



# 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: October 6, 2018**  
**Auraria Community Center**  
**Board Meeting 5:00 P.M. \*\*\*Note Time Change**  
**General Meeting 7:00 P.M.\*\*\*Note Time Change**

**Metal Detecting Hunt - October 6, 2018**  
**Auraria Community Center**  
**2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.**  
**WEATHER PERMITTING !**  
**Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373**

**\*If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Benny Chester 770-531-9346. Or email at weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com**

Crowe,#2650 Dana& Helen Boston,#1483 Robert & Judy Johnson, #2890 Barbara Lawson, #3247 Rodney Lung, #3385 Lee Day, #2549 Ed Nefferdorf, #1290 Benny Chester, #1073 Rodger Moore, #1290 Joyce Conner, #2610 Ray Sparks, #1545 Ernie Dunn, #2845 Terry Willman & #2903 Robert Johnson for coming out on 8/25/18 for the cleanup.

Thanks to all who came out Friday to set up tables & canopies Joyce & #1290 Benny Chester, #2533 Bill Quick, #3344 Ann Nemeth, #3352 Rodney Kochen, #2650 Dana & Helen, # 1545 Ernie Dunn, #1900 Nancy Healy, #1559 Perry & Penny Hildago. #3403 Kim & #2744 John Burton for providing sandwiches.

Thanks #2845 Terry Willman for cooking the pork and chicken, #3403Kim Burton for putting it all together and the ladies who served. # 3247 Rodney & Heidi Lung for the bounce house, cotton candy machine and gem mining. Joyce Conner for face and rock painting. # 3446 Jonathan Heard made a motion to approve August,2018 minutes as printed in the newsletter #3201 Terry Defee seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Treasurer report given by John Burton for August,2018.

Beg Bal.... \$15,728.87  
 Income.....\$8,566.50  
 Disbursed...\$5,025.47  
 End Bal..... \$19,269.90  
 Money market #1.... \$48,177.98  
 Money Market #2....15,435.88

Membership director Benny Chester gave August,2018 Membership report as follows  
 2-new members  
 35-new members YTD  
 \$260.00 total new membership fees  
 \$20.00-Logo items  
 #3471 last membership number  
 Total expenses \$148.64

#2610 Ray Sparks made a motion to accept report as

## WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Sept 1st, 2018

President Judy Hall Johnson called the September 1, 2018 general meeting to order.

September birthday Sally Crumbly turned 80 today, # 3353 Rodney Kocher 66yrs, #1290 Benny Chester 29th 65yrs, Felix Heard, son of #3346 Jonathan Heard, 3yrs, Bobbie True 9/3.

September anniversaries: Benny & Joyce Chester 9/12 22 yrs. Ray & Kathy Sparks 23yrs on 9/30 , Rodney & Heidi Lung 5yrs 9/27. Congratulations to Johnny Goodner and his new wife.

Welcome #2890 Barbara Lawson's guest Francis.

Thank you to #2533 Bill Quick, #3213 Brian

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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

given. #2872 Rick Humberger seconded. Motion carried and passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lifetime members for the month of August #2865 David Gooch, #2716 Tony Addison, #2991 Carl Eubanks, #2957 Jack Akins, #2936 Robert Roman, #2875 Joe Stovall. Congratulations!

Hunts start back October 6, 2018. Start time is 2:00 until 4:00 at the Auraria Community Center. If you want to learn and don't have a detector come anyway, we will have extra detectors. Token prize: Gold Nugget. WEATHER PERMITTING!!! Call 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373

We want to thank Tammy and Tony Ray at Crisson Mines for the donation of a \$325.00 can of ore for the picnic.

Elections were last month. #1290 Benny Chester is vice president, Board members #2890 Barbara Lawson, #2533 Bill Quick & #1073 Roger Moore. #3328 Clint Walker stepped down due to health reasons. The board voted to appoint #2608 David Zimmerman to the open position for the remainder of the term. A show of hands vote was taken from the membership present to accept # 2608 David Zimmerman as board member. The vote was unanimous with no objections.

