



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: February 1st , 2014
Auraria Community Center
Board meeting at 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Free Coin Hunt on February 1st, 2014 at the Auraria Community Center 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. Weather Permitting !!!! Call 423-838-1373

Statements go out by Feb. 1, 2014

Property gate locks changed April 1, 2014
Keys mailed 3-15-14 Dues must be up to date.

Bear on The Square in Dahlonega, Ga.
Sat. April 26, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Sun. April 27, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.*

Dates for Commons for 2014:
May 17 & 18
July 12 & 13
Sept. 20 & 21
Details to follow on each.

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES January 4, 2014

Acting President Benny Chester opened the January 4, 2014 general meeting in the absence of President Roger Moore.

He welcomed Michael & Lisa Newberry guests of #1787 David Griffin and Barbara & John Burton III guests of #2744 John Burton.

Birthdays for January are: #2619 Ray Sparks on the

9th, #2817 Ryan Cirillo on the 22nd, #2948 Dalton Cahill on the 19th, #1581 Judy Johnson on the 13th and her grandson, Brenton Garvich on the 27th. Happy, Happy, Happy.

Anniversaries for January are #2817 Ryan and Julie Cirillo, 3 yrs., #2583 Bill & Denise Johnson, 10 yrs. and #1787 David & Vickie Griffin, 14 yrs. Happy, Happy, Happy.

#2686 Donald Vincent made a motion to accept the December 7, 2013 general meeting minutes as posted in the WEGM newsletter. #2583 Bill Johnson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

If you want the WEGM newsletter mailed to you please send your name and address to the bookkeeper, Judy Johnson at P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, Ga. 30533.

Bookkeeper Judy Hall Johnson gave the December 2013 Treasurer report as follows:

Balance 12-01-13	\$18,812.72
Income	\$ 6,609.27
Disbursements	\$ 6,433.46
Balance 12-31-13	\$18,988.53

Money Market #1	\$27,004.64
Money Market #2	\$20,391.02

Mrs. Johnson told the membership that if they ever had any question concerning the financial matters of the WEGM just to call her and she would be glad to answer your questions. She stated that the only records that she could not discuss was member accounts and closed board matters.

Mrs. Johnson reminded everybody that the new property gate keys would be mailed out on March 15, 2014. Your dues and maintenance fees must be paid up to date by then. Also, statements will be mailed out by February 1, 2014 with the total dues and maintenance fees paid and your membership balance.

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If you have moved and have not changed your address in the club records please do so as soon as possible. Your key will be mailed to address on file. Please be sure to put your membership number on all payments.

#2583 Bill Johnson Made a motion to accept the December 2013 Treasurer report. #2948 Dalton Cahill seconded. Motion carried and passed.

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

- 3 – new members
- 127 – new members YTD
- #3117 last member number issued
- \$340.00 – total on new members

Membership Director had expenses of \$182.11

Judy Hall Johnson gave the Hunt Master’s report in absence of Hunt Master, Robert Johnson who had to work. She stated that they had 13 people to hunt today even though it was really cold. There were Kennedy half dollars, Susan B. Anthony dollars and Eisenhower dollars buried. Also there were 3 tokens for prizes of a 1976 \$2.00 bill with date of issue canceled stamp. #1407 Kenneth Limie and #0482 Brent Deual found two of the tokens. She thanked #455 Jerry Mayfield for taking care of the hunt today and #1407 Kenneth Limie and #0482 Brent Deual for planting the coins. Thanks to all who braved the cold to come out and hunt.

Next metal detecting hunt will be on Feb. 1, 2014 at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the Auraria Community Center. WEATHER PERMITTING!!! This will be a free hunt.

#2342 Celeste Wilkerson gave the WEGM Auxiliary report as follows: She thanked everybody who came to the Christmas party and brought food. She stated that the party went great. They took in a total of \$102.00 last month and have a total of \$576.00 in the WEGM Auxiliary account. Next month they will be serving homemade soup and cornbread. Thanks went out to Celeste and Joyce Conner for the food they had today.

OLD BUSINESS:

The WEGM board of Directors have appointed #2610 Ray Sparks to fill the board position of #1375 Chris

MAIL DUES TO:
 WEGM
 P.O. Box 910
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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

Benson for the remainder of his term ending in August 2015. Benny Chester ask for approval of #2610 Ray Sparks for board member by a show of hands vote from the general membership present. The vote was unanimous with no nay votes.

