



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: Sept 6th, 2014 (Annual Picnic) Turner Property **

Board Meeting 11:00 A.M.
Picnic at 1:00 P.M.
General Meeting 4:00 P.M

September Common 2014: Turner Property
Sat. Sept. 20, 2014 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.
Sun. Sept. 21 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.
Lunch served at 1:00 P.M. both days
More info call William Quick 706-344-9087

Gold Rush –Auraria Community Center
October 18 & 19, 2014

Annual Christmas Party – December 6, 2014

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

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES August 2, 2014

President Roger Moore called the August 2, 2014 general meeting to order.

He welcomed new members and guests. #3161 William Reid and wife Carol, #3167 Robert Gilbert and wife Toni and David Owens.

Birthdays for August are Kim Burton, wife of #2744 John Burton, #2533 William Quick on the 3rd, #1900 Nancy Healy on the 28th, Lee Scarbrough, wife of #2820 Robert Scarbrough on the 5th, Andrea Wilson

daughter of #1290 Benny Chester on the 2nd. HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY!!!

#2686 Don Vincent and wife June have been married 38 years this month. HAPPY, HAPPY Anniversary!!

#2038 David Cochran made a motion to accept the July general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2686 Don Vincent seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the July Treasurer report as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal.....	\$35,482.22
Income.....	10,033.20
Disbursements.....	20,192.09
Checking Ending Bal.....	\$25,323.33

Money Market #1.....	\$48,020.75
Money Market #2.....	\$20,396.94

#2890 Barbara Lawson made a motion to accept the July 2014 Treasure report. #0747 James Boyd seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the membership report as follows:

6- new members for July
57 –new members YTD
#3174 –Last member number issued
\$540.00 – new members

Benny stated that he had \$184.13 in expenses for July 2014.

#2342 Celeste Wilkerson gave the July 2014 WEGM Auxiliary report as follows: She stated that the picnic will be Sept. 6, 2014 and she will be fixing hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings. Please bring a cover dish to share. She stated that she spent \$204.08 and took in \$168.00 for a balance of \$711.25 in the account.

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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:

#2533 William Quick gave a report on the July 2014 Common. He said that they had around 25 to 30 people each day and that everybody found some good gold. Everybody seemed to have a good time.

Roger Moore wanted to thank the member that turned in another member for digging in the bank on the Allison property. He stated that we don't like to have to terminate members for digging in the bank but if the EPD ever catches anybody digging in the bank we will not have a club. The very next week after we caught the member digging in the bank we had a visit from the EPD, Environmental Division, Land Protection Branch, on the Turner property. Someone had turned us in about our water usage on the Etowah River. After his inspection he found us in compliance with state rules. Please, if you see anybody digging in the banks, call any of the WEGM officers immediately so we can catch them. This is not to get anybody in trouble; it's to save our club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual September Picnic will be on Saturday, September 6, 2014 starting at 1:00 P.M. We will have the Mudd Bros, band to entertain you and games and prizes for adults and kids. We expect a big crowd this year so bring a chair and a cover dish of your favorite foods. The club will be furnishing hamburger and hotdogs and all the fixings and drinks. The Board meeting will be at 11:00 A.M. and the general meeting will be at 4:00 P.M. Then we will have the long awaited end of year raffles. We have spent almost \$13,500.00 on prizes. We will be giving away a 4" Keene Dredge to members only and you HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. These tickets will be free but only one per member. Joyce Conner is in charge of the kids games this year and she has lots of games lined up and even a piñata. Come join us for a day of good food, fun and friendship.

There will be a cleanup day on the Turner property on Friday August 22 and Saturday 23rd starting at 9:00 A.M. This will be to clean up the property for the September picnic. They will be spreading gravel in the picnic area. Bring rakes, shovels, leaf blowers if you can. For more info call William Quick at 706-344-9087.

Member #1314 Floyd Cooper addressed the club about a trip of a lifetime in Alaska. This will be for couples only and will be April thru August next summer. You will be working in the lake below his

claim.

For more information call Mr. Cooper at 706-838-4330, 850-729-2500 or Alaska-907-715-0141.

President Roger Moore appointed two members as observers in the election. They are #2944 Andy Curti and #2938 Bruce Gibbons.

