



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 : April 6, 2019
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.
General meeting 7:00 P.M.**

**Metal Detecting Hunt
April 6, 2019 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
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**

**Election Time again: August 3, 2019
May 4, 2019 deadline to get name on ballot.
Positions: President, 2 board positions,
Secretary, Treasurer.**

***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 March 2, 2019

President Judy Johnson called the March 2, 2019 general meeting to order.

She welcomed Danny, guest of Clint Walker and George Dalton, guest of #1484 Bill Bryant.

Birthdays for March 2019 are Dion Walker, daughter of # 3328 Clint Walker, she turned 18 on March 1, 2019. #2549 Ed Nefferdorf, he will be 62 on the 15th.

There were no anniversaries for March.

#2608 David Zimmerman made a motion to approve the February 2, 2019 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2610 Ray Sparks seconded. Motion carried and passed.

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

Checking Beg, Bal. 02-01-19	\$ 9,777.15
Income	9,217.00
Disbursements	2,963.39
Checking Ending Bal 02-28-19	\$ 16,030.76
Money Market #1	\$ 43,158.25

#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the February 2019 Treasurer report as read and posted on the bulletin board. #0747 James Boyd seconded. Motion carried and passed.

President Judy Johnson gave the February 2019 membership report as follows:

4- new members for February 2019
6- new members YTD
#3487 – Last member number issued
\$400.00 – total new member fees collected with applications
\$400.00- Total collected
Membership Director had \$68.48 in expenses.

HUNT MASTER Robert Johnson gave a report on today's hunt as follows: He said that even though the weather was nice, he had on 15 hunters today. He planted an extra \$100 in coins this month thinking he would have a big crowd like last month. He said it's like the weather, you never know what it is going to do. He thanked #1483 Bill Bryant, #3161 Bill Reid, #2957 Jack Akins for helping bury coins. He told the members that there would be only two more hunts April and May. #3478 Christiania Priddy won the

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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

token prize. Next month the token prize will be a gold nugget.

Also he is raffling off another United States Mint Gold Dime valued at \$250.00. There will be 50 tickets at \$10 each. As soon as he sells the 50 the coin will be raffled off. He has already sold 34 tickets so hurry and get a ticket. You can get tickets by sending your request to:

Hunt Master Robert Johnson
220 Mapleton Forest Dr.
Cleveland, Tn. 37312

Make check or money order to Weekend Gold Miners Club. He will mail your tickets back to you. Hurry up, only 16 tickets left. This raffle is to help buy coins for the hunts; all monies will go to the WEGM Hunt account.



OLD BUSINESS:

Property gate locks will be changed on April 1, 2019. All Dues and fees had to be paid up by March 2, 2109. For those that are paid up to date, your key will be mailed on March 15, 2019. As soon as you get paid up your key will be mailed out. Questions about your account call Treasurer John Burton at 770-789-4895. If he doesn't answer, please leave a message. Keep your old key until you are sure the locks have been changed. New key will have the #9 on it.

Plans are still being completed for the "Common" on Mat 18th & 19, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime Members for February are: #2868 Gary Logan, #2925 Tony Maxey, #2983 William C. Bunch, #2984 Linda A. Bunch, #2998 Josh Hubbard, #3390 Thomas Lewis Jr. and #3177 John Killough. Certificates and Lifetime member cards will be mailed.

Time Change: March 10, 2019 –Spring Forward!!!!
 April 6, 2019 Metal Detecting Hunt 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
 April 6, 2019 Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.
 April 6, 2019 General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Please make note of the new meeting times !!

The Secretary of State annual registration has been filed.

Election time again!! The following have volunteered to work on the election committee, Brenda Zimmerman, Election Chairman, Carol Reid and Nancy Healy. Positions up for election: President, 2 board positions, Treasurer and Secretary. (Please note that qualifications for Treasurer and Secretary must be turned in before the name can be put on the ballot.) Ballot must be completed by the May meeting and approved by the Board of Directors and the general membership present. Please think about serving in one of these positions for the betterment of your club.

President Judy Johnson read an article from The North West Gold Prospectors Association newsletter regarding club memberships and members participating and volunteering in club activities and elections. As most all clubs everything is done by members volunteering their time and that it is a “Thankless job” but, somebody has to do it. Without “volunteers” you would not have a club. Volunteers don’t get paid because they are worthless but because they are PRICELESS! She said that in the article it stated that in a typical club or association:

1. 5% of members run the club and show up for almost every event.
2. 15% of members regularly participate
3. 20% occasionally participate
4. 60% never show up for anything and complain the most!

