



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 Time: February 3rd, 2018
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Metal Detecting Hunt February 3rd, 2018
Valentine Day Hunt 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM
Token prize: \$100 gold Nugget
Weather Permitting – Check WEGM Forum
Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373

Statements go out February 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**

Birthdays for January are: #2610 Ray Sparks 70 years young on the 9th, #3044 Ann Nemeth 59 years young on the 10th and #1581 Judy Johnson on the 13th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

There were no anniversaries for January.

Benny Chester made a motion to accept the December 2, 2017 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2854 Mark Nesbitt seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Treasurer John Burton gave the December 2017 Treasurer report as follows:

Income	\$ 2,827.00
Disbursements	\$22,300.06
	(\$19,000.00 Turner Lease)
Checking Bal	\$ 5,969.10
Money Market #1	\$48,155.60
Money Market #2	\$15,431.40

Bill Quick made a motion to accept the December 2017 Treasurers report as read. Barbara Lawson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the December membership report as follows:

- 1- New member for December 2017
 - 48- New members YTD
 - 2 – Transfer of memberships
 - #3436 – Last member number issued
 - \$150.00 – Collected new members
 - 30.00 – Transfer Fee
 - \$180.00 – Total Collected
- Bill Quick made a motion to accept the December Membership report. #2610 Ray Sparks seconded. Motion carried and passed.

The Hunt Master report was given by #1482 Bill Bryant as follows. He said that he had 8 people at the metal detecting hunt today in below freezing weather.

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES January 6th, 2018

President Judy Hall Johnson called the January 6, 2018 general meeting to order and welcomed new members and guests.

She told the members that one of our very devoted members, Mr. Bill “Captain Crazy” Turner had passed away on December 26, 2017. Bill was the WEGM Membership Director for years and served on the board. Several members had very special comments regarding Bill and his service to the club. Bill was put to rest with full military honors on Tuesday January 2, 2018 at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga. Please keep Bill's family in your prayers.

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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

He said that he buried silver and clad both. Thanks to those that braved the below freezing weather to hunt. Next month will be a Valentine Hunt with a \$100 gold nugget to be given away for the token prize. Next hunt will be on February 3, 2018. Hunt starts at 12:00 P.M until 2:00 P.M. WEATHER Permitting!!!

Judy Johnson thanked Bill Bryant for filling in for Robert at the hunt today. Robert was staying home with his mother whose health is declining. Keep her in your prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our Treasurer John Burton will start keeping our books as of this month. Judy Johnson stated that she has caught the books up, got all the maintenance fees changed and will be ready to transfer into the new QuickBooks sometime this month. Still working on a few odds and ends to clear up.

Statements will go out sometime this month and please check your info and make sure it is correct.

Be sure you get your camper renewal in before January 15, 2018. The board waved the \$5.00 renewal fee this year.

The storage unit will be moved in February closer to the Turner property and clubhouse.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime members for December 2017 are: #2616 Randall Longston, Transfers: #1860 Frank Hanson and #1928 Russell Wiley.

#2533 Bill Quick has been appointed as Agent of the Club for one year.

Judy Johnson opened the floor for questions and answers from the members: #1775 Alan McCleary asked if we charged the people to hunt at the metal detecting hunts. Judy Johnson stated that in the pasted we did but only would have a few members to come. She also stated that the metal detecting hunt and raffles were for the enjoyment of the members and to draw members to come to the meeting every month. She said that the money from the Hunt Master raffle (green ticket) is what supplies the money to pay for the coins that are buried. She stated that the club was not about making money but the enjoyment of the members and that is why we offer activities such as these, prospecting is our main activity we have. The

raffles are all self-funding, the prizes and all costs are deducted each month and all proceeds on the raffles go into each account. What is left is what we buy the end of year September picnic prizes with.

#2405 Ben Worthington asked if we could either put up a gate on the WEGM property behind his home to stop people going back there all hours of the night. There is no camping back there and really no reason for anyone to go back there at night. He suggested that we just put up a chain at night with a sign stating “No Admittances after 11:00 P.M.” (Suggestion) Ben said that he would put it up every night. Judy Johnson said that she would bring this up at the next board meeting in February 2018.

Raffles were held:

Red Door Prize of a Prospector Silver Round: won by #3352 Rodney Kochen. A second drawing was for a \$10 Gift Card from Wal-Mart won by #0495 R.L. Thomason.

Blue ticket raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
 Bag of ore - Carol Griffith, wife of #3204 David Griffith
 Bag of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
 Bag of ore - ##2854 Mark Nesbitt
 Gold Nugget - #2890 Barbara Lawson

Green Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
 Bag of ore - #2872 Richard Hunberger
 Bag of ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt
 Bag of ore - #2845 Terry Willman
 Gold Nugget - #1581 Judy Johnson

Yellow Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - #2533 Bill Quick
 Bag of ore - #3388 Patti Chaco
 Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
 Bag of ore - #3213 Brian Crowe
 Gold Nugget - #2610 Ray Sparks

Next meeting will be February 3, 2018

Metal Detecting Hunt at 12:00 P.M. “Valentine Hunt”
 Board Meeting at 3:00 P.M.
 General Meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Be safe going home.

Benny Chester made a motion to close the January 6, 2018 general meeting. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Meeting adjourned.

MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS: By Roger Moore

One summer Dad and I along with my good friend Alan Holifield were dredging in the river at the Allison property. We had found a hot spot and was getting very good gold so we ran the dredges side by side in the center of the river. We had dug a hole about 12 feet deep and 30 feet in diameter. We decided to take a short break and drink a cold soda. We were all standing on the bank talking about the amazing amount of gold in the sluices. The Allison property is very rich and if you can find a pocket, you can find a lot of gold in a short period of time. This was one of those days. We saw a flat-bottomed boat floating toward where the dredges were anchored. A young couple, he was in shorts and a t-shirt, she was wearing a summer dress. both were smiling enjoying the sunny warm day. Well, the boat got stuck on the dredge tailings. The young man stepped out of the boat, standing in ankle deep water smiling at the pretty girl, grabbed the rope tied to the front of the boat pulled hard..... and stepped right off the ledge into the 12 foot deep dredge hole, he went from standing in ankle deep water to completely submerged in the wink of an eye. He came up coughing and sputtering with a very surprised look on his face. His girlfriend was laughing and we were cracking up as he climbed back into the boat. A very good day, a lot of gold, plus entertainment.

Rule of the Month

CAMP AND MINING AREAS SITE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS:

Abandoned Campsites – It is the members’ responsibility to remove all trash, broken or torn equipment from the campsite upon leaving the campsite. If a campsite is not used for an extended period of time, six (6) months, then the Board of Directors shall have the authority to remove and dispose of all such equipment left on the property.

- A. To keep your campsite you must utilize (stay over-night) that site once every six (6) months.
 *amended 8-4-12

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

Lifetime Membership for sale- #1559 Joe Christmas - \$750 or best offer -706-442-7314

4" Keene Dredge-3 stage
6.5 Honda motor
T80 compressor w/reserve tank
Air lines & regulator
Homemade dredge cart
\$2600 or best offer
423-838-09393



WORDS OF WISDOM:

Always pray to have eyes that see
the best in people,
A heart that forgives the worst,
A mind that forgets the bad,
And a soul that never loses faith in God.

If your ship hasn't come in.....
Jump in and swim after it!

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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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