



2009 Excellence Award, R South

Highlights of May Meeting

As I was not at the opening of the meeting, I missed most of what happened and also the start of John Krook's demonstration.

That morning, I had done a demonstration at Bunnings as part of their birthday celebrations. They want us to do more demonstrations and not just on our B-B-Q days.

When I got to the hall, John Krook was in full flow showing us how he goes about making his lace work or lattice work as I would call it.

We could have done better for us if we had put the



camera up and got both of them going so that the detail could be seen on the televisions. It was a bit hard seeing ex-



actly what he was doing from the back of the room.

It is remarkable how some extremely fine work is done by our and other club members and John was a testimony to the 'learn and do' school. Well done and thank you to John for making the trip



down to us.

Then Mike Darlow really went to town in his 10-minute segment which well and truly went past 10 minutes.

Firstly he spent some time on parting tools vs parting off with some demonstrations of each.

He then moved onto demonstrating some of the issues that he has discussed over the last few months. His thoughts on how to actually approach the timber with the tool and how more thrust is needed was really well appreciated.

What's Happening

26 June	Excellence Award
10 July	Sales stand at Corbett Gardens, see Max Donato
24 July	Ken Cooper - Sharpening
31 July	Opening of Display Case and Excellence Award, 5.00pm Moss Vale Council Chambers
28 August	Andrew Gittoes, see page 2
3-5 September	Canberra Working With Wood Show

Annual Fees Now Due

\$25

See Ian Pye

Show & Tell - May Meeting Project for May was a bowl with ?



Fred Robjent: Cryptomania bowl



Bill Bailey: Strawberry serving bowl, thuya occidentalis



Roger Wilson: Bowl with bark, English oak



Fred Robjent: Sirai pen



Bob Miller: Pot Bowl, camphor laurel (note the personal brand)



Jim Powell: Tooth pick box, huon pine



Graeme Webb: Bowl, Alaskan cedar, Clock in Tassie blackwood

Max Donato: Bowl with nothing, pin oak

Andrew Gittoes Demonstration

Date: 28 August

10.00am to 3.00 pm

Cost: \$25, includes monthly fee

Lots of ideas on how to create, decorate, design and extend your turning

President's Report

Things are happening in the hall thanks to all those who have been attending working bees. We now have the dust extractor coming up through the floor which makes it much more efficient, thanks to Roger Wilson and his team.



Also the kitchen is now looking very smart since it was sugar soaped and painted, thanks to Jim Powell and his team.

At our May monthly meeting we presented Bill Bailey with an encouragement award in recognition of his work at the Black and Coloured Sheep Association's day at Robertson. We hope that the standard of his tools has now improved!

Bill Shean will be running a two day course over two Saturdays at a cost of \$120. BYO timber and lunch. I have been to Bill's courses and found them excellent, as I'm sure many other members have too. I will certainly be putting my name down for the next one. Please see me if you are interested in doing a course.

Three Woodfast Lathe stands have been purchased and will be here at the end of the month.

Don't forget our get-together at the Council Chambers at 5pm on Friday 30th July for the presentation by Mayor Duncan Gair of the Excellence Award and the opening of our Treasures in Timber Display in the Council display cabinet. Light refreshments will be served.

Keep the chips flying,

John.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for May

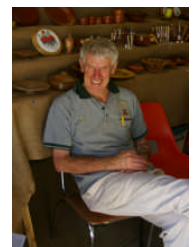
We finished May with a nice balance of \$4,470.39 including \$ 1,814.47 in the Equipment Fund.

Membership fees for 2010/2011 are now due. Please remember to bring your \$25 each on Saturday so that we can get our payment into the Guild on time. Remember that this payment all goes to the Sydney Woodturners Guild and in return the Guild keeps us covered for insurance and operates the various activities of the umbrella organisation.

Next month we will have the end of financial year report and if you have any ideas regarding our money matters, please have your say at the meeting.

Regards,

Ian Pye



The Tax System Explained in Beer ...courtesy Fred Schffarczyk

When pondering the question of mining super taxes and the structure of our tax system in general please refer to this explanation using the language of Beer !!

Suppose that every day, ten men go out for beer and the bill for all ten comes to \$100.

If they paid their bill the way we pay our taxes, it would go something like this;

The first four men (the poorest) would pay nothing.
The fifth would pay \$1
The sixth would pay \$3
The seventh would pay \$7
The eighth would pay \$12
The ninth would pay \$18
The tenth man (the richest) would pay \$59

So, that's what they decided to do.

The ten men drank in the bar every day and seemed quite happy with the arrangement, until one day, the owner threw them a curve ball.

"Since you are all such good customers," he said, "I'm going to reduce the cost of your beer by \$20". Drinks for the ten men would now cost just \$80.

The group still wanted to pay their bill the way we pay our taxes.

So the first four men were unaffected.

They would still drink for free. But what about the other six men - the paying customers?

How could they divide the \$20 windfall so that everyone would get his fair share?

They realised that \$20 divided by six is \$3.33. But if they subtracted that from everybody's share, then the fifth man and the sixth man would each end up being paid to drink his beer.

