



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.

Metal Detecting Hunt on March 2, 2013 at 12:00 P.M Until 2:00 P.M. at the Auraria Community Center, Weather permitting. This is a FREE hunt.

**March 2, 2013 Meeting:
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 5:00 P.M.**

April 7, 2013 Auraria Community Center Fund Raising Raffle. At 3:00 P.M. Win a 2.10 Dwt. Gold Nugget, Value \$350. For tickets contact Nancy Healy 678-997-6245. Tickets \$5.00 each.

Bear on The Square April 20 & 21, 2013

**Commons for 2013:
April 28 & 29, 2013 - Turner property
July 13 & 14, 2013 - Allison property
September 19 & 20 , 2013 - Turner property**

If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Benny Chester 770-531-9346.

RULE OF THE MONTH

EQUIPMENT: #4 All mining equipment shall have the membership number affixed in 3 inch numbers to be visible from both sides.

**WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2013**

Acting President Benny Chester called the February 2, 2013 general meeting to order.

President Roger Moore was absent due to the bad weather.

Benny Chester welcomed new members Irby McCollough Jr, his wife Rebecca and son Samuel. Guests were Ed and Tammy Carmen and Greg Church.

Birthdays were #2488 Francine Cochran on the 26th and #2361 Don Minzey on the 13th. Happy, Happy, Happy.

#2583 Bill Johnson made a motion to accept the January 5, 2013 General meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2868 Don Vincent seconded. Motion carried and passed.

#0859 Brenda Shed made a motion to accept the January 2013 treasurer report as post on the bulletin board outside. #2466 Serena Blackwell seconded, Motion carried and passed.

Beg. Balance.....	\$14,083.29
Income.....	\$ 9,130.00
Expenses.....	\$ 1,971.56
Ending Balance.....	\$ 21,241.73

Money Market #1.....	\$27,979.03
Money Markey #2.....	\$20,381.69

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the January 2013 membership report as follows:

- 8- new members for January
- 8- new members YTD
- #2988 last member number issued.
- \$730.00- new members
- Logo Items: 2- tags - \$20.00
- 3- keys-\$15.00

Total: \$785.00
Membership Directors expenses were \$139.87.

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
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#2038 David Cochran made a motion to accept the January 2013 membership report. #2583 Bill Johnson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave the January 2013 Hunt Master report as follows: He said that he had 20 plus hunters for today's metal detecting hunt, even if they did have to hunt in the snow. He said he appreciated all those who came and everybody that buys raffle tickets so we can have these hunts. There will be another coin hunt on March 2, 2013 starting at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M., weather permitting, at the Auraria Community Center. This is a free hunt and open to the public so bring your friends. If you have a metal detector and don't know how to use it, these hunts are a good time to learn. If I have to work Jerry Mayfield and Kenneth Limie will have the hunt. I want to thank Jerry and Kenneth for helping me out with the hunts so far this year.

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





OLD BUSINESS:

#2533 William Quick gave the Land Committee report as follows: He stated that they had looked at two properties. The first one did not have any parking or any access to parking. The second property they are still checking out to make sure it has gold on it. He said he would have more information next meeting. He also told the members that the club had a \$240 "Finder's Fee" if they find property and we lease it.

Benny Chester wanted to thank #2361 Don Minzey and his wife Kathy for volunteering to buy and wrap all the Christmas presents for the family of four boys that we sponsored this year. Don stated that his wife and daughter really did all the shopping and wrapping. Our hats go off to them for taking on this project.



NO, NO, NO, DIGGING IN THE BANKS.

Still need a secretary. If you are interested please contact Roger Moore at 423-364-3703 or Benny Chester at 770-531-9346.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime members for this month are #2087 Pedro Cichowitz. Congratulations!!!

Benny Chester said that the club will be having its 30th Anniversary in July. He said that maybe the club could plan something special for the occasion.

Bear on the Square will be April 20 & 21, 2013 in Dahlonega, Ga. The club will have a booth set up to demonstrate the art of prospecting. Volunteers are needed to help out both days. You can stay all day or just a few hours to relieve some of the workers. Details will follow in the next two meetings.

Locks have been purchased and keys are being made for the lease property gates. Locks will be changed by April 1, 2013. Keys will be mailed out to all Lifetime members and those who are paid up to date on March 15, 2013. This means dues and maintenance fees. No exceptions.

New T-shirts are being ordered. The club will have bright colored T-shirts for the women and some new colors for the men. We should have there by April, 2013.

Benny Chester stated that the board of directors are

working on a "Camper Permit" Everybody will have to have a WEGM permit for their camper and will have to be renewed every year. This will be for every camper that is now on the lease properties. All the details are being worked out and will be presented at the next meeting.

