



# WEEKEND GOLDMINER Newsletter

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

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## Calendar of Events

**Meeting October 1st , 2011, at Auraria  
Community Center**  
**Board Meeting at 5:00 P.M.**  
**General Meeting at 7:00 P.M.**

**Auraria Gold Rush Days at Auraria Community  
Center**  
**October 15th, 16th, 2011**

## WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2011

President, #1073 Roger Moore called the September 3rd, 2011 general meeting to order and welcomed all members, new members and guests.

The first issue on the agenda was to confirm the motion by the board to accept #1565 John Coleman to replace #1073 Roger Moore, who vacated his position when he was elected to be president. By a show of hands the membership approved the motion for #1565 John Coleman to the board.

#1073 Roger Moore , new president, discussed the issue of the permanent and temporary campsites. #1565 John Coleman reminded anyone wanting a campsite that they need to talk to a board member about the area. Some camps have been put too close or on temporary sites.

#1565 John Coleman also reminded us about the purpose of the club:  
To foster the science and educate in the art of recreational prospecting in service to and for the club members. To offer educational programs to members and the general public through schools, scouts, and other organizations of Board of Directors approval.

Also the issue of carrying firearms on club property came up. #1073 Roger Moore referred back to the Rules and Regulations. Page 1: FIREARMS Absolutely no use of firearms on club property. There shall be no carrying of firearms on the physical person. Hunting of waterfowl or any other game is prohibited.

The Club was asked to participate in the Auraria Gold Rush Days. It is to be held at the Auraria Community Center on October 15th, and 16th 2011. It is free for the Club and is a great opportunity for us to educate and demonstrate. Volunteers are needed to help. #1900 Nancy Healy is in charge, so call her at (770) 887-2587, if you can help.

#2391 Don Minzey made a motion to accept the August treasurers report. #1483 Robert Johnson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Beginning Balance	8-1-11	\$34,663.27
Income		7,140.00
Disbursements		4,407.32
Ending Balance	8-31-11	\$37,395.95

Money Market #1	8-31-11	\$27,939.27
Money Market #2	8-31-11	\$10,370.85

#0714 George Hagan made the motion to accept the August, 2011 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2583 Billy R. Johnson seconded.

#0175 Johnny Goodner, Membership Director, gave the August, 2011 membership report as follows:  
23 new members for August, 2011  
153 new members YTD (new record)  
#2730 last membership number to be issued

New membership fees	\$2,079.00
Logo items sold	5.00
15 new keys issued	

#0175 introduced Marty Bird as new Membership Director in training.

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#1073 asked members to be sure to read the newsletter posted on the internet. Also if you do not have access to a computer, let the editor know so you can be mailed a hard copy.

#1565 John Coleman discussed the solid financial foundation of the Club. Our value is posted in the newsletter every month. Bookkeeper, #1581 Judy Johnson reviewed the amounts. She discussed the rent for the leased properties being paid out of the checking account and that we would still be on target to not touch the monies in the money market accounts.

Many worked hard to put together our 2011 Annual Picnic, we had a great crowd and a very successful event. #2391 Don Minzey loaned us his tractor and worked on fixing the roads. #0747 James Boyd and #2466 Serena Blackwell cleaned up and operated the tractor. The roads are soooo improved! The Board has approved to have some gravel put on the roads too.

#1900 Nancy Healy took charge of cleaning up and bombing the bathrooms and made sure they all had tissue. Also #1900 Nancy Healy provided coffee for breakfast and hotdogs for lunch for the five members who showed up for Work Day on August 12th.

#1581 Judy Johnson procured the prizes to be given away at the Annual Picnic.

#2533 William Quick and others also helped out and volunteered their time.

Our cooking crew #2346 Brandy Fabian and his family did a terrific job, our thanks go out to them. We also want to thank all those that provided for the meal and prepared the picnic area. We would also like to thank the Mudd Bros. Band for a great afternoon of entertainment. A good time was enjoyed by all.

