



WEEKEND GOLDMINER

Newsletter

Prospecting sites in the Heart of Georgia's Gold Belt

Club Address: P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, GA 30533
Phone: (770) 531-WEGM

Calendar of Events

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

Meeting Time: Sept 1, 2018

2018 Annual September Picnic

Turner Property

Board Meeting 11:00 A.M. *****Note Time Change**

Picnic 1:00 P.M. Bring covered dish

General Meeting 3:00 P.M. *****Note Time Change**

End of Year Raffles - Bring a chair!

Metal Detecting Hunts – Start back October 2018

Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373

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

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Aug 4th, 2018

President Judy Hall Johnson called the August 4, 2018 general meeting to order.

August birthdays: #3299 Frank Reed 76yrs 8/27, #3221 Jeremy Mitchell 38yrs 8/11, #2533 Bill Quick 8/3, #1559 Perry Hidalgo 59yrs 8/8, #1900 Nancy Healy 8/28

August anniversaries: Johnathan & Kamran Heard 8 years on the 14th. Robert Russell & Sandy July 9th celebrating 35yrs.

We want to thank Joyce Conner and Celeste Wilkerson for DOING A GREAT JOB with the bean supper.

We want to thank #1290 Benny Chester, #3385 Lee

Day, #2549 Ed Nefferdorf, #2845 Terry Willman for their hard work clearing trees out of the roads after the storms.

#859 Brenda Shed is doing well & back to driving.

#3385 Lee Day Made a motion to approve July 7, 2018 General meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter, #1433 Don Ferguson. Motion passed and carried.

Treasurer report Given by Judy Johnson for July, 2018 due to John Burton being on vacation.

Beg Bal.... \$20,071.19

Income.....\$3,160.00

Disbursed...\$7,502.32

End Bal..... \$15,728.32

Money market #1.... \$48,174.71

Money Market #2.... \$15,435.03

#2610 Ray Sparks made a motion to approve treasurer report. #2608 David Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership director Benny Chester gave July, 2018 report as follows

6-new members

33-new members YTD

\$770.00 total new membership fees

0-Logo items

3469 last membership number

Benny had \$169.07 in membership Director expenses.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sept 1st Picnic on Turner property. #2845 Terry Willman will cook the BBQ everyone to bring a covered dish of veggies or dessert. We are going to have the bounce house and gem mining for the kids and the cotton candy machine. Joyce Conner will have face and rock painting. No music this year unless something comes up with somebody to play. Be sure to bring chairs.

Officers and Committees	
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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

Board Meeting will be at 11:00am, Picnic at 1:00pm, General meeting at 3:00, then end of years raffles.

We are going to have a clean up the week before. Anyone on the property from now till the picnic pick up, clear out brush whatever you want to do. #1483 Robert Johnson suggest everyone help with clean up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Only one lifetime member this month #2907 David Lively. Congratulation to him.

We have two things to take care of. First is our Liability insurance due the 1st of September it is \$1,581 the same as it was last year. We need a show of hands vote of all the members to approve \$,1,581.00. Vote was unanimous. The board did a proposed budget last month we need a show of hands vote to accept the new budget of \$88,550.00 for 2018-19. Vote was unanimous.

#2533 Bill Quick wanted to give us a word of safety. With all the rain the trees are saturated with water so beware of falling trees and limbs.

We want to thank Tammy and Tony at Crisson Gold Mine for the donation of a \$325.00 can of ore for the picnic.

Johnathan Heard is head of election committee. He confirmed each member that was running for office and then asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations. Judy Johnson picked #1559 Perry Hidalgo and #1482 Bill Bryant as observers for the election. Benny Chester is running for Vice-President. Running for the board: #3385 Lee Day, #3247 Rodney Lung, #,2890 Barbara Lawson, #2267 Benjamin Tighe, #1073 Rodger Moore. A show of hands vote was taken for approval of the ballot. Vote was unanimous.

The members that are in good standing were handed a ballot to vote.

Please remember to help clean up after meetings putting up chairs, sweeping, mopping.

Raffles:
Red Ticket Door Prize: Prospector's Silver round- # 0525 Larry Brumbalow

Blue Ticket Winners
Bag of Ore - # 2890 Barbara Lawson

Bag of Ore - # 3247 Rodney Lung
 Bag of Ore - #1860 Frank Hanson
 Bag of ore - Kamran Heard
 Gold Nugget - #2608 David Zimmerman

Green Ticket Winners
 Bag of Ore - #2608 Brenda Zimmerman
 Bag of Ore - #3293 Lee Webb
 Bag of Ore - Kamran Heard
 Gold Nugget - #3264 Robert Manning

Yellow Ticket winner
 Bag of Ore - # Bill Bryant
 Bag of Ore - # 2890 Barbara Lawson
 Bag of Ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
 Bag of Ore - #1860 Frank Hanson
 Garden tools - 3247 Rodney Lung
 Garden tools - #2890 Barbara Lawson
 Gold Nugget - #1569 Alan Howard

WEGM August 2018 Election results are as follows:

Office of Vice-President:

#1290 Benny Chester	143	WINNER
#3385 Lee Day	1	
#2890 Barbara Lawson	1	
#3256 George Young	1	
#2872 Rick Humberger	1	
#3247 Rodney Lung	1	
#1073 Roger Moore	1	

