



TURNINGS

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WCWA, Pinelands Hobbies Club, Nursery Way, Pinelands

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi to all

It's mid February, we are back in the normal swing of things and the holiday is something in the distant past. I haven't had a chance to really do any serious turning yet, but I am planning to do so in preparation for the coming national AWSA conference. Let's get going in preparation for the AWSA's instant gallery and the Schalck van Niekerk challenge.

The planning for the AWSA Conference is picking up momentum. Please diarise the week-end of 28 April in Stellenbosch, where the conference will take place. The draft programme is really something to look forward to. Details of the Conference (programme and venue) will be presented to you at the Club meeting on Wednesday.



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At our previous meeting I informed members of the latest developments regarding the Hobbies Club and the the Hobbies Club building. For those that could not be at that meeting, a very brief summary of the feed-back I gave:

· Firstly the Hobbies Club is made-up of all the Clubs that use the Club building, thus the Western Cape Woodturners Association is a member of the Hobbies Club.

·The Hobbies Club had a lease agreement with the City Council regarding the Clubhouse building and it expired a while ago.

·The Hobbies Club was dormant for a while and during that time Eric managed the activities of the Hobbies Club.

·Negotiations took place with Cannons Creek, the private school, across the street from the Hobbies Club building.

·The result was that they, Cannons Creek secured a very favourable lease agreement with the City Council.

·One of the conditions of the agreement is that the Hobbies Club and Cannons Creek come to an agreement on the working relationship and the use of the building (further negotiation will take place to finalise the agreement).

·In summary the Hobbies Club is a tenant of a part of the building (the workshop area)

I will inform members of further developments in this regard.

A reminder of the coming AGM. Are you available to serve on the committee?

May you have many pleasing hours at the lathe.

Louis


EDITORIAL

Nominations for New Committee

For the benefit of the newer members, our club holds its Annual General Meeting in April each year. One of the main duties which is carried out at that

meeting is the election of the new committee. With that in mind, we give advance notice of this important event so you can all apply your minds to whom you'd like to see on the committee for the next twelve months.

Having served the maximum uninterrupted time permitted on the committee, I'll be passing my pen on to the next editor, so please give that one some thought as well. Perhaps the most important question is what the most effective way is in which you would like to contribute?



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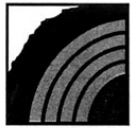
Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Western Cape Woodturners Association, to be held on Wednesday 19th April 2006 at 19:00, at the Pinelands Hobbies Club, Nursery Way, Pinelands.

The committee hereby calls for nominations for members to serve on the committee for 2006/2007 to be submitted in writing to any committee member, **before 20th March 2006** (30 days before the AGM).

A nomination form will be found at the end of this month's newsletter.

FORTHCOMING AWSA SEMINAR

You can expect to receive an update in the near future along with application forms and an indication of the program. From all accounts it should be a really good seminar with Stuart Mortimer from the UK our invited overseas turner. If his videos are anything to go by, we're going to see a lot!



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Important Note

When making out a cheque, please make it payable to "Western Cape Woodturners Association" (And not just the initials "WCWA") It costs the club money if it's incorrect since the bank will no longer accept it.

DEMO ON USING RESIN IN TURNING

Thys Carstens gave a most interesting talk at our January meeting on resins and the techniques he's perfected over the years.



Realizing the amount of work that goes into many of his pieces, I have even more respect for the perfection of his work. Thanks Thys for sharing your experiences and techniques with us.



Reminds me of the old saying that if you want to know how easy a job is, ask someone who's never done it...

SUMMER SHOWCASE

I must have been having one of “those moments” last month when I put the January newsletter together. I clean forgot that I’d not posted the results of a very successful Summer Showcase held in November To all who took part and to all who enjoyed seeing the results of their labours, my apologies for this omission.

Here, in any case, is a summary of the judging.