RED TICKET Door Prize raffles were held. There were three prizes.  
 \$50.00 nugget ..... Rose Decaire, Guest  
 \$50.00 nugget ..... #1545 Ernest Dunn  
 \$50.00 nugget ..... # Foster Harrison

Special Children's Raffle  
 The prizes were gift cards from Wal-Mart  
 \$20.00 ..... Autumn Finamore  
 \$10.00 ..... Chandler Holland  
 \$10.00 ..... Jeffrey Bassett  
 \$10.00 ..... Anna Sparks

**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

\$10.00 ..... Austin Wayne  
 \$10.00 ..... Andrew Wayne  
 \$20.00 ..... Hughy Samples  
 \$20.00 ..... Allen Samples  
 \$10.00 ..... Nick Bannister  
 \$20.00 ..... Drew Sparks  
 \$10.00 ..... David Craig  
 \$10.00 ..... Josie Cantrell

**BLUE TICKET Raffle for September**

Bag of Ore ..... #2533 William Quick  
 Bag of Ore ..... #2391 Don Minzey  
 Bag of Ore ..... #2533 William Quick  
 Bag of Ore ..... #2600 Lori McDonald  
 Bag of Ore ..... #2391 Don Minzey  
 Bag of Ore ..... #2600 Lori McDonald

**BLUE TICKET Raffle for the year**

Metal Detector  
 w/ carrying bag and head set #2678 Steve Craig  
 Mini Highbanker NOT CLAIMED  
 Ticket Number 8768233  
 Canopy NOT CLAIMED  
 Ticket Number 8768585  
 \*\$85 Gal. Concentrate #1407 Kenneth Lemie  
 \* Donated by Tammie at Crisson Gold Mine  
 Mini Sluice Box #2583 Billy R. Johnson  
 Purple Blue Bowl #2346 Brandy Fabian  
 Digging Tool #0714 George Hagan  
 Loop # 2533 William Quick  
 Loop NOT CLAIMED  
 Ticket Number 8767133  
 Loop NOT CLAIMED  
 Ticket Number 8768776  
 Loop #2539 Andrew Whelchel  
**GREEN TICKET Raffle for September**  
 Bag of Ore #1375 Chris Benson  
 Bag of Ore #2539 Andrew Whelchel  
 Bag of Ore #2678 David Craig  
 Bag of Ore New Member John Kobler  
 Nugget #2726 Mark Boyer

**GREEN TICKET Raffle for the year**

Metal Detector #2542 Bernard Viney  
 \*\$85 Gal. Concentrate NOT CLAIMED  
 Ticket Number 386844  
 \* Donated by Tammie at Crisson Gold Mine  
 Canopy #2206 George Myntti  
 Mini Sluice Box # 2391 Don Minzey  
 Canopy NOT CLAIMED  
 Ticket Number 386063  
 Purple Blue Bowl #2601 Bill Hall  
 Digging Tool Caroline French, Guest  
 Loop #2391 Don Minzey  
 Loop #2206 George Myntti

Loop #2391 Don Minzey  
 Loop #2726 Mark Boyer

Again congratulations to all our winners.

All prizes that were not claimed will be held until the next meeting, October 1, 2011.

If they are not claimed at that time we will draw again until all are claimed at that meeting.

Once again the unclaimed numbers are:

**BLUE TICKETS:**

8768233 Mini Highbanker  
 8768585 Canopy  
 8767133 Loop  
 8768776 Loop

**GREEN TICKETS:**

386844 \$85 Gal. Concentrate  
 386063 Canopy

#1581 Judy Johnson had certificates for our Lifetime

Members for August:

#1867 Louie Ivey  
 #1881 Tom Witte  
 #1900 Nancy Healy  
 #1903 Jerry Page  
 #1919 William Myers  
 #1924 David Pearson

#2697 Scott Wilkins made a motion to adjourn the September 2011 meeting. #2583 Billy Johnson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

**WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEWSLETTER!**

**JUST SEND YOUR DIGITAL CAMERA PHOTOS TO [WEBMASTER@WEEKENDGOLDMINERS.COM](mailto:WEBMASTER@WEEKENDGOLDMINERS.COM) AND I WILL BE SURE TO GET THEM IN**

**RULE OF THE MONTH**

**Absolutely no use of fire arms on Club property. There shall be no carrying of firearms on the physical person. Hunting of waterfowl or any other game is prohibited.**

**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 run for the month of submission only. You may re-submit your ad each month. Business ads must be approved by the Board, the fee for a small block ad is \$12.00 per year.