A member said that the club needed to have a first-aid kit available at the commons in case of an injury. Roger Moore said that they would look into buying one.

Raffles were held: Toni Gilbert, wife of member #3167 Robert Gilbert won the door prize of a Prospector Silver Round.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners were:

- Bag of ore.....#1407 Kenneth Limie
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- Bag of ore.....#2533 William Quick
- Bag of ore.....#2038 David Cochran
- Bag of Ore.....#1407 Kenneth Limie
- Batteries.....#Mindy Carnley, wife of #3134 Coleman Carnley
- Gold Nugget.....#3161 Reid Williams

Green Ticket Raffle winners were:

- Bag of ore.....#2938 Bruce Gibbons
- Bag of ore.....#1314 Floyd Cooper
- Bag of ore.....#2820 Robert Scarbrough
- Bag of ore.....Mindy Carnley, wife of #3134 Coleman Carnley
- Tools & Batteries....Mindy Carnely, wife of #3134 Coleman Carnley
- Tie-down straps.....#2413 Jeff Passmore
- Gold Nugget.....#2890 Barbara Lawson

WEGM Auxiliary Raffle winners were:

- Hat light.....Kim Burton, wife of #2744 John Burton
- Batteries.....#0546 Johnny Crumley
- Picture frame.....#2038 David Cochran
- Bag of ore.....#1073 Roger Moore
- Gold Nugget.....#0482 Brent Duel

President Roger Moore turned the meeting over to Election Chairman Andrew Whelchel. Andrew then asked each candidate to give a speech on why they were running for office. Those giving speeches were Benny Chester, Henry Wilkerson, Barbara Lawson and Don Vincent.

Election was held.

Election Committee Chairman Andrew Whelchel gave the election results as follows:

	Absente e Votes	Meeting Votes	Total
Vice President			
#1290 Benny Chester <i>Winner</i>	91	23	114
#2843 Charlie Gardner (withdrew 7-5-14)	17	1	18
Write in	0	0	0
Office of Board			
#2188 Henry Wilkerson	46	14	60
#2890 Barbara Lawson <i>Winner</i>	53	12	65
#3103 Tony Scharf	12	0	12
#2583 Bill Johnson <i>Winner</i>	67	4	71
#2686 Don Vincent	21	18	39
Write in	0	0	0

Election Chairman Andrew Whelchel turned the meeting back over to President Roger Moore.

Roger Moore thanked Andrew Whelchel and all the election workers. He also thanked former board members #1900 Nancy Healy and #2188 Henry Wilkerson for all the hard work and effort over the past two years.

Roger Moore stated the next meeting will be September 6, 2014
 Board meeting 11:00 A.M.
 Picnic starts 1:00 P.M.
 General Meeting 4:00 P.M.

#2539 Andrew Whelchel made a motion to adjourn the August 2, 2014 general meeting. #1290 Benny Chester seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

**I would like to thank all those who have faith in me and showed their faith by voting for me.I will do my best to be a team member for our club.
 THANK YOU BILL JOHNSON**

**I would like to thank all members who voted for me to become a board member. I will do my best to carry out my duties to the best of my abilities and I welcome the opportunity to be the voice for all members.
 Thanks again, Barbara Lawson**

From the desk or Nancy Healy on August 9th, 2014

Thank you for your support during my term on the Board. Experiencing the daily activities of this position was not easy. One must walk the properties, keeping eyes and ears open. It is vital that every member, their family and friends know and understand the Rules and Regulations as well as the By-Laws. Please spend an hour rereading them and discussing them. Following the Club guidelines will make it more fun for everyone. Prospecting is wet, muddy hard work without any guaranties of gold . . . just . . . fun! Now, I am free to prospect. Soon, I will be in a creek or river seeking that wonderful, elusive yellow metal with long time friends and new friends. I thank you again for your support, fun times and friendships. Please be involved in our Club's activities. We have wonderful volunteers and there is always room for more. See you at our Picnic! Pannin Nan

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, So I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

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.

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.

**Keene 4 inch 3 stage 6.5 Honda with air. Less than 40 hours on dredge. Some rust in spots. Can email pics if interested. \$1,600.00
Rod Ellis 706-886-4103
docrodga@yahoo.com**

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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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