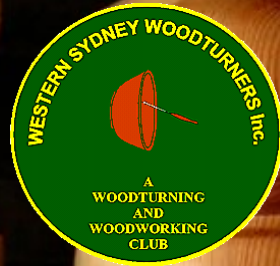


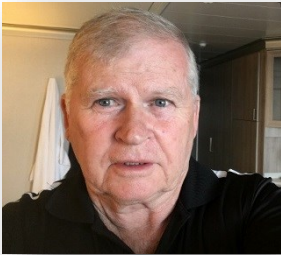
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Presidents Report July 2023

Two big things happening this month are the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on the Sunday the 16th and also to be held in conjunction with the AGM is Anna's Challenge. Firstly, the AGM, which is always started at 1:00pm on the 3rd Sunday in July. Every financial member is invited to cast their vote(s) in any election that is held. The election for officers for 2023/2024 will be held after the AGM concludes.

Anna's Challenge will be held in the morning and the judging will commence at 10:30am. All entries are to be in by at least 10:00am on the day and please no later. If you arrive with your item after 10:30am you may be too late so its up to you to be on time. At the latest count there have been over 20 members taking on the challenge so it promises to be very competitive and the prizes on offer make the effort worthwhile.

The extra lighting that we have been promised by Council still hasn't eventuated and I can't get a commitment from them when it will happen so we have to be patient and hope it happens soon. We have got the new grinder that was promised to us but we are still waiting for the stand to arrive. The grinder and all attachments will be on a movable stand so that it can be moved to the demonstration area when needed or for that matter anywhere in the club.

Just a reminder that you need to be a financial member to be able to vote at the AGM. Renewal is still only \$40 so if you haven't paid your renewal please do so as soon as possible. Renewals can be paid on the day and as we have credit card facilities you can pay by credit card or by cash or cheque.

The future looks bright for Western Sydney Woodturners and I'm sure that with your continued support we will continue to be as strong and progressive in the coming years as we are now.

On behalf of myself and our Committee, Eddie Catford, Jen Coombes, Paul Collins and Shane Catford, we thank you all for your support and encouragement that you have given us in the past year.

Until I see you next at the Club, stay safe and stay well ... Les Coombes (President)

SAFETY MATTERS

A REMINDER ABOUT WORKSHOP SAFETY

We must all keep in mind the importance of WORKSHOP SAFETY. Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times. It is up to all of us to fulfill our commitment by wearing at all times;

- ◇ Dust masks
- ◇ Protective glasses
- ◇ Suitable clothing
- ◇ Footwear
- ◇ Ear protection

It does not hurt to discuss safety with other members if they are not doing the right thing.

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Could I please ask those members who attend our demonstrations, maxi-days etc; if you could take some photographs and a brief description of the event so these can be published in the newsletter I am sure all members would be interested in reading about the events of the day. Thank you.....Editor.



CUT OFF DATE FOR ARTICLES

Please note the cut off date for articles to be included in the Newsletter is the last day of the month.

All members are welcome to submit articles for inclusion.

Please send them to the editor;

Email address: augoodtime@hotmail.com

Club Committee

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Bob Young.

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Eddie Catford and Les Coombes

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Manny Farrugia, Dave Matthews,
Graham Dawes (JP), Bob Young, Ron
Devine & Glenn Freeman.

Welfare Officer: Branka Hedges
brankahedges@aol.com

If you have any suggestions or
information concerning the club
please contact any of the
above committee members.

