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Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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Presidents Report

This month has been relatively quiet although it started out with a bang with the Knox Festival. We had a great result and an excellent turnout of members on both days. All hopped in and helped which relieved the pressure due to so many willing to give of their time and skills. The day ended with the drawing of the raffle by Councilor (now Mayor) Karen Orpen. An ecstatic grandmother of 14 children was the winner. I'll bet it gets flogged when they all come for a visit, good luck to her. Thank you to all who contributed to another successful day of sharing woodworking with the community.

The wood turning group on Mondays is doing some fantastic work and it's good to see some of the beginners learning and having a go. Thanks to Bob, Jan and Vic for taking this on. If anyone else wants to join the group come on Monday mornings at 9.30 am and have a go under their excellent tutoring.

The club has just purchased another lathe, which is now in use. Please take care when using it.

On a sour note, somebody changing the blade and not installing the new blade correctly has damaged the large docking saw. This has damaged the armature. As this will now have to be re machined the docking saw will be unusable for some time. The moral of this story is that if you don't know what you're doing leave the bloody thing alone. Once the saw has been repaired the committee has decided that ALL members are to be retrained in the use of ALL equipment as there are still people using machinery inappropriately, trying to overstretch the machines beyond safe boundaries

and manufacturer recommendations. This will systematically happen over the next month so be prepared for education by the club on safe work practices in the use of our machinery. Only those who take part in training will be able to use the machinery. We have an obligation to see that the machinery is used responsibly and safely; to see that safe work practices are followed. Please help us to provide a safe workplace.

Peter Sleeman

Around the Club

Fashions in the field

On a recent visit to Tullamore Nursing Home in Montrose, on a rather warm day, Paul Phillips, Bob Plant and I enjoyed the company of seven male residents. One of our tasks was to help paint some tool boxes and trays, which we had previously assembled. As Bob and Paul were wearing their best shorts they were provided with aprons to wear. Someone, who shall remain nameless (and it wasn't Paul or Doug), looked really gorgeous in a brightly coloured 1/2 apron! What a great (but sadly missed) photo opportunity!!

Doug Dell

If you see any interesting happenings that would be suitable for "Around the Club" please pass them on the Newsletter Editor, or place them in the newsletter pigeon hole

Knox Festival

As with both of the two festivals we attend each year, the lead up is both long and busy. For the six months prior to each festival a small team is busily

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putting together the various kits that are sold and assembled during the festivals. The "horse makers" are also busy creating the rocking horses that are raffled. Incidentally, this year we produced our own raffle tickets from the club's computer. The woodturners organised their rosters and equipment and the wood carvers arranged to demonstrate their craft.

Before the festival gets underway all of the required machinery, tools and equipment must be assembled at the clubrooms. The next step is to transport them to the festival site. A club representative needs to be in attendance at the Festival Management meetings in order to keep abreast of developments and report back to the club.

Around 7am on the 1st day of the festival, a small team of members gather to set up our stand and ensure that everything is in place to get us underway when those of us, who are assisting on the day, in whatever capacity, will gather. Unfortunately, on Sat. 2nd March the weather was quite inclement and activity, particularly in the morning, was very slow. Despite some further showers, the afternoon activity was so much better. Sunday, while showers were still around it was a better day, both weather wise and patronage. We also managed to sell 5 large boxes which some of our members had put together.

From a financial viewpoint, despite the weather, we managed to improve on the same time last year, by a couple of hundred dollars, which was very pleasing. Also pleasing was the number of members who came to help out- quite the best turnout we'd had for some time. It was great to see the rocking horse won by a volunteer at "Amaroo", where we were able to sell quite a number of tickets.

To all members who contributed to the success of the festival, the club thanks you for your efforts, the effort from which all club members will eventually benefit.

