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Editorial

First Impressions

As a new member of this club and one of the more seasoned veterans of society, you may find my early impressions of some interest. Having been subjected to an exhaustive examination of my pedigree and having proved beyond doubt that I was indeed 'male', satisfied the committee that I intended to vote for the right political party and that my sexual preferences met the standard required by the members, I was initiated into the ancient folklore and mystic rites peculiar to this esteemed body.

I presented myself the following Thursday morning with a suitable project with which to demonstrate my woodworking skills, acquired painfully since I received a Tritan workbench last Father's Day. I asked a simple question of one of the members present, a person of obvious authority. His answer was brief, but to the point, "Get knotted!". I realised then that I was amongst discerning spirits who would spur me to greater efforts in my endeavours to excel. When at the lunch break I demonstrated my unique talent for making coffee, it was put to me that I might consider becoming your new editor. My predecessor, David Jamie, was heartbroken at the suggestion and after careful consideration for fully 1.5 seconds, reluctantly agreed.

When I started this editorial I did not have a clue what I was going to say and having just read it through I have a strong urge to toss it into the wastepaper basket, because how am I now going to write something sensible that you might find worth reading?. But I have a deadline to meet that makes this course of action impossible, but please feel free to give vent to your own baser instincts.

There are a number of ingredients necessary in a successful club, true friendship, a common interest in the affairs of the club and a willingness to help, both the members in their projects and the club in its aims. I have found all these qualities in abundance in this club and both the community and we as individuals would be the poorer in its absence. It is to the credit of the founding members, in particular, and to those who joined the ranks later and stayed, that so much progress has been made, in such a short time.

It was decided at the last general meeting, that the workshop should be open to members more frequently; we hope that the fact that it is now available for your convenience on Tuesdays, from 10.30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and from 6.30 p.m to 9 p.m. will encourage you to take advantage of this option. Today, April 20th, was the first Tuesday of opening, it was sparsely attended by four members only, but we hope that once it becomes generally known that this facility is available, we will be rewarded by bigger attendances.

MAGAZINE & VIDEO LIBRARY

Not all members will be aware that we have a small library of quality woodwork magazines and video tapes, available through our librarian, Sue Wood. Because it would be time consuming for you to check through every magazine, we are compiling a comprehensive index, as time allows and will publish a selection in successive newsletters. This is the first list.

Library Number	Magazine Title	Subject Matter
171	Woodworker (USA)	3-in-1 Sports Gear Cabinet
172	Woodworker (USA)	4 Router Bases to Make
171	Woodworker (USA)	8 Common Joints Made Easy
89	Woodworker (UK)	Angled Chair Arms
172	Woodworker (USA)	Antiques From Scrap Lumber
171	Woodworker (USA)	Buffet/Wine Cellar
172	Woodworker (USA)	Butler's Tray Table
170	Woodworker (UK)	Calculating Shelf Thicknesses
171	Woodworker (USA)	Car Care Cart
171	Woodworker (USA)	Changing Table & Dresser
171	Woodworker (USA)	Cherry Platform Bed
172	Woodworker (USA)	Colonial Canopy Bed
171	Woodworker (USA)	Colonial Desk with Bookrack
172	Woodworker (USA)	Contemporary Coffee Table
172	Woodworker (USA)	Deluxe Mirror-Back Bar
170	Woodworker (UK)	Dressing Table
171	Woodworker (USA)	Drop-Leaf Coffee Table
167	Woodworking Today (UK)	Dropside Cot
172	Woodworker (USA)	Early American Dowry Chest
172	Woodworker (USA)	Early American Lazy Susan
172	Woodworker (USA)	Easy To Build Workbench
171	Woodworker (USA)	Enamelling Unfinished Furniture
167	Woodworking Today (UK)	Federation Coffee Table
170	Woodworker (UK)	Fetal Stethoscope
170	Woodworker (UK)	Fitting Glass in Furniture
172	Woodworker (USA)	Garden Planter
172	Woodworker (USA)	Grandfather Clock
172	Woodworker (USA)	Guide to Nails & Nailing
172	Woodworker (USA)	Jointing With Wood Shapers
89	Woodworker (UK)	Jolly Trolley (Toy)
167	Woodworking Today (UK)	Kayak
171	Woodworker (USA)	Kid's Chalkboard
172	Woodworker (USA)	Lawn Glider

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Those of us who have been members of the Knox & District Woodworkers Club for a month or more, would know the name Arthur Westwood; members who have been around for 6 months or more, would not only know the name but would be able to put a face to the name. Then there are those longer serving members, who not only know both the name and the face, but have been fortunate enough to know him on a personal basis.

