



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: June 3rd, 2017
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.
General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Metal Detecting Hunt
Hunts should resume in the Fall, need a Hunt Master Volunteer.

Locks have been 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 MAY 6, 2017

President Ray Sparks called the May 6th meeting to order.

New Member – Charles Law (3399) was present.

Andrew Whelchel 2539 Birthday May 6.
Robert Russell 3151 Birthday May 9.
Denise Johnson 2583 May 28th.
Robert Johnson Birthday May 2.
Alan and Kathy McCay 1775 Anniversary on May 23.
Larry & Jamie Brumbalow 525 May 21 Recommitting.
Chris Mote 3205 Anniversary – 13 Years

Member #2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the April 2017 General Meeting Minutes as posted in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded by member 1775 Alan McCay.

The Treasurers Report was posted on the board for all members to see. There were questions concerning why they included reports from Jan – Mar. Ray Sparks shared that we want to start our financial year in January and that those months had to be in the new system. A member asked if the financial year was in the by-laws would we change the by-laws for this. Ray Sparks said if it was needed, we would. Member 2505 Harry Sands made a motion to accept the reports, Member 3151 Robert Russell seconded.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the March/ April 2017 membership report as follows:
2- new members for March 2017
6 -new members for April 2017
Last member number issued #3395 for March
Last member number issued #3401 for April
Total fees collected \$200 for March
Total fees collected \$600 for April

The common at the Turner Property went really well. We had a number of guest come out and pan for gold, some found nice gold and others found just specks. We had 6 highbankers set up that people were able to use, view and ask questions about. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. Rodney Lung spent \$1,543 on the common for things like Tractor and Food. Being over the \$1,500 amount, approval by the General Membership was required. Member 2533 Bill Quick made the motion, Nancy Healy Member 1900 seconded, motion carried and passed.

Bear on the Square went really well this year. Saturday was warm with a nice breeze. We had a constant flow of kids and adults coming by to learn about gold panning and our club. All of the volunteers had fun teaching the kids how to pan and let them keep the gold they found. Rodney Lung, Heidi Lung, Rodney's Granddaughter, Andrew Whelchel, Ray Sparks, Alan McCay and Kathy McCay were there to teach the kids. Sunday was rained out but we wish we could have had another day or two. Feel free to come out, share in the fun with us next year. We have room for a few more volunteers.

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
President	Ray Sparks 770-531-9346 weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com
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Turner Lease Update – The property is still going through Probate Court, so the check has not been deposited. We are holding off a little on switching banks due to this.

Election – Sally Crumley (706)-344-9705 is Chairman of the Election Committee. Currently we have... Alan McCay running for President. Judy Johnson running for President. John Burton running for Treasurer. Andrew Whelchel running for Secretary. Bill Quick running for Board Member. Bill Bryant running for Board Member. The candidates took a few minutes to tell about themselves and why they were running for the position.

Ray did not have the new lifetime member list but will have it for the next meeting.

Our Hunt Master Robert Johnson has decided to resign from the position. We plan to resume hunts after the summer (too hot). If you are interested in leading the hunts please let the board know. We had 12 people hunt today and the group seemed to have a lot of fun. Please be sure to thank Robert for all of his years of hard work.

The new bookkeeper has suggested that we purchase a program called Horizon to help with invoicing, contacting members and managing information. It would also give the board access to information like member balances and contact information without having access to the accounting program. Purchasing the program, setting it up, setting and linking up our accounting system Omni will cost around \$3,000. One member asked if someone else would be able to take over the accounting system, the answer was yes. Being over the \$1,500 amount, it was presented to the General Membership for a vote. Member 1900 Nancy Healy made the motion, Member 2533 Bill Quick seconded. 14 members voted for and 9 members voted against. Motion carried and passed.

We have a new type of lock on the gates, please be sure to use Teflon lubricant and not WD-40 or Graphite.

Raffles were held.

Red Ticket Drawing – 3204 David Griffith, Silver round

MAIL DUES TO:
WEGM
P.O. Box 910
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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

Blue Ticket Drawing

Bag of Ore – 2686 Don Vincent
Bag of Ore – 3205 Chris Motes
Bag of Ore – 2505 Harry Sands
Gold Nugget – 2505 Harry Sands

Green Tickets

Bag of Ore – 2890 Barbara Lawson
Bag of Ore – 3399 Charles Law
Bag of Ore – 3205 Chris Motes
Bag of Ore – 2505 Harry Sands
Bag of Ore – 3204 David Griffith
Knife – 3213 Bill Bryant
Gold Nugget – 2533 Bill Quick

WEGM Auxillary

knife – Alan McCary 1775
Bag of Ore – 3213 Bryan Crow
Bag of Ore – 2973 James
Gold Nugget – 2610 Ray Sparks 2610

Next Meeting June 3rd, 2017
Board Meeting at 5 pm.
General Meeting 7 pm.

Member 2686 Don Vincent made a motion to adjourn the May 2017 General Meeting. Member 2890 Barbara Lawson seconded. Meeting 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 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

2 ½ Keene Dredge-with air & all accessories. \$1600.00
Call Martin- 321-984-1462

WEGM Membership - \$750 Call Andy -706-581-2078

David Pierreon has some equipment for sale. All for \$2,000. Call 803-226-4875 or davidpierron@att.net

- 3 inch Keene Dredge
- Highbanker
- Trailer
- Lifetime Membership

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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We now have Dredge Hog Matting in Stock!
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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