



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: March 5th, 2016
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Next Metal Detecting Hunt
March 5, 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

Bear on the Square April 17 & 18 2016

2016 Commons (subject to change):
April 23 & 24
July 16 & 17
Sept. 17 & 18

Gate Locks will be changes April 2, 2016
Dues & fees must be paid up to date by March 1, 2016
New keys mailed March 16, 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**

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 6th, 2016

President Henry Wilkerson called the February 6, 2016 general meeting to order.

He welcomed all new members and guests.

He ask the membership to be in prayer for #2583 Bill Johnson who is seriously ill at this time and for his wife, Denise. She needs our support and prayers.

Birthdays for February are #0482 Brent Deuel , 56 years young (or is that older than dirt) on the 2nd, #3084 Leona Welch is turning 55 years young and Sandra Russell, wife of #3151 Robert Russell, 61 years young this month.

#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the January 2016 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2854 Mark Nesbitt seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the January 2016 Treasurer report as follows:

Beg. Checking Bal. 01-01-16	\$13,697.45
Income	\$ 5,613.00
Disbursements	\$ 3,812.11
Ending Checking Bal. 1-31-16	\$15,498.34

Money Market #1	\$48,078.51
Money Market#2	\$20,412.29

#2342 Celeste Wilkerson made a motion to accept the January 2016 Treasurer report as read. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the January 2016 membership report as follows:

- 4 – new members for January
- 4- new members YTD
- #3313- last member number issued
- \$450.00 –new members
- 5.00 – camper renewal
- \$455.00 – Total

WEGM Auxiliary chairperson Denise Johnson thanked everybody for their prayers and support during this time of Bill's illness. She told the members that she would be passing out tickets for some Valentine gifts to be given away. She stated that the WEGM

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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

Auxiliary had \$1,395.85 in the account. Next month she would be having corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots at next month for the meeting.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson told the members that he had 17 plus people hunting today. Weather was a little windy but great for the hunt. He buried 2 tokens which were won by #3228 Lynn Johnson who won a German-Eye pocket knife and Carol Griffith, wife of #3204 David Griffith who won a 1996 MS W-mint dime, 2015 Proof W-Mint dime and a 2015 Reverse Proof W-Mint dime. Next hunt will be March 5, 2016 starting at 12:00 P.M. at the Auraria Community Center.

He stated to be sure and save your blue and green raffle tickets for the annual September picnic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Common for this year are:
April 23 & 24 2016
July 16 & 17 2016
September 17 & 18 2016
All are subject to change.

Bear on The Square is going to be April 17 & 18 2016. We will not know if we will be accepted until February 20, 2016.

Locks will be changed on April 2, 2016. New keys will be mailed out on March 16, 2016 to those members that are up to date on their dues and fees. After that keys will be mailed as dues and fees are paid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime members for January are: #2565 Carles Easterling

Guest, Doug Meadows, a jeweler at his family owned David Douglas Diamonds & Jewelry in Marietta, Georgia, talked to the membership about wanting to start a line of jewelry made from USA gold especially gold from the Dahlonega area. He told the members about the history of why he got into the jewelry business and why this project is very dear to his heart, making jewelry using local gold and gemstones. If you are interested in selling any of your gold or gemstones please contact him at 770-578-0598.

Vice-President Ray Sparks told the membership that for the past few months the board has spent 90 % of its time on problems with campsites. He said that we

are not a camping society, we are a mining society. It has been decided by this board that if it continues to have these problems, if members don't read the Rules & Regulations and the by-laws, we will do away with permanent camping. It will be 14-day camping only, you will stay 14 days and take everything home. We've had problems leasing new property because when the property owners come to our camps and they see what a mess it is, the holes we've left in the ground, they say, I don't want my place looking like that and I don't want to lease you my property. If you want camping to continue, you will clean up your camp, you will stop causing all the problems and you will abide by the Rules.

Several members ask what the problems were. They were told that if they would read the Rules & Regulation on campsites and camping and abide by them, there would be no problems. Members are given a Copy of the Rules & Regulations and the By-laws when they join the club. When you join you sign a contract saying that you will read and abide by the Rules & Regulation and By-laws. The Rules & Regulations are on line at our website and we sent out a new copy either with the new keys or the ballots every year.

The Rules & Regulations can be altered by the Board of Directors from time to time, but the WEGM By-laws cannot be changed until a copy of the old By-laws, with changes in red lettering are sent out to every member and a ballot to vote on the changes in the By-laws. Then after the vote, if approved, a new copy is to be sent out to every member. This process takes about 6 months. This has a cost of close to \$2,000 for postage, envelopes and having copies made twice. Labor is free.

