



# 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: March 2, 2019**  
**Auraria Community Center**  
**Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.**  
**General Meeting 5:00 P.M.**

**Statements mailed out February 2019**

**Metal Detecting Hunt**  
**March 2, 2019**  
**12:00 PM until 2:00 PM**  
**Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373**  
**Weather Permitting!!!!!!**

**Locks will be changed on the property gates on April 1, 2019. You must be paid up to date with dues and fees by March 1, 2019. Keys will be mailed March 15, 2019. All other keys will be mailed when dues and fees are paid.**

**Common- May 18 & 19, 2019**  
**Turner property- details pending**

**\*If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Benny Chester 770-531-9346. Or email at weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com**

President Judy Johnson called the February 2, 2019 General Meeting to order. She welcomed new members: #3479 Phil Hunton and #3480 Mike Featherstone. Guests were Jim Strickland, Zack and Haley White and Nina Martin.

Birthdays for February 2019 are #3353 John Jenkins, 67 on the 23rd, Sandy Russell wife of #3151 Robert Russell, 64 years on the 8th, #3480 Mike Featherstone on the 11th and Louise Sparks, mother of Ray Sparks will be 93 years young on the 12th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

There were no anniversaries for February 2019.

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to approve the January 5, 2019 general meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. #1290 Benny Chester seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Treasurer John Burton gave the January 2019 Treasurer report as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal. 1-1-19	\$ 7,870.73
Income	5,065.00
Disbursements	3,158.58
Checking Ending Bal. 1-31-19	\$ 9,777.15

Money Market #1	\$43,196.76
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#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to approve the January 2019 Treasurer as read. #2610 Ray Sparks Seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the January 2019 membership report as follows:

- 2- new members for January 2019
- 2 – new members YTD
- #3483- Last member number issued
- \$200.00 membership fees collected for January
- \$ 30.00 - membership transfer
- \$10.00 – Logo Item
- \$240.00 – Total collected

**WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 2, 2018**

*Happy Valentine's Day*

Officers and Committees	
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Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave a report on the Metal Detecting hunt today. He said that he had 28 plus hunters today. He buried \$280.00 in silver and clad coins and he thanked #2957 Jack Akins, #3208 Kris Boggs and Tyler and Emma Boggs for helping bury the coins. The weather was perfect for the hunt. He had 4 token winners, #2744 John Burton won the gold nugget, Tyler Boggs, Lee Webb and Don, a guest, all won two rolls of 2009 P & G pennies. Next hunt will be March 2, 2019 starting at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the clubhouse.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The membership contest that the board had proposed was canceled due to no interest from members.

The Rule change that the board made last meeting concerning the number of guests and visits has been changed to: You can have two (2) guests in any consecutive 30 day period and a guest can only come one (1) time per year. In the WEGM Rules & Regulation the rule should read as follows:

**AMENDED RULE: 02-02-19 GUESTS:**

1. Any member may bring onto the property a person or persons (limited to two (2) that is not a member in any 30 day consecutive period. (a family will be considered as one (1) guest) This person or persons will be considered to be a guest and may participate in any club activities, while on the property with a member. If the member leaves the property, then the guest must leave the property.

The member will be responsible for the actions or damage caused by a guest. A Release of Liability must be signed by the guest when on the property. The Release of Liability is on the back of the visit log sheet (sign-in sheet) All groups (more than two (2) must have board approval in advance.

A. A guest cannot use their own motorized equipment. A guest may use any non-motorized equipment (pan, sluice) and member's motorized equipment.

2. There is a limitation of one (1) visit in any twelve (12) month period. The guest either must join the Weekend Gold Miners prospecting Club Inc. or wait

**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

another 12 months to come on the property. The guest can stay three (3) days and two (2) nights with a member. If a member is expelled for non-payment of dues they must wait twelve months to visit the property with a current member. If a member is expelled from the club for violating club rules, regulations or by-laws, they must have approval from the Board of Directors to visit with a current member.

### NEW BUSINESS:

There were no Lifetime members for January 2019.

The Board of Directors has planned a “Common” for May 18 & 19, 2019. It will be on the Turner property. This will be a get down and dirty common using high bankers and digging in the dirt. The board will be working on the details in the following months. Also, we will be a dredging “common” on the Allison property in July. This will be dredging, high banking, sluicing and panning.

Statements with a breakdown of all dues and fees paid and membership balance will go out in the next week. For questions contact the Treasurer 770-789-4895.

The locks on the property gates will be changed on April 1, 2019. Please try to get your dues and fees caught up to date by March 1, 2019. New #9 keys will be mailed out starting March 15, 2019. After that, as soon as you bring your membership up to date you will receive a new #9 gate key.

### QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION:

Several members were asking about if the board had decided what to do about the maintenance fees and if they were going to have all members pay a maintenance fee. Judy Johnson said that legally the members that were grandfathered in cannot be made to pay a maintenance fee but the board could cancel the maintenance fee and charge each member a “Key” fee. This would make it fair to all members. There would have to be a vote taken by ballot from the entire membership before that could happen. The board is still looking into other options.

President Judy Johnson told the members that the club was still in good shape financially at this point. The main problem is that the club is not getting “new” members like they did in the past. They have gone from an average of 100 new members a year to 45 new members. The solution would be to get more new members.