#2610 Ray Sparks resigned his position of secretary to take the board position. Judy Hall Johnson had been appointed the secretary position by the WEGM Board of Directors. Benny Chester ask for a vote by show of hands and it was unanimous with no nay votes.

Locks on the lease property gates will be changed on April 1, 2014. The new keys will be mailed out on March 15, 2014 if you are paid up in your dues and maintenance fees. DO NOT..... PUT WD-40 IN THE LOCKS!!! This only gums up the lock. You can use graphite only. Be sure to turn the lock "key hole" side up when you lock the gate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dates for the Commons for 2014: May 17 & 18, July 12 & 13 and Sept. 20 & 21. All the details will follow closer to each common. The dates are subject to change.

Bear on the Square in downtown Dahlonega, Ga. will be Saturday April 26, 2014 starting at 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. and Sunday April 27, 2014 starting at 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. We will be renting three spaces this year so we will have enough room to have two panning troths and to show other prospecting equipment. We will need volunteers to help all day or for a few hours each day on both days. You need to bring a chair. For details please contact Membership Director Benny Chester at weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com or 770-531-9346.

Start thinking about the upcoming election in August 2014. We have to have all names on the ballot by May 2014 meeting. The positions that will be open are : Vice-President and two board positions. All three of these positions are for two years. Just be thinking about serving your club or encourage someone else to run for these positions. You can find the duties of these officers in your by-laws.

Benny Chester told the membership that the Rules & Regulation committee have met two times now and will meet again on the 18th to finish the changes in the Rules & Regulations to be presented to the board at the February meeting. He thanked #2539 Andrew Whelechel, #2583 Bill Johnson, #2686 Donald Vincent and #2188 Henry Wilkerson for serving on the committee.

Raffles were held: #1787 David Griffin won the door prize of a Prospector Silver Round.

Blue ticket winners were:

Bag of ore #1483 Robert Johnson
 Bag of ore #2744 John Burton
 Bag of ore #2533 Bill Quick
 Gold pan Brenton Garvich, Grandson of #1581
 Judy Johnson
 Sniffer bottle w/holder #1407 Kenneth Limie
 Digger #3102 Tony Scharf
 Nugget #2533 Bill Quick

Green Ticket Raffle winners were:

Bag of ore #2391 Don Minzey
 Bag of ore #2583 Bill Johnson
 Bag of ore #1483 Robert Johnson
 Gold Pan John Burton III, son of #2744 John
 Burton
 Digger #2038 David Cochran
 Nugget #1787 David Griffin

WEGM Auxiliary Raffle winners were:

Bag of ore #2744 John Burton
 Nugget #2744 John Burton

Thanks to #1407 Kenneth Limie and #2533 Bill Quick for helping with the Blue ticket raffles and #0747 James Boyd for helping with the Green ticket raffle.

Next meeting will be February 1, 2014. Board Meeting at 3:00 P.M. General Meeting at 5:00 P.M.

#2038 made a motion to adjourn the January 4, 2014 meeting. #2744 John Burton seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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 be run the month of submission only. You may resubmit your add each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

**New utility trailer GVW 890#
 Will handle 4 inch keene dredge.
 Can be towed with small car. \$295.00
 Alan Campbell 706-809-8523**

From the Hunt Master: Robert Johnson

Sorry I wasn't there but I had to work again. Thanks to Jerry Mayfield for Helping me out with the hunt. I appreciate the thirteen people who came out to hunt in the cold weather. There will be another free hunt on February 1, 2014 starting at 12:00 P.M. at the Auraria Community Center. I will have a gold nugget to give away at this hunt. Hope to see you there.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were taking a walk one fine March day.

One remarked to the other, "Windy, ain't it?"

"No," the second man replied, "It's Thursday."

And the third man chimed in "So am I, Let's get a coke."

From the pan of Nan:

We had a good meeting turn out. A few even stayed on the Turner after the meeting, in tents!!! and campers.

New members are searching for places to set up their camp sites. If you are not using yours any more please let us know so we can allow its use. 678-997-6245.

Very much appreciated.

Nancy Healy

It is health & positive relationships that are real wealth not pieces of gold or garnets.

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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PHONE NUMBER:		
ADDRESS:		
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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