



# 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: January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.**  
**General Meeting 5:00 P.M.**

**New Year's Metal Detecting Hunt**  
**January 7, 2017 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.**  
**Weather Permitting – check WEGM Forum**  
**Or call 423-838-1373**

**Camper & Utility Trailers renewals will be mailed December 15, 2016. They will be due 1-15-17**

**\*If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Ray Sparks 770-531-9346. Or email at [weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com](mailto:weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com)**



## WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES December 3rd, 2016

President Ray Sparks called the December 3, 2016 General meeting to order. Ray stated that we had a great turnout for the Christmas dinner and lots and lots of good food. Santa Clause even showed up to

surprise the kids with gift baskets. Thanks go out to all who helped in getting the dinner together.

He welcomed guest David Coker.

Birthdays for December are #3204 David Griffith on the 6th, sixty-one years young, #3247 Rodney Lung on the 13th, 49 years young and #3316 Don Ferguson on the 29th, 57 years young.

#1290 Benny Chester made a motion to accept the November 5, 2016 General Meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #3247 Rodney Lung seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Bookkeeper Judy Hall Johnson gave the November 2016 Treasurer report as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal	\$37,859.44
Income	\$ 4,351.00
Disbursements	\$24,184.64
Checking Ending Bal	\$18,026.14
Money Market #1	\$48,110.66
Money Market #2	\$20,420.82

#1290 Benny Chester made a motion to accept the November 2016 Treasurer report. # 3316 Don Ferguson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the November membership report as follows:

- 8 – new members for November 2016
- 78- new member YTD
- \$730.00 collected for new members



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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:**

President Ray Sparks said that the Allison Lease has been signed and payment has been made.

Ray stated that he and Vice-President Barbara Lawson had talked to K.K. Turner and that he would renew the lease for \$17,500.00. They will meet with him next week to finalize that lease.

There was a vote by show of hands by the membership present, to renew the Turner Lease for \$17,500.00 for one year. The vote was unanimous. No one opposed.

Ray also stated that when he talked to the members in October about buying property that he didn't intend to stop having events but that he wanted to cut back on the spending so the club could save money to someday buy land.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lifetime members for November are #1484 Bill Bryant and #3100 David Kinney.

There will be a New Year's Metal Detecting Hunt on January 7, 2017 starting at 12:00 P.M. WEATHER PERMITTING!! We have had hunts while it was snowing. Watch the WEGM Forum or call 423-838-1073 to find out for sure.

Ray told the members that the club hadn't had an increase in the membership in 11 years. Ray proposed to the members to increase the membership fee to \$100.00 and the full membership to \$2,000.00 with payments of 35.00 month. If you join as a Lifetime member it would be \$1,750.00. Maintenance fee would be \$50.00 a year. This would be effective January 1, 2017.

There was a show of hands vote by the membership present, to increase the membership to \$2000.00, \$35.00 a month and joining as a Lifetime member \$1,750.00. Maintenance fee of \$50.00. The vote was unanimous with no opposed votes.

Ray also proposed to the members to increase the annual Maintenance fees from \$25 a year to \$50 a year. This would mean that every member that pays a \$25 maintenance fee would have to pay \$50 a year after January 1, 2017.

There was a show of hands vote by the membership present, to increase the yearly Maintenance fee to \$50.00. The vote passed with only one (1) opposed vote.

Ray told the membership that they are looking at several properties and hope that we will have some new properties by spring.

Andrew Whelchel told the membership that we are still looking for a Secretary. Member #3367 Jeremy Palmrose said that he would like to try so he will start next month to see if he can do the job.

Our Auxiliary Chairperson Denise Johnson is resigning due to health reasons so we are looking for someone to take the Auxiliary over. Kim Burton, wife of member #2744 John Burton volunteered to do to take over the auxiliary. Thank you Kim!!!

Due to having only a few members at the general meeting the board decided not to have the regular raffles but have a red ticket drawing for a "GOLD NUGGET". Winner was #3247 Rodney Lung!

Next meeting will be January 7, 2017. Board meeting at 3:00 P.M. and General meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Metal Detecting Hunt at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.

#1290 Benny Chester made a motion to adjourn the December 3, 2016 general meeting. #3247 Rodney Lung seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS:**

Effective January 1, 2017  
Yearly Maintenance Fee will be \$50

**A GREAT BIG THANKS**

A great big "Thank You" to Denise Johnson for all the hard work she has done in keeping the WEGM Auxiliary going this year. She has done an outstanding job and loves this club so much. Every since her beloved husband Bill passed away, she wanted to work for the club but now because of health reasons she needs to retire, Please keep Denise in your prayers and when you see her, give her a great big HUG!!!

**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**

3" Keene High Banker Dredge Combo  
Extra long hose for water intake  
Adapted to use on floats  
Setup for easy priming  
Clean out hose  
Also: Complete wet suit w/thin skins  
New price \$2900 – Sale price \$1900  
Call Dean 615-631-2150

2 ½ Keene Dredge-with air & all accessories. \$1600.00  
Call Martin- 321-984-1462

WEGM Membership - \$750 Call Andy -706-581-2078

**ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:**

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents.

At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their bed to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE....  
I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO....  
I PRAY FOR A NEW VCR....

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

To which the little brother replied, "No, but Gramma is!"





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.





**HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE NEW YEAR**

**WEGM OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**





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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST**

**NAME:**

**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.

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Guest Signature

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Date