Club Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am – 4pm...\$5

Friday Nights: 5pm – 9pm...\$3

Saturday Turning

Ladies Day: 2nd Saturday...\$5

Contact: Anna Dawes

9638 6995

tandawes@optusnet.com.au

4th Saturday of Month

8.30am – 4.00pm...\$5

Contact: Les Coombes

0404 001 562

Maxi Day – 3rd Sunday

10:30am – 2:00pm...\$6

(Lunch included)

Club Meetings

**Second Tuesday of
the month — 7pm**

Shop items

- ⇒ Ozzie Grit
- ⇒ Friction Polish
- ⇒ Sanding Sealer
- ⇒ Sandpaper
- ⇒ Club Shirts
- ⇒ Dust Jackets
- ⇒ Club Badges
- ⇒ Pen Kits
- ⇒ Pen Blanks – Acrylics
- ⇒ Lazy Susan Bearings
- ⇒ Cheese Knives
- ⇒ Salt Mills
- ⇒ Pepper Mills

**Many more items also
available**



**A very big thank you to
Michelle Rowland MP,
the Member for
Greenway,
for her continued
support which
includes the printing
of this newsletter.**



**Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers for our club
will be held at the club on Sunday 16 July 2023. Come Along, put an
entry in the club challenge, have a bite to eat and vote for who you
believe will do the best job in running our club.**

**AGM Commences at 1pm but get there early to study the candidates
and grab a bite to eat.**



Hot Topic From the Internet . . .

(This to encourage discussion. The comments and opinions of others are theirs alone and should not be considered instruction or advice.)

Len Hannigan posted on Segmented Bowl Turning that he “recently discovered that on some of his segmented vases, after about 3-6 months, I can feel the ring joint lines, but not the segmented joint lines. He used Titebond 3 and clamping system. He sought comment from other group members.

Responses:

Steve Hood commented that the wood absorbs the moisture from the glue and over time the wood shrinks but the glue does not. He suggests waiting 30-60 days after sanding before finishing in order for it to fully dry. He calls it ‘glue creep’ but others have suggested it should be called ‘wood shrinkage’.

Others agree with waiting before finishing but for much shorter times of between 48hrs and 2 weeks.

John Miller comments that Titebond 2 and 3 are more flexible than the original Titebond. The downside is that the original has a shorter open time but it cures better and faster.

What do you think? Drop me an email and I will publish member opinions.

Take a look at our *** **NEW** *** website

www.westernsydneywoodturners.com.au

Please feel free to leave a comment

Members Welfare Report

The welfare of members and their families is important to our club. Please let me know if you or someone you know is unwell, or worse still, no longer with us.

Get Well Cards have been sent to the following Members and/Or Partners

Robyn Campbell, Daphne Freke and Les Coombes

We wish everyone a Speedy Recovery.

Let me know at my email address: **brankahedges@aol.com**

or

Text me on: **0422 655 994**

If anyone has been missed, be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our club are with you and your family.

Stay Safe ... Branka Hedges....Welfare Officer

Club Challenge

Earlier this year Western Sydney Woodturners invited all members to accept a woodturning/woodworking challenge using a supplied 20x20cm square blank of Sapele benchtop. Only one sapele blank will be provided per member and in Category A only that blank is to be used to create your masterpiece.

Entries will be judged, and prizes awarded on 16th July prior to the AGM.

Category A is for Woodturned items only.

No use of extra materials beyond the blank provided, glue if required, and basic finish. The surface of these items may be textured, carved, dyed or pyrographed.

A \$75 prize will be awarded for each section.

- (i) persons with less than 4 years woodturning experience.
- (ii) all other woodturning members.

Category B is an Open/ Sculptural Section for participation by all members.

Items presented must contain at least one component made from the timber supplied. A wide range of wood skills may be employed plus the use of other materials and craft disciplines.

One prize of \$75 will also be allocated for this section.

A final prize will be awarded for the item judged "Best of Show".

Please have your entries at the club for registration between 10-10.30am on the day to allow time for judging and award of prizes. We look forward to viewing the wide variety of enterprising creations on display.



