



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 Time: December 1, 2018
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 12:00 P.M. *****Note Time Change**
Christmas Dinner – 2:00 P.M.
Santa Clause at 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 4:00 P.M. *****Note Time Change**

Metal Detecting Hunt
No hunt in December due to Christmas Dinner
Next Hunt will be January 5, 2019
Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373

*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 6th, 2018



President Judy Johnson called the November 3, 2018 general meeting to order and welcomed new members and guests. She welcomed new member

#3478 Christina Priddy and guest, William Valora.

Birthdays for November: #3323 Terry Newman, 74 years young on the 29th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Our WEGM Auxiliary Chairperson, Kim Burton had an accident at work and broke her elbow and has a torn rotator cup. We missed her tonight. Thanks to Joyce Conner and Celeste Wilkerson for taking care of the food and raffle tonight. Great job!

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to accept the October 2018 General Meeting Minutes as posted in the newsletter. #1775 Alan McCary seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Treasurer John Burton gave the October 2018 Treasurer report as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal.....	\$20,738.41
Income.....	\$19,312.17
Disbursements.....	\$18,138.52
Checking Ending Bal.....	\$21,912.06

Money Market #1.....\$48,187.70

#3352 Rodney Kochen made a motion to accept the October 2018 Treasurer report. #3323 Terry Newman seconded. Motion carried and passed.

President Judy Johnson explained to the membership present that in order to get both leases paid the Money Market #2 for \$15,437.17 was moved into the checking. She explained that the money market accounts are in place to pay for leases. That money market was started in 2007 and drew very little interest. She stated that the membership the past two years has been terrible with only averaging 45 members for the year when in the past we have always had over 100 new members. The club is still in good shape but due to not getting new members and more than usual members becoming lifetime members we don't have the income coming in. Hopefully we will have a better year in 2019.

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
President	Judy Johnson 423-458-4088 & 423-838-1373 jnanaju@aol.com
Vice President	Benny Chester 770-531-9346 weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com
Secretary	Open
Bookkeeper	Please contact the Treasurer with questions.
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Membership Benny Chester gave the October 2018 Membership report as follows:

- 2 – new members
- 42- new members YTD
- #3478 – last member number issued
- \$200.00 – new member fee collected
- \$30.00 – Logo items sold
- \$230.00 – Total fees collected

Membership Director had \$126.05 total expenses.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave the Hunt report as follows: He said he had 18 people to hunt. The weather was beautiful and we had a good turnout. Kody Crowe found the token and won a gold nugget. He said that he appreciated everybody that came out and supported the club. There was \$318.00 of silver and clad coins buried today. He stated that he wouldn't be having a hunt in December due to the Christmas Party but you are welcome to come that day and metal detect all day. There are still plenty of coins still in the ground. Next hunt will be January 5, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the Auraria Community Clubhouse.

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



The Board of Directors has authorized the Hunt Master Robert Johnson to have a special raffle for members only: A 24 KT gold dime valued at \$250.00. Ticket will be \$10.00 each and there will be only 50 tickets sold. When all 50 tickets are sold the drawing will be held. You can buy tickets by mail by sending a money order or cashier's check made out to WEGM. Please enclose your member number, Name, phone number and mailing address.

Send to:
 WEGM Hunt Master Raffle
 Robert Johnson
 220 Mapleton Forest Dr.
 Cleveland, Tn. 37312

He said he would mail the ticket stubs back to you. There is no limit to the number of tickets you can buy. Tickets will be sold at the meetings too. This raffle is to help raise money for the metal detecting hunts. All proceeds will go to the Hunt Master account. For more information call Robert at 423-838-0939 or email at fatboyrf@aol.com

OLD BUSINESS:

The Allison lease for \$16,000.00 has been renewed for one year and paid.