Charles Bruckner for the Committee

Turner's Talk



The Monday turners' group is still flourishing! The members tackle each turning project with much enthusiasm and look forward to learning

new aspects of this skill each week. At present they are concentrating on bowl turning, although some have made honey dippers, chisel handles, pens and some have attempted to make Easter eggs. (It's incredible just how tricky it is to make one end rounded and the other more 'pointy'!!)

Our project for the month of April is one that will allow us to practice our skills with the skew chisel

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and the spindle gouge. For the next monthly meeting we are going to show eggs, egg cups, goblets and fruit.

If Monday turners could bring their small bowls to the next session it would be great to have a talk about how they turned out.

Jan Brown is off to visit Vic Wood for some expert tuition, we look forward to see the results. I am sure that she will enjoy herself and probably wear Vic out.

Dave Howell has just donated a quantity of wood for turning, as soon as it is sorted it will be available for use. Thanks Dave I am sure that it will make a lot of shavings.

If woodturners could keep in mind the working bee, with our increasing wood supply we have quite a bit of work to do.

Jan Brown & Bob Plant

New Members

We have three new members this month, if you see them around, have a chat and make them welcome. The new members are: -

Max Holt
Jim Fussell
Bob Holdsworth

Food For Thought (Part 5)

Never give up!

All the waves of the ocean cannot sink a ship, until they start getting inside;

All the troubles in the world cannot sink a man, until they start flooding his inner life.

Do it now!

There is never a good time to do anything. So do it when you have the chance.

Luck favours the prepared man!

*He worked by day and toiled by night
He gave up play and some delight*

*Dry books he read, new things to learn
And forged ahead susses to earn*

*He plodded on with faith and pluck
And when he won, they called it luck*

We become what we think about.

If we don't think, we become nothing.

Don't fear disappointment

Disappointment is the cradle of ambition

On Workshop & Safety Matters

More Storage

If you have stepped outside the back door, you will have noticed a shed under construction. The purpose of it is to create a store our chairs (this will give us more space in the workshop) as well as a store for our festival kits. Space is an ongoing problem and this will be a great help, thanks to Peter Sleeman for his work and also his assistants I Doug Dell and Charles Bruckner.

Top job guys

Replacement Lathe

The club has recently purchased another lathe complete with various accessories and a Multistar chuck for the workshop. It is a short bed lathe (with an extension bed) and is particularly suitable for bowl turning with a 460mm swing over the bed. The chuck and accessories will be stored in a plastic box in the bottom of the mobile tool cabinet. If it is locked, the key holder will have a key.

ONE CLUB'S ANSWER TO MACHINERY ABUSE!

At a recent visit to Central Woodworks at Manningham's club in Templestowe, I picked up their newsletter and read with interest about their concern re wrong and dangerous use of club machinery. They are so concerned about it that they have instigated an urgent and extensive training programme for each of their machines. A group of members is trained in the proper use of each machine and they in turn train other members, who then teach more members. The members who have done the training and are accredited are the only ones allowed to use the machinery.

Could this also be a possible solution to the constant problem Knox club has with wrong and 'abusive' use of many of our machines?? There could then surely be no question of incorrect use of our equipment! What do you think?

Jan Brown

Reminder

If you do find any problems or faulty machinery, please let the key holder know so that they can be fixed as soon as possible.

Visit From Doncaster East Club

During March we were pleased to welcome a group of members from Doncaster East. Following an inspection of our facilities we had an interesting exchange of ideas over lunch. It was good to welcome this relatively new group.

"Chair Doctor" Glue

Having glued many of our old wooden chairs back together a couple of times (mostly unsuccessfully in the long term), I noted with interest about a product called **Chair Doctor Glue**. Apparently it swells the wood at the end grain of a spindle or rail and then adheres it in place. Creaks & squeaks are gone forever they claim and the adhesive is far better than PVA's. It is purpose designed to do this particular job and from all accounts does it extremely well. Haven't been able to source a supplier here as yet but will keep trying and let you know who has it.