What group do you fall into

The article stated that being a member of a club and participating in its activities has enormous rewards. You get to share your passion with other who have the same passion. You learn new things all the time and

make new and lasting friendships. You get to do good deeds, strengthening the communities and the environment and build bonds with the community. Thanks to the North West Gold Prospecting Association for a very true and great article. She said that it seems that we share the same problem that most other active gold prospecting clubs do. She said that your club is only as strong as its members and their involvement in the operation of the club. It’s not what your club can do for you but what you can do for your club!

We have two abandoned campsites up for silent bid:

1. Campsite #9: Turner property on road past picnic area. Camper & personal belonging
2. Campsite #10: Allison Honey Farm road. Tent platform & personal property

You can send your silent bid to:
 WEGM Silent Bid
 P.O. Box 910
 Dahlonega, Ga. 30533

All bids must be mailed in by April 6, 2019 . The bids will not be opened until the April 6, 2019 board meeting. If you win a bid you must remove all property off the WEGM lease and clean up campsite. If you win a camper you will receive a legal bill of sale. Any camper that is won on a bid cannot be brought back onto the property for legal reasons. If you have questions call Membership Director at 770-531-9346 or email at weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com.

Raffles were held:

The red ticket door prize of a prospector silver round was won by Caro Reid, wife of #3161 Bill Reid.

Blue Ticket winners were:
 Bag of ore - #3328 Clint Walker
 Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
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 Gold Nugget - #1483 Robert Johnson

Green Ticket winners were:
 Bag of ore - George Dalton –guest
 Bag of ore - #1484 Bill Bryant
 Bag of ore - #3161 Bill Reid
 Bag of ore - #2533 Bill Quick
 Gold Nugget - #3264 Robert Manning

Yellow Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - Carol , wife of #3161 Bill Reid

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Bag of ore - #2533 Bill Quick

Bag of ore - #3293 Lee Webb

Gold Nugget - Brenda , wife of #2608 David Zimmerman

Next meeting :

April 6, 2019

Metal Detecting Hunt 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.

Board meeting 5:00 P.M.

General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

#2608 David Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the March 2, 2019 general meeting. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Meeting adjourned.

HUNT RESULTS



Token winner: #3478 Christina Priddy

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOLD:

14k gold is a metal that contains 14 out of 24 parts of real gold, making it very unlikely to cause an allergic reaction. 24k gold, which is pure gold, is very soft and not practical for most jewelry. Therefore, 14k gold is more commonly used. The gold alloy that results from mixing pure gold with another metal retains the color of gold, but is much better suited for every-day wear that pieces are exposed to, as well as being less expensive.

Although harder than pure gold, 14k is still soft enough that it is best to avoid storing multiple pieces together. Keeping a cloth between pieces will prevent them from scratching each other in your jewelry box.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

Anybody can find the dirt in someone,
Be the person to find the GOLD in someone!

RULE OF THE MONTH

1. STANDING RULES FOR ALL LEASES

#4. Quiet Time- All members camping on the properties shall observe a quiet time beginning at 11:00 P.M. and ending at 6:00 A.M... During this quiet time there shall be no running of generators, mining equipment with internal combustion engines, playing of radios or stereos, or loud talking, so as to not disturb other campers that may be trying to sleep.

2. GENERAL CONDUCT:

Public drunkenness, profanity, excessive noise and other such behavior is prohibited.

MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS

It's finally time to service all the equipment. I like to change the oil in all engines and check all the hoses and fittings every spring. Check hoses for deterioration. Time for new plugs and air filters. Have a can of starting fluid in your tool box. Oh yeah, I heard some miners are using bleach to sanitize the air lines ... A BIG NO NO! Breathing bleach fumes is very harmful. I always use mouth wash. It does the same job, and the air is minty fresh. Starter ropes should be checked. You don't want to get on site, set up, pull the starter rope and it break off, ruining your day. (This happened to me at the first common of last year.) I was lucky that I had a rope assembly with me in my tool box. Still it took the better part of an hour to repair on site. That's one hour

of not running dirt. You can bet this year I'll do a test run before the common. The first common will be May 18, 19. Bring a friend or two. It will be a good time for all.

Shaddup and keep diggin!!!! "007"

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 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.

FOR SALE

4" Keene dredge w/air, Honda 6.5 motor (low hrs.) 3 stage sluice New Gold Hog mats.
\$3,000.00 Call Chris 770-654-1143 leave message if no answer.

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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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