



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 : May 4, 2019
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.
General meeting 7:00 P.M.

Metal Detecting Hunt
May 4, 2019 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373
Weather Permitting!!!!!!

April 27, 2019
Workday on Allison Berry Patch

Common- May 18, 2019 (One Day Only)
Turner property- details pending

Election Time again: August 3, 2019
May 4, 2019 deadline to get name on ballot.
Positions: President, 2 board positions,
Secretary, Treasurer.

***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 April 6th, 2019

President Judy Johnson called the April 6, 2019 general meeting to order.

She welcomed new member #3488 Shane Hibberts and guests, Joseph Thomason and George Lawson.

Please remember the family of #1353 Robert “Pap” Martin, who passed away March 26, 2019.

Also, one of our members needs our help. Sandy Russell, wife of #3151 Robert Russell has a mass in her right eye that none of the local doctors can identify what it is. They have spent all they have trying to get help only to hear her doctor say he doesn't know what it is. She has been trying to get an appointment at Emory Eye Clinic in Atlanta, which is one of the best in the south but she has no insurance. A friend of Sandy's has set up a GoFundMe account to help her raise money for the help she needs. If you want to help, go to GoFundMe and look for Sandy Russell. No donation will be too small.

Birthdays for April are: #2342 Celeste Wilkerson on the 6th, 61 years young, and #2890 Barbara Lawson on the 15th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! Also, Joyce Conner welcomed a new great nephew Rhett Wilson Conner

#2466 Serena Welch made a motion to accept the March 2019 General Meeting Minutes as printed in the newsletter. #2549 Ed Nefferdolf seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Treasurer John Burton gave the March 2019 treasurer as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal	\$16,030.76
Income	11,242.00
Disbursements	2,339.89
Checking Ending Bal	24,932.87

Money Market #1 \$43,161.19

Ray Sparks made a motion to accept the March 2019 Treasurer report as read. Rick Hunberger second. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the March 2019 Membership report as follows:

- 2 – new members for March
- 6- new members YTD
- #3489 – Last member number issued
- \$300.00 – Member fees collected

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
President	Judy Johnson 423-458-4088 & 423-838-1373 jnanaju@aol.com
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- 00.00 – Logo items
- 00.00 – Key
- 00.00 – Permits

Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave a report for the hunt today. He said he had a good turnout of 19 hunters on the field. Token winner today of a gold nugget was #1006 Steve Finnemore. May will be the last hunt of the season. This will be our Mother Day's hunt and Robert will be putting Roosevelt dimes "Rosies" in the ground. Men can hunt too. The metal detecting hunts will start over in October 2019. He sold the last two tickets on the "gold dime" so he will draw the winner tonight during the raffles.



Token Gold Nugget Winner Steve Finnemore

OLD BUSINESS:

The board decided to change the May 2019 common to one day on the 18th starting at 9:00 A.M. , Lunch at 1:00 P.M. and over around 5:00 P.M. We will plan a workday around the second Saturday in May to clean

MAIL DUES TO:

WEGM
P.O. Box 910
Dahlonega, GA 30533

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

up the Turner property for the common. Final plans will be made at the May meeting.

The election Brenda Zimmerman said that she only had 3 names so far for the board positions. Not any for the other positions. If you want to run for President, board, treasurer or secretary please contact Brenda at 478-279-0188 or Brenda.Zimmerman911@gmail.com. The ballot has to be complete by the May meeting. Treasurer and Secretary must give the board a resume to be put on ballot.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime Members for March are: #2659 Scott Wilson, #2830 J. Clint Dillard, #2885 Mark Clark, #2963 C. Pilar Folds, #3028 Jerry Baker, #3031 Joe Stewart, #3129 Ken Carlson, #3170 William Richmond and #3331 Joseph Klock,

President told the members that she had some bad news, good news and some bad news. Treasurer John Burton is stepping down as treasurer because of obligations on his job. He will be resigning June 1, 2019. John has done an outstanding job as treasurer and we appreciate all the hard work he had done. President Judy Johnson will be stepping down as president and taking over the Treasurer position. Vice-President Benny Chester will then take over President until after the election.

We will be having a workday on the Allison property on April 27, 2019 to move the old wooden outhouse and changing room out of the bushes so it can be seen and clean out some more temporary campsites. Will start around 10:00 A.M. until we get things done. Come help us out.

Campfires on the properties: We have had several members this spring to build a fire at their campsite and just walk off and leave it burning. This should never happen and could lead to suspension or termination. Please put your fires "Totally" out before you leave. Also, be careful throwing out cigarette butts, they start fires too.

Quiet Time on the properties: Quiet time is from 11:00 P.M. until 6:00 A.M. Please respect other members and don't play loud music or no loud talking or running motorized equipment. It's ok to set around the campfire all night if you want but don't disturb the members around you.

Drinking alcoholic beverages on the WEGM property. The board has always let members drink alcohol on the

property as long as they keep it in their campsite and be discrete with it. We are a family oriented club and we must respect all members. We have had complaints of members running around the property with a beer bottle in their hand, please, this is not allowed. If you go to another campsite with your drink, make sure that those members are ok with it. "NO" alcohol is allowed at any club function.

Raffles were held: The red ticket door prize winner of a prospector silver round was #1484 Bill Bryant.



