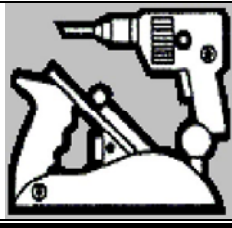


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Club took place on Wednesday, 12 September. Unfortunately, the scheduled speaker was not available because of a misunderstanding about dates. He will, however, be able to attend our October meeting. The president took the opportunity of initiating a discussion on the safe use of machines and other matters of importance. All members present participated and a number of good ideas were thrown up. Everyone agreed that more attention should be given to instructing both new and existing members on the use of Club equipment. The evening closed with the president showing a small three-legged wine table which he had made in 1970. Miraculously, it has survived nearly forty years of use; the president admitted that he had joined the legs to the stem with dowels, not with the time-honoured method of dovetails as Chippendale would undoubtedly have done.

On Wednesday 3 October the Club took part in the City of Monash Senior Festival 'Positive Ageing Expo' (aka Geriatric Orientation), and a stall displayed work by Helen Longton, John McGarry, Bob Lorensene, Bob Morrison, Wolfgang Becker and the president, who, with the help of his wife, explained the exhibits, answered question about the Club and distributed membership applications. The Club's contribution to the festival was the centre of much interest and competed well with the other attractions on display. Some clubs were concerned with different forms of exercising suitable for the aged. When they demonstrated their expertise with varieties of dancing (Scottish reels, belly dancing, square dancing, Tai-chi, etc.) the president was invited to perform a Buckinghamshire Bodgers' jig (the age-old dance of wood-turners) but was forced to decline because he had neglected to bring the traditional bodger's smock.

Will all members please take careful note of the following:

- A number of lathe tools (chisels, gouges, driving centres, etc.) are missing. The most plausible explanation is that these have been inadvertently mixed up with members' tools and removed from the workshop.
WOULD ALL TURNERS PLEASE CHECK IF THEY HAVE UNWITTINGLY TAKEN ANY CLUB TOOLS, AND IF THEY HAVE, PLEASE RETURN THEM ASAP.
- It sometimes happens that a machine continues to function although some part has become detached. This recently occurred with the thicknesser - a locking knob had loosened and dropped to the floor although the thicknesser could still be used. If you notice anything of this sort please report it immediately to the duty officer.
- **As from now members who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year (2007-8) will not receive the newsletter and not be allowed to use Club facilities.**
- Yet another mishap has occurred with the drop-saw. When a member was trying to cut a small piece of timber which was not tightly held against the fence, the saw caught the timber and knocked it back violently. Fortunately, neither member nor saw suffered injury.
PLEASE NOTE THAT SMALL PIECES OF WOOD MUST NOT BE CUT ON THE DROP-SAW - USE THE SMALLER BANDSAW.

Next Club night

The speaker at our next Club night (Wednesday, 12 September) will be Carl Lutz who will give us a talk on wood finishes; he will also tell us about new products from Carbatec.

Matters dealt with at the last committee meeting

- A new admission form which would require more information from those wishing to join the Club (this has now been written and is available in the tea-room).
- Missing lathe tools (see above).
- Installation of the lathe and buzzer donated to the club (both machines have 3-phase motors which must be either converted or replaced; the lathe has now been refurbished and is ready for use when a single phase motor has been fitted).

JUST TURNING NOTES

18 September

Peter Kerr brought along three of the six, tungsten-carbide tipped turning scrapers he purchased from USA through e-Bay. He also told us his first impressions of the tools. We look forward to further reports as Peter gets more experience with the tools. Peter also showed us a camphor laurel bowl turned. It was finished with Triple EEE and Shellawax.

Peter Stacey made a perfume atomiser, from robinia he had pruned at home. It was finished with Wipe-On Poly.

Ron Jones brought a lovely bowl of camphor laurel, finished with Danish oil, Shellawax and a lavender wax.

Phil Dunstan showed us a vase he turned, from nicely figured mango.

Alex Morey brought along the only contribution to this month's project, a functioning barrel tap, turned from red gum.

24 September

A quiet night without Helen!

John Baker had a Huon pine "stake" turned to round for practice but showing a very high finish – almost perfect off the tool. John also brought along a Boar's skull with tusks (real) which he had hunted with bow and arrow many years ago. This had been mounted on a turned base of ebony and red gum on an oregon square base.

