

## The Prez Sez

Hello everybody, the May meeting proved that I am not as organized as I thought. The June meeting will be devoted entirely to a cabochon workshop. Everyone that wants a hands-on introduction to this area of lapidary work will be welcome. Be sure to wear clothes that can survive a little mud.



This means no business meeting in June; I don't know of anything that can't wait until next month. What we do need to consider in July:

- 1) vote on getting cab machines for the Craft Center
- 2) discussion/vote on committing the Club to provide expendable materials for the machines we have given to the Crafts Center. (replacement dyna laps, wheels, etc.)
- 3) discussion/vote on the Club subsidizing classes for Club members – how much and to whom.
- 4) first general consideration of the amendments to the By Laws



### Complete list of Refreshment Volunteers

June – OPEN  
 July – Marion & Mickey Broadway  
 August – Ice Cream Social  
 September – C & C Hummel  
 October – Charlie Bender  
 November – Debbie & Jerry Miller

## Gem & Mineral Shows

July 5-7	Waynesboro, VA “Treasures of the Earth”
July 19-21	Boone, NC “Treasures”
July 25-28	Franklin, NC Wholesale & Retail Shows
Aug 30-Sept 2	Hendersonville, NC Gem & Mineral Society
Sept 13-15	Asheville, NC “Treasures”
Sept 28	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Greensboro, NC Rockswap of the Carolinas



I attended the Rockswap in Greensboro and enjoyed the day very much. I plan attending this year, Editor

## TOURMALINE DISCOVERIES IN MAINE



The first major tourmaline discovery in Maine occurred in 1820 at Mount Mica in Paris. Augustus Hamlin related the famous story of the discovery by two boys exploring the local countryside in his 1895 book entitled "The History of Mount Mica". A quarry that was opened at the site has intermittently produced gem tourmaline and other interesting minerals up to the present day. The Hamlin Necklace, containing fine tourmalines of various colors from this quarry, can be seen in the Harvard University Mineralogical Museum.

Many other tourmaline deposits have been found in Maine over the years. Sharp crystals of black tourmaline are widespread in pegmatites of Oxford, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, and Cumberland Counties. The colored crystals occur mainly in Oxford County and the Auburn-Poland area. It is curious that the best gem-producing localities lie on a straight line extending southeastward through this part of the state. In 1972 a spectacular series of large tourmaline pockets was opened at the Dunton Mine in Newry. Hundreds of pounds of red and green crystals were found, including the "Jolly Green Giant", a 10-inch crystal now in the collection of the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. The State of Maine tourmaline necklace was designed using Newry gems and presented to the State in 1975 by the Maine Retail Jewelers Association. (The chain of this necklace was made from gold nuggets panned from the Swift River in Byron.)

Large discoveries of gem tourmaline like those mentioned above are rare indeed, but mineral collectors still make occasional finds of nice crystals in the rock piles around pegmatite quarries. Pieces of pink, green, blue, or watermelon tourmaline can be found at places such as the Dunton Mine, Mt. Mica, or Black Mountain (Rumford). Collecting is usually allowed at these localities for a small fee. Cut tourmaline gems and crystal specimens are displayed in museums and can be purchased from jewelers or mineral dealers.



### TAR HEEL GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.

#### BY-LAWS

##### I. MEETING DATE AND TIME

The Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Club, will meet on the third Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:30 p.m. Changes in the meeting date and time must be authorized by the Executive Council, and if so authorized, it will be the duty of the Secretary to notify the membership of said changes. Meetings will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. This provision takes precedence over any other provision in the by-laws.

II. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. The President of the Club shall be the presiding officer at Club meetings and shall be responsible for business matters involving the Club. The President shall serve ex-officio to all committees concerning the functions of the Club. He or she may create additional committees or eliminate existing committees as necessary with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- B. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence or inability to serve. Should the President resign, or in any other manner withdraw from the Club, the Vice-President shall become Acting President until such time as the next general election is held. The Vice-President shall also perform other duties as prescribed by the President.
- C. The Secretary shall be responsible for the distribution of informative materials relating to the Club, or its membership, such as bulletins, newsletters, announcements, memoranda, official letters, press releases, or any similar material not previously assigned. The Secretary shall also be responsible for recording the minutes of each meeting, plus ordering, receiving and distributing the periodical that accompanies membership. The Secretary shall be responsible for acquiring and maintaining Club stationary. In addition, the Secretary shall assume any duties assigned by the President.
- D. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all monetary matters to which the Club is a party. The Treasurer shall keep a book of accounts reflecting the income and expenditures of the Club and shall give a monthly report and a quarterly statement regarding the status of the Club's assets. Only the President and the Treasurer shall be allowed to authorize expenditures in the name of the Club. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for printing and distributing identification cards.

