



# 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: February 2, 2019**  
**Auraria Community Center**  
**Board Meeting 3:00 P.M. \*\*\*Note Time Change**  
**General Meeting 5:00 P.M.\*\*\*Note Time Change**

**Statements mailed out February 2019**

**Metal Detecting Hunt**  
**February 2, 2019**  
**12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.**  
**Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373**  
**Weather Permitting!!!!!!**

**\*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 January 5, 2018

President Judy Johnson called the January 5, 2019 general meeting to order. She welcome new members #3468 Anthony Prunsky and Dan Johnson. Guest was Dan Norgart who will become a member this month.

Birthdays for January are #2610 Ray Sparks 71 on the 9th, Andrew Zimmerman, son of #2608 David & Brenda Zimmerman, 18 on the 22nd, #1581 Judy Johnson 73 on the 13th and Brenton Garvich, grandson of Judy Johnson, 34 on the 27th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

There were no anniversaries for January.

Barbara Allison, wife of the late Lester Allison and mother of Charles, Lloyd and Conrad Allison passed away on December 27, 2018. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Helen Clark, wife of #0195 Earnest Clark passed away on January 1, 2019. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please continue to remember #3403 Kim Burton recovering from her accident. Also continue to remember #0859 Brenda Shed still recovering from her accident.

#2610 Ray Sparks made a motion to accept the December 1, 2018 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. # 1433 Don Ferguson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Treasurer John Burton gave the December treasurer report as follows:

Checking bal. 12-1-18	\$ 20,284.45
Income	8,108.00
Disbursements	20,521.72
Ending Checking Bal	\$ 7,870.73

Money Market #1 \$43,187.70

#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the December 1, 2018 treasurer report as read. #1433 Don Ferguson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the December 2018 Membership report as follows:

1- new member for December 2018  
45- YTD

#3481 last member number issued  
\$100.00 total new member fees collected.  
Benny told the membership that this year and last year were the lowest new members that he had ever seen since he had been in the club.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson said that he had 15 people to hunt at today's hunt, which was very good

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for January. He buried 2 rolls of silver dimes, rolls of silver half-dollars and silver dollars. The weather was great, the wind was chilly but it wasn't raining. He had two token winners, Emma Boggs, daughter of #3208 Kris Boggs and #3221 Jeremy Mitchell. Robert thanked everybody for coming, next hunt will be February 2, 2019 starting at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the Auraria Community Center. WEATHER PERMITTING!! Call 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373.

**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



Emma Boggs – Hunt Token Winner



Jeremy Mitchell – Hunt Token Winner

**OLD BUSINESS:**

In the WEGM Rules & Regulations the board has decided to change the number of guests that you can have and the number of visits a guest can come on the property. A member can have 1 guest in any 30 day consecutive period. (A family will be considered as one (1) guest) A guest can only come on the property one (1) time in a year. Guest will be limited to a 3 day 2 night stay.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The board has decided to not to have a booth at the Bear on The Square due to that for the past two years they have put the club away from the main festival traffic and that we are having to pay for a booth spot, which we never did in the past because the club does not sale any products and we give away gold to all that pan at our booth. Our purpose has been to tell people about the club and prospecting. In the past we gain members from Bear on the Square but since they have moved us away from the main traffic, we haven't gained any members.



#2610 Ray Sparks presented the club with a framed certificate of appreciation from the Vietnam Veterans Of America for the club's support this past year. They are supporters of College/JROTC Scholarship Program, No One Alone, Rainbow Children's Home, Christmas at Camp Merrill, Senior Center Propane Program, Karekids, Hospice in the Dawson and Lumpkin Counties.

Raffles were held:

Winner of the Red Ticket Door prize of a Prospector Silver Round was #3204 David Griffith.

