



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: April 2nd, 2016
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.
General Meeting 7:00 P.M. * **Note time changes**

Next Metal Detecting Hunt
April 2nd, 2016
Auraria Community Center
Starting at 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
Token prizes -Gold Nugget & ?
WEATHER PERMITTING!
Call 423-838-1373

March 19th – Workday on the Turner property.
Starting at 10:00 A.M. To clean common area.
Need volunteers!

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 changed Monday, April 4,
2016 ***Note Date Change**
Dues & fees must be paid up to date by March 1,
2016.
New keys (#6) mailed March 16, 2016. Keep your
old key (#5) until you know locks are changed.

*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 March 5th, 2016

President Henry Wilkerson called the March 5, 2016 general meeting to order.

Henry asked the members to be in prayer for the family of Virgie Holland, who passed away February 14, 2016. She is the mother of #3112 Larry Holland and Grandmother of #2697 Scott Wilson. Also remember the family of Norma Thompson who passed away in February. She is the mother of #2062 Ray Thompson and mother-in-law to #2484 Kathi Thompson.

Please remember Heidi Lung, wife of #3247 Rodney Lung. She is recovering from hip surgery after falling off her horse.

He welcomed new members and guests. Anna White was guest of #0859 Brenda Shedd.

Birthdays for March are #2820 Robert Scarborough will be 70 years young on the 20th and #2801 Aldo Steffanini on the 28th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

#2744 John and Kim Burton having their 13th wedding anniversary on the 17th. Congratulations!

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to accept the February 2016 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2757 Dean Willard seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the treasurer report as follows:

Checking Beginning Bal	\$15,498.34
Income	11,377.70
Disbursements	3,063.84
Ending Bal	23,812.20

Money Market #1	\$48,081.77
Money Market #2	\$20,413.15

Officers and Committees	
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#2890 Barbara Lawson made a motion to accept the February 2016 treasurer report as read. #0859 Brenda Shedd seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Ray Sparks gave the February 2016 membership report as follows:

- 8- new members
- 12 – new members YTD
- #3321- last member number issued
- \$720 – Total new members

WEGM Chairperson Denise Johnson thanked everybody who bought food and raffle tickets today; she said that the corned beef and cabbage went really well. The auxiliary spent \$95.77 last month and the balance is \$1,422.58. Next month she will be having sandwiches and all the fixings and desserts.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson said that he had a good hunt today with 17 hunters. He put 1 roll of Franklin half dollars, 5 silver dollars and a mix of silver and clad coins in the ground for the hunt. #2957 Jack Akins found the token for the gold nugget. He said that next month the hunt will start at 2:00 p.m. Until 4:00 p.m. due to Daylight Savings time. Always remember WEATHER PERMITTING. He said that the May Mother’s Day hunt will be the last hunt of the season.

OLD BUSINESS:

#2533 Bill Quick will take over the commons this year due to Andy Curti having to work. First common will be April 23 & 24, 2016.

Bear on The Square will be on April 16 & 17, 2016. Will be setting up on Friday afternoon. We need volunteers to help man the booth for a couple of hours on both days. If you want to volunteer call Membership Director Ray Sparks at 770-531-9346 or weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com.

The date for changing the locks has been changed to Monday April 4, 2016. Please keep your old key until you know the locks have been changed

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to Daylight Savings Time the meeting times will be changed to: Board meeting at 5:00 P.M. and the general meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Lifetime members for February are: #2337 Kurt Vandecar, #2485 Douglas Sayre, #2487 James

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

Westervelt, #2517 Mark Bryan and #2625 Phil McDade.

It is election time again. Positions open will be Vice-President and two board members. Henry asked for volunteers for an Election committee to try and recruit members to run for those positions. The 2016 Election Committee will be #3204 David Griffith, #2505 Harry Sands and #2757 Dean Willard.

Changes in the Rules and Regulations:

CAMP AND MINING AREAS SITE REQUIREMENTS:
#9 Permitted Non-Permanent Structures. Any and all structures must be sectionalized. A section shall be no longer than thirty-two (32) square feet. Porches, stoops and decks will not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet. Must be approved by the Board of Directors in advance.

EQUIPMENT: #5 only one piece of motorized equipment shall be used per member number at any time. Exception: A spouse or live-in companion list on the member's original application can run a piece of motorized equipment at the same time as the member. This equipment must have the member's number on it.

There will be a workday on March 19, 2016 on the Turner property starting at 10:00 A.M. This will be to clean out the creek in the common area. Right now it is full of old carpet, tarps and trash.

Raffles were held: #2539 Andrew Whelchel won the door prize of a Prospector Silver Round.

Blue Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - Kim Burton, wife of #2744 John Burton
Bag of ore - #3254 Arthur Pratt
Bag of ore - #2757 Dean Willard
Bag of ore - #3217 Margaret Massengill
Bag of ore - #2179 Darrell Fuller
Gold Nugget - #2179 Darrell Fuller

Green Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - #2533 Bill Quick
Bag of ore - #2505 Harry Sands
Bag of ore - #2179 Darrell Fuller
Bag of ore - #3204 David Griffith
Gold Nugget - Gracie, grand-daughter of #2744 John & Kim Burton

WEGM Auxiliary winners were:

Bag of ore - Kim Burton, wife of #2744 John Burton
Bag of ore - #1483 Robert Johnson
Easter Basket - #1900 Nancy Healy
Orchid plant - #2533 Bill Quick

Gold Nugget - #2757 Dean Willard

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#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to adjourn the March 5, 2016 general meeting. #2890 Barbara Lawson seconded. Meeting adjourned.

RULE OF THE MONTH:

GUESTS:

1. Any member may bring onto the property a person or persons (limited to six (6) that is not a member. 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 any damages caused by the guest.

The Release of liability must be signed by the guest each time he visits the property. A Release of Liability form is on the back of the visit log sheet.

A. Guest cannot use their own motorized equipment. Guest may use any non-motorized equipment (pan, sluice) and members motorized equipment.

2. There is a limitation of six (6) visits in a twelve (12) month period of time. After the sixth visit, the guest must join the Weekend Gold Mining Prospecting Club, Inc. or wait twelve (12) months to return to the property. Former members must wait for a period of twelve months before visiting the property as a Guest of any current member, provided the former was not expelled from the club for violating club rules, regulations or by-laws, other than the non-payment of dues, then that former member may not come on the club property without approval from the Board of Directors.

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 BOOKKEEPER:

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ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

A little girl was sitting on her Grandfather’s lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek.

She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.
Finally she spoke up “Grandpa, did God make you?”
“Yes, sweetheart,” he answered, “God made me a long time ago.”
“Oh,” she paused, “Grandpa, did God make me too?”
“Yes, indeed, honey,” he said, “God made you a little while ago.”

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed,
“God’s getting better at it, isn’t he?”

**AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES & REGULATIONS
March 5, 2016**

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**#2957 Jack Akins
Token Winner**

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

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