



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

**Metal Detecting Hunt May 5, 2018**  
**Hunt 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.**  
**Mother Day's Hunt**  
**Weather Permitting – Check WEGM Forum**  
**Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373**

**Bear on The Square- April 21 & 22, 2018**  
**Times: Sat. 21, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**  
**Sun. 22, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**  
**Need volunteers to help at booth.**

**Common on April 28, 2018 Open to Public**  
**Time: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Lunch at 12:00 P.M.**

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

### WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES April 7th, 2018

President Judy Hall Johnson called the April 7, 2018 general meeting to order. She welcomed new members John Heard, #1963 Rick Hickman, #1559 Perry and Penny Hidalgo, Larry Sinclair. Guest Joseph Thomason.

Birthdays for April Are #2890 Barbara Lawson 71, #2342 Celeste Wilkerson 60, #1559 Penny Hildago 51. Happy 45th Anniversary to Bill and Reatha Byrant.

#2533 Lee Day made a motion to accept the April general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. Don Ferguson second. Motion passed and carried.

John Burton gave April Treasurers report as follows:

Beg. Checking Bal. 04-07-18	10,722.94
Income	13,753.00
Disbursements	2,756.57
Ending Bal	21,719.37

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made motion to accept April Treasurer report. #2890 Barbara Lawson second. Motion passed and carried.

Membership director Benny Chester Gave the April report as follows:

- 8-new members
- 13-new members YTD
- \$830.00 total new membership fees
- \$80.00-Logo items sold.
- \$910.00- Total fees collected.
- #3449 last member numbers issued.

Last number is important. All members have the right to see cards. New members without numbers should have a white card with a temporary number good for thirty days. If you find someone with a number higher than 3449 you have the right to ask them to leave the property. If they give you a hard time then call non emergency number for the Law Enforcement Official. (LEO).

#2533 Bill Quick made motion to accept March membership as read. #3328 Clint Walker seconded. Motion passed and carried.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave a report on today's hunt. He said he had 13 people signed in. He appreciated everyone that came. 1oz. Token prize went to Susan Mazzani and ½ oz token prize went to Larry Sinclair. Next hunt will be May 5, 2018. Mothers Day Hunt know as the Rosy Hunt. Roosevelt dimes will be put in the ground. Starting time at 2:00pm until 4:00pm weather permitting.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bear on the Square April 21 & 22nd. We are looking for volunteers to set up and take down. Also people to participate in handing out flyers inviting guest to the common dig, assist with panning and promoting our club. It's the one day of the year we have to get out and promote the club and invite them to join us on the 28th. Set up is after 6:00pm on April 20th. Volunteers for Sat 21st from 10:00am to 6:00pm, Sunday 10:00am to 5:00pm. Take time 5:00. Come out and give us a little of your time and bring a chair.

Common Dig April 28, 2018 10:00am - 5:00pm on the Turner property. We need to get the Turner property cleaned up. Michael Turner may come to the common and the general public. We would hate for them to see it the way it is now. We had it cleaned up but now it's looking shabby. Please clean your sites. We will do what we did last year and rent equipment. At the common we will have Bo jangles with the fixings. That will only be served to people participating. The common is held this time of year due to the water situation. In the summer we don't have enough water. This may be the only common we have this year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

We have two new life members #2678 Steve Craig and #3063 David Campbell.

On your campsites if you are camping next to the creek/river, please remember state has a 25 ft no cut vegetation buffer zone. WEGM rule is 50ft. Remember you cannot cut the vegetation that can get us into trouble. Read your rules and regulations so we don't have this oversight again. This vegetation prevents erosion from getting into the creek.

**Election Committee:**

Lee Day is the election chairman. So far he has one person to run for the board. There are 2 board positions open and the Vice President. You have until the May meeting to get your name on the ballot so they can get approved by the board.

The Common Dig: Rodney Lung will need to rent equipment to get the dirt for the dig and to fix the holding pond. Also there are holes on the property that need to be filled and to put down gravel. He and Bill Quick will be there the whole week making repairs. The cost of a 2 day rental is almost as much as a

week rental. It's more cost efficient to rent for the whole week. Estimate cost is around 2,000.00. Show of hands was unanimous with no "Nay".

Someone has been having fun in the Berry Patch. We have clay pigeons all over. We don't think they have been shot. We believe they have just been breaking them up. We don't know who did it but now we have to clean it up. If you chose to do something like this you must clean it up.

A chain and club lock will be placed across the access road to the Shoals by Ben Worthington's to stop outsiders from coming in.

A letter will be sent to Michael Turner regarding new property to lease for day use.

Judy Johnson received a call from Gilmer County Library. They want us to talk about gold mining and how we mine. Also to teach them how to pan. July 12th date has been chosen. Benny Chester and Judy Johnson have volunteered their services.

Permanent campsites belong to the members. Do not trespass on other members sites. The situation is being monitored. All members should have their cards with them.

