



# WEEKEND GOLDMINER Newsletter

*Prospecting sites in the Heart of Georgia's Gold Belt*

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## Calendar of Events

**"Miners Swap Meet" at every meeting. Bring camping & prospecting articles only.**

**July 6th, 2013 Meeting:  
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.  
General Meeting 7:00 P.M.**

**Commons for 2013:  
July 13 & 14, 2013 - **\*\*Moved to the Turner Property**  
September 19 & 20 , 2013 - Turner property**

**Election August 3, 2013**

**Yonah Mountain Crush Fest on August 31, 2013  
Call Benny Chester for details 770-531-9346**

**Annual September Picnic on Sept. 7, 2013**

**If you are interested in running for office in the election in August: Please contact Andrew Whelchel 770-561-1303 or [andywhelchel@gmail.com](mailto:andywhelchel@gmail.com)**

**Positions open:   President  
                          Board positions (2)  
                          Secretary**

**If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Benny Chester 770-531-9346.**

Donald Vincent #2686 celebrating a June 4th birthday. Anniversaries for June include #1314 Floyd Cooper and wife Karen, celebrating 45 years and #1483 Robert and Judy Johnson celebrating 6 years on June 5th. Congratulations!

#2583 Bill Johnson made a motion to accept the May 4, 2013 General Meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2843 Charlie Gardner seconded. Motion carried and passed.

#2583 Bill Johnson made a motion to accept the May 2013 Treasurer Report. #2686 Donald Vincent seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Checking Beg. BAL.....	\$41,538.83
Income.....	\$5,547.78
Disbursements.....	\$2,459.43
Checking End. BAL.....	\$44,627.18

Money Market #1.....	\$27,988.23
Money Market #2.....	\$20,385.04

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the May 2013 membership report as follows:

15-new members for May
76-new members YTD
#3056 last member number issued
\$1570.00-total new members
\$16.50-Logo items
\$0.00-Keys
\$90.00-Camper Permits
\$1676.50-Total

Benny Chester announced that next year Bear on the Square will be held on April 26 and 27 due to Easter. Details can be viewed at [WWW.BEARONTHE SQUARE.ORG](http://WWW.BEARONTHE SQUARE.ORG). WEGM will request 2 spaces in order to display mining equipment.

Benny also stated that we have been invited to CHRUSH FEST to be held at YONAH MOUNTAIN

## WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 1, 2013

President Roger Moore called the June 1, 2013 general meeting to order. He welcomed new member Brent Deuel.

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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

VINYARDS in Cleveland, Georgia on August 31, 2013. This will be a demonstration similar to Bear on the Square.

Celeste Wilkerson #2342 gave the WEGM Auxiliary report with cash on hand of \$503.41.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

William Quick #2533 stated that the gate locks are getting dirty due to being dropped on the ground in the mud. When unlocking the gates hang the open lock on top of the gate pole. When locking the gate be sure the key hole side is up!!!! It is hard for the older folks to stand on their head and try to unlock the gate.

Benny Chester gave a big thank you to those that showed up for the Work Day on the roads at the Allison Property. A big thanks to #1900 Nancy Healy, #2539 Andrew Whelechel and #1375 Chris Benson. Benny will be getting some major road work done on the roads as soon as the weather will permit.

On the Turner property the bridge has been repaired but at this time the road to the river is 4-wheel drive only until they can get the grading and gravel put on it. Hyder Construction will be working on these roads doing grading and putting down the gravel sometime next week. Benny wanted to thank #0747 James Boyd, #2391 Don Minzey, #1900 Nancy Healy #2533 Bill Quick and #2697 Scott Wilson with the repair on the bridge.

Roger Moore #1073 announced that the Common for July has been moved to the Turner property due to not being able to dig at the Allison property. The dates will be July 13 & 14 with William Quick #2533, Benny Chester #1290, and Celeste Wilkerson #2342 handling the details.

Henry Wilkerson #2188 announced that the RV Permit rule is now in effect.

Robert Johnson discussed the need for additional out houses on the Allison Property.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President, Roger Moore had a Lifetime member certificate for member #2051 Carl Moss. He was not present so his certificate will be mailed to him.

He then discussed the need for printed copies of the News letter for members without computer access. A

show of hands by those present indicated the majority wanted this service restarted. The board will discuss this at a later date. For right now, if you want to have the newsletter mailed to you please contact the bookkeeper by written request to P.O Box 910, Dahlonega, Ga. 30533. Please put your membership number, name and address on your request.

The board is checking into purchasing new tables and canopies for the eating area on the Turner Property. They want to expand it and put down mulch or small gravel.

There was a discussion about a rule in the WEGM By-laws: Article III Section 2: The spouse, or minor son, daughter, or live in companion of any member or honorary member shall be entitled to all club privileges except that of voting. Roger stated that this means that they can come on the properties without the member and dredge, pan, high bank etc. They will be expected to follow all the by-laws and rules and regulations as the member does. In the WEGM Rules and Regulations under GUESTS: #3. Only one (1) piece of motorized equipment shall be used per membership number. This rule was deleted. Guests can only use the member's equipment. Under EQUIPMENT: #5. Only one (1) piece of motorized equipment shall be used per membership number. This rule was deleted.

The deadline for all Election candidates campaign message of 100 words or less that goes in the newsletter is due on June 8, 2013. These need to go to Benny Chester, Newsletter Editor.

Roger Moore said he will call Consolidated Mines on Monday June 3, 2013 and check on getting the Yahoola Lease back.

