



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: July 2, 2016
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.
General Meeting 7:00 P.M.**

**There will be no more metal detecting hunts
Until October 2016**

**Clean-up day for the common.
July 9th and 10th on Turner proeperty.**

**2016 Commons:
July 16 & 17
Sept. 17 & 18
All commons subject to change.**

**Election –August 2, 2016
Ballots mailed June 15, 2016**

***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 June 4th, 2016

President Ray Sparks called the June 4, 2016 general meeting to order.

He welcomed new members Brandon Perry and James Sullenger.

Birthdays for June are #2686 Don Vincent who turned 100 years young today, Joyce Conner on the 6th, #3156 Bobby Ortiz on the 29th. HAPPY! HAPPY!

HAPPY!

Anniversaries for June are #1483 Robert and Judy Johnson, 9 years on the 5th, #2539 Andrew Whelchel and wife Ashley, 8 years on the 20th and #2391 Don Minzey and wife Kathleen, 21 years on the 26th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the May 7, 2016 General Meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2890 Barbara Lawson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the May 2016 Treasurer as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal	\$34,167.15
Income	7,258.00
Disbursements	7,147.01
Checking Ending Bal	\$34,278.14

Money Market #1	\$48,091.26
Money Markey #2	\$20,415.67

#3247 Rodney Lung made a motion to approve the May 2016 Treasurer report as read. #2757 Dean Willard seconded. Motion carried and passed.

WEGM Auxiliary chairperson #2583 Denise Johnson thanked everyone for all the prayers and support that they gave during her husband Billy's illness and passing.

Ray Sparks gave a report on the May 13, 2106 Jamboree at Blackburn School. He said that he and Benny Chester really enjoyed showing around 750 kids how to pan for gold and that the kids really enjoyed seeing all the gold. Ray said that he had received several “thank you” notes from the kids.

Ray Sparks told the members that the club had sponsored a booth at the DVA #970 Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting at North Georgia College on Saturday May 14th. He, Benny Chester and Bill Quick got to talk to veterans about prospecting. Bill Quick

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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

made the comment that he was surprised that how many new so much about gold prospecting.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the May 2016 membership report as follows:

- 8- new members for May 2016
- 40- new members YTD
- #3349 – last membership number issued
- \$720.00 – New members
- 20.00 – logo items
- 5.00 – keys sold
- \$745.00 – Total collected

OLD BUSINESS:

Ray stated that the next common will be July 16th & 17th, 2016 if we get enough volunteers. If we don't get enough volunteers the common will be canceled. There will be a workday the weekend before (July 9th & 10th) to get the property ready for the common. All the details will be announced at the July 2, 2016 meeting.

Andrew Whelchel told the membership that he had 11 members to take the trip to Jackson Crossroads Amethyst Mine, near Washington, Ga. to hunt for gem stones. Only 3 members stayed to hunt on Sunday. They found a lot of amethyst and amethyst clusters in the rocks. Don Vincent had a real nice piece of amethyst. Andrew said that everybody enjoyed the trip and would like to plan another trip.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime members for May 2016 are #2486 Todd Schnebelen.

The board of Directors appointed #1483 Robert Johnson to fill the term of board member until August 2016. Ray Sparks ask the membership to vote for approval by a show of hands. The vote was unambitious with no "nay" votes. #1483 Robert Johnson will serve on the board of Directors through August 2016.

Ray also told the membership that there will be no more metal detecting hunts until October. 2016.

Ray Sparks told the members that every member that has a permanent campsite should know what the Rules & Regulations are to keep that site. He stated that the board of directors spent ¼ of their allotted time every month on members in violation of one rule or the other. He said that if it don't stop that the board would

take drastic measures, possibly doing away with permanent campsites and go back to 14 day camping. Ray said that having a permanent campsite is a privilege to members and he would hate to see everybody lose that privilege because one member doesn't want to follow the Rules & Regulations. He said that starting next month if any member is violation, they may be asked to move their property off club lease property.

There will a camper on the Turner property up for a silent bid due to it being abandoned. The camper will be roped off with yellow tape. If you want to bid on this camper you must send in a bid by July 2, 2016.

Please address your bid to:

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

These bids will not be opened until the Board meeting on July 2, 2016. Also remember that if you win the bid it has to be paid in cash, money order or cashier's check. Also, the camper has to be removed from the property and cannot be put back on any WEGM property. For more information call Membership Director at 770-531-9346.

#3247 asked about the roads being repaired on the Honey Farm Allison property. Ray stated that he was going to try and take care of that this next week.

