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Western Sydney Woodturners Inc

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Western Sydney Woodturners Programme 2010

Workshops: Every **Monday** 8.30am—3.00pm \$5
Tuesday from 8.30am, \$5
Wednesday from 8.30am \$5
Thursday from 8.30am, \$5
Friday Night from 7.00pm. \$3

Maxidays: Third Sunday every month from 9.30am.

There is usually a demonstration by a guest turner then Show & Tell. Lunch is provided. Cost \$6.

Club Meeting: The club meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 7.00pm at Twin Gums. All members are welcome to attend.

Coming Events:

Tuesday 10th May
Sunday 15th May
Sunday 15th May
Saturday 28th May

Club Meeting
Linwood House
Maxi Day
Blacktown Festival

Presidents Report

After last month it is good to have a little slow down with not a lot happening, but that doesn't mean there isn't much to report as there are some leftovers from last month which will be covered by various members who took part in that activity. Some other things involved the roll out of the new "Safety Kits" which were issued to all of the members and I must say received very favourably judging by the comments, this was the culmination of eighteen months work and I congratulate those who put it all together.

As we all know we were running short on bowls for our Easter Egg run to the Children's Ward at Mount Druitt Hospital and as usual you all answered my call for help which enabled us to continue the tradition on Easter Saturday when Ken Vodden and myself delivered the bowls full of eggs to the sick kids, bringing smiles and appreciative comments from the parents. We thank the staff of the hospital for their support and accompanying us on our rounds.

Over the last twelve months we have lodged several applications for Grants and as you may be aware we have been successful on a couple of occasions and this will allow us to purchase some much needed equipment, tools, update the fans, alarm system and supply some student training facilities. Most of all the installation of the dust extractor system that is so badly needed.

These grants have been through the New South Wales State Government and Blacktown Workers Club CDSE programs and we thank them for considering us a worthy recipient by acknowledging and understanding our needs. It is anticipated the dust extractor system installation will start mid May when the contractor completes his existing contracts.

"Become masters & turn master pieces"

Eddie Catford 9837 3311

LEARNING.

Why did you join Western Sydney Woodturners Inc.? For the social aspect of the club or to learn about!!!!!!

I joined the club to learn, then began to see the social side of the club, talking to like minded men and women, enjoying woodturning.

Bob 'Santa' Hodge, as the trainer of Western Sydney Woodturners Inc. thought it was about time to introduce a session on 'Mastering the Skew'. He has done three training sessions to date and I was lucky enough to be on the third session and not a minute wasted.

A number of our more experienced turners have done the training and have no regrets which I can now confirm. It takes a full day, which is well planned out to keep the mind active, with plenty to think about together with the projects undertaken. I was surprised Bob could take a day on the skew but there was not any wasted time when things were explained in detail with a follow up discussion. All together it expelled a lot of confusion about the skew. For me anyway.

If there is anyone in the club who wishes to clarify the use of the skew in anyway, do this course and you will be well satisfied.

NOTE:- It would be good if we could arrange small groups of members around the club, especially the more experienced with the less experienced, to solve or explain problems involved in woodturning. If you have any ideas please come and see me as I wish to learn as much as I can about woodturning. Ken



ITEMS FOR SALE

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TIMBER SEALER	PERFUME APPLICATOR
WOOD (many varieties)	

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all our new members this month. We hope your stay is both long and rewarding.

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Alfred Kaldass

Kevin Farrell
Alex Sajkic

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Thanks to Michelle Rowland MP, Member for Greenway for her support which includes the printing of this newsletter.

SICK LIST

Frank Hicks
Hans Loomans

Richard de Groot
Jenny Reynolds

Get well soon, we miss your smiling faces!

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Please return your borrowings in the correct numerical order and remember that the lending period is ONE MONTH.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peter Bohan
Wendy Healy
Mitchell Kolomitz
Lawrence Mifsud
Graham Sugar
Bradley Turner

Peter Hannon
Eddie Johnson
Hans Kuehn
Charlie Spiteri
Andy Tappouras
Kevin Whittaker

Happy birthday to all, we hope that you had a great day with many more to come.

Maxi Day 20th March 2011

Bill Sheen started turning in 1990 and was originally a member of our wood turning club. He explained that as he turned pieces for the market he was keen on making it faster and easier so that he could cope with the quantity that he need to turn. Therefore his solution was to have multiple chucks available to speed the process, it being quicker to change a chuck than to change jaws. He explained that he would turn all the bases on his bowls, then change chucks and do the inside thus speeding up the process.



I naively thought that there were only a couple of types of chuck available for use in wood turning though. Today I was to see an array of chucks beyond my imagination. In fact it was a bit like a candy shop for wood turners with numerous sizes, makes and models, each having characteristics which made it more desirable than others.