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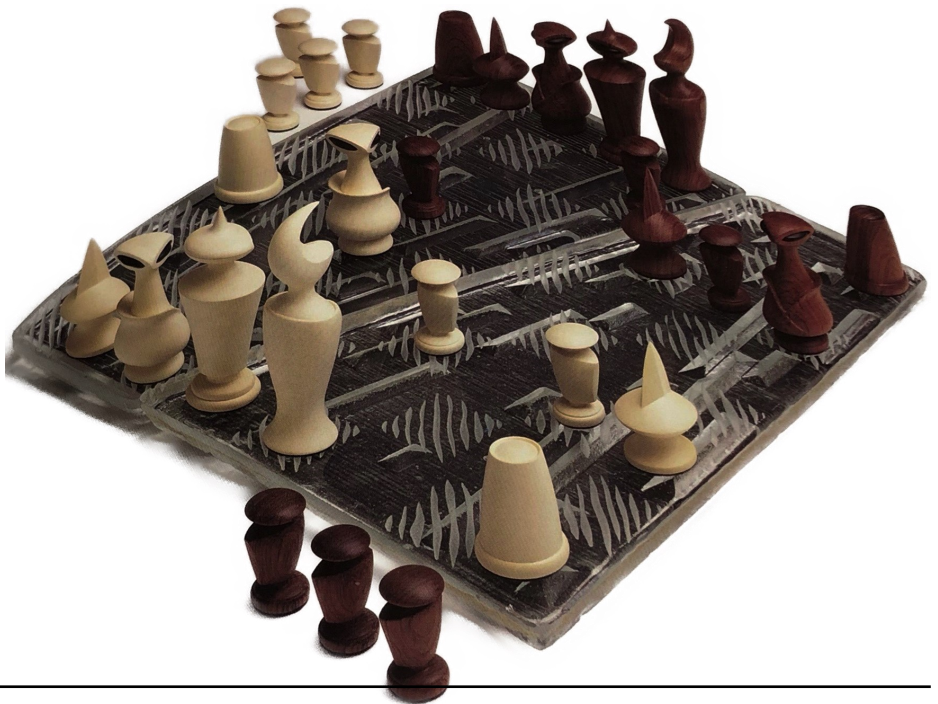
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CHESS

While at the club, I have noticed that several people are making chess boards and chess pieces, so I thought some inspiration might be in order.



Brass pieces sourced from a woodworking store and mounted on a turned base



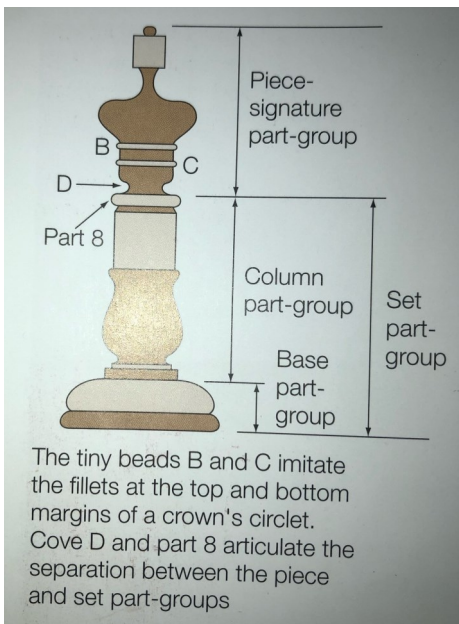
SOMETHING OUT OF THE BOX!



Irish Design: Circa 18th Century

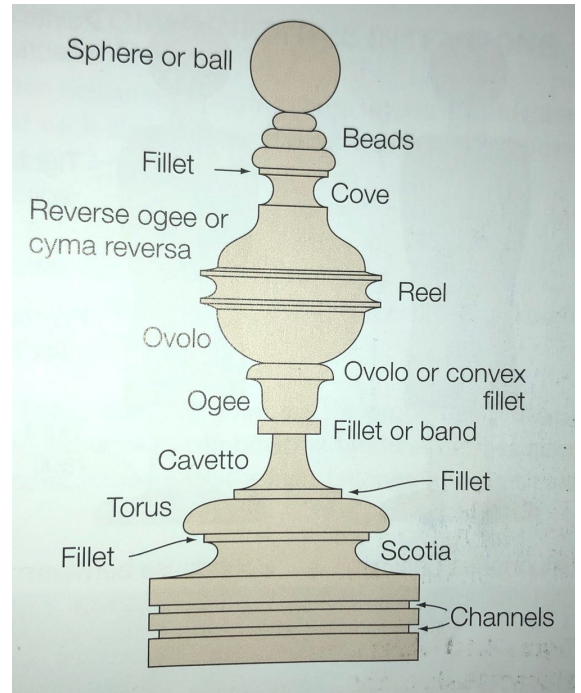


If you're planning to make some chess pieces, it helps to think of them in three (3) distinct parts: Base Part, Column Part (which together make up the Set Part Group) and the Piece signature part group