Arthur is a Foundation Member of the club and a damn good one at that. Unfortunately for us, he and his lovely wife, Ruth, have decided to move north to warmer pastures, both for the climate and also to be closer to their family.

We all meet lots of people over the years and during these encounters and with the passing of time we tend to segregate these acquaintances into those we can rely on and those we can't. Personally, I value Arthur as a true mate sharing a common bond; we all have a number of social friends, but a real, rock solid and reliable friend like him are hard to find. For me, to shake hands with Arthur, is like standing next to a warm fire on a cold night, I feel an inner glow.

So, Arthur, I am one of many who are going to miss you with your steadying words of wisdom. We all wish both you and Ruth the very best of luck in Queensland. Without any doubt there is a 'Woodies' Club in Queensland who will be fortunate to gain from our loss.

Best wishes, mate,

A Foundation Member

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

After the normal preliminaries, during which Peter and David acknowledged a donation, to the club, of \$1,700 for handtools, from the 'Vic Health, a decision was made to extend the times when the workshop was available and a concern was voiced of the need for renewed care with the advent of new and potentially dangerous equipment, an auction was conducted for items, mainly wood plus a barrow, brought along by Arthur Westwood, prior to his move to Queensland. The auction was conducted, most ably, by Stan Jebb and realised the sum of \$22 as commission for the club.

A TRIBUTE

Congratulations to Alf Stephens on ~~becoming a father~~ ~~winning Tattletale~~ his retirement after serving a number of distinguished years as a co-ordinator for the Resources Centre of Knox Council. With his many interests I am sure that time will not lie heavy on his hand.

ANOTHER LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ron McKay was one of about 12 members of the Knox Woodworkers Club who took part in the First Aid course last winter. You are excused if you can't place him, he is so quiet, you would scarcely know he was there, "A bit like Alf Stephens".

Ron and his wife have family living in Canberra and during a recent visit, his three year old grandson, who just happens to be, "the apple of grandpa's eye" developed a bad attack of asthma. A couple of visits to the doctor and three or four days later, not only had matters not improved, but they had deteriorated. Ron's daughter was getting the kids ready for bed when she screamed that "The baby's not breathing".

Panic !!!..... Action stations !!!.. The child's father grabbed the baby, gave him a shake and then another but with no reaction. Ron took the baby and applied mouth to mouth resuscitation. After a minute or so, which must have seemed like eternity, the baby started to breathe again, but was very distressed and needed consolation from his mother. Several minutes later an ambulance arrived and the ambulance man after examining the boy, said to Ron who was still standing at this stage, "You know of course, that you have just saved this child's life !". Everyone but Ron, then left with the baby, he being unable to talk or walk for at least another ten minutes.

A happy ending well done Ron

A CLUB MEMBER

FOR CONDUCT BECOMING

Ed Lawer is one of nature's gentlemen. He always gets out of the shower to go to the toilet !

TRITON DEMONSTRATION

On Thursday, April 22nd, a number of club members attended a demonstration of the Triton products at Home Hardware on Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully. After a short video film of the portability, speed of assembly, and enormous force with which the new product Superjaws grip the material, we proceeded to an impressive demonstration of the versatility, fast mode changing technique and accuracy of the Triton workbench, expertly demonstrated by Andy, the Triton representative. Then, after a short coffee break, Doug, also from Triton, presented an obviously well rehearsed routine of procedures using the router and jigsaw table. Our members unanimously declared the evening entertaining and informative.

During a conversation with Shane, who is the manager of the hardware department at Home hardware, we broached the subject of a mutually beneficial relationship. He was anxious to help and sympathetic, within the limits of his authority, but stated that the Seniors Card is recognised by the Company and that if any of our members identify themselves to him, then he will willingly negotiate, a gesture which we appreciate.

AN APPRECIATION

Outstanding in the conduct of the Club's affairs is the willingness of our members to contribute time and effort for the betterment of all members and the Club as a whole. Typical of this spirit was the contribution of Ken Onions and Ed Sawyer who, at no cost to the Club, installed the electrical switchbox, with associated wiring, which supplies the power for our new heavy equipment, bandsaws, etc.

BE IN IT

Mark Wednesday, 7th July down in your notebooks. That is the night when we will hold our 'Be in it' competition. Entries will be designated either 'novice' or 'advanced' and the winner in both classes will be determined by an impartial judge. So please, not only attend this fun night, but be a participant in the contest.

STOP PRESS

On Saturday, May 15th commencing 10.30 a.m., 'Placemaker' will be open for an exhibition of their work for the general public. We will support them by opening our workshop also as a public relation exercise.