We were shown faceplates in various sizes which he prefers to use for large or out of balance pieces and if larger face plates are required he suggested to make your own out of 2 1" pieces of ply glued together. He uses squared drive screws in 3 sizes in preference to the usual screws for attachment.

His rule of thumb for use of Screw Chucks that the piece should be no more than 3 times diameter and twice depth of the chuck. He showed how he had made a faceplate with a ply face which could be put on a piece with hot glue gun.

We were shown Jaws that he had made in various sizes from Nylon Breadboards. He suggested the thicker boards were the best to use. But being so cheap it meant that he could have as many as he needed.

A tip that I thought could be extremely useful was a home made ruler for his chucks. On this ruler he marked on it measurements for each chuck. This meant that he a quick and handy reference always on hand.

His overall message was you can never have too many chucks. I urge those who missed the demonstration to borrow the tape or DVD from the library and I am sure that even if you have been turning for many years there

will be something that Bill has shown that you will be able to use.

Thanks Bill for such an informative lecture.

Robin Campbell

Maxi Day 17th April 2011

A beautiful autumn day, fine company and the anticipation of an interesting demonstration, what more could anyone ask for.

The presenter for the day was our Cub member Ken Vodden, a prize winning turner in his field which is Segmented Turning.

To those of us who like to throw a log on the lathe and poke at it with sharpened sticks in the hope of making something recognisable, Ken's accuracy and attention to detail is amazing. (He uses angular and linear tolerances that would seem more appropriate to a metal machinist.)



If you agree that most wood turning is the solution of problems you would be impressed with Ken's solutions. His production of jigs, clamps and chucking methods is prodigious and were valuable lessons for all turners.

Ken's presentation was well prepared with many fine examples of his work on display. Despite a hiccup with the overhead projector, Ken recovered nicely to give a very detailed and informative presentation of his method of working. In all, a fine presentation.

A break was taken for lunch provided by our fine catering team followed by Show & Tell hosted by our Glorious Leader (Eddie). This included the club challenge of Candlesticks. The club challenge was a little disappointing with only five members submitting works.

After lunch Ken continued with a session on his problems and Boo Boos and how he had solved them. The sessions ended with a Q & A session that would have tried the patience of a saint. Ken handled this with his usual goodwill and straight forward answers.

In all a very enjoyable and informative day.

Steve

Maxi Day 17th April 2011



Bella Vista

The day started with blue skies and scattered clouds. The two lathes were initially being used to turn out spinning tops – a new skill that I have now added to my lot with thanks to Manny and his tutelage.

One of the first items to sell out was the Banana hanger. Rohan was doing a sterling job in the salesman roll, having passers by look into his Kaleidoscopes and array of beautifully turned pens and bowls.

Manny also showed me how he turned out a toy doll on the lathe. He did it for one of the little girls that were watching his turning. He skillfully got the bustle and the bust all in the right places – one to try out next time.

As the afternoon progressed we could see the clouds building quickly to the south and coming our way. By 3pm the first spits landed followed by showers and then a downpour, so we pulled up stakes and loaded the trailer.

As we were almost finished packing, a lady came out wanting to buy all the turned cotton thread picking tools that Rohan had available, to which he was happy to assist, finding them in the storage containers.

Lindsay McEwan.

Easter Show Bunnies

Several of our members were seen hard at work demonstrating our art at the royal Easter show.

Robin Mahoney held the crowd spellbound with the sheer size of the massive logs she was reducing to doll house furniture.

Graham Sugar was up to his usual tricks of curing the head colds of everyone within a 100 meter radius (he must run out of wet Camphor laurel soon).



Mannie was there to guard the treasures that were on display, and the standard of turning in the guild display overshadowed the actual competition.

We were represented in this by Mannie and Ken Voden, both displaying their skill at the art of segmented

turning.

Bob (Santa) Hodge kept the crowd and the other turners amazed at his skill with the dreaded skew.

And Ron Devine showed why he is one of the most respected turners in our club.

Andy Tappouras and Robin Campbell also helped show the strength of Western Sydney Woodturners.

The days were long and the crowd just kept coming but I am sure that everyone enjoyed the experience and will be there next year if asked. Graham Sugar

What a Feast

Looking through the photos I took on a previous maxi day, I came across a couple of shots of the spread the new Catering Officer did and thought they are worth a mention in the Western News.



