Charlie Gardner

2- Board positions:
#2188 Henry Wilkerson
#2686 Don Vincent
#2890 Barbara Lawson

MAIL DUES TO:
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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

#2533 Bill Johnson
#3102 Tony Scharf

Absentee ballots will be mailed out by June 15th 2014.
Election will be August 2, 2014.

There was a quest speaker, David Owens from Jefferson County, Tennessee that spoke about the regulations that is being put on prospecting in the state of Tennessee. It all started with an incident on Little River where two men had a dredging operation going. The operation caused muddy water in a swimming hole down the river, where a woman had her children swimming. Mr. Owens said that the mother of the children came up to the men dredging and complained and the men became belligerent and verbally abusive to her. She in turn went to the authorities and the next thing the TDEC (Tennessee Dept. of Environmental and Conservation) and TWRA (Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency) are all involved in putting strict regulations on any type of prospecting in Tennessee. Mr. Owens said that we all must help change the image that people are getting of prospectors and that we must do everything possible to go by the state rules on any water ways and be very respectful to all people on the rivers and creeks. You can read more by going on line under gold prospecting in Tennessee.

Raffles were held: The door prize of a prospector silver round went to Mindy Carrnley wife of #3134 Colman Carnley.

Blue Ticket winners were:

Bag of Ore - #2757 Dean Williard
Bag of ore - #2188 Henry Wilkerson
Bag of ore - #0859 Brenda Shedd
Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson
Bag of ore - #2686 Don Vincent
Lobe - #2865 David Gooch
Nugget - #2583 Bill Quick

Green Ticket winners were:

Bag of Ore - Bobby Ortiz –guest
Bag of Ore - #2178 Henry Smith
Bag of Ore - Mindy , wife of #3124 Colman Carnley
Bag of ore - Bobby Ortiz- guest
Sniffer bottle w/pouch - #2188 Henry Wilkerson
Head-lights - #1407 Kenneth Limie
Nugget - Kyra, granddaughter of #1553 Robin Venable

WEGM Auxiliary winners were:

Necklace - #2686 Donald Vincent
Wrenches - #2801 Aldo Stephanini
Earrings - #2686 Donald Vincent
Necklace & Earrings - Denise, wife of #2533 Bill

Johnson
Owl - #1073 Roger Moore
35 lb. bag of ore - Mindy, wife of #3134 Colman Carnley
Hydrangea Flower - #2865 David Gooch
Nugget - Kim, wife of #2744 John Burton

Next meeting will be June 7, 2014. Board meeting at 5:00 P.M. General Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Nancy Healy made a motion to adjourn the May 3, 2014 general meeting. #2391 Don Minzey seconded. Meeting adjourned.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

“Don’t worry about avoiding temptation....as you grow old, it will avoid you.”

“Maybe it’s true that life begins a 50...but everything else starts
to wear out, fall out or spread out.”

“We could certainly slow down the aging process if it had to work its way through Congress.”

FROM THE HUNT MASTER: ROBERT JOHNSON

We had a real good turnout for the hunt on Saturday. We had over 34 people to hunt at our Mother’s Day hunt. We buried 3 rows of Roosevelt dime (Rosie dimes). I buried two tokens worth \$100 each. Those went to #1407 Kenneth Limie and #2610 Ray Sparks. The weather was great! This is the last hunt of the season and we will start back up in October 2014. I appreciate all that came out to the hunts and to all those who supported the raffles and to all those that donated items for the raffles. You can still hunt for coins at the Community Center ONLY on the day we have our meetings. There are still coins that were never found. See you in the fall.....now let’s go look for gold!

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 add each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

I have a 2 inch backpack dredge with truck tire inner tube flotation. \$850.00

12 volt portable shaker table \$250.00
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Hand dredge. \$75.00
Blue bowl [black] \$30.00
Roll up sluice \$25.00
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Russ Colvin
706-824-0060

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Life membership - Contact David 309-798-6611 or 309-269-2495 or jamckee2001@yahoo.com

2014 Election Candidates



Board Position – Henry Wilkerson



Vice President Position – Charlie Gardner



Board Member Position – Barbara Lawson



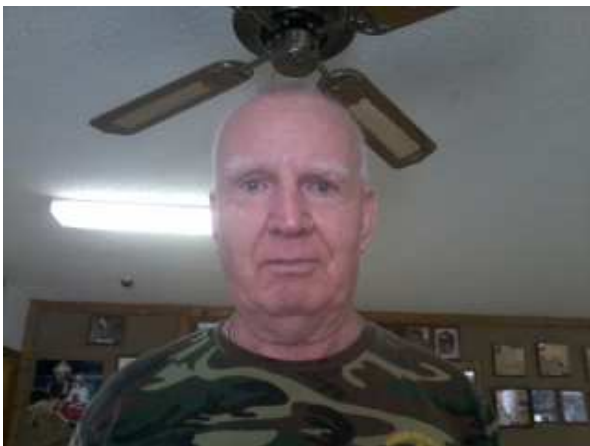
Vice President Position – Benny Chester



Board Member Position – Tony Scharf



Board Member Position – Bill Johnson



Board Member Position – Don Vincent

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
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RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST

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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.

Guest Signature

Date