



# 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: June 2, 2018  
Auraria Community Center  
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M. \*Note Change  
General Meeting 7:00 P.M. \*Note Change**

**Metal Detecting Hunts – Start back October 2018  
Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373**

**Election Deadline for Ballot- June 2, 2018  
Deadline for campaign message for newsletter – June 2, 2018  
New Election Committee Chairman ;  
Jonathan Heard 678-850-7404  
Jheard82@icloud.com**

**Absentee ballots mailed out June 19, 2018**

**Election August 4, 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 May 5th, 2018

President Judy Hall Johnson called the May 5, 2018 general meeting to order.

She wished all a Happy Mother's Day. Boxes of candy were given by Kim Burton, WEGM Auxiliary for the youngest mother, Camera Heard, wife of #3446 Jonathan Heard. Oldest mother, #1379-NT Sally Crumbly .

#610 Robert Childress passed away, Please keep his

family in your prayers. Prayers for #859 Brenda Shed, who broke her leg and for Deb Contway, wife of #3370 Tom Contway, who broke both ankles.

Birthdays for May are #1774 Kathy McCary 60, on 5/23, Robert Russell 74, on 5/9, #1483 Robert Johnson 63, on 5/2.

Happy Anniversary to #3353 John and Judy Jenkins on 14yrs and #1775 Alan and Kathy McCary 29yrs on the 27th.

New members were Frank and Franklin.

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

Treasurer John Burton gave April 2018 Treasurers report as follows:

Beg. Checking Bal. 05-01-18	21, 719.37
Income	4,968.00
Disbursements	4,699.82
Ending Bal	21,987.82
Money Market #1	48,168.27
Money Market#2	15,433.94

#3385 Lee Day made motion to accept April 2018 Treasurer report. #1775 Alan McCary seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership director Benny Chester gave the April 2018 report as follows:

4-new members  
17-new members YTD  
\$430.00 total new membership fees  
\$0-Logo items sold.  
\$435.00- Total fees collected.  
\$164.30- Expense  
#3453 last member numbers issued.

Last membership number is important. All members

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<b>OFFICERS</b>	
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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

have the right to ask to see any member's card. New members should have a white temporary membership card that is good for thirty days. If you find someone with a number higher than #3453 you have the right to ask them to leave the property. If they refuse then call non-emergency number for the Law Enforcement Official. (LEO) posted at each property gate.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave a report on today's hunt. He said we had a smaller than normal crowd. He appreciated everyone that came. \$431.00 in silver coins plus 2 tokens were put in the ground. No one found the tokens so the token prizes were put in the raffle. A 1996-W Roosevelt dime will be in the raffle. Metal detecting season has come to an end. This was the last hunt of the season and will back in October 2018.. Hope everyone had fun!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There were three loads of gravel put on the roads at the Turner Property.

Bear on the Square: Really had a good time on Sat, but to be honest didn't like our location but, had quite a few people & stayed busy. Sunday the threat of rain came in, the vendors were leaving due to rain and wind gusts. So members took down as well. Robert thanked #3151 Robert Russell for bringing the BBQ. Judy gave a special thank you to Rodney, Benny, Bill, Nancy for Friday set up. Saturday members that helped with panning were: # 2973 James Henley, #3247 Rodney Lung, #2549 Ed Nefferdorf, #2466 Serena Blackwell, #0747 James Boyd, #1483 Robert & #1581 Judy Johnson, #1290 Benny Chester, Joyce Conner, #1900 Nancy Healy, #2610 Ray Sparks, #2845 Terry Willman, and #2583 Denise Johnson. Denise Johnson came all the way from Florida to work Bear in the square. On Sunday helpers were #1900 Nancy Healy, #2533 Bill Quick, Robert & Judy Johnson and Rodney Lung. #3151 Robert and Sandy Russell had brought lunch for everyone there but everybody had already left. We truly appreciate their effort to take care of all of us.

Common Dig: Went very well. There 40 members and 19 guests. First common Judy Johnson ever worked in and many people seen her dirty for the first time! All had a great time playing in the mud. Also had a little excitement, Rodger Moore almost fell in the pond. Barbara Lawson took care of everything pertaining to the food. With multiple trips back to her camper for things they forgot to send. Thank you Barbara for doing that all by yourself. Also thank Rodney Lung for

being here a week getting everything ready. They did a lot of work on the Turner property. Benny Chester was there and played with the bobcat even though he said he was sore the next day. He was having fun because he was smiling! Thanks to all who help pull off this common #2845 Terry Willman, #3102 Tony Scarff and #2532 Bill Quick. #2610 Ray Sparks had a group there from, St Elizabeth Orthodox Mission Church. #2610 Ray Sparks brought a newsletter from the church that has pictures of the group working at the common. He had a few extras to pass out. Pictures have been put on WEGM face book page for anyone interested. Last month the members approved 2,000.00 for the common. The expenses went \$1500 over budget so another vote of approval for the equipment for the common of \$3,566.00 had to be taken. The vote was taken by a show of hands by the members present. The vote was unanimous with no "Nay" votes. The total for the common was roughly \$4,244.77.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Election Committee: #3385 Lee Day has been the election committee chairman. He has done a great job; he has 7 people running for board, 1 running for vice president. Normally May is the last month the ballots are approved however the way the time has fallen the club can wait one more month to see if anyone else wants to run. The board has approved that. As long as the ballots are approved and out by June 19th

#3385 Lee Day is resigning as chairman because he is running for the board. Now the club needs a new election committee chairman. #3446 Jonathan Heard has volunteered to be the new election chairman. Running for board #3247 #Rodney Lung, #2890 Barbara Lawson, #3385 Lee Day, 3213 Brian Crowe, #2267 Ben Tighe. #1073 Rodger Moore. #1484 Bill Bryant Running for VP #1290 Benny Chester. You have one more month to consider running. Ballots will be approved June 2, 2018 and go out on the 19, 2018 Election August 2, 2018

Lifetime members: #2855 James Grancio, #3099 Louie Barr.

