

Highlights of November & December Meetings



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

Woodchips

November was our meeting for presenting toys and other works to Joan Armstrong of Rainbow. As well we had a Hands-On day with spindle turning as the theme.



John Powell and Joan are at right with a presentation to us from Joan.

Following are some of the toys that Don Acrigg and others had made for Joan.



In the Hands-On session, John Harris decided to give his nephew a valuable hand and pass on some of his hard-



earned knowledge.

Our Maxi Day for December was on Saturday the 13th. This was our Christmas party day starting at 4pm and continuing on with a BBQ at 6pm.

The gas BBQ, donated by Jon Crisp, faced a challenge from a sudden strong wind squall but it performed magnificently and everyone enjoyed their meat.

It was the best roll up of members and many of their wives, ever. Lots of great food and many types of drinks were available. In all a harmonious and festive evening was enjoyed by everyone.

The John Page Shield for this year was awarded to Ron South.

A wall clock made by John Harris was ceremoniously handed to the Manager from Harbison Care



What's Happening

24 January 2009

Hands-On Day

20-22 February 2009

Woodworking Hobbies Expo, New castle

15 February

Bunnings B-B-Q (see John Crisp)

28 February 2009

Sharpening

13-15 March

Moss Vale Show

& on the same weekend

Blue Mountains Club Challenge.

12-14 September

Down Under Turnaround, Phillip Island

May Meeting

Last Show & Tell for inclusion in 2009 Excellence Award



2008 Excellence Award, J Harris

President's Report

The December meeting was really our Christmas Barbeque which was very well attended by members and their wives. It proved to be a great success and we did a good job of bringing in the Festive Season.

We didn't have a formal meeting but took the opportunity to present Ron South with the John Page Award. This award is voted on by the committee members at their monthly meetings, and is awarded to the member who the committee feels has entered the best article in the monthly Show and Tell segments. Congratulations to Ron for a

At the end of October we held a total of \$2,640.26.

good year's work. Keep it up.

At the last Friday Workshop for the year we presented the clock made by John Harris to the CEO of Harbison Care, Michael Shaw. This clock is to be hung at their new complex at Moss Vale. Michael was very pleased to receive the clock, and enjoyed meeting members and seeing them at work on the lathes.

Just a gentle reminder that your Equipment Fund Levy of \$25.00 is now due.

Wishing everyone another year of good health, happiness and prolific



Treasurer's Report



After revenue of \$936.20 in the months of November and December and expenditure of \$1517.75, the balance at the end of December was down to \$2,058.71.

In December we held only our Christmas Gathering and there was no regular monthly meeting. Apart from the other usual income and expenses, we purchased two items of equipment, a small router for \$56.30 and a variable speed motor for one of our lathes for \$825.00. These purchases were made with our equipment fund moneys which had accumulated from the two fundraising BBQ's at Bunnings during 2008.

The Equipment Fund currently stands at only \$71.69 but annual member contributions to this fund are now due at \$25 per member (or per household where there are two members). Please bring along your \$25 on Saturday. Our President has set a perfect example by being the first to pay.

So we start 2009 with a balance of \$2,058.71 which is in line with our general idea of maintaining a backstop balance around the \$2,000 mark.

The payment of annual membership subscriptions has become a rather ragged process with payments coming in over a 6 month period. This needs to be tidied up so the committee will be looking at ways to improve this process. We are still required to forward the full membership fees to the Guild.

As at the October Committee meeting, we had funds to the value of \$2,800 with some of the Bunnings money still to appear in the books.

Equipment Levy: Now due. \$25 per family.

The levy for 2008 is due from 1st January.

This goes towards purchase of additional equipment and supplies for the Library.

Can you please make sure that you get your payment to Ian Pye as early in the year as possible.

Representative's Report

October Meeting-Items discussed were:

- 1 The search for an editor for "By Hand and Eye" to replace Bill Shean continues .
- 2 Establishing an education officer and then deciding what he/she could do for your club.
- 3 Importance of members who are unable to be active due to ill health was discussed
- 4 Any freebies form suppliers should be handed to SWG for use as prizes at Woodturn.
- 5 Next bi monthly meeting to be held at the Cubby House on 17.01.09

- 6.Next Guild meeting at Chester Hill 24.11.08
 - 7.Election of a new president results ___ Bill Black is now the president
 - 8.New representative from Southern Highland Woodies, Fred Schaffarczyk is replacing John Crisp
- Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

January SWG Inc on 19.01.09
Meeting held with Bill Black in the chair
Apologies Fred Schaffarczyk

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Show & Tell - November Meeting by John Harris



John Crisp: Mounted Cricket Ball (grandson's first six), Camphor laurel bowl which was a collaborative with Bill Shean, Spitfire As-