So, the bar owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each man's bill by a higher percentage the poorer he was, to follow the principle of the tax system they had been using, and he proceeded to work out the amounts he suggested that each should now pay.

And so the fifth man, like the first four, now paid nothing (100% saving).

The sixth now paid \$2 instead of \$3 (33% saving).

The seventh now paid \$5 instead of \$7 (28% saving).

The eighth now paid \$9 instead of \$12 (25% saving).

The ninth now paid \$14 instead of \$18 (22% saving).

The tenth now paid \$49 instead of \$59 (16% saving).

Each of the six was better off than before. And the first four continued to drink for free. But, once outside the bar, the men began to compare their savings.

"I only got a dollar out of the \$20 saving," declared the sixth man.

He pointed to the tenth man, "but he got \$10!"

"Yeah, that's right," exclaimed the fifth man. "I only saved a dollar too. It's unfair that he got ten times more benefit than me!"

"That's true!" shouted the seventh man. "Why should he get \$10 back, when I got only \$2? The wealthy get all the breaks!"

"Wait a minute," yelled the first four men in unison, "we didn't get anything at all. This new tax system exploits the poor!"

The nine men surrounded the tenth and beat him up.

The next night the tenth man didn't show up for drinks, so the nine sat down and had their beers without him. But when it came time to pay the bill, they discovered something important. They didn't have enough money between all of them for even half of the bill!

And that, boys and girls, journalists and government ministers, is how our tax system works.

The people who already pay the highest taxes will naturally get the most benefit from a tax reduction..

Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy, and they just may not show up anymore.

In fact, they might start drinking overseas, where the atmosphere is somewhat friendlier.

David R. Kamerschen, Ph.D.
Professor of Economics.

For those who understand, no explanation is needed.
For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible.

Ed: It must be a co-incident but on the day before Fred sent me this, I was going through the tax tables looking for changes that we need to make to our system for new rates effective 1 July. I found 46 different PAYG tables.

Beer sounds better

Parting & Parting Off ...courtesy Mike Darlow

These are some brief notes that Mike provided following his session last month.

Parting

This is the process of cutting a rectangular cross-section channel.

Parting Off

Is the process of separating the finished workpiece from it's holding waste with the lathe running.

Tools

Parting tools have a narrow horizontal cutting edge, rectangular or trapezium cross-section, must have rounded bottom edge for rocking. Sharpening angle about 30 degree for cutting and scraping, 80 degrees for scraping only.

Parting-off tools have two unequal points ground on edge of the wheel or skew.



Use

Parting – held under arm, cut or scrape, don't leave spigot too weak,

Two-pointed better for faceplate turning.

Parting off- at headstock end, wind back tail-stock. Don't use parting tool too brutally.

How to Give a Cat a Pill

1. Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby.

Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.

Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa.

2. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.

3. Retrieve cat from bedroom, and throw soggy pill away.

4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.

Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse in from the garden.

6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.

7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail.

Get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.

8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw.

9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans and drink one beer to take taste away. Apply band-aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

10. Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed.

Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard, and close door onto neck, to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of scotch. Pour shot, drink.

Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Apply whiskey compress to cheek to disinfect. Toss back another shot. Throw tee-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.

12. Call fire department to retrieve the damn cat from



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

Meetings:

4th Sat each month, 10.00am – 4.30pm

Every Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm

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Old Editions of Woodchips.

Did you know that our Woodchips can be found in full colour on the Guild's web-site. I just sent the last few month's worth to go up on the web. So the missing editions should be there.

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**Presidents Challenge
2010**

January: Turned picture frame

February: Bowl with 3 feet

March: Pr duplicate candlesticks

April: Deep hollowed vessel

May: Bowl with "??"

June: Reassembled wall hanging

July: **Cutting board**

August: Cup, saucer and tea spoon

September: Dinner plate

October: Turned toy or game

November: Ernie Newman Doll

December: Christmas Ornaments

These are the projects for the theme of Show & Tell for each of the 2010 meetings. This should also produce a range of items in the Excellence Award.

We're on the web

Sydneywoodturners.com.au

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.

Pay when ordering.

Library

Check it out.

Jimmy Clewes DVDs bought at the Show.

Book, videos and DVDs.

Small fee for a month's viewing or reading.

John Page & Excellence Awards

John Page Awards Nominations

Nominations for **April** Show and Tell were:

Bob Miller 4 nominations

Bill Bailey 1 nomination

Excellence Award

Nominations for **April** Show and Tell were:

Graeme Webb: Deep hollowed vessel—Black bean

Ian Pye: Tetrahedron bowl, silky oak

Mike Darlow: Watch stand

John Harris: Ear ring stands

John Harris: Carved liquid amber bowl

the top of the tree across the road. Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat.

Take last pill from foil wrap.

13. Using heavy-duty pruning gloves from shed, tie the little *&#%^'s front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of filet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour two pints of water down throat to wash pill down.

14. Consume remainder of scotch. Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room. Sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.

15. Arrange for RSPCA to collect mutant cat from hell and call local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

How To Give A Dog A Pill

- 1. Wrap it in bacon.
- 2. Toss it in the air

Pill swallowed!!