If you have question about the Rules & Regulations or By-laws call a board member or the membership Director.

A member asked if his wife could operate a battery operated piece of equipment at the same time he is operating a piece of equipment. The rule stated that she cannot but several members thought that it was discussed in the past and that she could. Henry said that we would look back and see what was decided and let everybody know at the next meeting.

A members asked about the roads on the Honey Farm side of the Allison property that are in really bad shape. They were told that as soon as the weather breaks and we can get a contractor in there we will get the roads fixed no matter what the cost is.

Ray Sparks told the members that this board was

elected to take care of the paper work and running of the club, we did not volunteer to do all the work for the club. It's up to the members to show up at the work parties and do your part. We are not going to do it, after the last picnic everybody left and all that was there were board members to clean everything up. There was only one family that stayed to help. If this continues we won't have these events. If you look at this board, there is only one member under the age of 65, we can't continue to do it.

Henry Wilkerson is the President, he runs day to day business of the club, he doesn't have a vote unless he has to break a tie vote. Ray Sparks is Vice-President and Membership Director, he has no vote. Neither can make any decisions without board approval. Barbara Lawson, Don Vincent, Andrew Whelchel and Bill Johnson are the board members that make the decisions for this club. Any decision made by the board has to reflect in the minutes. If it is not in the minutes and you don't get it in writing, it doesn't stand. This board is making decisions for 850 members of this club, not just for those that are on the properties every week and at the meetings. Nobody, including the officers of this club are exempt from the Rules & Regulations and By-laws.

PLEASE, READ YOUR RULES & REGULATION AND BY-LAWS.

There was a discussion about guests on the property. You must sign in your guests. It's the release of liability that is so important to turn in.

Raffles were held: #3252 Arthur Pratt won the door prize of a Prospector Silver round.

Blue Ticket raffle winners are:
 Bag of ore - #3299 Frank Reed
 Bag of ore - #3151 Robert Russell
 Bag of ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt
 Bag of ore - #3293 Lee Webb
 Bag of ore - #2166 Bob Wilson
 Gold Nugget - #2610 Ray Sparks

Green Ticket Raffle winners are:
 Bag of ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt
 Bag of ore - #2533 Bill Quick
 Bag of ore - Joyce Conner, #1290 Benny Chester
 Bag of ore - #2166 Bob Wilson
 Gold Nugget - Makayla Lung, Granddaughter of 3247
 Rodney Lung

WEGM Auxiliary Raffle winner are:
 Bag of ore - #3247 Rodney Lung

Bag of ore - #0482 Brent Deuel
Gold Nugget - #2890 Barbara Lawson

Valentine gifts went to:
#3313 Danial Harriger
#2686 Don Vincent

Next meeting will be March 5, 2016
Board meeting at 3:00 P.M.
General meeting at 5:00 P.M.

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to adjourn the February 6, 2016 general meeting. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Meeting adjourned.

RULE OF THE MONTH:

FIRE: State and County Fire regulations must be observed at all times. Do not leave fire unattended. Make sure fire is out cold before leaving. Burning of trash/garbage is prohibited. All internal combustion engines shall have approved arrestors. Shut off all internal combustion engines before refueling.

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.

From the desk of the Vice-President & Membership Director:

Members,

I am sure you are aware of the ongoing effort by the Board of Directors to clean up our leased properties. This action is not intended to harass or embarrass anyone. In our ongoing search for new properties we have encountered difficulty when a prospective property owner visits our current locations and observes what we have done to it. They all say or think, "I don't want my property to look that way!"

In the future, please assist the Board by complying with the Rules and Regulations. In addition, please report any observed violations to a Board member for corrective action. Take pictures, record member numbers, tag numbers, vehicle description, etc. The Board members cannot be present 24-7. Dust off and read the Rules and Regulations you were given when you joined so you know what is legal and what is not.

Keep your campsite clean and orderly. Fill all mining holes when you finish with them. Remember, your mother is not here to clean up your mess. With your assistance we can make this the best Prospecting Club ever.

Thanks in advance for your assistance,

Ray Sparks

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now, don't get mad at me. I know we have been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her for at least three minutes, she just glared and glared at her.

Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"



**Carol, wife of 3204 David Griffith
Winner of "Proof Mint" dimes**



**#3228 Lynn Johnson
Winner of German-Eye pocket knife**

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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RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST

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PHONE NUMBER:

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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