



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

**Metal Detecting Hunt April 7, 2018**  
**Hunt 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.**  
**Surprise Token prize**  
**Weather Permitting – Check WEGM Forum**  
**Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373**

**Notice: Property gate locks will be changed on April 1, 2018. Must be paid up to date in dues and maintenance fees by March 15, 2018 to get a new key.**

**Bear on The Square- April 21 & 22, 2018**

**Common on April 28, 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**

## WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES March 3rd, 2018

President Judy Hall Johnson called the March 3, 2018 general meeting to order.

She welcomed new member's #3438 Ken Gudermuth and #3439 Bryan Best. Guests were Joseph Thomason.

Birthdays for March are: #2549 Ed Nefferdolf on the 15th, 61 years young, #1484 Bill Bryant on the 11th, 68

years young, #1545 Ernie "Orange Hat" Dunn on the 11th, #1290 Benny Chester's Great Granddaughter, Brexley Lynn Porter, 1 –year old on the 24th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Anniversaries for March are: #0495 Robert & Sandy Thomason 37 years on the 24th, John & Kim Burton, 15 years on the 17th and #3385 Lee & Jasie Day 15 years on the 2nd. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Please remember Rodney & Heidi Lung. Heidi's brother, Dale Stewart passed away this week in Illinois. Please keep this family in your prayers.

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to accept the February 3, 2018 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #3385 Lee Day seconded. Motion carried and passed.

John Burton gave the February 2018 Treasurer report as follows:

Beg. Checking Bal. 02-01-18	\$7,659.48
Income	\$7,517.00
Disbursements	\$4,453.54
Ending Checking Bal.2-28-18	\$10,724.54

Money Market #1	\$48,161.83
Money Market #2	\$15,423.65

#2549 Ed Nefferdolf made a motion to accept the February 2018 Treasurer report as read. #1073 Roger Moore seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the February Membership report as follows:

5- new members for February
5- new members YTD
#3441 –Last members number issued
\$2180.00 –Total new member's fees
\$20.00 – Logo Items sold
\$2200.00 – Total fees collected

#2610 Ray Sparks made a motion to accept the February 2018 Membership report as read. #1073

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

Roger Moore seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave a report on today's hunt. He said that we had 34 people signed in for the hunt and that was the most that he had ever seen since he had been doing the hunts. He said that he appreciated everybody that came and would like to see that many every hunt. He stated that it is hard to judge how many coins to put in the ground because you don't ever know how many will be there. Next hunt will be April 7, 2018 starting at 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. There will be a surprise token prize. Always remember WEATHER PERMITTING!! You never know what it is going to do. Again he thanked everybody for coming to the hunt and for all those that buy the raffle tickets which supports the hunt.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Bear on the Square will be on April 21 & 22 this year. We will have a booth set up to demonstrate what the club does and will have panning troughs for the kids to pan. Each child will get a vial with gold in it. We will need volunteers to come and help with the panning and just talk to people about prospecting and the club. Come and stay all day or just come and help out for a few hours. If you are interested or want more information call Benny Chester at 770-531-9346.

If you have not returned your camper renewal, please get that in as soon as possible.

There will be a "Common" on April 28th, for one day. The public will be invited to participate in this common. If you camp on the Turner property please check your campsite and make sure it is cleaned up. We don't want prospective new members to think our property looks like the Beverly Hillbillies. We are going to try and get some of the holes filled up and leveled up before the common.

The storage unit has been moved from Armored Mini Storage on Long Branch Rd. to All Safe Storage on Auraria Rd. This will be more convenient for the club.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board of Directors have appointed #1290 Benny Chester to fill the vacant board position until August 2018. There was a vote by the membership present by a show of hands. The vote was unanimous by the membership.

The Board of Directors have appointed Heidi Lung as

Secretary until August 2018. There was a vote by show of hands which was unanimous.

Lifetime members: #2670 Lynn Holland, #2732 Jerry Juhan, #2801 Aldo Steffanini, #2845 Terry Willman, #2809 Norman McConnell, #2932 William Zingleman and #1559-NT Perry Hidalgo.

