



# 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 : July 6th, 2019**  
**Auraria Community Center**  
**Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.**  
**General meeting 7:00 P.M.**

**No Metal Detecting Hunts until October 2019**

**Common- July 20, 2019 (One Day Only)**  
**Allison Blueberry Patch- 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.**  
**Lunch served 1:00 P.M. Hamburgers & Hotdogs & all the fixings, drinks. Wear old clothes, you will get wet. Free to the public.**

**Election: August 3, 2019**  
**Positions: President, 2 board positions, Secretary, Treasurer.**  
**List of candidates in newsletter**

**Annual Picnic Sept 7, 2019**  
**\*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 June 1st, 2019

Acting President Benny Chester called the June 1, 2019 general meeting to order. Benny Chester will be taking the President position until August 3, 2019. Judy Johnson resigned to take the position of Treasurer. He welcomed new member #3496 Bill Graves and Roy Pennington guest of #859 Brenda Shedd.

There was a moment of silence for the family of #3293 Lee Webb. His mother Edna Nell Webb passed away

on the 29th of May at the age of 91. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Birthdays for June are Joyce Conner 66 years young on the 6th, Anniversaries #1483 Robert & #1581 Judy Johnson 12 years on the 5th. Happy, Happy, Happy. Also, #2179 Darrell Fuller celebrating 24 years of being divorced!!

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to accept the May 5, 2019 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2610 Ray Sparks seconded. Motion carried and passed.

John Burton gave the May 2019 treasurer report as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal. 5-1-19	\$27,158.87
Income	4,883.00
Disbursement	2,489.91
Checking Ending Bal. 5-31-19	\$29,551.96

Money Market #1	\$43,164.03
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#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the May 2019 Treasurer report as read. #1484 Bill Bryant seconded. Motion carried and passed.

John Burton told the membership that he is resigning due to the workload he has on his job, having to work on the weekends and rotating shifts. He thanked everybody for letting him serve as their treasurer. Bill Bryant wanted to personally thank John for doing a great job. The membership gave John a big round of applause.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the May 2019 membership report as follows:

4- new members for May 2019
18- new members YTD
#3499 – last member number issued
\$400.00 – new member fees
5.00 - key sold
\$405.00 – Total collected

Officers and Committees	
<b>OFFICERS</b>	
Acting President	Benny Chester 770-531-9346 weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com
Secretary	Open
Bookkeeper	Please contact the Treasurer with questions.
Treasurer	Judy Johnson 423-458-4088 & 423-838-1373 jnanaju@aol.com
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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

Membership Director Benny Chester had expenses for \$138.77 approved by the board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Judy Jonson told the membership that #3488 Shane Hibberts had to withdraw his name from the ballot due to work. The ballot was not voted on by the membership at last moths meeting. Judy read the August 3, 2019 election ballot as follows:

Office of President: #2608 David Zimmerman

Office of board (select 2)  
#2549 Ed Nefferdorf  
#2533 Bill Quick  
#3247 Rodney Lung

Office of Treasurer: Judy Johnson

Office of Secretary: N/A

The membership present voted by a show of hands vote to accept the August 3 election ballot as read. The vote was unanimous with no "nay" votes.

The common that was held on May 18, 2019 went great with around 45 people participating. Everybody had a good time and found some gold. The lunch was good with hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, slaw and chips and drinks. Judy Johnson wanted to especially thank #2133 Henry Wilkerson for saving the day. The big grill went out on us just as they started cooking. Henry ran to Home Depot and bought a charcoal grill, charcoal & lighter. Made it back in time to get it going and they borrowed #1900 Nancy Healy's grill and lit it up. Got everything cooked just in time. Thanks Henry! Thanks to #3385 Lee Day, #2549 Ed Nefferdorf and #2872 Rick Hunburger for doing all the cooking, Joyce Conner and Celeste Wilkerson for organizing everything for lunch. Thanks to #2405 Ben and Nita Worthington for helping. Lee Day and Ed Nefferdorf for damming up the creek for water for the common. David Zimmerman for bringing his equipment to clean up the common area and "fluff" up the dirt so it was easier to dig. Benny said "Thank You" to all that helped. The best thing was this common only cost \$331.00.

Benny Chester gave a report on the Blackburn School Bear Jamboree held at the school on May 24th. Benny, Lee Day, Ed Nefferdorf and Bill Quick all

volunteered to set up to show the kids how to pan gold and tell them some history about the Dahlenega area and the gold mines in the area which the kids were not aware of. The event lasted from 7:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Thanks guys!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lifetime members are: #3201 Terry Defee and #2680 Jim Strickland.

The next common will be at the Allison Blueberry Patch on July 20, 2019 starting at 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. This will be in the creek with dredging, panning and high banking. It will be hot so dress for playing in the water. There will be dredges for everybody to share. Lunch will be at 1:00 P.M. The board is still working on the details.