Questions and Answers: #3385 Lee Day asks that people be more respectful of Blue Berry Patch. Pick up your trash and bottles. He request trash cans but due to past abuse members will continue to take their own trash back out. He has been picking up all the trash on the property and disposing of it. Thank you Lee for your time and effort.

Turner Property: Berms where made on the roads to

help stop the water from washing out the roads. Sometimes these berms fill up with sand and gravel. If you see one that is filling up, please take a shovel and open it back up. It would be greatly appreciated.

#3328 Clint Walker wanted to welcome Dionne Walker back, she had been away for medical reasons.

Judy Johnson told the members that the officers of this club volunteer their time and effort to run the business of the club and to see that everybody abides by the By-laws and Rules & regulations. Please just because you are friends with an officer, don't ask for favors. It is hard not to take care of your friends but all you are doing is putting them in a bad situation. If you let one member break a rule then you have to let ALL the members do it. Have respect for your officers and don't even ask. It always catches up with them.

Please remember to help clean up after meetings putting up chairs, sweeping, mopping and helping John & Kim put things back in the storage.

Raffles:

Red Ticket Door Prize: Silver round-# Rodney Kocher

Blue Ticket Winners

Bag of Ore- Kath McCary, wife of #1775 Alan McCary

Bag of Ore-#3385 Lee Day

Bag of Ore- #3213 Brian Crowe

Nugget- #2890 Barbara Lawson

Knife-#2854 Mark Nesbitt

Green Ticket Winners are:

Bag of Ore #3385 Lee Day

Bag of Ore-#0546 Johnny Crumbly

Bag of Ore- #2267 Ben Tighe

Bag of Ore-#2686 Don Vincent

Gold Nugget-#3213 Brian Crowe

Knife #3353 John Jenkins

Dime-Dionne Walker

Dime #3353 Judy Jenkins

Yellow Ticket Winners are:

Bag of Ore-#2744 John Burton

Bag of Ore-#1900 Nancy Healy

Bag of Ore-#3213 Brian Crowe

Bag of Ore-#3247 Rodney Lung

Gold Nugget- #1482 Bill Bryant

Next Meeting June 2, 2018

Board Meeting 5:00pm

General Meeting 7:00pm

#2890 Barbara Lawson. Made a motion to adjourn the May 5, 2018 general meeting. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Motion carried and passed. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by: Heidi Lung, WEGM Secretary

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I want to thank all the volunteers we had for Bear on the Square and the Common. We had a great turnout for both events. Feels like summer is here and now it is time to start camping and getting in the water. Just remember the Rules & regulations and be safe. Above all: Have a good time. See you on the creek!

#### FROM MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BENNY CHESTER:

Recipe for ear drops for dredgers: Mix 70% alcohol with distilled white vinegar, half & half. Use liberally in each ear and let remain for at least 5 seconds.

#### THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW FROM OLE PROSPECTOR JOE:

Facts about GOLD:

Symbol- AU

Melting point -1063 degrees –C  
1945 degrees –F

Boling point- 2856 degrees –C  
5173 degrees -F

What is a Karat? Pure gold is expressed as 24 karats. When alloyed (mixed with other metals) the following table is used to determine the karat.

24K = 100% Pure Gold  
18K = 75% Pure Gold  
14K = 58% Pure Gold  
10K = 42% Pure Gold

How is gold weighed?

0.0648 grams = 1 grain  
24 grains = 1 pennyweight (dwt)  
20 pennyweight (dwt) = 1 troy oz.  
12 troy oz. = 1 troy pound

#### WORDS OF WISDOM:

Challenges are what make Life interesting,  
How you handle them makes life meaningful.

#### RULE OF THE MONTH

**TRASH AND SANITATION “PACK IT IN – PACK IT OUT”** Take your trash with you. This includes all cigarette butts, bottle caps, or pull tabs. Use your shovel as your toilet tool, away from the general camping areas and trails. Bury it no less than six inches deep. We do provide toilets in most camping areas.

#### HOW TO TELL FOOL'S GOLD FROM REAL GOLD:

If you have been bitten by the gold bug, knowing how to tell the difference between Pyrite, commonly known as Fool's Gold, and real gold can save you a lot of trouble and embarrassment. After all, mistakenly identifying Pyrite as Gold is a rookie mistake. Fortunately, a few simple field tests will have you looking like an expert when it comes to distinguishing real gold from pyrite.

The first test is simple. Hold the suspected material close to your nose and smell it. If it smells of Sulphur, it's probably not gold.

Secondly, look closely at the sample. Pyrite forms in cube shaped crystals so if your sample has a lot of sharply angled edges, it's probably pyrite instead of gold.

The third test checks for malleability. The old school prospectors would bite down on a suspected material. If the bite left indentations in the metal, then it was real gold. The modern prospector may be a little squeamish about just stuffing rocks in their mouth straight off the ground. Instead, bring a hammer with you and give the suspected items a good solid hit. If the sample shatters, it's pyrite, if it flattens or expands, it's gold.

#### 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:**

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

**Bear on the Square Photos:**







**Common Dig Photos:**





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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