Jan Brown

Woodturning Demonstration

Demonstrator	Giulio Marcolonga
Venue	Knox Woodworkers
Date	Sunday 5 th May
Time	9.15am to 4.15pm
Cost	\$32 includes lunch

We have been fortunate in being able to have Giulio to come and demonstrate to us. Giulio is a great demonstrator and has the ability to be able to describe what you should do to improve your turning and use of your tools.

Giulio is known for his flair and consistent ability to carry off prizes in major shows around the country. He is also well known overseas and is sort after as a demonstrator in America. He has also demonstrated in Europe and New Zealand. If you were at the Working With Wood Show at Jeff's shed you would have seen him demonstrating his talents.

Please note that there are only limited spots so you will need to book and pay as soon as possible, payments to Doug Dell. If you have any questions contact Bob Plant (9754 5920)



News From A Previous Club Member

It's always good to hear how ex Knox woodworkers are going and what they're doing with their time. Apparently Arthur Blackshaw is enjoying life in Maryborough Qld. He has his own well-equipped workshop but misses the camaraderie of fellow members and the extended opening hours of our club. Arthur joined a club about 60 kms from his place but they only meet once a month. He has mentioned to his friend Jim Gay that if any members were travelling up his way he'd be very happy to see them. See Jim for his details.

PS from the Editors

If you know the activities and whereabouts of members who have moved on, let either Jan Brown or Bob Plant know and we will include the news in "Ingrained" and send them a copy.

Working Bee

Our next bi-monthly working bee will be on **Saturday 13th April from 8.00am to 12.00.**

- The tasks that need to be carried out include: -
- General tidy up around the clubrooms
 - A clean up of both the machine room and the workshop
 - Building shelves for "John's shed" and the new storage shed
 - Other work as needed

If you were unable to make the last working bee, then it would be great to see you at this one.

Lathe for Sale

The club has Golding lathe for sale. If you are interested contact Bob Plant or Peter Sleeman for more information. Price \$200 or offer

Timber Corner

The Bowerbird

I believe this place is well worth a visit if you are interested in another source of wood supply. They collect timber from urban yards, road clearances, forestry waste piles and many other places. They describe a walk through their storage sheds as "a journey of exotic smells and rare gems, each with their own story". They are a family business based in Wesburn near Warburton and Tim Kennedy can be contacted on 5967 1327.

Wanted

I am looking for the plans or patterns of a rocking chair, if anyone has some or knows where there are some could please contact me at the club or on 9762-0993

Thanks Elysha Neylan

Don't Forget

The Victorian Festival of Woodworking is on at the Manningham Council Offices at 699 Doncaster Rd Doncaster on Saturday and Sunday the 20th and 21st April.

Workshop Hours

Monday (Nb day is woodturning only)	9.00 am - 2.00 pm	Bob Plant	9754 5920
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bill Longden	9758 2438
Tuesday	9.30 am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 3774
Wednesday	9.30am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
Thursday	9.30 am - 3.00 pm	Paul Aminde	9758 1733
Friday	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 3774

Saturday Mornings

April 6 th	8.00 am - 12.30 pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886
April 13 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Chris Smith	9729 6515
April 20 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
April 27 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142
May 4 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Reiner Lolkema	9754- 4567

Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10.30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the clubrooms

Regular Club Group Activities

Day	Time	Regularity	Group	Contact
Monday	Day at 9.00 to 2.00	Every week	Day woodturners	Bob Plant 9754 5920 Jan Brown 9762 1063
	Evening	Every week	Carvers & Burners Festival kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206
Wednesday	Evening	Every week	Evening woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512
Friday	Evening	Every week	Rocking horse group	Joe Semenow 9758 6024 Allen Brookes

Coming Club Events

Wednesday 3 rd April	Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 17 th April	Committee meeting
Saturday 6 th April	Bus trip to Marysville
Sunday 5 th May	Woodturning Demonstration
Sunday 6 th August	BE IN IT Competition