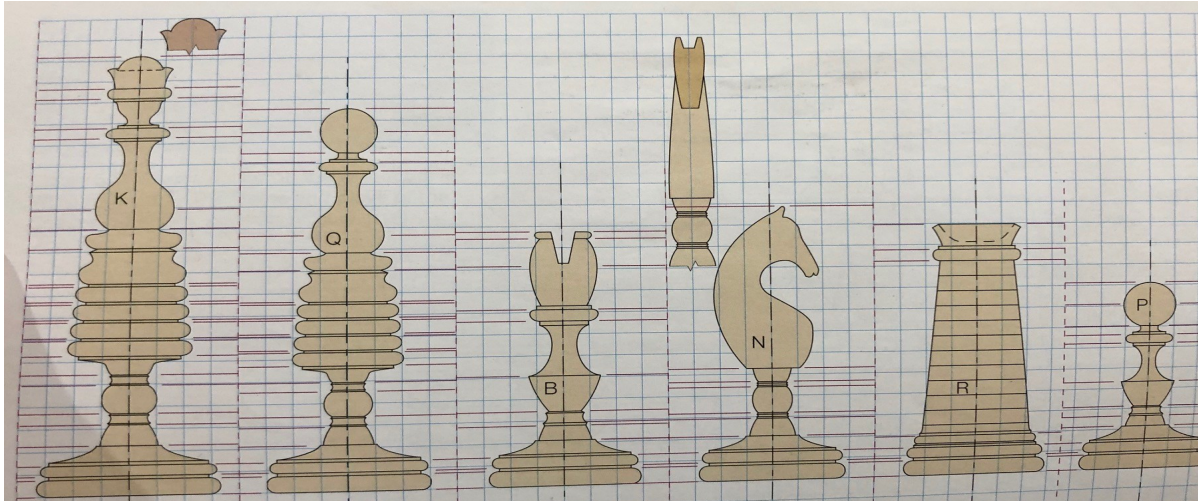


Then you will need to brush up on your skills creating each of the technical components for each piece so that you can replicate each piece between 2 (in the case of Kings and Queens) and upto 16 times in the case of pawns.

I have years of practice ahead of me.



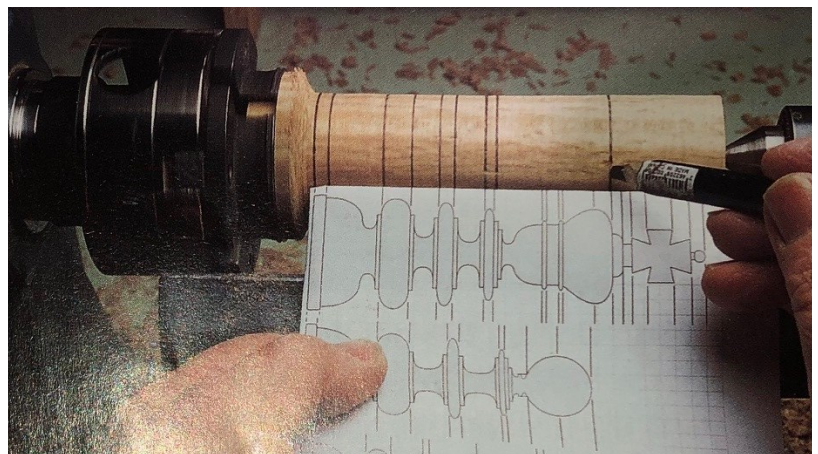
Next: draw your designs on graph paper



Lastly: transfer your design to the spinning wood blank you prepared earlier to the maximum dimension of the king.

NOW YOU'RE READY TO BEGIN!

