



# 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 Time: February 6, 2016**

**Auraria Community Center**

**Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.**

**General Meeting 5:00 P.M.**

**Next Metal Detecting Hunt**

**February 6, 2016**

**Auraria Community Center**

**Starting at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.**

**Token prizes -Gold Nugget**

**WEATHER PERMITTING !**

**Call 423-838-1373**

**2016 Commons (subject to change):**

**April 23 & 24**

**July 16 & 17**

**Sept. 17 & 18**

**Camper permit renewals due 1-15-16**

**Statements will be mailed out February 1, 2016**

**Gate Locks will be changes April 2, 2016**

**Dues must be paid up to date by March 1, 2016**

**\*If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Ray Sparks 770-531-9346. Or email at [weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com](mailto:weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com)**

### WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**January 2nd, 2016**

President Henry Wilkerson called the January 2, 2016 general meeting to order.

He welcomed everybody to the meeting. There were no new members or guests.

Henry asked the members to remember #2539 Andrew Whelchel's family. His Grandfather, Dean Smith passed away on December 29, 2015 and also #1436 Roger Hicks, his brother, Robert Hicks, passed away this past month. Please remember these families during this time.

Birthdays for January 2016 are #2610 Ray Sparks on the 9th and #1581 Judy Johnson on the 13th. Also #2583 Bill and Denise Johnson having an anniversary of 12 years on the 31st. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

#2583 Bill Johnson made a motion to accept the December 5, 2015 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2854 Mark Nesbitt seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the December treasurer report as follows:

Checking Balance Beg. 12-01-15	\$10,640.48
Income	\$ 5,101.27
Disbursements	\$ 2,044.30
Checking Ending Bal. 12-31-15	\$13,697.45
Money Market #1	\$48,075.24
Money Market #2	\$20,411.42

#1290 Benny Chester made a motion to approve the December 2015 Treasurer report. #2583 Bill Johnson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the December 2015 membership report as follows:

6- new members for December 2015  
103 – new members YTD  
#3309 – last membership number issued  
\$600.00 – collected for new members  
No key, logo items

Membership Director had \$81.22 in expenses.

WEGM Auxiliary Chairperson Denise Johnson thanked everybody for buying the raffle tickets. She

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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

had homemade soup and Hoppin John for New Years meal. She stated that she had \$1274.27 in the account.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson told the membership that he had a good hunt today with 14 hunters. He thanked everybody for coming to the hunt and the weather was great today. Tyler Boggs, son of #3208 Chris Boggs found the token for the gold nugget and #2006 Steve Finnamore found the token for the \$50 digger. Next hunt will be February 6, 2016 starting at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. He said you don't have to know how, you just have to have fun. If you don't have a metal detector and want to try hunting, he will have extra detectors you can use. Always remember WEATHER PERMITTING!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President Henry Wilkerson told the membership that if you have a permanent campsite that you must have either a camper, utility trailer, canopy or a commercial tent on it. You cannot just put a number up to hold your campsite. You will have until February 5th, 2016 to make sure you have any of the above on your campsite, if not, your campsite will be considered abandoned and your number will be pulled and your campsite will become an open campsite or a temporary campsite. There will plenty of temporary campsites for those who only come a couple times a year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lifetime members for December are : #2711 Nelson Dove, #2381 Micheal Witt and #3023 Willie Thomas.

Dates for the 2016 Commons are: April 23 & 24 2016, July 16 & 17 2016, September 17 & 18 2016  
Henry stated that #3044 Andy Curti will over the commons this year. Details will follow. All these dates are subject to change,

Locks on the property gates will be changed April 2, 2016. You must be paid up to date by March 1, 2016 in order to get your key mailed out on March 16, 2016.

#1290 Benny Chester told the members that on the Allison Honey Farm that members were complaining about several people on 4-wheelers were speeding thru the campsites. They didn't know if they are members or not. Speed limit on all the properties is 5MPH. The landowner will be contacted about this matter.