Allison lease is up for renewal. President Judy Johnson will talk to the Allison brothers to see if any changes need to be made on the lease. Vote for the lease will be at October meeting.

Please remember, speed limit on the Honey Farm road is 5 MPH from main road thru the vineyards. Please not to stir up the dust on the fruit.

Liability insurance was approved by the board for \$855.00

Please remember to help clean up after picnic.

**Raffles:**

- Blue Ticket Winners  
 Bag of Ore - # 3220 Steve Hamby  
 Bag of Ore - # 3328 Clint Walker  
 Bag of Ore - # 3271 Bobbie Jo True  
 Bag of Ore - #1433 Don Ferguson  
 Nugget- #1559 Penny Hildago

Green Ticket Winners  
 Bag of Ore - Tammy Palmer  
 Bag of Ore - #2235 Glen Castleberry  
 Bag of Ore - # 3442 Larry Sinclair  
 Bag of Ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson  
 Nugget - #1900 Nancy Healy

Yellow Ticket winner  
 Bag of Ore - Heidi Lung  
 Bag of Ore - #1006 Steve Finnemore  
 Bag of Ore - #3084 Leona Welch  
 Bag of Ore - #2931 Wesly Gentry  
 Nugget - #2610 Ray Sparks

### END OF YEAR RAFFLES:

#### Green Prize Tickets

Ticket # - Prize - Winners:  
 097456 - 3 Stack Gild Cube - #3352 Rodney Kochen  
 658268 - Var. Speed Dessert Fox - #3264 Robert Manning  
 658705 - \$325 Nugget Bucket - #1900 Nancy Healy  
 097829 - Garret Ace 400 Metal Detector/ with Kit - #3213 Brian Crowe  
 721816 - Garret Ace 300 Metal Detector/with Kit - Unclaimed  
 720980 - Garret Ace 300 Metal Detector/with Kit - #2533 Bill Quick  
 658352 - A52 Sluice Box - #1909 Bob Felts  
 097246 - \$100.00 Gift Certificate at Crissoms - Unclaimed  
 097536 - \$85.00 Gold Ore Bucket - #2610 Ray Sparks  
 658178 - Gold Panning Kit - #3221 Jeremy Mitchell  
 097616 - \$85.00 Gold Ore Bucket - Unclaimed  
 716682 - Gold Panning Kit - Unclaimed  
 716780 - \$85.00 Gold Ore Bucket - #1290 Benny Chester  
 716731 - Gold Panning Kit - Dean Willard  
 721090 - \$85.00 Gold Ore Bucket - #2845 Terry Willman  
 716220 - Blue Bowl - Unclaimed

#### Blue Prize Tickets

Ticket # - Prize - Winners:  
 3785409 - Wetsuit, hood, shoes, mask, socks - #2744 John Burton  
 7941945 - Heater - Unclaimed  
 7941591 - Generator - #3385 Lee Day  
 9573126 - Gold Rush Nugget Bucket - Unclaimed  
 6816492 - 5-piece classifier - #3271 Bobbie Two  
 6816461 - Green Sluice - #2801 Al Steffanie  
 3784995 - Gold Hog pan/Bag of ore - #3442 Larry

Sinclair  
 7941666 - Gold Hog Pan/ Bag of ore - #3293 Lee Webb  
 9573494 - Reserve air tank - Unclaimed  
 3784697 - 3-Stage Gold Cube - Unclaimed  
 9573296 - Lantern - #1433 Don Ferguson  
 6816594 - 3 Burner Stove - #2903 Robert Johnson  
 3785631 - Tent - #1581 Judy Johnson  
 3785188 - Patio Heater - # 3402 Kim Burton  
 7942059 - Gold Rush Nugget Bucket - Unclaimed