GOOD LUCK



MEMBERSHIP

A couple of things to do / remember . . .

Annual Fee of \$40 **was** due **before** 1 July 2023.

Fill out and submit the Membership Renewal Form (See next page) or print a copy from the Clubs Website <https://www.westernsydneywoodturners.com/>

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Complete the Membership Renewal Form and return with payment to the Club.
2. Post this completed form and a Cheque or Money Order (Payable to Western Sydney Woodturners Inc.) to the Membership Secretary PO Box 4008 Lalor Park NSW 2147.
3. Transfer your membership fee to Western Sydney Woodturners Commonwealth Bank BSB 062452 Account No. 10294778, complete the Membership Renewal Form and email the form and the record of your membership fee transfer to treasurer@westernsydneywoodturners.com
4. Fill out the Credit Card details at bottom and return to Western Sydney Woodturners. Note: Payment must be received by 01 July.

One last thing . . .

Have you moved house?

Changed your mobile number?

Changed your email address?

Changed partner or emergency contact?

If the answer is YES to any of these, please inform the Membership Secretary so that your and your emergency contacts can be contacted if necessary.

The Lopez Design:

Manufactured in 2000 and featured in Turned Chessmen by Mike Darlow. There is a copy in the club's library.





MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Due 30th June

WESTERN SYDNEY WOODTURNERS INC. (Register No. 9885415)

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ABN: 56 763673 121

I, (Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr.) (Full name of Applicant)

Address.....

Post Code

Member Number.....

Date of Birth.....

Home Telephone..... Mobile..... Email.....

hereby apply to renew my club membership for a further 12 months commencing July 1st., and in doing so agree to be bound by the rules of the Association as amended from time to time.

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Change of address and/or Details

If you are about to or have changed your address or any details you may have previously provided, or wish to provide further details, please complete below as appropriate.

1. Name of Spouse/Partner..... (Optional)
 2. Are you a returned or ex-service person? Yes No
 3. Is your Spouse/Partner a returned or ex-service person? Yes No
 4. Are you a Carer for a returned or ex-service person? Yes No
- Employment Status:** Retired Semi Retired Employed Student

I agree to my name and phone numbers and email address being included in:

The Club Contact List Yes No

I will collect my copy of WesTurn Newsletter by: Website Email Copy at Club

Signature.....

Date.....

Credit Card Details

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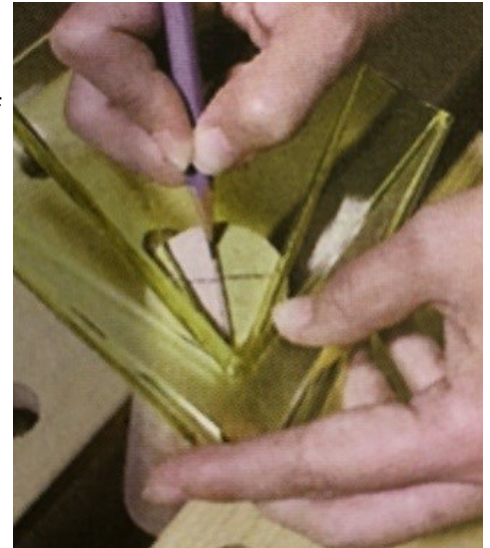
For Rounds

1. Place stock or material vertically in vise.
2. Grasp ZeroZero at thumb piece and wedge the end of the piece to be centred in the 60° or 90° flange, with base plate pressed firmly against the end of the piece.
3. Use scribe or pencil and mark along the scribe line.
4. Then turn the ZeroZero about 90° and again mark along the scribe line.
5. The intersection of these two lines gives the exact centre of the piece.



For Hexagons

1. Place stock or material vertically in vise.
2. Grasp ZeroZero at thumb piece with 60° flange on lower side of base plate. Wedge the end of the piece into the 60° angle to that two side of the hexagon will be flat against the corresponding sides of the 60° flanges.
3. Use scribe or pencil and mark along the scribe line.
4. Then turn the ZeroZero to another two flats are wedged against the flanges, with base plate firmly against the end of the piece.
5. Mark again as in 3. The intersection of these two lines gives exact centre.