Raffles were held: The door prize of a Prospector Silver round was won by #3102 Tony Scharf.

Blue Ticket winners are:

Bag of ore - #2038 David Cochran  
 Bag of ore - #2610 Ray Sparks  
 Bag of ore - #2533 Bill Quick  
 Bag of ore - Nikie Willman daughter of #2854 Terry Willman  
 Bag of ore - #3236 Chris Crowe  
 2 Rolls of wheat pennies - #0482 Brent Deuel  
 2 Rolls of wheat pennies - #3228 Lynn Johnson  
 Gold Nugget - #1483 Robert Johnson

Green Ticket winners are:

Bag of ore - #1483 Robert Johnson  
 Bag of ore - #3299 Frank Reed  
 Bag of ore - #3044 Andy Curti  
 Bag of ore - #3044 Andy Curti  
 2 Rolls of wheat pennies - #2757 Dean Willard  
 2 Rolls of wheat pennies - #3213 Brian Crowe  
 Gold nugget - #3213 Brian Crowe

WEGM Auxiliary winners were:

Bag of ore - #1290 Benny Chester  
 Bag of ore - #2533 Bill Quick  
 Gold nugget - #2757 Dean Willard  
 2 rolls wheat pennies - #3196 Sean Conary  
 2 rolls wheatpennies - #3228 Lynn Johnson

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to close the January 2, 2016 general meeting. #3102 Tony Scharf seconded. Meeting adjourned.

#### **RULE OF THE MONTH:**

#### **STANDING RULES FOR ALL LEASES:**

1. It is mandatory you fill out the visit log sheet for lease, each visit. Forms are provided at each gate.
2. It is mandatory that gates are kept locked at all times, except during club functions.
3. Speed limit is 5 MPH on all leases.
4. Quiet time – All member camping on the properties shall observe a quiet time beginning at 11:00 P.M. and ending at 6:00 A.M. During that quiet time there shall be no running of generators, mining equipment and internal combustion engines, playing of radios or stereos, or loud talking, so as to not disturb other campers that may be trying to sleep.

#### **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.

#### **STATEMENT FROM THE WEGM BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

It is not the intent of the WEGM Board of Directors to cause any hardship on any of its members, but our club is all about prospecting and mining and we do not run a campground. At requests from the members years ago the WEGM Board decided to let members have a campsite as a privilege. But the campsites must be maintained to the highest level we can. This past year we have had to spent a great amount of money and time to maintain these campsites. It is up to the members to keep their campsite clean and all mining equipment and personal property kept in an orderly manner. We are not a storage unit so please take the things that are not necessary back home with you. Please abide by the Rules & Regulations regarding the campsites. We would hate to revoke this privilege and have only 14-day camping or no camping at all.

WEGM Board of Directors  
 1-2-16

#### **FROM THE BOOKKEEPER; JUDY HALL JOHNSON**

Locks will be changed on April 2, 2016 on all properties. Your dues must be paid up to date by March 1, 2016 in order to get a new key. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [jnanaju@aol.com](mailto:jnanaju@aol.com) or 423-458-4088.

#### **ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:**

Sam, an elderly man with a hearing problem, visits his local audiologist. The audiologist says that Sam needs hearing aids and can choose from several pairs, ranging from \$10 to \$2,000. Sam selects a \$10 pair. The nurse places the aids in Sam's ears and a long wire around his neck. Sam questions the necessity of the wire, to which the nurse replies: "You think these things in your ears do anything? It's the wire around your neck. It makes people talk louder!"



#2957 Jack Akins  
November winner of gold nugget



#1006 Steve Finnemore  
Jan. winner of \$50 Digger



Tyler Boggs, son of #3208 Chris Boggs  
Jan, winner of gold nugget

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.



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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST**

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**PHONE NUMBER:**

**ADDRESS:**

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**STATE:**

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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.

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Guest Signature

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Date