A long discussion followed on the maximum dredge intake size allowed on the property. Henry Wilkerson purposed the use of a 6" suction hose size with a factory nozzle. Roger Moore purposed a 5" suction hose size only. After lengthy discussion the membership present agreed by a show of hands, that they would like for it to read a 5" suction hose. Roger said that the board would take that into consideration in making their their decision.

Raffles were held: Jacob Harbin, Grandson of Member # 2409 Paul Smith won the door prize of a prospector silver round.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners were:

#2948 Dalton Cahill-Bag of Ore

#2868 Donald Vincent-Bag of Ore  
#2583 Denise, wife of Bill Johnson-Bag of Ore  
#3028 Jerry Baker-Bag of Ore  
#2391 Don Minzey-Bag of Ore  
Nancy, wife of #3028 Jerry Baker- Gold Nugget

Hunt Master Raffle winners were:

#2868 Donald Vincent-Bag of Ore  
#1407 Kenneth Limie-Bag of Ore  
#2391 Don Minzey-Bag of Ore  
#2948 Dalton Cahill-Bag of Ore  
Jacob Harbin-grandson of #2409 Paul Smith -Knife and Cell phone Box  
#1314 Floyd Cooper – Gold Nugget

WEGM Auxiliary Raffle winners were:

Nancy Baker-wife of 3028 Jerry Baker -Bag of Ore  
#2583 Bill Johnson- Gold Nugget

Next Meeting will be on July 6, 2013. Board Meeting at 5:00 P.M. General Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

#2843 Charlie Gardner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. #3028 Jerry Baker seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Ray Sparks, WEGM Secretary

### **ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE: Lack Of Vision**

Two senior ladies met for the first time since graduating from high school. One asked the other "You were always so organized in school, did you manage to live a well-planned life?"

"Oh yes" said her friend, "My first marriage was to a millionaire, my second was to an actor, my third was to a preacher, and now I'm married to an undertaker,"

Her friend asked, "What do those marriages have to do with a well - planned life?"

"One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go."

### **Rule of The Month: SITE SETBACK REQUIRMENTS:**

**12. Any member that brings a RV or equipment trailer on the properties for more than fourteen (14) will have to have a permit. The permit will have to be notarized and have a state issued ID. \*Amended 6-1-13**

**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 add each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

At the meeting in July I will be bringing the mining equipment from the estate of Alan Holifield.

The list of items include:

1 keene 2 inch backpack dredge, Honda engine, used twice, like new, listed in the catalog for \$1695.00 will sell for \$800.00.

1 Pro Mack 3 inch highbanker dredge combo, all hoses. This has a Honda engine mated with a keene pump, new price \$2250.00 will sell for \$900.00.

6 wet suits large and xlarge, swim fins, gloves, boots, vest, tank, masks, and a box of several regulators. Pics of the equipment are available, email me. early sales welcome.

Roger Moore, President WEGM  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE WEGM RULES & REGULATIONS**

Amended 8-4-12

1. It is mandatory that you sign in and out on all the properties.
2. It is mandatory that the gates are kept locked at all times except at club functions.
3. To keep your permanent campsite you must utilize (camp overnight) that campsite every 6 (6) months.
4. The speed limit on all lease property roads: 5 MPH.

**FIREARMS:** Absolutely no use of firearms, bows, cross-bows, pellet guns or BB guns on club property. There shall be no carrying of firearms, bows, cross-bows, pellet guns or BB guns on the physical person. Hunting of waterfowl or any other game or wildlife is prohibited. Violators will be terminated. \*Amended 11-3-12.

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Hi Every one My name is Henry Wilkerson, Chairman of the weekend goldminers board. At this last meeting Several things were changed in the current rules. All of you will be receiving a copy with your Absentee ballot. Please try to remember that the board represents the entire membership and not just those who are close enough to attend meetings. All of us work hard at being fair to everyone. Sometimes this is not easy and sometimes it may not be popular with everyone.

All of the people have to share the responsibility to be absolutely fair whether we like it or not.

Thank you for being patient with us

**ELECTION LETTERS**

It has been an honor to serve as your President for the past 2 years. I am running for re-election in August. I am sure you have noticed that that the club runs much smoother now than it has in the past. This is due in part to the careful choices the voters made at the last election, and the hard work by the Officers and members of this club. . If I am re-elected I will continue to work hard to serve the members and make this club even better. Thank you for your vote.

Roger Moore President, WEGM

**BOARD CANDIDATE**

My name is **Bill Johnson** and I am running for board member. The qualifications I bring I feel are as follows:

1. I served on a 501-C (3) corporation for 2+ years in Florida.
2. My wife and I set up our own 501-C (3) corporation in Florida, dealing with helping seniors, the homeless and the poor in Arkansas.
3. 3+ years membership in WEGM attending and participating in every meeting I was able to attend.
4. With my varied background I can bring a fresh perspective to the club.

Thank you,  
Pastor Bill Johnson

Hello,

My name is **Bill Quick**. Some of you know me, some don't. I hope to get to know you all soon. I am on the ballot.

When I came up here from Florida, I knew nothing about prospecting. I listened and learned from the older members. I hope to pass on what I have learned. In the last two years on the Board, I have been able to help the club in several ways: running Commons, working Bear on the Square, giving tours, checking new properties, and working with new members. Plus, living in Dahlonega, I am close to the properties.

#1375 **Chris Benson**, candidate for Board of Directors: I have been a member of this club for over 6 years and have served on the WEGM board for the last two years and it has been a big learning experience. I didn't realize what it took to run this club. I want to serve the members of this club and help do what is best for all members. I try to keep an open mind to all problems we may have and want to find a solution that will work for everybody. Please let my experience work for you and I would appreciate your vote.



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