



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: November 4, 2017
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M. *note time change
General Meeting 5:00 P.M. *note time change
Question & answer session about new bookkeeping system in general meeting. This will be held in an orderly manner.

Metal Detecting Turkey Hunt
Robert Johnson Hunt Master
November 4, 2017 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.
\$70 Turkey Silver round given for token prize.
Weather Permitting – check WEGM Forum
Or call 423-838-1373 or 423-838-0939

***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 October 7, 2017

President Judy Hall Johnson called the October 7, 2017 to order.

She welcomed new members # 3431 Pam Broyles and #3323 Terry Newman, his first time at a meeting. Guests: Tammy, #2235 Glen Castleberry's granddaughter.

Birthdays for October are: #2744 John Burton on the 17th, Aretha Bryant, wife of #1484 Bill Bryant on the 28th, #3205 Chris Mote on the 31st. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Anniversaries for October are #3240 Kellie & Mark Calhoun on Oct. 25th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

#1900 Nancy Healy made a motion to accept the August 2017 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #3316 Don Ferguson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

#2610 Ray Sparks made a motion to accept the September 2017 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2686 Don Vincent seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Treasurer John Burton gave the September 2017 treasurer report as follows:

As of 9-31-17	
Income	8,716.00
Expenditures	7,717.55
Checking Ending Bal. 9-30-17	\$34,490.30

Money Market #1	\$48,145.89
Money Market #2	\$17,929.24

#1290 Benny Chester made a motion to accept the September 2017 Treasurer report as given. #3293 Lee Webb seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the September 2017 membership report as follows:

- 8 – new members for Sept.
- 44 – new members YTD
- #3432 – last member number issued
- \$600.00 – new members collected
- \$330.00 – Logo Items sold at picnic
- \$930.00 – Total collected
- Benny had \$121.62 in expenses.

OLD BUSINESS:

Benny Chester gave a report on the group from McEachern High School in Cobb County. They are in a group in Jewelry and Metalwork class. He said they were a fantastic group and had a blast even their

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teacher Danielle Mege. Benny said that for some, it was the first time ever to play in a creek or ever been in the woods. They panned for gold and went through a bucket of gemstones. Thanks to #1900 Nancy Healy and #2533 Bill Quick for helping Benny with the group and to Rodney & Heidi Lung for supplying the gemstones.



Hunt on October 7th

Hunt Master Robert Johnson said that he had 16 hunters for the October Hunt today. He buried silver and clad coins in the ground. It starting raining so the hunt was cut a little short but overall the hunt went well. He thanked everybody for coming out to support the hunt. Next month, since November is Thanksgiving he will have a Turkey Hunt. He is going to have a Wild Turkey, 1.02 oz. Sterling Silver Round, valued at \$70.00 for the token prize.



Remember, due to time change the November 4, 2017 hunt will start at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. WEATHER PERMITTING!! Call Robert Johnson 423-838-0939.

The common that was scheduled for October 14, 2017 has been canceled. Due to a shortage of water we

MAIL DUES TO:
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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

couldn't run the wash plant and hopefully we can have it in the spring.

Secretary Andrew Whelchel had resigned for health reasons. We need a secretary!!!! We need someone to volunteer for this position.

NEW BUSINESS:

In trying to catch up the Lifetime members we missed #2817 Ryan Cirillo in February and #3040 Henry Bachelor in May. Lifetime members for September are #2587 David Bowen, #2656 Wesley D. Norman, #2912 Michael Majer, #2981 Kevin Roper, #3029 Joe D. Kyle Jr. #2650 Dana Boston, #2729 Alvin Vanderford, #2757 Melvin S. Cales, #3426 David Poliga. Congratulations to all!!

Rodney Lung and Judy Johnson have talked to the Allison's and they are going to renew the property lease for another year for \$16,000.00. The members present took a ballot vote to renew the Allison lease. Vote was 47 –yes and 1- No. The Allison lease will be renewed. Reminder: DO NOT PICK THE FRUIT WITHOUT PAYING. This rule is in the lease and if you are caught, you could make us loose the lease. We have posted signs giving notice to all WEGM members that if you are caught, you will be terminated. Please keep your campsite as clean as possible. Charles Allison said that the EPA had been on the property so please be mindful of the Rules & Regulations. NO DIGGING IN THE BANK!

Time Change: The meeting times will change in November; Board meeting 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 5:00 P.M.
Hunt – 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.

There was a question & answer session with the members to discuss any issues that the members might have with the new bookkeeping system. This was held in an orderly manner with no screaming or yelling allowed. Roger Moore brought several issues that other members had talked to him about. The members thought that it would be better to go back to 2018 QuickBooks and have John Burton to take over the books. Right now we can't print members statements but could have a third party firm do our statements for a cost. We can't seem to get the information in a timely manner from the bookkeeper especially financial reports if the month end falls on a Thur. or Friday. Judy Johnson told the members that she had been working with the bookkeeper to get corrections made. She said she would get more information about all this and have some answers at

the next meeting. She said that we didn't need to rush into this without getting all the facts about services and cost.