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be December 1, 2018 starting at 2: p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The club will furnish the turkey and ham, drinks and plates, silverware and napkins. Everybody is asked to bring a cover dish of either veggies or a dessert. Santa Clause will be there for the kids and any adults who might think they are still kids. Santa will be giving the kids a bag of goodies and a gift card. Please come and join us!

The board has worked out some of the details on the Membership Contest. The 1st place prize will be a \$500 Visa gift card and 2nd place will be \$250 Visa gift card. You will be required to have a minimum of 5 members to win. This will start in January 2019 and will run thru to the September 2019 Picnic. Complete details will be made in December.

Will still need a secretary. If anybody is interested please contact any officer of the club.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Judy Johnson will be talking to Michael Turner about renewing the Turner lease.

Time Change: Due to the Christmas Dinner the December 1, 2018 Board Meeting will be at 12:00 P.M. and the dinner will be at 2:00 P.M. General meeting will be at 4:00 P.M.

The Board made the decision to give the Community Helping Place a donation of \$500 for Christmas.

QUESTION & ANSWER TIME:

There was a big discussion from several members

about our money situation and asked why did the board spend \$4,500.00 on a common when they asked the membership to approve \$2000. They thought that when they approved an amount that it couldn't go over that. They felt that the board had misused their money and that the common was not planned very well.

#2610 Ray Sparks gave a presentation to the members about how he felt we could save money and buy land by saving all the maintenance fees for that purpose.

There was a discussion about asking "All" members to pay a \$50 a year maintenance fee. The members present felt that would be a very good way of raising money for the club and would be fair to all members. What other club can you join that every member pays a maintenance fee every year. If every member in this club would pay a \$50 maintenance fee in 2019 we would accumulate \$35,000 plus. That would put this club back where it should be with plenty of operating funds.



Veterans Day is November 11, 2018. Please remember the men and women who have served our country. Please say Thank You.

Raffles were held:

Red ticket door prize of a Prospector Silver Round was won by #1775 Kathy McCary.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners were:
 Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
 Bag of ore - #2931 Wesley Gentry
 Bag of ore - #1559 Don Ferguson
 Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
 Gold Nugget - #2850 David Hoard

Green Ticket Raffle winners were:
 Bag of ore - #3221 Jeremy Mitchell
 Bag of ore - #2931 Wesley Gentry
 Bag of Ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt

Bag of Ore - #1483 Robert Johnson
Gold nugget - #1775 Alan McCary

Yellow Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - #2608 David Zimmerman
Bag of ore - #2610 Ray Sparks
Bag of ore - #2608 David Zimmerman
Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson
Gold Nugget - #2744 John Burton

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General Meeting at 4:00 P.M.

#1290 Benny Chester made a motion to adjourn the November 3, 2018 General meeting. #2854 Mark Nesbitt seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by: Judy Johnson
WEGM Acting Secretary

MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS:

Get ready! The Fat Man is coming to WEGM. He will be at the Christmas Dinner at the club house on December 1st. I hope all you boys and girls have been good this year. Due to the lack of snow, the reindeers and sleigh will not be with him. He will arrive in an old pickup truck. After the dinner he will be available for all you kiddies to sit in his lap and tell him what you would like for Christmas this year. The elves will work hard to make the toys and have them ready for delivery on the 25th. He has used the same delivery system for as long as I can remember. Now Purina reindeer chow prices have sky rocketed and to find any one to do the pre - flight work on a sleigh is almost impossible. It's past time for an update. I suggest to save money, I think Santa should ship through UPS or Amazon Prime. With the money saved he and the elves could move to a warmer climate and not have to deal with the snow. Plus he might be able to talk to the Discovery channel about an elf reality show. I hear Miami is nice year around . Plus there is a beach. And beach bunnies. But a dark tanned Santa in shorts , flip flops and a tanktop, well I don't know. But on the bright side, we would all save a lot on milk and cookies.



Kody Crowe - won Gold Nugget

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.

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.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS FOR SALE:

Thomas Reese \$1,000.00 731-968-7406
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.



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NAME:		
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