#### Yellow Prize Tickets

Ticket # - Prize - Winners:  
 233884 - \$60.00 Gem Ore Bag - Jennifer Burton  
 667709 - \$60.00 Gem ore Bag - #3213 Brian Crowe  
 667368 - \$85.00 Can of Ore - Unclaimed  
 233940 - \$85.00 Can of Ore - Unclaimed  
 668881 - \$105.00 gold necklace - Unclaimed  
 867020 - \$135.00 gold necklace - #1775 Kathy McCary  
 668474 - \$135.00 gold necklace - #0546 Johnny Crumbly  
 667665 - \$165.00 gold necklace - Unclaimed  
 667551 - \$165.00 Can Gold Ore - Jason Palmer

You have until the next meeting, October 6, 2018 to claim any of the Unclaimed prizes. If they are not claimed by then, they will be raffled off until somebody wins them. If you have a winning number to claim call Membership Director at 770-531-9346 or email at weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com

President Judy Johnson thanked everybody for coming and have a safe trip home.

#2890 Barbara Lawson made a motion to adjourn the September 1, 2018 general meeting. #0546 Johnny Crumley seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Oct 6, 2018  
 Board meeting 5:00pm  
 General meeting 7:00pm

Prepared by Heidi Lung  
 WEGM Secretary

#### MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS:

On Labor day new member, Eric Peabody and I decided to go gold mining . So I loaded the dredge, went and picked him up and off we went. We decided to go to the Allison Property. We put in at the Berry Patch. After about 30 minutes the hose stopped up. I said "Come on Sam, quit stopping things up." Eric looked at me but said nothing. We ran about

another hour and the hose stopped up again. Again I said "Come on Sam give us a break and quit stopping things up." Eric was looking at me with a strange look on his face. It was time to explain to Eric about Sammy.

Several years ago there was a couple in the club, Samira and Cecil Swader. Cecil was a quiet man, but Sam was always the life of the party. Both were very active in the club, always there at every meeting and doing things to help out. Sam and Cecil loved the club and loved goldmining. One day she announced to us that after her passing she wanted us to scatter her ashes in the creek at the Allison Property. We all laughed and asked why. She said, "That way, when the dredge hoses stops up you all can blame me." Well a few short months later we lost Sam in a car accident. Sam's wish was carried out. Now Sam is looking down and having a big laugh every time the dredge stops up. After all, it's all her fault. Rest In Peace my friend. We miss you.



"In Memory of Samira Swader"

**WORDS OF WISDOM:**

**You don't have to be beautiful to be amazing!**

**RULE OF THE MONTH**

**CAMP AND MINING AREAS SITE REQUIREMENTS:**

#6. River Bank Appearance-All tables, chairs and other camping accessories shall not be left unattended within the required fifty (50') foot undisturbed buffer zone.

A. NO cutting of ANY vegetation within the required fifty (50') undisturbed buffer zone along the rivers on all club property.

#7. Camp Appearance- All camp sites shall be kept in a neat and orderly condition, at all times. Neat and

orderly meaning all mining equipment, buckets, tools, personal belongings, etc. should be stored in such a manner as not to appear in disarray or neglect to a normal prudent person.

**TIP FROM MEMBERSHIP DIR. BENNY CHESTER:**

Here's a way to keep leaves from collecting on your foot valve and shutting off water supply. Use 1/2 inch hardware cloth and make a "basket" that is at least 18 inches in diameter to hang on dredge and place foot valve inside.

**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.**

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS FOR SALE:**

- Thomas Reese \$1,000.00 731-968-7406
- Billy Mincemoyer \$1500.00 706-952-5339 Call between 9:00 am - 6:00 pm leave message if no answer.
- Marcella Wolfe \$750.00 317-440-2190 Call between 9:00 am - 8:00 pm leave message if no answer.

**Club Picnic Photos**





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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<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