**DON'T FORGET:** Locks will be changed on the property gates on April 1, 2018. Please make sure that your dues and maintenance fee are paid up thru March. Treasurer John Burton will start mailing out keys on March 15, 2018. After that, when you get your dues paid up you will be sent a key. No exceptions will be made. You must be paid up to get a new key. Also, please keep your old key until you are sure the locks have been changed.

The following members have volunteered to be on the August Election Committee: #3385 Lee Day and #2549 Ed Nefferdolf. There will be two (2) board positions open and the Vice-President position open. If you are interested in running for any of those positions you will need to contact Ed Nefferdolf or Lee Day at 386-366-1172 or leavemealone@2017Gmail.com. You will have until May 5, 2108 to make a decision. It's not what your club can do for you but what YOU can do for your club!

**TIME CHANGE: Time changes March 11, 2018**  
**New Meeting Times: April 7, 2018**  
**Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.**  
**General Meeting 7:00 P.M.**  
**Metal Detecting Hunt at 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.**

We will start having the "Find of The Month" starting in May 2018. This is anything that you find on the property: gold you found, artifacts, anything that is unusual. Each piece will be displayed and given a number and the members will vote on them. The member with winning find will receive a Prospector Silver Round.

Question & Answer Session: The potties: We do not run a camp ground so we do not have a maintenance person to go around and clean up and maintain the potties. It is up to the members that use the potties on a regular basics to keep them clean. As far as them being full: the members in an area that use the potties need to dig new holes (4ft. or more) and move the pottie and cover the old hole with dirt. Please remember: permanent campsites and the potties are a privilege given to the members by the Board of Directors. It is up to the members to keeps both clean and maintained.

#1073 Roger Moore was asked to read the article that was in the newsletter that was written by him. The article was about the way the club used to be. Read the article in the newsletter.

Raffles were held: Red ticket door prize of a Prospector Silver Round was #2744 John Burton

Blue Ticket Raffle winners were:  
 Bag of ore - #1290 Barbara Lawson  
 Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson  
 Bag of ore - #2845 Terry William  
 Bag of ore - #3293 Lee Day  
 Gold Nugget - #3353 John Jenkins

Green Ticket Raffle winners were:  
 Bag of ore - #0495 Robert Thomason  
 Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson  
 Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson  
 Bag of ore - #2883 Darryl Combs  
 Gold Nugget - R.L. Thomason

Yellow Ticket Raffle winners were:  
 Bag of ore - R.L. Thomason  
 Bag of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson  
 Bag of ore - #3204 David Griffith  
 Bag of ore - # Judy Johnson  
 Gold Nugget - #2845 Terry Willman

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#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to adjourn the March 3, 2018 general meeting. #2890 Barbara Lawson seconded. Meeting adjourned.



**MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS: By Roger Moore**

Well folks it's that time of year again. Time to get out the dredge and highbanker and do the oil and filter change. I have found that adding 25% Lucas oil treatment really helps an older engine run smoother. Don't forget to remove the float bowl and clean it. You would be surprised at the trash that collects there after a summer's use. Next you will want to check the air supply, hoses and regulator. Nothing worse than sucking a spider or bug through the regulator when you're 15 feet underwater. I use water under pressure to make sure the hose is clear.

At the last meeting I went to the property and did a little sampling to get an idea of where I should mine this year. After going through a bucket of dirt, I had 3 tiny specks, a Todd Hoffman (Goldrush) pan. I was very excited and set my goal for this season at 5000 ounces. If you come looking for me ,I'll be face down in the mud..... Shaddup and keep diggin!

**ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:**

A reporter interviewing a 104-old woman asked her "What do you think the best thing is about being 104?"

She simply replied "no peer pressure"

**RULE OF THE MONTH**

**CAMP AND MINNING AREAS, SITE REQUIREMENTS:**

#5. Abandoned Camp sites- It is the member's responsibility to remove all trash, broken or torn equipment from the camp site upon leaving the camp site. If a camp is not utilized (staying overnight) for a period of six (6) months, the Board of Directors has the authority to remove and dispose of all such equipment left on the property.

#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 (50') foot undisturbed buffer zone along the rivers on club leased 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.



#3213 Brian Crowe  
Winner of Valentine \$100 Gold Nugget  
Metal Detecting Hunt

**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**

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:**

Life is not waiting on the storms to pass.  
It's about learning to dance in the rain.



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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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST**

<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

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Date