For Octagons and Squares follow same procedure as for Hexagon, except that the pieces are wedged into the 90° flange.

English Design
Circa 1770



BUNNINGS BBQ

JUNE REPORT

We arranged to get the BBQ delivered on site as it is now being put away after been recently damaged, we set up quickly and got under way.

Everything was going well until the in store down traveller decided to stop working about 9.00 am which caused a considerable loss in sales as the customers were coming out of the store about 50 meters away and bypassing the BBQ. Apart from this we had a reasonable day profit wise with a happy group in both morning and afternoon helpers. This time I managed to get a pic of both morning and afternoon helpers even though the afternoon group were a bit shy. Again these days can take there toll and the helping change over is greatly appreciated. Any time you feel you can help even for an hour you will always be welcome.



A big thank you to all that helped on the day especially those that were there all day.

Eddie C.



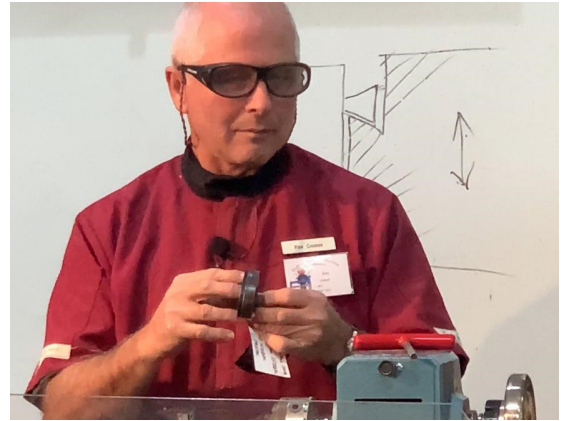
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2482	Mr. Donald Nixon	16.5.2007
2569	Mr John Kostrzewa	30.5.2008
3585	Mr. Denis Keane	8.7.2013
3657	Mr. Michael Jones	19.2.2015
3670	Mr. Ian Frith	4.5.2015
3843	Mrs Cindy Kersaitis	14.5.2019
4012	Mr Dylan Taylor	30.5.2022
4032	Ms Phillipa Simmons	24.9.2022

Maxi Day Report for June

What a great demonstrator Ken is?

Started off with an Irish joke tea bag spaceship joke, very funny . This set the scene for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Ken turned a tri corner bowl with bias, which is a cube with slightly longer side,(rectangular prism slightly longer than a cube). A bit more difficult than starting with a cube though.



He showed why chucking is so important with this bowl and demonstrated correct usage of tools. He then talked about sharpening and the need for honing chisels in between grinder sharpening. Final finish cuts done with a freshly sharpened and honed chisel for reduced or no tear out and less sanding.

Bowl turned out fantastic. I've never seen a tri corner bowl with bias before as had no one else.

Thanks Anna for organising and Ken Cooper for demonstrating



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More Maxi Day pieces . . .



HINTS AND TIPS

WIRE VERSUS LAMINEX



Piano wire has been around for a long time but can have several **safety** concerns in the wire braking and your hands etc falling into the moving work piece, staying hotter longer and having to lean over the job to get the effect, loose clothing etc.

Laminex is easy to apply and safer to achieve the same effect.

Eddie C.

Correction: Last month, a crucial piece of information was missing from The Back Page. It is reprinted below with the missing information now included. Sorry!

THE BACK PAGE

Item 26

RIGHT AND WRONG

June 2023

TRADITIONAL SCRAPERS

RIGHT

This is the traditional scraper supplied in any and most basic tool sets these days and while it is generally sufficient to do what a start up turner is able to learn on and use in the beginning or early stages the time will come when they will notice it is not able to do some requirements. It then becomes necessary to experiment with different shapes and sizes. Over the years there has been many improvements to satisfy their needs culminating in later years to the Tungsten Carbide Cutters. This transition is a little disappointing as over use of the cutters takes away the skill and finer technique of traditional turning



WRONG

and shape and you will see many different **NOT** necessarily, these are just a sample of the different shapes that have been experimented with over time and be assured they will change further as the need for a special application is necessary. With the exception of the carbide tips scrapers are easy to grind formats in turners tool boxes.