John Crisp: Lidded bowls in NSW Rosewood, Huon Picture Frame, Kookaburra Platter

Bill Shean: cloak pins



Graeme Webb: Red cedar bowl—convex and concave shaped, Qld Kauri platter

Fred S: Cypress pine



Fred Schffarczyk: Wall hanging in various timbers, Banksia bowl, Kwila Box, Swamp mahogany bowl



Fred S: Salad bowl in ginko bal-

John Harris: Lidded bowl with alternative lids-one showing screw holes, Box in bull oak



Ian Pye: Myrtle & Huon Pine

Ken Sullivan: Hand spinning

Sam: Scarf pins in Burmese

Bill Bailey: pine

Next month, our project is a gavel.

The various dictionaries define a gavel as a small hammer or mallet used to direct attention at a meeting.

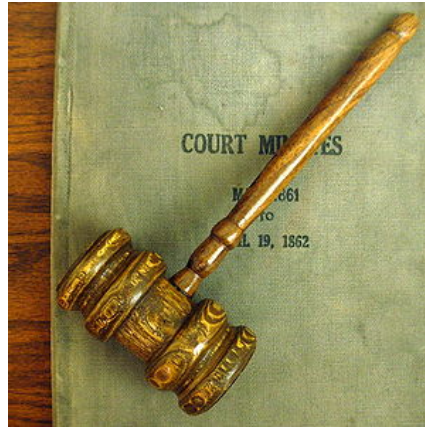
When you look on the web, you will find approximately 30 different organizations around the world that will supply ready made and quite pretty gavels. They come boxed, mounted, in wood and metal, in plastic and horn, just about any material.

They come as minis, normal size and giant size. With your club's name engraved etc.

What is more interesting is that the design can be quite plain or quite outrageous and that they can be used in a traditional type hammer style or a palm type mallet.

Attached are some photos I downloaded from the web plus one plan.

Happy gaveling for February.



John Page & Excellence Awards

John Page Awards for November were:

Sam Mc Grath: 1 nomination

Graeme Webb: 4 nominations

Fred Schffarczyk: 1 nomination

Excellence Award Nominations for November were:

Graeme Webb: Concave sided cedar bowl

John Harris: Lidded finial bowl in red gum

John Crisp/Bill Shean: Collaborative Camphor bowl

Fred Schffarczyk: Mellaleuca bowl

Just A Laugh– Lew & Tim

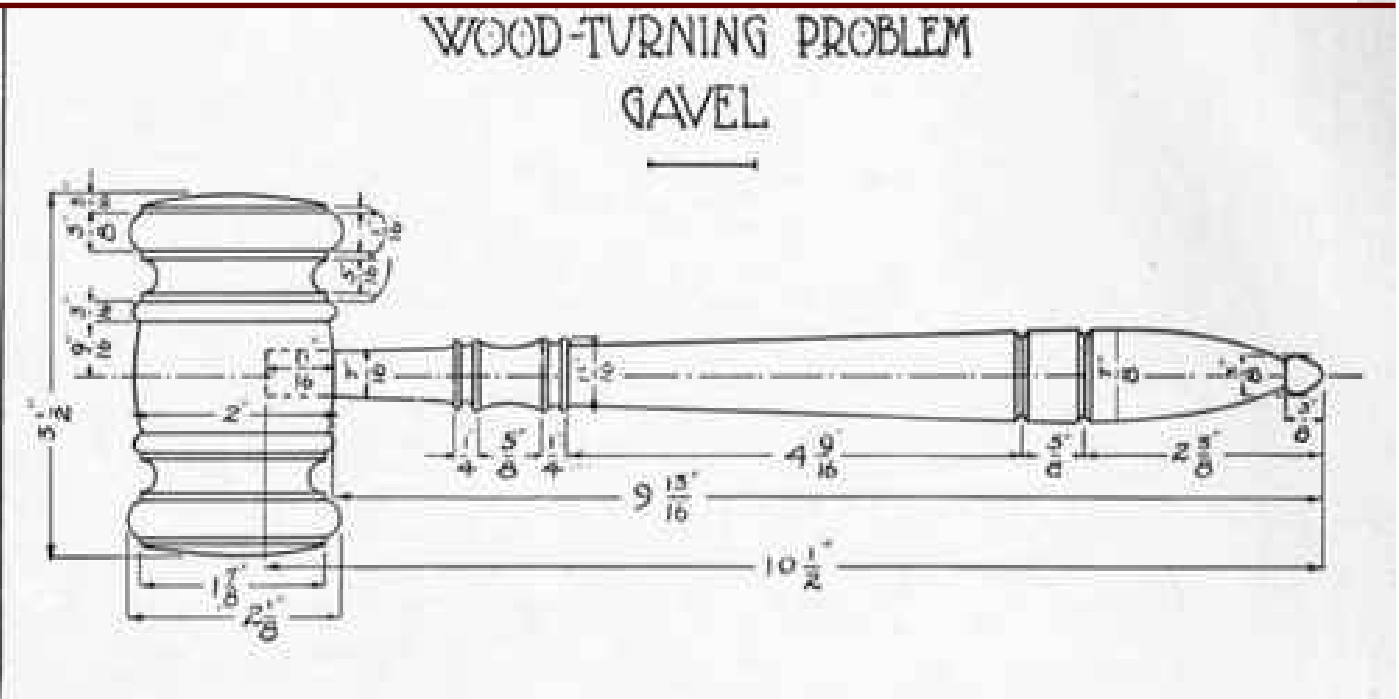
Clones are people two.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk I have a work station.....

