



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 : August 3rd, 2019
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.
General meeting 5:00 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 July 6th, 2019

Acting President Benny Chester called the July 6, 2019 general meeting to order.

Benny told the membership that #0747 James Boyd had passed away June 25th, 2019. There was a moment of silent prayer for James and family.

Benny welcomed new members David Finley, #3503 Jeffery Luter and #3491 Cheryl & Tim Culp. Guests were: Alan and Christina Shirley from South

Africa,

Birthdays for July 2019 are: #0546 Johnny Crumley 76 years young on the 13th, #3385 Lee Day 65 years young on the 14th, 3442 Larry Sinclair 71 years young on the 29th, Heidi Lung 62 years young on the 1st, #2608 David Zimmerman, older than dirt on the 14th and #2872 Rick Hunberger on the 7th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Anniversaries for July are: #2342 Celeste and #2188 Henry Wilkerson, 20 years on the 15th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

#3293 Lee Webb thanks the members for the flowers sent to his mother's funeral. Edna Nell Webb passed away on May 29, 2019 at the age of 91. Please continue to remember Lee and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

#2549 Ed Nefferdorf made a motion to accept the June 2019 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2854 Mark Nesbitt seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Acting Treasurer Judy Johnson gave the June 2019 Treasurer report as follows:

Beginning checking Bal.6-1-19	\$29,551.96
Income	5,224.59
Disbursements	2,809.42
Ending checking bal. 6-30-19	\$31,967.13

Money Market #1	\$43,169.80
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#2610 Ray Sparks made a motion to approve the June 2019 Treasurer report. #1433 Don Ferguson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

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

- 4- new members of June
- 22- new members YTD
- #3503 –last membership number issued
- \$400.00 – new member fee

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
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
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Member	Lee Day - 386-366-1172 Leavemealone@2017Gmail.com
Member	Roger Moore 423-364-3703 cybersldr@msn.com
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Newsletter Editor	Judy Johnson 423-458-4088 jnanaju@aol.com
Huntmaster	Robert Johnson 423-838-0939 fatboyrf@aol.com

20.00 – Logo items sold
\$420.00 – Total collected

There was not a report from the Hunt Master but he reminded everybody that the hunts will start up in October. Also, he stated that the price of silver coins is going up and if he doesn't put out silver coins, nobody wants to hunt. The hunts are free but he is not making enough on raffles to cover the cost of the coins. There used to be a \$10 or \$15 fee to hunt but nobody wanted to pay the fee so there would be maybe 4 or 5 people hunting. He dropped the fee and made it FREE, now he has 15 to 25 people hunting. The green ticket raffle is what covers the cost of the coins. Benny stated that the board would discuss what could be done.

OLD BUSINESS:

Details on the July 20, 2019 Common on the Allison Blueberry Patch have been finalized. It will start at 9:00 A.M. and run thru 5:00 P.M. Bring your dredge, sluice box, high-banker or pan and get in the water. If you want to learn to dredge or highbank there will be plenty of equipment to use and plenty of people to help you. Lunch at 1:00. Hamburgers & Hot dogs and all the fixings will be served. Address is 2231 Town Creek Rd., Cleveland, Ga. Sign will be posted. Please bring a chair. If you need more information or directions call 770-531-9346.

The Elections will be held on August 3, 2019 at the regular meeting. The times have been changed to Board meeting at 3:00 P.M. and general meeting at 5:00 P.M. due to election. Please get your ballot in.

Still working on the plans for the Annual September picnic. The club will furnish the meats of pulled pork and chicken. Bring a covered dish. Benny stated that the membership needed to approve the money for the prizes for the picnic.

#1433 Don Ferguson made a motion to approve \$2,000.00 for the Blue Ticket Raffle prizes. #2610 Ray Sparks seconded. Motion carried and passed.

#1433 Don Ferguson made a motion to approve \$2,000.00 for the Green Ticket Raffle prizes. #2686 Don Vincent seconded. Motion carried and passed.

#1433 Don Ferguson made a motion to approve \$1,000.00 for the Yellow Ticket raffle prizes. #2854 Mark Nesbitt seconded. Motion carried and passed.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime members for June are: #3427 Carl Kelle.

Acting President Benny Chester opened up the floor to give each election candidate 5 minutes to address the membership as to why they are running for office. The following candidates gave their speech: #1581 Judy Johnson for Treasurer, #2549 Ed Nefferdorf for the board, #2347 Rodney Lung for Board and #2533 Bill Quick for board. Not present was #2608 David Zimmerman for President.

Next Meeting will be August 3, 2019 - Election Meeting
Board Meeting at 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Raffles were held: The Red Ticket door prize of a Prospectors silver round was won by #3488 Shane Hibberts.

Blue Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - #3385 Lee Day
Bag of ore - #3293 Lee Webb
Bag of ore - #2610 Ray Sparks
Bag of ore - #1483 Robert Johnson
Gold Nugget - #1483 Robert Johnson

Green Ticket raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #2845 Terry Willman
Bag of ore - #3293 Lee Day
Bag of ore - #3488 Shane Hibberts
Bag of ore - #1583 Judy Johnson
Gold Nugget - #2267 Ben Tighe

Yellow Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - New member Jeff Luter
Bag of ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt
Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson
Bag of ore - #3264 Robert Manning
Gold Nugget - #2854 Mark Nesbitt

#0564 Johnny Crumley made a motion to adjourn the July 6, 2019 general meeting, #2686 Don Vincent 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 Nefferdorf

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:

When you're up,
Your friends know who you are.

When you're down,
You know who your friends are.

RULE OF THE MONTH:

GENERAL CONDUCT

Public drunkenness, profanity, excessive noise and other such behavior is prohibited. No member will threaten another member in any way. Members and guests will abide by Federal, State and Local laws, rules and regulations. No alcoholic beverages are allowed at club functions. Violators are subject to termination of their club membership.

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.
Camo shirts do not have a pocket.



James Dean Boyd

9-12-57 - 6-25-19

As most of you know James passed away after a courageous four year battle with cancer. I've known James for the past 14 years, seeing him at the club meeting and getting to talk to him and Serena at different events in the club and I knew he was into the Civil War re-enactments. Serena told me that he started doing re-enactments when he was in his early twenty's, almost 40 years. And to my surprise, I found out that James has been in 8 different movies as a civil war soldier. The group that he did re-enactments with were chosen to be in movies including the North & South Mini Series on TV (my favorite that I have watched over and over on VCR tapes, also Blue & Grey, Sweet Home Alabama, Gettysburg, Class of 61, Glory, Andersonville, Gods & Generals. I was so shocked because I had never heard James or anybody else talk about that. James was always a quite person, always ready to help anybody that needed it. Never heard him boast or brag about himself. I have always thought of James as a very humble person and now I know why, I think James stepped out of civil war time into our time. Actors usually always changed their appearance to fit the role but James didn't have to, his looks and his demeanor always was the same. The pictures above speaks out loud to me on the man James Boyd was. I think the civil war was truly in his heart. He may have lost his battle with cancer but the victory is now his. He will be missed by the Weekenders and I know by his partner in life, Serena and her family.

James will be laid to rest on November 23, 2019 in the Gray community of Clinton, Ga. in the civil war cemetery there. He is going to have an authentic civil war burial by his re-enactment group. What could be more fitting than that. I think he will rest well there.

James, I guess I'll see you in the movies.

Judy Johnson



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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