Total participants, 18
Total entries, 34
Total awards, 32
 Gold 4
 Silver 15
 Bronze 13

Of the gold awards, two went to Dennis Laidler and one each to Juri van den Heever and Izak Cronje. Well done to all of you for your top-scoring pieces.

What was also most heartening was to see at least five of our newer members not just entering, but also submitting competent and well-finished pieces for which they justifiably earned awards. Those training sessions must be having a beneficial effect...

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CIRCLE CUTTING JIG FOR BANDSAW

Following last month’s write-up on a circle-cutting jig, I had some valuable feedback and tips from our friend Reg Sherwin in the UK. He wrote

The circle cutting jig for bandsaws looks very good, and when I have time to be an amateur turner and also have a bandsaw with a slot in the table I shall remember the idea.

In the meantime, you might ease your hole location situation by countersinking the drilled hole a little way down it, and also putting a radius in the top of the steel locating pegs. This latter can be done with the aid of a Jacobs chuck, a suitably sized file and the help of someone with a woodturning lathe set at about 500 revs. If you have to use your own lathe, make sure that the metal waste stays away from any important little places by protecting them with old newspaper and sticky tape. And make sure that the steel is soft enough to file before you start. Also protect the top of the tool rest from the file if you use it for support, as I do. Many files have one long edge without teeth, but protection is always a good idea for both rest and eyes.

When drilling into one face of a board whilst locating from the opposite face, make sure that the board is pretty flat on the drill press table - use wedges if needs be - as the drill should enter the top face as close to 90 degrees as possible, otherwise the disc would not sit flat on the screw when offered to the chuck.

Select which is to be the top face of the 'bowl to be' prior to drilling the hole, and drill into this face. This means that the base can be turned first, the blank re-mounted on the screw chuck and the hole removed during the hollowing operation.

With experience and some forward planning, the hole depth can be pre-set to act as a depth gauge when hollowing. This reduces the ever-present chance of making yet another lampshade by going through the bottom of the bowl.

If cutting a disc from a pre marked circle rather than using the much more accurate 'sled', I tend to cut on the left hand side of the blade, with the blank under the top wheel. This way, if I do a thin 'corrective' cut and the waste goes down the gap - which should not be there but which always is - in the gullet plate of the saw table, it is far less likely to get jammed between the blade and the wheel, being on the outside of the blade rather than the inside.

And if none of the above ideas work, my name is Beyers Cronje.

And finally, we in the U.K. prefer to use the Latin name for your Oefenhout. We call it Arbores Skipii.

Best Wishes to all Ken.

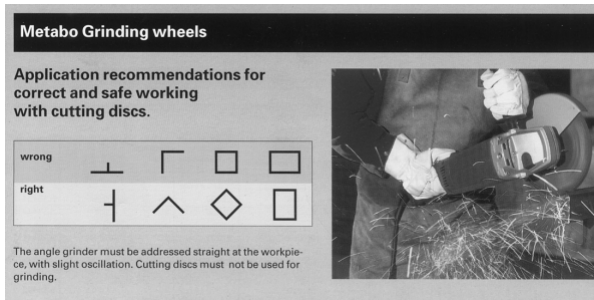
P.S., The Georgia trip is now being re-scheduled for late summer - autumn time.

I also came up with a “new improved method for marrying up the pin with the relevant hole.

I now cover the sled holes on both sides of the correct one with masking tape and put the pin into the blank. Inverting the blank with its pin fitted onto the sled and feeling for the correct hole is now much easier!

IN PRAISE OF ANGLE GRINDERS

One of the most useful “non-woodturning” tools that I bought since I started turning, was an angle grinder. This may sound a little contradictory, but it’s almost impossible to turn wood for long without having a need to cut pieces of metal into smaller bits. Doing it with a hacksaw and files is fine but when you get bored with that, try an angle grinder. You’ll find it such a useful tool for cutting, grinding, cleaning and even sanding wood as well as metal.