No one says 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.

VENI, VEDI, VISA. I came, I saw, I spent.

Gavel Plan



Crispies Korner—Tips & Jigs

Allen Keys (hex drive)

The design of most AllenKeys makes their use awkward:

- Using the long leg makes it hard to apply pressure
- Using the short leg, the operation is fiddly.



My model with a 'tee' bar at the top is ergonomically designed, user friendly and fits comfortably in the hand. It exerts downward pressure over the centre of the screw.

My long series makes it handy for those tight spots, ie pulley belts and the like.

There is an old saying: 'A good tradesman does not blame his tools, but a good tradesman does not buy crap tools'.

PS: I can make any size and shape at affordable prices.



Representative's Report cont

Normal business reports

1. Western region to hold next bi monthly meeting at Lalor Park on 22.03.09
2. Southern Highland Woodies will hold bi monthly meeting in 25th July 09
3. Scott Rollo has volunteered to compile By Hand and Eye newsletter and Guild Treasurer will organise payment for the printing of 320 copies
4. Bill Blacks draft was presented and reps were requested to get back to Bill before the next meeting so that it can be finalised prior to that meeting

5. Ken Sullivan's letter on the subject of membership procedures was tabled- thank you Ken
 6. Safety Warren Rankin volunteered to provide some recommendations on Safety with a view to reducing liability
 7. The Guild Treasurer talked about insurance for committee members and it was decided to obtain more information before taking action
- Meeting closed at 8.15pm

next meeting 30.03.09
Fred Schaffarczyk



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Meetings:

4th Sat each month, 10.00am – 4.30pm

Every Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm

President: John Powell , 48 712 714

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We're on the web

Sydneywoodturners.com.au

Old Editions of Woodchips.

Did you know that our Woodchips can be found in full colour on the Guild's website.

From May 2006 to current date. Check it out.

Equipment

We now have a 'dremel' kit and a pyrography machine. Both available for borrowing.

Cost is that you add something to one of the kits, eg a burr or sanding mandrel, or something.

Library

Check it out. Some new titles in November and this month.

Club Shirts, Jumpers, Jackets

See John Harris. You can have logo made which you sew onto your own shirt, or he can organize a shirt or jacket or jumper.

Please, money at time of order!

Presidents Challenge 2009

January: Plate or platter

February: Gavel

March: Inlay, colour, texture

April: Trembleur, hollow form

May: Lidded bowl

June: Sphere or scoop

July: Letter opener, knife

August: Lamp, candlestick

September: Segmented work

October: Goblets

November: Pens

December: Christmas Ornaments

These are the projects for the theme of Show & Tell for each of the 2009 meetings. This should also produce a range of items in the Excellence Award.

Excellence Award for 2009

The Excellence Award for 2009 will be based on the items presented at the July 2008 to May 2009 meetings. All items nominated by the Committee for inclusion in the competition will be asked to be returned to the June meeting.

At the June meeting, all members present will be able to vote on their preferred piece, one vote per person.

The winner of the 2009 Excellence Award will be announced at the opening of our 'Treasures in Timber' exhibition in the Moss Vale Council Chambers in late July. All items from the Excellence Award will displayed plus others.

Have You Ever Seen This Before? by Bill Shean

During the holidays, Crispie volunteered to show me how his new chuck jaws work in making a photo frame.

The first piece of huon (what else?) that I looked at had a split through the centre and another near the edge. But the second only had one had a split well out in the rim and I thought it would be fine. And it was! Almost!

Until the last few cuts had been made and then it blew itself to pieces, caused some minor heart problems for me and a major one for Crispie.

But what really blew us was that we could not find all the pieces. Until Crispie looks up and there is half the ring buried in the ceiling. That's right, buried! See the photos at above

and at right.

So lesson learned, again, is never use a split piece when using an expansion chuck. Either use a compression chuck or find a way to face plate. Crispie has a new face plate since then.