Bob Lorensene was selling off his superglue variation.

Bob Morrison had a rather solid partly turned Irish Strawberry bowl that had split considerably; so he glued it up and bound it up with large metal hose clips in the hope that this would fix the problem. He also had taken the "tap turning" a step further and turned a small wooden barrel from Chinese elm (about 75mm high) and made a wooden tap from English box and bullock in his usual miniature style.

Phil Dunstan had completed his mango lidded box – this was relatively large (about 100mm in diameter and 150mm tall) and was set off with a Jarrah knob on the lid. The mango was beautifully figured and a perfect example of what a nice turning wood it is.

Others in attendance but non-productive were Ian Heffernan, Peter Stacey, and Peter Kerr.

1 October

Wolfgang Becker made a gavel for show at the Monash Senior Festival. The gavel base was of Vic ash with a red gum support and strike plate. The gavel itself was of red gum with a golden elm knob at the end of the handle. All the red gum parts were ebonised with Watty's eboniser, making a striking feature (sic!) especially with the white wood of the knob on the handle and a white insert in the gavel head, opposite the handle.

Alex Morey – brought a complex laminated basket-weave pattern lidded box/pot pourri container. The base alone comprised 16 pieces and the walls were of an open basket weave pattern with alternating colours. The lid included a central ebony insert. Timbers included padauk, ebony, birdseye Alpine ash, and walnut. This was also shown at the Monash Senior Festival

Greg Whelan, a visitor from Canberra, brought an offset turned miniature goblet of myrtle. It was Greg's first attempt at offset turning.

Bob Lorensene showed some pen blanks he'd cut on the band saw from ebony, including in each piece some heart and sapwood.

Bob Morrison brought along a nearly finished attractively shaped bowl of liquid amber, which had excellent character. Bob also had two "scrapers" sharpened in such a way that they had bevels above and below the cutting edge, without any burr (more like a skew chisel) which were used above the horizontal (cf. below for a routine scraper), which he learnt from a demonstration by Terence Stamp at Peninsula.

Ian, Peter K, Helen and Bill were there for their good looks!

Bob M also reported that there will be two auctions at the Peninsula Club rooms of machinery, tools and wood on 24th October 1:00 – 4:00 pm, and 24th November from 10:00 am.

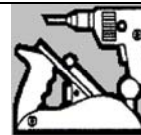
Discounts are available from the following:

Note: Discounts are only available on presentation of your current membership card.

Australian Wood Panels , 40-42 Winterton Rd., Clayton.	9543 5033
Baileys Toolbank , Unit 4 Rowen Crt. Box Hill.	9897 1911
Blackwoods , 31 Fowler Rd., Dandenong (ask for Cyril)	9518 2222
The Delta Group Shed 2 , 577 Plummer St. Port Melbourne	1300 887 558
Flatman's Timber & Hardware , High Street Road. Syndal.	9802 9211
A. Lewis & Co. , 302 Jasper Rd., Ormond.	9578 6218
Malvern Paint & Timber Finishes , 1933 Malvern Rd., Malvern East	9885 2883
Magnetic Abrasives , 286 Neerim Rd., Carnegie.	9571 6811
Mathews Timbers , 125 Rooks Rd., Vermont.	9874 1666
Moorabbin Timber , 230 Wickham Rd., Moorabbin.	9553 0155
Sachy's Industries , 43 Browning Drive, Glen Waverley.	9803 2370
Shiver me Timbers , 217 Kororoit Creek Rd. Williamstown.	9397 5993
Woodworking Warehouse , 11 Citrus St. Braeside.	9587 3999

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Workshop Opening Times

General woodwork

Special interest groups

Monday (only on public holidays)	9 am –12 noon	Monday: Assisted woodwork	9 am –12 noon (except public holidays)
Tuesday	9 am –12 noon	Monday: Wood Turning	7:30 pm – 9 pm
Wednesday	9 am –12 noon	Wednesday: Beginners' class	1 pm – 3.30 pm
Thursday	Closed		
Friday	9 am –12 noon		
Saturday	9 am –12 noon Dec. to February 9 am –4 pm March to November		
Sunday	Closed	Club Night: Second Wednesday of the month pm – 9 pm	7:30

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