**FOR SALE SECTION**

WANTED: In used working condition: Small, i.e., 3' sluice, motor, pump, etc. I'm retired, need hobby! No Dredges. Send list to: E. McIvor, P.O. Box 3031, Cleveland, Ga. 30528

**AS THE TROMMEL TURNS  
A view from the President**

I want to thank everyone for the large turnout at the picnic. It was one of the largest crowds I remember at any of our picnics.

I would like to thank Brandy Fabian for preparing the food and others who brought covered dishes. The food was excellent.

I would also like to thank my fellow Mudd Brothers Band members for the music. These guys are night owls playing almost every night in clubs in the Southeast. They don't do mornings. It was only with a great deal of screaming and prodding that I was able to get them up before 6:00 a.m. and drive 150 miles to do a show at 1:00p.m. Thanks guys!

I was amazed at the great job the road crew did on getting the main road repaired and filled in. A big thanks from everyone in the club.

We had a beautiful day with a slight breeze for the picnic. Perfect for a Labor Day event. I saw a young boy with mustard on his face....smiling from ear to ear. He asked me if he could sing a song. We had already packed most of the equipment up so I promised him he could sing next year. He smiled again and said " O.K , See ya next year!" He was one of many who had a good time at the picnic.

There were many prizes given away, including metal detectors, sluice boxes, a portable high banker and many other nice prizes.

Remember to keep all your tickets and check the numbers in the newsletter to claim the prizes not claimed at the picnic. Any prizes not claimed will be raffled off at the October meeting.

I am proud to say the club is growing by leaps and bounds. Due to the number of members in the club it is more important than ever before

for all of us to work together for the good of the club. A big thank you to the people who helped at the clubs election. I would like to thank the members who voted for me at the meeting and all the members who voted on the absentee ballots. I will do my best to make this club even better. Thanks for your trust in me. It means more than I can say.

Keep Digging,  
Roger Moore, President, WEGM

**FROM THE HUNTMASTER****Robert Johnson**

I hope everybody had a great time at the picnic. If you weren't able to make it this year try and make plans for next year. We had lots of good food and the band was great. We did great on the Hunt Master raffle...\$824.00. That gives us a great start. Thanks to everybody that bought tickets at the picnic and all year. There are still a few prizes that haven't been claimed yet. The numbers are in the general minutes. If they are not claimed by the October meeting we will raffle them off again.

Sorry I was busy with the raffle and didn't get to announce that I will have a coin hunt on October 1, 2011 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Auraria Community Center. This is a free hunt. If I have to work, Benny Chester said he would hold the hunt for me. Invite your friends to come and join us. If you don't have a metal detector come on anyway , we have extra detectors. See you Oct. 1

**HISTORY and FOLKLORE**

A gold nugget is a naturally occurring piece of native gold. Flowing bodies of water (water courses) are responsible for the concentration and growing of gold nuggets. There is a variety of ways through which gold nuggets are found: in the residual deposits where the gold-bearing veins are weathered, by placer mining (the mining of the alluvial soil for deposits; done through tunneling equipment, open-pit, or various surface excavating equipment), and in the piles left by previous mining like those left by gold mining.

Nuggets are also formed due to cold weather and in streams and rivers, where small pieces and fragments lie. Due to gold being very soft, when smaller pieces hit each other under pressure, they combine and form a bigger piece. These gold pieces are prone to weld together under hammering loads or impact, just like the pressure produced in rapids and under waterfalls. Other metals, such as platinum, also form nuggets in the very same way.

Welcome Stranger, found by John Deason and Richard Oates at Moliagul, Victoria, Australia, in 1869, is the largest gold nugget ever found. It weighed around 78 kgs (171.6 lbs). One of the world's largest 'Cubic' gold pieces is the Latrobe nugget, found at Mount McIvor, Victoria (Australia). It is kept in the Natural History Museum and is named in the honor Charles La Trobe, Governor of Victoria. The structure of this nugget is very rare, and it requires specific conditions to grow.

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<b>SPOUSE'S NAME:</b>	<b>Children Under 21:</b>	
<b>MEMBER NAME:</b>		

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