RAFFLES: The unclaimed prizes were raffled off first:
Winners were:

BLUE TICKET:

Generator - #0482 Brent Deuel
Hand Suction Dredge - #2890 Barbara Lawson
10 X 10 Canopy - #3403 Kim Burton
Lantern/2-tanks - #2890 Barbara Lawson
Gas Generator - #3044 Ann Nemeth
Keene Hand Dredge - #3161 William Reid
Keene Hand Dredge - Kathy McClary, wife of Alan McClary
Lantern/2-tanks - #2533 Bill Quick
\$85 Bucket ore - #3213 Brian Crowe
White Metal Detector - #2890 Barbara Lawson
\$100 Gift Certificate - #3364 James Deuel

WEGM AUXILIARY:

\$85 bucket ore - #3299 Frank Reed

GREEN TICKET:

Heavy Duty Gril - #2178 Henry Smith
2-burner gas stove - #3264 Robert Manning
Green Sluice - #2686 Don Vincent
Hand Dredge - #2533 Bill Quick
Wind Chair - #3161 William Reid
Clean-up Sluice - #2686 Don Vincent
\$85 bucket ore - #2505 Harry Sands
Hand Suction Dredge - #3316 Don Ferguson
Chair - #3316 Don Ferguson
\$45 bag of ore - #2650 Dana Boston
\$45 bag of ore - #3353 John Jenkins
\$45 bag of ore - #2533 Bill Quick
\$85 bucket of ore - #2533 Bill Quick
Sifter Pan Set - #2505 Harry Sands
Sifter Pan Set - #2845 Terry Willman
11 pc. Panning Kit - #3328 Clint Walker
Hammock - #3403 Kim Burton
Clean-up sluice - #2845 Terry Willman

REGULAR RAFFLES:

Red Ticket – Door Prize of Prospector Silver Round-
#3205 Chris Mote

BLUE TICKET:

Bag of ore - #3353 John Jenkins
Bag of ore - #2235 Rose DeCaire
Bag of ore - #3293 Lee Webb
Bag of ore - #1483 Robert Johnson
Nugget - #0482 Brent Deuel

GREEN TICKET:

Bag of ore - #3044 Ann Nemeth
 Bag of ore - #3353 John Jenkins
 Bag of Ore - #2178 Henry Smith
 Bag of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
 Nugget - #3353 John Jenkins

YELLOW TICKETS:

Bag of ore - #2883 Daryl "Mississippi" Combs
 Bag of ore - #3240 Kellie Calhoun
 Bag of ore - #3316 Don Ferguson
 Bag of ore - #2178 Henry Smith
 Nugget - #3264 Robert Manning

#3316 Don Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the October 7, 2017 meeting. #2890 Barbara Lawson seconded. Meeting adjourned.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: JUDY HALL JOHNSON

I want to thank everybody that came out to the October meeting, we had a great crowd! Sorry it was so late getting over due to the raffles. I want to thank Kim Burton for the wonderful food she had and all the hard work she puts into preparing it. I think the question & answer session went really well and we got a lot of great input from the members. We need to continue having these sessions. You as a member have a voice in running this club and we need your input. We are still working on the bookkeeping system and what direction to go in and what is best for the club and its members. **Main thing, let's make this club FUN again. (wow! I felt like Donald Trump then)**

FROM KIM BURTON- WEGM AUXILARY:

We will be having lasagna with salad at November meeting. Please be thinking about the up coming Christmas meeting in December and what you want for dinner and for the kids Christmas. Need some volunteers to help with putting together the kids baskets. Please save your yellow tickets for the end of year raffle in Sept.

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 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

Lifetime Membership for sale- #1559 Joe Christmas - \$750 or best offer -706-442-7314

4" Keene Dredge-3 stage
 6.5 Honda motor
 T80 compressor w/reserve tank
 Air lines & regulator
 Homemade dredge cart
 \$2600 or best offer
 423-838-09393

3 inch proline highbanker, Honda pump (recondition – 100 hours) Charles Law 850-368-8927

WORDS OF WISDOM:

Think deeply, speak gently,
 Love much, laugh a lot,
 Work hard, give freely
 And be kind!

For Prospectors and Gun Toting Folks: (As told by Nancy Healy)

The old woman walked up and tied her old mule to the hitching post. As she stood there, brushing some of the dust from her face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon...with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other.

The young gunslinger looked at the old woman and laughed, saying "Hey, old woman, have you ever danced?" The old woman looked up at the gunslinger and said "No, I never did dance...never really wanted to."

A crowd had gathered as the gunslinger grinned and said.. "Well, you old bag, you're gonna dance now"...and started shooting at the old woman's feet. The old woman prospector started hopping around and everybody was laughing. When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger still laughing holstered his gun and turned around to go back in the saloon.

The old woman turned to her pack mule, pulled out a double-barreled shotgun and cocked both hammers. The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air. The young gunslinger heard the sounds too...the silence was almost deafening. The young gunslinger stared at those twin barrels. The shotgun never wavered in the old woman's hands as she quietly said.. "Son, have you ever kissed a mule's butt?" The gunslinger swallowed hard and Said "No Mam.....but....I've....always...wanted...to"

There are a few lessons for all of us here:
 Never be arrogant
 Don't waste ammunition
 Whisky makes you think you're smarter than you are.
 Always, always make sure you know who has the power.
 Don't mess with and old woman: they didn't get old by being stupid.

BLAST FROM THE PAST !!

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:		
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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