



# 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.

Meeting Time: August 4, 2018 **Election Meeting**  
Auraria Community Center  
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M. **\*\*\*Note Time Change**  
General Meeting 5:00 P.M. **\*\*\*Note Time Change**

Metal Detecting Hunts – Start back October 2018  
Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373

New Election Committee Chairman  
Jonathan Heard 678-850-7404  
Jheard82@icloud.com

Election August 4, 2018

WEGM Annual Picnic– September 1, 2018

\*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 July 7th, 2018

President Judy Hall Johnson called the July 7, 2018 general meeting to order.

Happy 242nd birthday to our country and thank you all members in the arm forces. Thanks to all veterans in this club.

Continue prayers for Brenda Shed. She's home at her son's house and doing well.

Thank the Lord that Heidi Lung is still here. Heidi went and had a cauterization done found out she was

99.6% blocked in the bottom of her heart. She was a time bomb waiting to go off, we thank the Lord she is still here.

We want to welcome new member Eric Peabody. Welcome guest Paul Lackey guest of #1787 David Griffin.

Birthdays: #3385 Lee Day 64yrs on 14th , #0546 John Crumbly 75yrs on the 13th, #3442 Larry Sinclair 70yrs on 29th, #2608 David Zimmerman 58yrs on the 14th, Alexis Tighe, daughter of #2267 Benjamin Thighe 11yrs on the 30th, Heidi Lung 61yrs on the 1st, #2872 Rick Humberger 59yrs 7th.

Anniversaries #3151 Robert Russell & wife Sandy on July 9th celebrating 35yrs.

Motion to approve June 2,2018 General Meeting minutes #3204 David Griffin, 2nd motion #2854 Mark Nesbitt. Motion passed and carried.  
Treasurer report given by John Burton for June 2, 2018.

Beg Bal.... \$16537.69  
Income.....\$5999.54  
Disbursed...\$2466.04  
End Bal..... \$20071.19

Money market #1.... \$48,174.71  
Money Market #2....\$15,435.03

Motion to approve the June 2018 treasurer report #3383 Lee Day, 2nd #1073 Roger Moore. Motion carried and passed.

Membership director Benny Chester gave June 2, 2018 report as follows:

6-new members  
27-new members YTD  
\$600.00 total new membership fees  
0-Logo items  
#3463 last membership number issued  
Membership Director Expenses were \$198.68

Officers and Committees	
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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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Sept 1st Picnic on Turner property. Plans for picnic have been finalized for raffles, food. The only thing we are not going to have is the band or a DJ. We are going to figure out something to have music while we are there. We'll work that out. We're going to have good raffles and food. We are having pulled pork and chicken, #2845 Terry Willman is preparing that. We had samples last month, it was good. Asking everyone to bring a covered dish. More information on the picnic at August meeting if anything changes.

#2610 Ray Sparks had given us information on property's last month on the Etowah River. Judy called Dover realty the property has no access to the river. The made it clear you could not access the river. It's in an estate, she asked about leasing it monthly. He called back said no they wouldn't do that. The property on the back side of turner property that's for sale through Hanson's real estate. Judy called them that's 400ft of the Etowah river, they want \$133,000 for it again no river access. It's all hill side, no camping since you must be 50ft from the river. Also checked about leasing monthly, no answer back from them. There are a lot of properties on the Etowah River, the cheapest \$6,700 an acre. Land in Dawsonville & Dahlongega is expensive. The reason they won't lease is most of it is in a conservatory & they won't take it out of it just to lease. We are still looking.

Judy Johnson was on both properties five times this month week days and weekend. Believe it or not one time while on Turner property not one person was there. The other times there was only one other member there. The club pays 19,000.00 on the Turner property and no one is using it. Not even to camp on anymore. It's just sitting there. If the club is paying that much money we need to be utilizing it.

A discussion was held on how to get new members. Rodney Lung was on a webcast "Prospectors Radio" He did a good job. Go online to Prospectors Radio, go to archives and you can listen to the whole show. The way they talked they were impressed and didn't know about this club. The members need to find ways to promote the club through advertisement. Wearing your WEGM hat and T-shirts are a really good way of advertising the club. Also, keeping the properties cleaned up and look inviting to perspective new members really helps.