Office of Board of Directors:

#3385 Lee Day	50	
#3247 Rodney Lung	67	
#2267 Ben Tighe	20	
#2890 Barbara Lawson	69	WINNER
#1073 Roger Moore	81	WINNER
#3102 Tony Scharf	1	
#2505 Ben Worthington	1	

New 2018-2019 Officers are: President-Judy Hall Johnson, Vice-President Benny Chester, Board Members Barbara Lawson, William Quick, Roger Moore and one open position, Treasurer John Burton, Secretary position open, Membership Director-Benny Chester, Newsletter Editor Judy Johnson, Agent

Next Meeting: 2018 Annual September Picnic
 Board meeting 11:00am
 Picnic 1:00pm
 General meeting 3:00pm
 End of year raffles will be held.

Barbara Lawson made a motion to adjourn the August 4, 2018 general meeting. Bill Quick seconded. Motion

carried and passed.

Prepared by Heidi Lung
 WEGM Secretary

MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS:

A few years ago my best friend and mining partner Big Alan Holifield bought a brand new 4 inch dredge from Keene Engineering. We were excited to take it out and try it for the first time. So off to the Etowah property we went. I brought my 3 inch dredge and we set up side by side in the river for testing. After running a few hours we cleaned up and went home. After panning the cons we found the 3 inch caught much more gold than the new 4 inch. I figured the slope of the sluice box was not set right or he had the water moving too fast through the box. Better luck next time. That was the last time Alan and I mined together. He got sick and passed away a few months later. His mother gave me the dredge after he passed away. I was mourning the loss of my friend and the dredge sat in my garage covered with a tarp for the next few years. Fast forward..... Last week I decided to get the dredge out and see if it would still run. The carb was gummed up because fuel was left in the tank, an oversight on my part. I should have checked before storing it. I took the carb off and cleaned it. After everything was put back together, I cranked it up. Running again! Next I took the sluice box apart and noticed there was no ribbed mat under the miners moss. Alan forgot to put it down or it was not included when the dredge was delivered from Keene. The ribbed mat is very important. It catches the gold as it sifts down through the miners moss. Without it the gold sifts down through the miners moss hits the slick metal surface of the box and washes out. Alan was a greenhorn at dredging and did not know and I never thought to look until now. Ribbed mat was installed. I am planning to take new member Eric Peabody and introduce him to gold dredging sometime this month. Yet another one will be hooked forever in the search for gold.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

Remember, when you are pointing your finger to blame somebody of doing wrong, you have three pointing back at you.

RULE OF THE MONTH

All members must come to the picnic, bring a covered dish, dessert or veggies. You must enjoy the good food, buy lots of raffle tickets and a good time must be had by all.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT JUDY JOHNSON:

Well, we just had another election. We have a new Vice-President, Benny Chester and two new board members, Barbara Lawson and Roger Moore. There is one board position open due to the resignation of Clint Walker. This position will be appointed by the board at the September meeting. I want to thank all the members that helped in the election, Chairman Jonathan Heard, observers Bill Bryant and Perry Hidalgo, counters Don Ferguson, Dean Willard, Kamara Heard, and Ray Sparks. I was really disappointed in the number of members that didn't vote. Only 116 out of 800 absentee ballots sent out and only 27 voted at the meeting. This is your club and it is the members that put these officers in the position to run this club. I put the campaign messages in with the ballots in hopes that we would get a better response.

I want to thank those members that didn't get elected, Lee Day, Ben Tighe and Rodney Lung. There is always next year. Thanks to Rodney Lung for all the hard work he has done for the club with coordinating the picnic for the past two years and the commons, Bear on The Square and school events and especially trying to keep the club together in 2017. I appreciate all his hard work. I appreciate all the members that volunteer their time and talents to this club.

Looking forward to another year and hopefully we can keep going forward. Our new memberships for the past two years has fallen off more than half what we usually get. I know we need new property but so far nobody wants to lease anything. We are still looking and have a few good prospects for day use only.

Hope to see everybody at the picnic September 1, 2018 on the Turner property starting at 1:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM RODNEY LUNG:

Well Weekenders, I want to thank everyone that voted for me, but my time is over as far as helping to run the club. I hope the new ones that are there do what's good and right for the club. I know I gave everything I had to this club and I'm very proud of the things I have done in the past two years. What I am disappointed in was the low votes that came from members of our club. Everyone needs to remember without every member we won't have a club. We are facing some hard times ahead that's going to take all of us to make it through. Again, thank you and maybe another time I will be able to help again...

ABANDONED CAMPER –SILENT BID

Camper and all property on Lot #8 on the Turner property past the picnic area. Everything to be removed from campsite in thirty (30) days from 9-1-18. Camper must be removed from property.

Send bid in sealed envelope to:
WEGM-Silent Bid
P.O. Box 910
Dahlonega, Ga. 30533

Bids will not be opened until Board meeting on 9-1-18.

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.

**FOR SALE: Camper on Turner property \$350.00
Call Barbara Lawson at 706-531-4062**

Gold Panning at Ellijay Library in July 2018

Benny Chester giving lecture about History of gold mining in North Georgia



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.
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PHONE NUMBER:		
ADDRESS:		
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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