Like many of our “peripheral discipline” tools however, it’s all too easy to use it in a potentially unsafe way out of ignorance. I found a useful diagram in a Metabo catalogue that I’m taking the liberty of sharing with you. It suggests the safest way of cutting thin metal tubes and sections. As a woodturner and not a metalworker this knowledge was definitely not included in my BIOS nor was it self-evident to me!

The other really important point that I cannot emphasise enough is to **USE EYE PROTECTION** and preferably **EAR PROTECTION** as well if you enjoy listening to music. It freaks me totally to so often see workers with no eye protection cutting and grinding metal or concrete. Maybe they think they can grow new eyes? Please take responsibility for your own safety (and don’t forget the fire hazard with sparks, solvents and wood shavings in the same workshop).

Don’t overlook the wealth of information that is produced by manufacturers on their products. It’s in their best interests to have satisfied knowledgeable customers.

For example you’d be amazed to see the variety of discs that are available for angle grinders. The difficulty is sometimes encouraging the distributor or retailer to make this information available. The Internet has gone an incredible distance in providing an alternative route to source product brochures and instruction manuals in convenient .pdf format.



FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 15th February – The third Wednesday of the month and so it’s the Formal Meeting for February - Instant Gallery with Juri judging, Gert’s monthly raffle

and a demo on *Pens and Pepper Mills* by Bert Parker and Ken Turner.

Wed 22nd Feb, Wed 1st March, Wed 8th March - Open Workshop sessions. Doors open at 7pm for a recharge with your buddies and a turn on the lathes for those that need it.

Wed 15th March - Formal meeting for March and *Collaboration evening* in place of the demo. A lot of fun if previous ones were anything to go by!

THE MARKET PLACE

We run commercial adverts in our newsletter. If you wish to advertise, or know of a company or person who might like to advertise, please contact Hugh Scholtz or Ken Turner. Rates for an advert placed in the monthly newsletter, are R350 per annum. The adverts are rotated monthly to make it fair to all.

FOR SALE

Hydrowax

Is available from Eric at R50 per 5litre or R20 per 2 litre at the clubhouse.

Please don’t overlook the power of our newsletter as a medium for requests, queries, conundrums or whatever.

WANTED

I had a call from John Derrick during the month asking me to put out an all-stations call for the following –

First and foremost, he’s looking for a replacement **banjo** for his **Toolmate lathe**. (I tactfully didn’t ask what happened to the original one.)

Secondly, would anyone who’s got a **bandsaw** for sale contact him? He needs something with at least a 150 mm deep cutting capacity.

Please contact Derrick at home on 558 3317 if you can help.

While we’re on the subject of adverts I’ve just received the following email from Jill Cooke, a former member

Dear Ken

Some months ago you kindly agreed to advertise the sale of my planer-thicknesser in Turnings. I had little response then, but last week I received a call from a guy in George. He Googled "thicknesser" and came up with your newsletter. My daughter was on her way to Plett to do the Otter Trail and took it with her to show him. A successful sale was concluded and I was happy with R2000 despite the rust and the dust.

*Many thanks
Kind regards,
Jill Cooke*

So you see how effective Turnings can be? Thanks Jill for this feedback and glad you got your sale.

Thanks too to Dennis for ensuring that our newsletter is available on the Internet to be "Googled". (This is the first time I've seen Google used as a verb. Lovely to see language in the making!)

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TAILPIECE

There are a number of our members whose tailpieces may be tender places on the second Sunday of March.



Please wish us well for the 110 Km Argus/Pick 'n Pay Funride – Juri van den Heever and Edward Foster are doing it in style - on a tandem. I believe one pedals while the other turns...



Nomination Form (WCWA Committee) 2006/2007:

I hereby nominate:
as a committee member for the Western Cape Woodturners' Association to serve for the 2006/2007 term of office.

Signed Proposer: Date

Signed Seconder: Date

Signed Nominated:..... Date