Ray asked if anyone had any more business to discuss: #3156 Bobby Ortiz asked about the dams for the holding ponds on the Turner property. He explained of a better way to build them. Ray said that he would have to check and make sure that it would be within regulations of the state.

Raffles were held: The door prize of a Prospector's Silver Round was won by Dione Walker, daughter of #3328 Clint Walker.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners are:
Bag of ore - Kim Burton wife of #2744 John Burton
Bag of ore - #2166 Bob Wilson
Bag of ore - #2539 Andrew Whelchel
Bag of ore - #2757 Dean Willard
Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson
Gold nugget - #2533 Bill Quick
\$85 can of ore - #2166 Bob Wilson

Green Ticket Raffles winner are:
Bag of ore - #0482 Brent Deuel
Bag of ore - #2391 Don Minzey

Bag of ore - #2757 Dean Willard
Bag of ore - #0482 Brent Deuel
Gold nugget - #3247 Rodney Lung
\$85 can of ore - #2757 Dean Willard
#2757 Dean Willard donated the two bags of ore he had won to raffle off again.
Bag of ore - #3228 Lynn Johnson
Bag of ore - Kim Burton wife of #2744 John Burton

WEGM Auxiliary Raffles winners are:

Bag of ore - #1900 Nancy Healy
Bag of ore - #1436 Roger Hicks
Bag of ore - #2610 Ray Sparks
Gold nugget - #2890 Barbara Lawson
Father's Day basket - #2505 Harry Sands
Father's Day basket - #3204 David Griffith

Next meeting will be July 2, 2016. Board meeting at 5:00 P.M. General meeting at 7:00 P.M.

#2890 Barbara Lawson made a motion to adjourn the June 4, general meeting. #3247 Rodney Lung seconded. Meeting adjourned.

RULE OF THE MONTH:

It is dredging season once again on the properties. The one rule that will get you terminated from this club:

UNDERMINING: Undermining of trees and banks is strictly prohibited. Violators will be terminated from club membership and all rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

DO NOT DIG IN THE BANKS ABOVE OR UNDER THE WATER.

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.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

An elderly man lay dying in his bed, in death's agony, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookies wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both

hands. With labored breath, he leaned against the door-frame, gazing into the kitchen.

Were it not for death’s agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven: there spread out upon racks on the kitchen table and counters were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolates chip cookies.

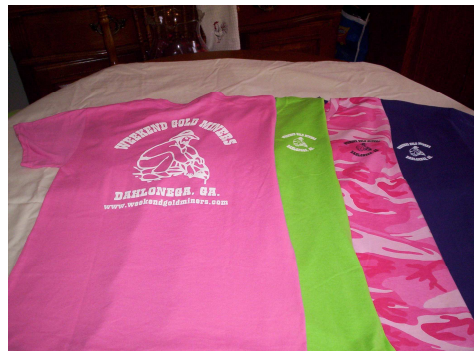
Was it heaven??? Or was it one final act of love from is devoted wife, seeing that he left this world a happy man? Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table landing on his knees in a rumbled posture. His parched lips parted....the wondrous taste of the cookie was already in his mouth, seemingly bringing him back to life!

As his trembling hand reached for one last cookie, he heard his wife say, “Stay out of those, they’re for the funeral.”

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.



Mens Shirt Colors: Black, Tan, Grey, Hunter Green, Camo
 Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large, 2X.
 Camo shirts do not have a pocket.



Ladies Shirt

Colors: Pink, Green, Purple and Pink Camo.
 Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large and 2X.

Ladies shirts do not have a pocket.



Ray Sparks at Blackburn School Jamboree



Bill Quick at the Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting

ELECTIONS:

I am **Barbara Lawson** and I am running for the office of Vice-President. I have served on the Board of Directors as Chairman for the past two years and worked really hard to help get the properties cleaned up and trying to solve the problems we have with campsites. I have worked on all the clean-up days and at the events that we have. I live close to the properties and am available to get to the properties if needed. My main goal is see that everybody is abiding by the Rules & Regulations no matter who they are. If you elect me as your Vice-President I will continue to work just as hard to keep this club running in the correct way.

Thank you for your vote.

From: #3204 David Griffith:

I would like to run for the office of Board member for OUR club. I love the great time I have with OUR club, metal detecting, dredging and high banking.

A little about myself, I am a veteran with over 20 years of service and currently work as a Parts Manager for a major Trucking Company. I have been a deputy sheriff, marshal and game warden. I think OUR club has done great things and I would like to help OUR club grow and become even a greater place to fellowship and enjoy our great outdoors, and most importantly all of OUR passions for prospecting.

Hopefully my fellow club members will allow me to serve on OUR Board to help when and where I can.

Thank you for your consideration.



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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