Note. As in all professions there are many and varied opinions and ways of doing things. This is true of wood turning. These articles are the results of my reading article publications.

Eddie C



WOODWORK ACCESSORIES

MTR-24 - Mitre Gauge & Fence

- 305 - 810mm adjustable fence
- Suits 3/4" x 3/4" table slot
- Mitres up to 45° left & right



\$88 each

RG-190 - Ripping Gauge

- 0 - 120mm clamp depth adjustment
- Ball bearing roller support
- Built-in scale
- Suits 3/4" wide x 3/4" deep table slots



\$66 each

PSKS - Safety Push Blocks & Stick Set

- 3 piece set
- 2 x 150mm push block with foam base
- 400mm long push block with foam base
- 100mm wide V-notch push stick
- 210mm saw guide



\$33 each

MM-50 - Digital Moisture Meter

- Measures moisture in timber & building materials
- Building Materials: 1.5-30%
- Measuring accuracy: ±2%
- Lid cover used for calibration
- Large LCD display
- Includes 9V battery



\$49.50 each

CTG254 - Contour Gauge

- 204mm length
- Impact resistant plastic
- 40mm depth
- Magnetic side



\$38.50 each

CTG508 - Contour Gauge

- 308mm length
- Impact resistant plastic
- 45mm depth
- Magnetic side



\$60.50 each

HSS Countersink Set 6 Piece

- HSS M2 grade
- 45° angle
- Ø1.5 - Ø6.3mm
- Ø8.3 - Ø10.8mm
- Ø12.4 - Ø18.8mm
- Ø16.5 - Ø20.5mm

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Metric Precision HSS Drill Set - 25 Piece

- Precision ground flutes
- HSS M2 bright finish
- Range: 1-13mm
- 0.5mm increments

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Universal T-Track Straight

- 0 - 120mm clamp depth adjustment
- Ball bearing roller support
- Suits 3/4" wide x 3/4" deep table slots
- Built-in scale



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Deluxe Hold Down Clamps

- 2 aluminium clamps
- Rubber covers
- Anodised finish



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WVF-265 - Wood Working Vice Guides End or Front Mount

- 200mm jaw width
- 200mm maximum opening
- Quick release jaws
- Steel & cast iron construction

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Metric HSS Hole Saw Set

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- Includes 3/4" & 1 1/2" arbor shark & pilot bit

\$132 each



WT-6 - HSS Wood Turning Tools

- 6 piece set
- 12mm Deep Bowl Chisel - Long Handle
- 24mm Planing Gouge
- 24mm Chisel
- 18mm Dished Scraper
- 8mm Parting & Beading
- 8mm Spindle Gouge

\$143 each



CHS45 - HSS Wood Turning Tools

- 4 Piece set
- Includes 3/4" roughing gouge, 3/4" spindle gouge, 1/4" deep bowl gouge, 1/4" one-handed parting

\$165 each



WW-180 - Wood Working Vice

- 170mm jaw width
- 200mm opening
- Quick action release

\$121 each



WCV-130 - Carvers Vice

- Pushing support arm
- 100mm clamp capacity
- Cast iron clamp
- 360° rotation

\$77 each



WT-3C - Carbide Wood Turning Tools

- 6 piece set
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- 4 interchangeable carbide chisel scrapers
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THE BACK PAGE

Item 27

RIGHT AND WRONG

July 2023

TRADITIONAL SKEWS

RIGHT: Tried and proven over time

These are rectangular and or oval in shape with a straight angle grind at the end of tool.



WRONG????? Not necessarily



The traditional size is approx. 19 / 21mm and then it changes from over large to as small as 5 / 10mm wide. Then the real changes come in, concave and convex with round cutting edges. These grinds have been adopted by many turners and they swear by them, I assume it is a matter of being able to master the tool and the way it cuts suiting the individual's ability.

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Eddie C