As most members know Andy Tappouras took over the Catering Officer's job after Brian Brooks stood down. Andy has been put under a bit of pressure recently as he has had to cope with the everyday management of the club, Maxi day and the up coming Bunning BBQ, all within the first month of his appointment. The spread Andy put on would fit a King but it was only a Maxi day which only cost \$6.00 for the full day. That includes all the tea, coffee and biscuits you can squeeze into that small opening called a mouth. Well done Andy and waiting for the next Maxi day so I can get a good feed. Ken

“Children’s Ward” Mount Druitt Hospital

Last year we were very fortunate and had an exceptional year as far as donations to our charity was concerned, this allowed us to discuss with the hospital what their most urgent needs were. After the meeting it was decided to purchase a “breast pump” and accessories from “Medela” and two “thermometers” with accessories from “Welch Allyn”. The breast pump was to replace their existing and unreliable machine and the thermometers were to replace some that had been misplaced.

As all members were involved one way or another over such a long period of time and a full club effort it was not possible to have every one attend the presentation and on very short notice by the hospital a small group of seven handed the equipment over at a morning tea supplied by the Ward Manager Mildred Villason. The hospital expressed their appreciation and thanked us for our generous badly needed donation and assured us they would be put to good use.



I will take this opportunity to thank the two companies who supplied the equipment for their help and assistance with the needs of the hospital.

Visitor from Canada.

Back in March Louis Vadeboncoeur a member from The Valley Woodturners Association Ottawa, Canada made arrangements to visit our club while he was on an extended holiday in Australia. Louis arrived and spent considerable time discussing the clubs activities, taking notes and pictures of different works from members, we also compared notes on his club and activities. Louis stayed for lunch where he discussed his interests in teaching and his club involvement, he indicated he was impressed with what he had experienced and was taking back a lot of valuable information that will help take his club to the next level. Louis thanked the club for their hospitality and on leaving extended an invitation to contact him if you visit Canada. (Home phone number and Email address supplied)

The Blue Mountains Challenge

Well there is nothing like a day up in the mountains especially when the weather is good and Saturday the 9th was no exception. As per usual the Mountains Wood Turners put on a great day.

Our club was very well represented and the other clubs attending were; Blue Mountains, Northern Beaches, Central Coast and Western Sydney. Plus a Ladies team put together from all of the above clubs.

We kicked off around 9am and after registration and an opening address we were given a demonstration by Ernie Newman. All the clubs were invited to submit or display a table or exhibition and ours won. There was also an individual display challenge where individuals could display their work.

We then moved on to four different competitive team events that spread out over the whole day. Our team consisted of Grahame Dawes, George Wells, Ken Vodden & Ron Devine.

The first challenge was to turn an object of your choice and we were given an hour and fifteen minutes to do the job. We did a multi-positional of a Lady Unfortunately

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she lost her hat along the way nevertheless it was a good effort and fun.



The second challenge was a charade with only two members. One member was given a drawing and the guy had to convey by charades what the object was and

the other guy had to turn it .Grahame Dawes and Ron Devine did this one. We then adjourned for lunch.

The third challenge after lunch was a mystery challenge team event. The details of the object was only given thirty minutes before the start in the form of a basic sketch. The object was a vase and the time given was one hour and thirty minutes Our guys did well.

The fourth and final challenge again was a two man team. This was an unseen object in a bag. The instructor had to feel the object in the bag and by words only convey the details and the size to the turner. The object was a goblet and again we did well. Robin won the first prize in the raffle which was a grinder. All in all a good day was had by all.

Alan Phelps



A REMINDER ABOUT SHOP SAFETY

We must all keep in mind the importance of SHOP SAFETY. Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times.

It is up to all of us to fulfil our commitment by wearing at all times:

- DUST MASKS,
- PROTECTIVE GLASSES,
- SUITABLE CLOTHING,
- FOOTWARE ETC.
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An Irish Ghost Story

This story happened a while ago in Dublin, and even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's true. John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a storm.

The night was rolling on and no car went by.

The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped.

John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't on!!

The car started moving slowly.

John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life.

Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared through the window and turned the wheel.

John, paralysed with terror, watched as the hand repeatedly came through the window, but never touched or harmed him. Shortly thereafter John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength; he jumped out of the car and ran to it.

Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realized he was crying and....wasn't drunk.

Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the stormy night.

They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other... 'Look Paddy ... there's that Bloody idiot who got in the car while we were pushing it.!!!'

HUNTER VALLEY DAY TOUR

Saturday June 4th

Departing at 8.00am, we travel north stopping for morning tea on the way then continuing into the Hunter Valley. Our first port of call will be to visit the wood Working Gallery at Nulkaba. This fascinating Gallery offers an insight into the interesting world of wood and what can be achieved when you know how to use it.

We will be stopping off at two wineries today and sampling their wares. After wine tasting at Golden Grape Estate we will have lunch in their dining area.

From here we travel to McGuigans Wines for a taste of what they have to offer.

During our tour through the vineyards you can enjoy the beauty of the countryside.

Departing the Hunter at 4.00pm we make our way back to Sydney, arriving back at your pickup point at approximately 6:30pm.

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