Winner of the Hunt Master "Gold Dime" raffle is Dean Willard. Robert stated that he will raffle off another US Mint gold dime valued at \$250.00. Only 50 tickets will be sold and are \$10 each. If you can't come to the meetings, you can purchase tickets from Robert by sending a check or money order made out to Weekend Gold Miners Club and send to Hunt Master Gold Dime Raffle, Robert Johnson, 220 Mapleton Forest Dr., Cleveland, Tn. 37312. He will mail your ticket stubs back to you. Raffle will be held when all 50 tickets are sold.

Blue Ticket winners were:
 Bag of ore - #2862 David Killough
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 Bag of ore - #3385 Lee Day
 Bag of ore - #3201 Terry DeFee
 Gold Nugget - #3385 Lee Day

Green Ticket winners were:
 Bag of ore - #0495 Robert Thomason
 Bag of ore - #1775 Alan McClary
 Bag of ore - #3264 Robert Manning
 Bag of ore - #Joseph Thomason – guest
 Gold Nugget - #3264 Robert Manning

Yellow Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - Joseph Thomason – guest
Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
Bag of ore - #1775 Alan McClary
Bag of ore. - #3293 Leonard Webb
Gold Nugget - #1775 Alan McClary

Next Meeting:
May 4, 2019
Metal Detecting Hunt 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.
General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

#1484 Bill Bryant made a motion to adjourn the April 6, 2019 general meeting, #2608 David Zimmerman seconded. Meeting adjourned.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

Don't let negative & toxic people rent space in your head.

Raise the rent & kick them out!

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES & REGULATIONS:
02-02-19**

GUESTS:

1. Any member can bring onto the property a person or persons (limited to two (2) that is not a member in any consecutive 30 day period. (a family will be considered as one (1) guest.) This person or persons will be considered to be a guest and may participate in any club activities while on the property with a member. If the member leaves the property, then the guest must leave the property. The member will be responsible for any actions or damages caused by a guest.

A Release of Liability must be signed by the guest when on the property. The Release of Liability is on the back of the visit log sheet (sign-in sheet). All groups (more than two (2) must have board approval in advance.

A. The guest cannot use their own motorized equipment. A guest may use any non-motorized equipment (pan, sluice) and member's motorized equipment.

2. There is a limitation of one (1) visit in any 12 month period. The guest either must join the Weekend Gold Miners Prospecting Club Inc. or wait twelve (12) months to come on the property again. The guest can stay 3 days and 2 nights with the member only one (1) time. If a member is expelled for non-payment of dues they must wait twelve (12) months to visit the property with a current member. If a member is expelled from the club

for violating Club rules, regulations or by-laws, they must have approval from the Board of Directors to visit with a current member.

AMENDED ON 02-02-19

**STANDING RULES FOR ALL LEASES Amended
04-06-19**

5. Signs Promoting Other Prospecting Organizations: There shall be no signs visible or affixed to anything on the Weekend Gold Miners Prospecting Club, Inc. lease properties, promoting any other prospecting organization unless approved by the WEGM Board of Directors.

RULE OF THE MONTH:

STANDING RULES FOR ALL LEASES:

1. It is mandatory that you fill out the visit log sheet for each lease, each visit. Forms are provided at each gate.

This includes all guests.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: Judy Johnson

It's Spring Time in Georgia...let's go play in the water. What a beautiful spring we are having, it was 82 today. Everything is coming back to life. If you have a campsite now would be a good time to get it cleaned up and ready for summer. Benny is giving tours so we need to make the properties look good. Remember the Rules & Regulations and By-laws. Guys, I don't like to write those nasty letters the board tells me to, I have better things to do. All kidding aside, let's make this a great summer! Hope to see you on the creek.

MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS

Wake Up!!! Hibernation time is over, spring is in the air. The first common of the year is on May 18 th. 9am until 5pm. Lunch is served at 1pm. We have hamburgers and hot dogs on the menu. I think I have all of my equipment ready to go. Last year some of the equipment had problems that didn't happen until I was setting up. A very bad start of the day for me. But in the end all was good, and we found some of the yellow stuff. We all ate too much and had trouble getting started back up. Nap time? No! Keep Digging!!!! Come on out, meet some new members, some old friends and find a little gold. I hope to see everybody there.
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Common 2018 Photos



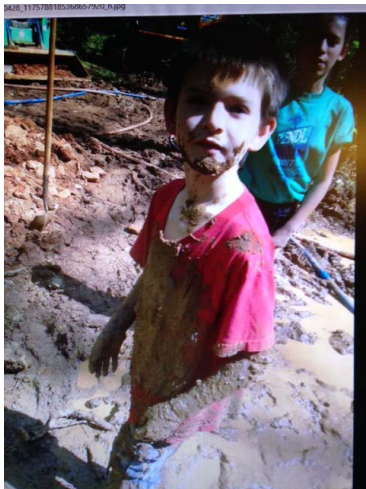
The FOR SALE section is free for members only. Membership number, name and phone number must accompany the ad. Ads will be run the month of submission only. You may resubmit your ad each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

FOR SALE

4" Keene dredge w/air, Honda 6.5 motor (low hrs.) 3 stage sluice New Gold Hog mats. \$3,000.00 Call Chris 770-654-1143 leave message if no answer.

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

Guest Signature

Date