



# 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: July 4, 2015**  
**Auraria Community Center**  
**Board Meeting 2:00 P.M.**  
**General Meeting 4:00 P.M.**  
**Time Change Due to**  
**Fireworks in Dahlonega**

**Commons for 2015:**  
**All Commons Have Been Canceled**

**Election August 1, 2015**

**Annual Picnic – September 5, 2015**

**\*If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Benny Chester 770-531-9346 or email at [weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com](mailto:weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com)**

### WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES June 6th, 2015

Acting President Benny Chester called the June 6, 2015 general meeting to order.

He welcomed new members Robert Wilson and Don Harden. Guests were Frank Reed and Jan Miller.

Birthdays for June are #2686 Don Vincent on the 4th, Bobby Brown on the 12th, Laura Wilson on the 11th, #2697 Scott Wilson on the 6th...BIG 50, #3237 Drema Foster on the 24th and Joyce Conner on the 6th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Anniversaries for June are #2539 Andrew Whelchel and wife Ashley on the 21st and #1483 Robert Johnson and wife Judy on the 5th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

#2697 Scott Wilson made a motion to accept the May 2015 General Meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2854 Mark Nesbitt seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the May 2015 Treasurer report as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal - 39,042.06  
 Income - 8,210.66  
 Disbursements - 4,140.78  
 Checking Ending Bal - 43,111.88

Money Market #1 - 48,052.71  
 Money Market #2 - 20,405.44

#3044 Andy Curti made a motion to accept the May 2015 Treasurer report. #2890 Barbara Lawson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the May 2015 membership report as follows:

15- new members for May  
 53 – new members YTD  
 # 3259 – Last member number issue  
 \$1350.00 – Total new members  
 \$ 60.00 – Logo Items Sold  
 \$ 5.00 – key sold  
 \$ 10.00 – Permits  
 \$1425.00 - Total

WEGM Auxiliary Chairperson Denise Johnson thanked Joyce Conner for taking over at last month's meeting due to her Father passing away and also to the members for their thoughts and prayers. She

Officers and Committees	
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stated that they took in \$245.00 last month and they have a total of \$990.74 in the account.

Benny asked for a moment of silence for #2890 Barbara Lawson's sister-in-law who passed away this week.

Also be in prayer for #1407 Kenneth Limie who is in the hospital and for #0749 B.J. Jones who has cancer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Benny Chester said that for now, all the commons have been canceled due to a problem of getting the digging permitted.

All candidates that are running for office need to get their 100 words or less in to Judy Hall Johnson by June 10, 2015.

Benny Chester gave a report on the Blackburn Elementary School Bear Jamboree that he and #2610 Ray Sparks participated in. They had a panning trough set up and used metal pans to demonstrate the art of prospecting to 754 kids and teachers. Benny said that the teachers seemed more interested than the kids did. Ray Sparks thanked Joyce Conner for buying a pop-up canopy to keep them out of the sun.

Benny stated that he had a group from the Eastern Hills Baptist Church from Montgomery, Al. on Memorial Day. There were six kids and five adults. All got to pan for gold. Everybody got a "goodie bag" with a vial of gold to take home.



**MAIL DUES TO:**  
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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

Denise Johnson and Joyce Conner had gift baskets for Mother's Day and for Father's Day from the WEGM Auxiliary.

#1379 Sally Crumley – Oldest Mother present  
 #3257 Drema Foster – Youngest Mother present  
 #1436 Roger Hicks – Oldest Father present  
 #2854 Mark Nesbitt – Youngest Father present

### NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime members for June were: #3044 Andrew Curti and #2608 David Zimmerman.

Judy Johnson wanted the membership to know that #3044 Andy Curti needed to be commended for taking two weeks out of his life to help build a house for a veteran. There were volunteers from all over the United States to help build this house including firefighters from New York. Thanks to all that took their time and especially to Andy...proud of you Andy!!

Ballots will be mailed by June 15, 2015. Please take time to vote.

Statements will be mailed in July.

**The July 4, 2015 meeting time has been changed to: 2:00 P.M. Board Meeting**

**4:00 P.M. General Meeting**

**This is so everybody can go to Dahlonga and enjoy the fireworks.**

Raffles were held:

#2890 Barbara Lawson won the Red Ticket door prize of a prospector silver round.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #1436 Roger Hicks  
 Bag of ore - #2505 Harry Sands  
 Bag of ore - #2533 William Quick  
 Bag of ore - Carolyn wife of #3204 David Griffith  
 Bag of ore - Carol wife of #2867 James Wheeler  
 Gold Nugget - #3161 Bill Reed  
 Hat & t-Shirt - #2757 Dean Willard  
 Panning Kit - #0482 Brent Deuel  
 Prospector Necklace - Carol wife of #2867 James Wheeler  
 Buffalo Silver Round - #2686 Donald Vincent

Green Ticket Raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #2533 William Quick  
 Bag of ore - Les Martin, grandson of #2867 James Wheeler

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 Bag of ore - #2038 David Cochran  
 Gold Nugget - #2583 Bill Johnson  
 Bear paw keychain - Carol wife of #3161 Bill Reed  
 Hat & T-shirt - Shay daughter of Don Harden (New member)  
 Panning Kit - #2610 Ray Sparks  
 Buffalo Silver Round - Carol wife of #3161 Bill Reed

Hunt Master Robert Johnson thanked Les Martin, grandson of #2867 James Wheeler for helping him sell raffle tickets tonight. He also told everybody to thank Tammy at Crisson Gold Mine for donating the Hat-T-shirt combos. He had three GPAA magazines that #3044 Andy Curti donated to give away.