Winners of the Blue Ticket raffle are:

- Bag of Ore - Kathy McCary wife of #1775 Alan McCary
- Bag of ore - #2686 Don Vincent
- Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
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- Gold nugget - #3385 Lee Day

Winners of the Green Ticket raffle were:

- Bag of ore - #3264 Robert Manning
- Bag of ore - #3385 Lee Day
- Bag of ore - #0459 Robert Thomason
- Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
- Gold Nugget - #3442 Larry Sinclair

Winners of the Yellow Ticket raffle:

- Bag of ore - #2845 Terry Willman
- Bag of ore - #Kathy McCary wife of #1775 Alan McCary
- Bag of ore - #0495 Robert Thomason
- Bag of ore - #3468 Anthony Prunsky

**Question & Answer Session:**

We have had some things stolen over at the Allison Honey Farm. One member had a motor and pump, 3

deep-cell batteries, camping stove and propane tanks. Please be aware that you need to put your property out of sight or under lock and key. Please, during the winter months, check on your campsite and make sure it is in an orderly manner.

Joyce Conner said that next month the Auxiliary will be serving Vegetable soup and sandwiches.

Next meeting will be February 2, 2019.

Metal Detecting hunt 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.m.

Board meeting 3:00 P.M.

General meeting 5:00 P.M.

#2608 David Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the January 5, 2019 general meeting.

#3385 Lee Day seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by: Judy Johnson  
WEGM Acting Secretary

**Moore From the Gold Fields**



Now for the purposes of description, you have a picture of my 1969 Bug owned by me for over 45 years. I love my bug, an old poorly maintained, dangerous collection of faulty parts, from that wonderful time in the past before safety became such a big damn deal in this country. Now, I want to mention another problem. A long time ago the seat got pushed all the way back on the rails, and apparently it ain't never coming back. Seems like about 30 years ago a handful of beer can pop top rings got wedged in the seat rail tracks, and now has fused into one solid piece of metal, and that seat will never move again. Unless of course there is an atomic attack. In that case it might budge an inch or two. Fellow gold miners will know what the stuff is strapped to the luggage rack. A power sluice and concentrate buckets. The pump and motor is crammed into the back seat. I'm ready to continue my quest for the elusive metal. See ya on the properties..... Shaddup and keep diggin' .....007

**ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:**

An old woman came into her doctor's office and confessed to an embarrassing problem. "I fart all the time, Doctor Smith, but they're soundless and they have no odor. In fact, since I've been here, I have farted no less than twenty times. What can I do?" "Here's a prescription, Mrs. Harris. Take these pills three time a day for seven days and come back and see me in a week." Next week an upset Mrs. Harris marched into Dr. Harris's office. "Doctor, I don't know what was in those pills, but the problem is worse! I'm farting just as much, but now they smell terrible! What do you say for yourself?" "Calm down, Mrs. Harris, said the doctor soothingly. "Now that we've fixed your sinuses, we'll work on your hearing."

**FACTS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT GOLD:**

1. In December 31, 1941 Fort Knox held 649.6 million ounces of gold. Today, Fort Knox holds about 147.3 million ounces of gold.
2. The size of a gold bar is 7" by 3 5/8" by 1 3/4 ".
3. The most expensive gold coin in the world is the 1933 Double Eagle, which was sold at Sotheby's in New York in 2002 for \$7.59 million.
4. Elvis Presley owned three cars manufactured by Stutz Motor Company, in which every part that is normally chrome was converted to gold.
5. Absolutely pure gold is so soft that it can be molded with the hands.

**WORDS OF WISDOM:**

Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly.....

**RULE OF THE MONTH**

**From the WEGM By-laws: ARTICLE III  
MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL  
SECTION 4: A- After a dues paying member is ninety days past due, and upon the Direction of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer will send a letter to the member (by 1st Class mail to the last known address), notifying the member of the arrearage. This letter will be the 15 day notification in SECTION 4C.**

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.

Camo  
Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large, 2X.  
Camo shirts do not have a pocket.

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS FOR SALE:**

Billy Mincemoyer \$1500.00 706-952-5339 Call between 9:00 am - 6:00 pm leave message if no answer.

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,



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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