Benny reminded everyone that you must sign in when you come on the properties. If you don't, this will be a violation of the Rules & Regulations.

The board has starting making plans for the Annual September Picnic which will be on September 7, 2019. They will have more details at the July meeting.

Benny Chester is going to represent the club on a radio show on June 15, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. This will be a Saturday morning talk show on WRWH 93.9/1350 in Cleveland, Ga. with Jimmy O'Neil.

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION:**

Benny told everybody that when they sign in, the sign in sheet should be put on the dash of your vehicle until you leave.

There were some questions about guests. A person can only come on the properties one time as a guest. If you have a family, that counts as one guest. Large groups must be approved by the board in advance.

If you find a pair of purple glasses on the Turner property please call Benny Chester at 770-531-9346.

Everybody be aware that you need to make sure that you have your overnight stay in before July 1, 2019. Benny started everybody over starting Jan. 1, 2019.

Raffles were held: Winner of the red ticket door prize of a prospector silver round was #3385 Lee Day.

Blue ticket winners were:  
Bag of ore - #3488 Shane Hibberts

Bag of ore - #3385 Lee Day  
Bag of ore - #2608 Brenda Zimmerman  
Bag of ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt  
Gold Nugget - George Dalton, guest

Winner of the jewelry box made by #1484 Bill Bryant was won by Aidan Massengill, grandson of #3217 Margaret Massengill.

Green Ticket winners were:  
Bag of ore - #3264 Robert Manning  
Bag of ore - #3403 Kim Burton  
Bag of ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt  
Bag of ore - #3403 Kim Burton  
Gold Nugget - #3404 Kim Burton

Yellow Ticket winners were:  
Bag of ore.....#2872 Rick Hunberger  
Bag of ore.....#3264 Robert Manning  
Bag of ore.....#2744 John Burton  
Bag of ore.....#2854 Mark Nesbitt  
Gold Nugget.....#3352 Rodney Kocher

Next Meeting:  
July 6, 2019  
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.  
General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

#2610 Ray Sparks made a motion to adjourn the June 1, 2019 general meeting. #0624 Ernest Clark seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**The Election for new officers will be August 3, 2019. Please read these campaign messages and please vote. Your absentee ballot will be mailed by June 15, 2019.**

**Campaign Messages:**

**Office of President: #2608 David Zimmerman**

I filled a vacated position on the board approximately one year ago. I would like to continue to support the club in the role of president helping make sure that we continue having a club for us all to enjoy with our families for years to come. We are a "family" club and a family-oriented club. I ask you to vote for me as your president so we can work together to keep it this way. I thank you very much for your attention and your time.

**Office of Board: #2549 Ed Nefferdolf**

I have been a member around 10 years and only had time to dredge. I volunteered as a park ranger-

firefighter for 3 years and worked for the EPA. For 36 years I was a general manager of a used car and rental fleet. I am retired now and would like to serve on the board. I have lots of ideas. The trick to “no problems” is a “good crew” that is all of us. I am only minutes from the properties and am there almost every day and available for any emergencies. Thank you for your vote.

**Office of Board: #2533 Bill Quick**

**Office of Board: #3247 Rodney Lung**

A lot of you know me and for those who don't , I have been a member of WEGM for 5 years. I have been Chairman of the Board for 2 years, I took off a little time for personal issues. I have first-hand knowledge of the workings of this club and specific issues. With your help together we can ensure the future success of this club not only for us but the future generations. Thank you for your consideration.

**Office of Treasurer: #1581 Judy Johnson**

I have served this club as secretary off and on for 14 years, treasurer for 2 years, bookkeeper for 10 years and president for 2 years, Newsletter Editor 4 years and currently resign as President to take position of Treasurer again. I have been dedicated to this club always helping where needed. I hope you will put your trust in me to be your Treasurer and what other duties the board asks of me. There have been good times and just plain ole terrible times but we as a club have made it thru. Let's go forward!

**Office of Secretary: N/A**

**WORDS OF WISDOM:**

May you always have enough Happiness to keep you sweet; Enough trials to keep you strong; Enough success to keep you eager; Enough faith to give you courage, and enough determination to make each day a good day!

**FACTS ABOUT GOLD:**

Gold-filled pieces have a thick layer of karat gold (not pure gold) that is applied over a base metal. For both silver and gold-filled items, the weight of the outer layer of metal (silver or gold) must be at least 1.20 the weight of the item to be considered “filled”. Jewelry containing gold-filled components can be cared for in the same way as 14k gold.

**RULE OF THE MONTH:**

Please read your WEGM Rules & Regulations!!  
You will be receiving a copy of the Rules & Regulations with your ballot.

**Common Dig Photos:**





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.  
 Camo shirts do not have a pocket.

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.



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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST**

<b>NAME:</b>		
<b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b>		
<b>CITY:</b>	<b>STATE:</b>	<b>ZIP:</b>
<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