The WEGM Auxiliary had everybody to write down the name of a man and woman to be the WEGM "Sweethearts". A drawing was held and the winners were Benny Chester & Joyce Conner. Congratulations!!!!



Raffles were held:

The door prize of a prospector silver round was won by #1591 Judy Hall Johnson.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners were:
 Bag of ore- #1581 Judy Hall Johnson
 Bag of ore – Samuel McCollough, son of new member Irby McCollough
 Bag of ore- #2361 Don Minzey
 Bag of ore- #0455 Jerry Mayfield
 Bag of ore- #2686 Don Vincent
 Gem Kit - #2817 Ryan Cirillo
 Panning Kit- ???????
 2-rolls coins/pro prospector card - #1962 Dennis Wright
 Gold Nugget - #0859 Brenda Shed

Green Ticket Raffle winners were:
 Bag of ore - #2583 Bill Johnson
 Bag of ore - #1760 Thomas Begush
 Bag of ore -#2049 George Moreno
 Bag of ore -#2583 Bill Johnson
 2-roll of coins/pro prospector card- Kim Burton wife of #2744 John Burton
 Gem Kit- #2049 George Moreno
 Panning Kit-#2049 George Moreno

Gold Nugget- #1962 Dennis Wright

WEGM Auxiliary Raffle winners were:
 Bag or ore - #2583 Bill Johnson
 2-roll coins/pro prospector postcard- Sam McCollough
 Gold Nugget - #2583 Bill Johnson

Next meeting will be on March 2, 2013. Board meeting at 3:00 P.M. and the General meeting at 5:00 P.M.

#2948 Dalton Cahill made a motion to adjourn the February 2, 2013 general meeting. #2744 John Burton seconded. Meeting was 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.

For sale, small 14/16 foot camper ('76 Sunliner). Needs a little TLC and work. Located at Berry Patch. \$300.00 firm, must be moved. Call Tracy at 706-870-3343.

AMENDMENTS TO THE WEGM RULES & REGULATIONS

Amended 8-4-12

- 1. It is mandatory that you sign in and out on all the properties.**
- 2. It is mandatory that the gates are kept locked at all times except at club functions.**
- 3. To keep your permanent campsite you must utilize (camp overnight) that campsite every 6 (6) months.**
- 4. The speed limit on all lease property roads: 5 MPH.**

FIREARMS: Absolutely no use of firearms, bows, cross-bows, pellet guns or BB guns on club property. There shall be no carrying of firearms, bows, cross-bows, pellet guns or BB guns on the physical person. Hunting of waterfowl or any other game or wildlife is prohibited. Violators will be terminated. *Amended 11-3-12.

From Benny Chester: Vice President

Wow!! what a great meeting... even with the SNOW. There were 51 members and guests present! I filled in for Roger this month and can't say when I've had more fun. I thank Robert for braving the weather and holding the hunt as scheduled. He had 20 members and guests come to this one...way to go Robert. Thanks to the guys and gals who helped with the raffles and not least the ladies for serving up the pizza. Congrats to all the winners of the raffles this month and to Judy for winning the door prize of a 1oz troy prospector .999 silver round. If you haven't heard or read yet the gate locks will be changed April 1st, make sure to keep your old key and new key until you know the locks have been changed.

From Judy Hall Johnson: Bookkeeper

We had a wonderful turnout of 51 people for the February meeting. The weather started out beautiful, blue skies and sunshine and really it ended up beautiful with great big snowflakes. It started snowing around 1:00 P.M. but didn't start to lay until the general meeting and boy did it lay...2 inches. Some places didn't even get any snow. It took us two hours to get from Dahlongega to Ellijay where they had 3 inches of snow. It was beautiful but no fun to drive in. Cars were off in the ditch everywhere.

Please make sure that you have your dues and maintenance fees caught up by March 15, 2013. I will start mailing out new keys on that date. If you do not get a key, as soon as your dues are up to date I will mail you a key. Also, if you have moved since last April, please make sure I have your new address. Locks will be changed by April 1 2013. The new key will have a #3 on it. Be sure to keep your old key (#2) until you are sure the locks are changed.

We still need a secretary and a newsletter editor. Call Benny Chester at 770-531-9346 if you are interested. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

Life is like a hot bath. It feels good while you are in it, but the longer you stay in, the more wrinkled you get.

Joe: Doc, I have a problem of forgetting.
 Doc: When did this problem start?
 Joe: What problem?

Iwonderifanyoneknowswhatthebigbaratthebottomofthekyboardisfor?



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RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST

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