The question was asked, “Why do so many members join then drop out?” Most members join thinking that you are going to get rich finding gold. When reality hits that it is very hard work and equipment is expensive then they drop out. This club is a recreational sport and it is not intended to be a get rich sport. Like fishing or golf, it can get expensive with no return for your money. It's the pleasure you get out of it, not the money.

Question was asked about keys and why we don't hand out keys at the meeting. The Treasurer has to control all keys and mailing is the easiest way to do that. We never know who will be at the meeting so if the treasurer waited until the meeting, thinking that you will be there and you aren't, then you may have to wait for your key to be mailed which might be a couple of weeks.

Raffles were held:

Hunt Master Robert Johnson held the drawing for the “Gold United States Mint” dime, valued at \$250.00. There were 50 tickets sold at \$10.00 each. This was to help raise money for the hunts. The winner was #0747 James Boyd. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



**James Boyd, Winner of Gold Dime**

Robert asked the members if they wanted to raffle off another one and they agreed. The raffle will be for another United States Mint Gold dime valued at \$250.00. Tickets will be \$10.00 each. Only 50 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held when all tickets are sold. If you want Robert to mail you tickets call him at 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373.

The Red ticket door prize of a Prospectors Silver Round was won by Heidi Lung.

Blue Ticket winners were:  
Bag of ore - #3353 John & Judy Jenkins

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Bag of ore - #3385 Lee Day  
Bag of ore - #1073 Roger Moore  
Gold Nugget - #2854 Mark Nesbitt

Green Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - #2687 Don Vincent  
Bag of ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt  
Bag of ore - #2610 Ray Sparks  
Bag of ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt  
Gold Nugget - #1559 Penny Hidalgo

Yellow Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - #3458 Tina Allen  
Bag of ore - #2854 Terry Willman  
Bag of ore - #2687 Don Vincent  
Bag of ore - #3352 Rodney Kochen  
Gold Nugget - #2608 David Zimmerman  
Pk. 10 hand warmers - # 495 –Robert Thomason  
Valentine candy - #2608 David Zimmerman  
Valentine candy - #2845 Terry Willman

Next Meeting:

March 2, 2019  
Metal Detecting Hunt – 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.  
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#2608 David Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the February 2, 2019 general meeting. #1484 Bill Bryant seconded. Meeting adjourned.

### HUNT RESULTS



Winner of Gold Nugget – John Burton



Token Winner – Lee Webb



Token Winner - Don



**Token Winner – Tyler Boggs**

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

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs. With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, “ Oh Lord, I’m so sorry for skipping service today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that’s coming at me!” At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher’s feet: Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive.”

### **FACTS ABOUT GOLD YOU PROBABLY DIDN’T KNOW:**

1. An ounce of gold can be drawn into a wire 60 miles long.
2. Two thirds of the world’s gold comes from Africa.
3. India is the world’s largest consumer of gold today.
4. Gold is the state mineral of California and Alaska.
5. During the California gold rush, some speculators paid more for an ounce of water than they received for an ounce of gold.

### **WORDS OF WISDOM:**

When you get to the end of your rope  
Tie a knot and hold on!

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### **AMENDED ON 02-02-19**

### **MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS**

The luckiest man ever in our club was “Mr. Lucky”, Kenneth Limie #1407. This man could win at almost any raffle. Not just a few , a lot. He was so lucky that we would rub his bald head for good luck. This seldom worked for us but we would try anyway. Mr. Lucky was a kind man, I never heard of him speaking bad about anyone and he always smiled. Sometimes he would win, then give away most of the items won. I asked him why he did that and he told me it wasn’t about prizes,

he just liked winning. The hat I'm wearing right now was given to me by Mr. Lucky. It is a camo hat with 2 LED lights in the bill. I wear it a lot. Mr. Lucky always had a little vial of gold in his pocket that he had dredged in the month since the last meeting to show his friends. We lost Mr. Lucky to cancer a few years ago. He was always smiling and upbeat. He only told a few members about having cancer. Most of us including me didn't know. I think he was afraid that we would all treat him differently if all the members knew. I like to believe that when he got to the Pearly Gates he took out the vial to show St. Peter and St. Peter said "You brought pavement?" R.I.P. Mr. Lucky, we all miss you.

**QUICK TIP FROM DIGGER DAN:**

Use a mouth wash with a high alcohol content to rinse out your regulator and hoses. Not only does it kill the germs and critters but makes them taste and smell fresh. Bleach can poison you and damage your regulator.

**ABANDONED CAMPSITE PROPERTY UP FOR SILENT BID:**

Campsite #9 on the Turner property, on road past picnic area on the left. It will have green tape roping it off. This campsite consists of a camper and personal property. This is a silent bid and all bids must be mailed in to the Board of Directors by March 2, 2019.

Mail to:

Silent Bid- #9  
 WEGM Board of Directors  
 P.O. Box 910  
 Dahlonega, Ga. 30533

All bids will not be opened until March 2, 2019 at the Board meeting. The winner of such bid will have 30 days to remove everything from the campsite and campsite must be cleaned up. The camper cannot be brought back on the property.

If you have any questions please contact the Membership Director at [weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com](mailto:weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com) or 770-531-9346.

**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:**

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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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST**

<b>NAME:</b>		
<b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b>		
<b>CITY:</b>	<b>STATE:</b>	<b>ZIP:</b>
<b>SPOUSE'S NAME:</b>	<b>Children Under 21:</b>	
<b>MEMBER NAME:</b>		

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