WEGM Auxiliary Raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #2757 Dean Willard  
 Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson  
 Topsy Truvy tomato planter - #0482 Brent Deuel  
 Topsy Truvy tomato planter - Carol wife of #2867 James Wheeler  
 Topsy Truvy tomato planter - #2890 Barbara Lawson  
 Topsy Truvy strawberry planter - #0482 Brent Deuel  
 Topsy Truvy Hummingbird planter - Frank Reed (guest)  
 Topsy Truvy Pig-in-a-poke planter - #2744 John Burton  
 Topsy Truvy Pig-in-a-poke planter - #2583 Bill Johnson  
 Gold Nugget - #0482 Brent Deuel  
 24 cupcakes - #3044 Andy Curti

Denise Johnson thanked #2409 Tom Smith for donating the Topsy Truvy planters.

#2038 David Cochran made a motion to adjourn the June 6, 2015 general meeting. #2686 Don Vincent seconded. Meeting adjourned.

### ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

If God wanted me to touch my toes,  
 He would have put them on my knees.

When I was a child I thought "Nap time" was a punishment...now, as a grown up, just feels like a small vacation.

**RULE OF THE MONTH:****STAY LIMITATIONS:**

- 1. No member shall continue to camp on any one of the Club properties for more than fourteen (14) days in any consecutive thirty (30) day period.**
- 2. No member shall continue to use motorized equipment on club mining claim or contiguous claim site for more than fourteen (14) days in any consecutive thirty (30) day period.**

**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.

**Work week thank you**

**Saturday members present were Andrew W., Dana B., Barbara L., Adam & Dave C., Ray S. & son Drew with friend Paul., James H., and Joyce C. who brought cold cuts for lunch. Monday members present were Dana & Helen B., Ray S., and Barbara L. who brought cold cuts for lunch. Tuesday crap happened and was called off but Dana B. was there. Wednesday member present was Ray S. Rest of week was called off.**

**SEALED BIDS ON ABANDONED PROPERTY**

The Board of Directors will be taking sealed bids on all of the abandoned personal property on the Allison lease. There is at the present time, one (1) lot up for bids on the Allison (Berry Patch) property. All of the property that is on the campsite must be removed from the leased property within 30 days after the Board of Directors approval of all bids received and cannot be relocated on any WEGM leased property. This will be a lot number 7 and all bids must have lot number on them. No bids will be hand delivered, All bids must be turned in by mail addressed to:

WEGM Secretary  
P.O. Box 910  
Dahlonega, Ga. 30533

All bids must be received by ( 8/1/15). These bids are for members only. For more information or if you wish to inspect the property you may contact the Vice President Benny Chester at 770- 531- 9346 to make arrangements.

**ELECTIONS:**

WEGM Board Position - Andrew Whelchel

I have been in the club since September 2010. Over the years have helped pass on some of what I know, have helped with cleaning up, helped with elections and participated in commons. I feel that the board has done a good job with clarifying and enforcing the rules which I feel should be continued. I think the focus should be on finding new properties, group activities and getting people more involved. Thanks!!!

RAY SPARKS #2610

I retired in 2002 after 33 years with AT&T and currently reside in Lumpkin County, 11 miles from the Turner property. I have been a member of WEGM for about 4 years having served as Secretary and replacement Board Member. I ask for the opportunity to continue the task of serving the members of WEGM for the betterment of the club and the welfare of its members. I promise to be fair and impartial in any decisions regarding WEGM and will work hard to insure the future of the club. Thank you in advance for your vote.

From Donald Vincent:

I am running for re-election to the board for several different reasons. I would like to see the club get more involved in events and festivals in the area in order to reach the public about our club and let them know what we are about. I have been a member since 2011 and I really want to serve for the betterment of the club. I promise to work hard for the members and help get their views heard by the board and to keep this organization thriving.

From Henry Wilkerson:

My name is Henry Wilkerson and I am running for President of our club. I have been a member since 2008 and have served on the Board several times as Chairman of The Board. I'm very familiar with the club rules. I've been involved with Gold mining since the early 1980s. I'm also a retired SFC from the Army. I feel like I can make a difference with the knowledge I have of prospecting and the experience I have while serving this club in the past.

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