Upon election of a new Treasurer, the outgoing Treasurer will turn over all records, accounts, etc. to the new Treasurer within two weeks of the election. Any statements, etc. received by the outgoing Treasurer after this time will be turned over to the new Treasurer as received.

- E. Two members of the Club, elected from the membership will serve as at-large members of the Executive Council. The above named officers and the at-large members shall form the Executive Council of the Club.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. The election of club officers shall be held at the last monthly meeting of the year. Nominations shall be made from the floor. Should more than one person be nominated for a position, the vote will be by secret ballot and the candidate with the majority of votes shall be elected.
- B. The officers shall serve for one calendar year and their duties shall begin immediately upon election.
- C. There shall be no limit upon the number of terms an officer may serve.

IV. REGULAR AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS

- A. In the event of a vacancy of any elected position on the Executive Council:
  - 1) The vacancy will be filled at the next regular election, if the next regular election is scheduled within three months.
  - 2) If more than three months remain before the next regular election, a Special Election will be held to fill the vacancy (for the remainder of the term), at a regularly scheduled meeting.
  - 3) Written notice shall be given to the membership prior to the Special Election.
  - 4) An officer elected at a Special Election will assume duties of the office immediately upon election.

V. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The Club shall be composed of Members and Junior Members. Members shall include persons eighteen years of age and older. Junior Members shall include persons seventeen years of age or under who shall be sponsored by a Member of the Club.
- B. Persons shall be admitted to membership upon payment of dues, with all rights and privileges.
- C. Club members shall not invite non-members to attend field trips where a limitation on number is imposed. A Club member shall not loan an identification card to a non-member for the purpose of attending said trips, or for any other reason whatsoever.
- D. Any member who engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity of the Club may be expelled from membership by a vote of two-thirds of the voting membership. Persons accused of unbecoming conduct shall be entitled to a presentation before the membership and no vote shall be taken until after such presentation. Failure to appear in one's own defense, without just cause, shall constitute a plea of nolo contendere and the vote shall be taken and recorded. Any person so expelled forfeits all rights and privileges of membership and shall not be entitled to reimbursement for payment of dues.
- E. All members whose dues are in order shall be entitled to vote on matters submitted to the membership for a vote. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

VI. DUES

- A. Annual dues shall be paid at the first meeting of the year. Persons who shall be admitted to membership after the first meeting of the year shall be assessed as follows:

January - April	100%
May - August	75%
Sept - December	50%

- B. Annual dues are as follows:

\$15.00 for the first member of a household  
\$5.00 for each additional member of the household

- C. Payment of dues shall constitute acceptance of the Articles of Organization and the by-laws of the Club. The by-laws shall be binding upon all Members of the Club and each family shall receive a copy of the Club by-laws.
- D. All dues become the property of the Club. The Executive Council shall determine if a member who withdraws from the Club may be entitled to reimbursement for dues already paid.



VII. QUORUM

Those members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting. Two-thirds of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting.

VIII. LIABILITY

The Club, Executive Council, or individual members shall assume no responsibility for injury, illness, or embarrassment incurred by members in association with Club functions.

VIII. RESERVE POWERS

In an emergency, the Executive Council shall have the power to impose new regulations not previously covered by the by-laws or to amend existing by-laws as they deem necessary and proper. This is subject to validation by the membership at regular monthly meetings. These imposed regulations shall be published in the newsletter preceding the meeting of their discussion.

X. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

In the event of dissolution of this organization, its assets will be conveyed to one or more of the types of organizations and institutions set forth in G.S. 102-164.14 b: to a County or incorporated City or Town or to an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under the provisions of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.