Questions and Answers: People having trouble with new keys. Ask Benny Chester if you are having trouble and he will give you a new key. Do not copy keys, if you need a second key you can purchase one.

Judy and Robert Johnson went to John and Kim Burtons to set up and train John on new computer. They had a great dinner and spent the night. Judy and Robert want to thank John and Kim for their hospitality.

Raffles:

Red Ticket Door Prize: Silver round- Terry Williams

Blue Ticket Winners

Bag of Ore - Judy Johnson  
 Bag of Ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson  
 Bag of Ore - Dennis Right  
 Nugget - #3328 Clint Walker

Green Ticket Winners are:

Bag of Ore - #1383 Robert Johnson  
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 Bag of Ore - #3293 Lee Webb  
 Bag of Ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson  
 Gold Nugget - #3247 Rodney Lung

Yellow Ticket Winners are:

Bag of Ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson  
 Bag of Ore - John Heard  
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 Bag of Ore - #3277 David Triplett  
 Gold Nugget - #3213 Brain Crowe

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 Metal Detecting Hunt 2:00pm until 4:00pm  
 Board Meeting 5:00pm  
 General Meeting 7:00pm  
 Motion to adjourn.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

It's finally Spring and soon our properties will be covered with members wanting to get in the water looking for gold or maybe just to camp. If you have a campsite and haven't been in a while you need to check it out. As I walked through the properties I saw tents and canopies on the ground due to the storms and camps in bad disarray. I had to clean up my own canopy, which had fallen during the snow. Please. If you have a campsite, go check it out and clean it up. Read the Rules & Regulations about campsites. Your campsite is a privilege to have and we don't like to send out letters to any member. Most all the Rules & Regulations resulted from members not willing to take care of their campsite. We do not own these properties and we have to answer to the property owners. Make this a better summer season for everybody and help us get the properties cleaned up.

We are working on the roads and should have gravel on the Turner main road by the end of the week. Three loads of gravel have been ordered and the weather is supposed to be good. We will be working on the Turner property the last week of April getting ready for the common. There is a lot of cleaning to be done there, so many campsites in disarray. Do your part and let's make this a wonderful summer this year!!

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

April is one of my favorite times of the year! In April we get everything ready and tune up the engines for the summer mining season. I always find a hose with a leak or metal foot valve or intake nozzle rusted through. Then it's off to Crisson's Gold Mine for spare parts. Tammy has everything in stock that I need to fix almost any mining equipment breakdown. Now listen up, on April the 28th, Weekend Gold Miners will have our first common of the year. Tell your friends to come check it

out. We will provide all the equipment and will offer instructions on how to mine gold in the Dahlonega area. Everybody that comes out has a chance to find some gold to take home. Mining in Dahlonega is very different than mining in Alaska or out west. The equipment has to be modified to run dirt with a large clay content. We will be glad to explain all the modifications to you. We get started around 9am. Wet T-shirt contest at noon. (just kidding) But if you like to see people with mud all over them and soaking wet, then the wet t-shirt contest is right up your alley. I know for a fact I get soaked no matter how hard I try to keep dry. A raincoat or a poncho is recommended attire. A hose always seems to get away from you, or you will be splashed as you are feeding the hopper. It's all part of the fun. For directions to the property you can call one of the Board Members or any Officer of the club, the numbers are listed in the newsletter. I'll try to talk the newsletter editor into printing a map to the property. Just think, in your later years you can tell your grandchildren that you were once a gold miner. I am very excited and can hardly wait to hear the now famous call "Gentlemen start your engines" every spring at the first common. I could be wrong, I think it's NASCAR that says that. It doesn't matter. Come out, meet some fine people and have some fun. And if we're lucky, we will find some gold. Best of all it's free to attend.

**WORDS OF WISDOM:**

Many of life's problems come from two things:  
 We act without thinking or we keep thinking or  
 We keep thinking without acting.

**RULE OF THE MONTH**

**EQUIPMENT:**

#4. All motorized mining equipment shall have membership number affixed in three (3") inch numbers to be visible from both sides.

#5. Only one piece of motorized equipment shall be used per member number at any time. Exception: A spouse or live-in companion listed on the members original application can run a piece of motorized equipment at the same time as the member. The equipment must have the member number on it.



1 oz hunt token prize went to Susan Mazzani



1/2 oz hunt token prize went to Larry Sinclair



**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

**FOR SALE:**

2 ½ Keene dredge with 4 hp Honda motor, air compressor and hook-ups. 2.5 " power jet, 1.25 oversized/w sleeve. Has 2 venturis and hoses. One owner-Pd. \$2000 Sell for \$650

Honcoop highbanker w/2 hp Honda motor and pump, hose kit, and all attachments including hoses. One owner Sell for \$650.

Also WEGM Lifetime Membership for \$400. For details call Bob Carr 870-373-2158 or 770-373-0095 or 870-322-7128

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