On July 12th Benny Chester is going to Ellijay, Ga Library to give a talk about the history of gold in north

Georgia. A group of members will be outside helping visitors pan for gold. They get to keep what they find. We will be telling them about the club and handing out brochures for the club & Crisson Mine.

#2608 David Zimmerman, Scout Master, brought boys scouts from Troop 22, in Mcrae, Ga. and cleaned up 4 campsites on Blueberry Patch. This helps our club and they earn their badges. They have fun at the same time. Pictures will be in newsletter. We appreciate all their hard work.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Lifetime members for June 2018 are: #2937 Dana Smith.

Thank you, #3385 Lee Day & #2549 Ed Nefferdorf, for working on the properties picking up trash & cutting back brush.

The club has strict rules about registering your campers, staying in your camper it's because we have people who walk off and leave everything then the club has to dispose of it. There is an abandoned camper on the Turner property that is being put up for bid. It is on the road passed the picnic area. The campsite will be marked off with tape. If you are interested send your bid to: WEGM Board, Camper Bid, P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, Ga. 30533. These bids need to be in by 12:00 P.M. on Aug. 4, 2018. They will not be opened until the board meeting. The winner will have to move the camper off the property and clean up campsite. Questions, call 77-531-9346

The floor was opened to candidates running for office to give a speech. Giving their speech to why you should vote for them was: Benny Chester, Vice-President, those running for Board were #3383 Lee Day, #3247 Rodney Lung, #2267 Ben Tighe, #2890 Barbara Lawson and #1073 Roger Moore.

Due to the election next month, August 4, 2018, the meeting time will change to: Board meeting is at 3:00 P.M. General meeting will be at 5:00 P.M.

Please remember to help clean up after meetings putting up chairs, sweeping, mopping and helping Kim.

Raffles:

Red Ticket Door Prize:

Silver round-# 2608 David Zimmerman

Blue Ticket Winners:

Bag of Ore- #2976 Linda Shupe

Bag of Ore- # 2845 Terry Willman  
Bag of Ore- #2854 Mark Nesbitt  
Bag of ore- #1483 Robert Johnson  
Gold Nugget- #2533 Bill Quick

Green Ticket Winners

Bag of Ore-#2608 David Zimmerman

Bag of Ore- #1073 Roger Moore

Bag of Ore- #2890 Barbara Lawson

Bag of Ore-#2267 Benjamin Tighe

Gold Nugget- #2267 Benjamin Tighe

Yellow Ticket winner

Bag of Ore-# 1775 Cathy McCary wife of Alan McCary

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Bag of Ore- #3204 David Griffith

Bag of Ore -#3264 Robert Manning

Gold Nugget- #1483 Robert Johnson

Next Board Aug 4, 2018

Board meeting 3:00pm

General meeting 5:00pm

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to adjourn the July 7, 2018 General Meeting. #3204 David Griffith seconded. Motion carried and passed. Meeting Adjourned.

Prepared by Heidi Lung

WEGM Secretary

#### **MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS:**

One day about 25 years ago my daughter who was 10 at the time, decided she would go with me to find some gold. We planned to go that coming weekend. For several days she talked about going gold mining. The day arrived and we loaded up the truck and set out for the gold fields. After almost 2 hours of "Are we there yet?" we were in Dahlonega. She bounced out and ran to the stream. In the early morning light the sun was bright but very low in the sky. The water was crystal clear and about a foot deep. The stream bed was covered with pyrite, glittering and sparkling in the sun. My daughter took one look and said "Look Daddy, we're rich!!!. She learned a hard lesson that day: All that glitters is not gold.

#### **CAMPAIGN MESSAGES:**

##### **FROM #3385 LEE DAY:**

I came to visit the club with a friend and enjoyed it so much I moved from Florida to Cleveland, Ga. and joined the club in December 2016. Since then I have

become active in helping keep the properties clean by picking up trash, trimming the roads and landings and the 14 day temporary campsites, helping at events and encouraging people to join the club. I live close to both properties and I feel that if elected to the board of Directors I can help make a difference and keep this club going forward.

**FROM #1073 ROGER MOORE:**

I'm #1073 Roger Moore, 21 year club member and I am running for the Board. In the past I have served as Secretary 2 years, Board 8 years and President 4 years. I have been concerned about some of the reckless decisions made in 2017 and feel that with my experience I can work with the board to help keep the club going in the right direction. Let's make this club GREAT AGAIN!

**FROM RODNEY LUNG:**

My name is Rodney Lung. I've been a member of Weekend Gold Miners for 4 years and chairman for the last 2. I've organized 3 common digs and 2 picnics. . . With each event the club member participation has been phenomenal. There is a lot I'd like to do if I get another chance. My main focus is the growth of this club for generations to come. For the first time in a long time we have a full board. Let's continue moving this progress forward. I want to thank you for your consideration a appreciate your votes again.

Chairman

**FROM #2267 BEN TIGHE:**

I have been a member for 2011. I am running for the position of board. Please vote for me so I can make a difference in this club.

**FROM #2890 BARBARA LAWSON:**

My name is #2890 Barbara Lawson and I am running for the Board of Directors. I have been a member since July 2012 and a Lifetime member. I was elected to the board in 2014 and served as Chairman of the Board (first woman to hold that position) In 2016 I was elected as first woman Vice-President. I have participated in all club activities as possible and hope you will re-elect me to the Board. Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

**WORDS OF WISDOM:**

Healing is more about accepting the pain and finding a

way to peacefully co-exist with it. In the sea of life, pain is a tide that will ebb and weave continually. We need to learn how to let it wash over us, without drowning in it. Our life doesn't have to end where the pain begins, but rather it is where we start to mend.

**RULE OF THE MONTH**

**FIRE: State and County Fire regulations must be observed at all times. Do not leave fire unattended. Make sure fire is out cold before leaving. Burning of trash/garbage is prohibited. All internal combustion engines shall have approved arrestors. Shut off all internal combustion engines before refueling.**

**WHAT IS GOLD USED FOR?**

The precious metal known as gold has seen many uses over the centuries. While the most common usages have traditionally been the creation of coins, bullion and jewelry, gold has also seen a variety of less typical uses.

In some far eastern cultures, gold leaf, flakes and dust are eaten for supposed health benefits and show of wealth. It is to be noted that ingesting elemental gold in this manner has not been proven to offer any significant impact on one's health but large dosages can become toxic.

Gold is also used for modern medicine in its salt or radioisotope forms. These forms of gold can be used by the body when taken orally or via injection as a medical treatment to alleviate severe cases of rheumatoid arthritis, tuberculosis and other conditions. The gold isotope, gold-198, is used for treatment of cancer.

Gold is often combined with other metals for use in modern dentistry. The Gold used in dental work, including fillings and crowns, is predominantly White Gold or gold alloys. When white gold is used, the purity of the gold is usually 15 carat or higher.

Due to its conductive properties, gold has become a popular choice in the fields of industry and electronics. Almost all high tech appliances, from computers to mobile phones, have some gold content. The fact that electromagnetic radiation is reflected by gold has made it a popular choice in protecting expensive equipment or personnel that may be exposed to infrared light or other high level electromagnetic radiation sources.

**FOR SALE SUBMISSION POLICY**

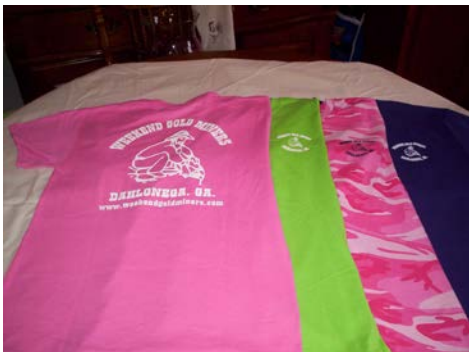
The FOR SALE section is free for members only. Membership number, name and phone number must accompany the ad. Ads will be run the month of submission only. You may resubmit your ad each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

**FOR SALE: Camper on Turner property \$350.00  
Call Barbara Lawson at 706-531-4062**



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

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.



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<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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date