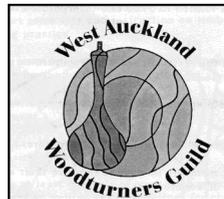


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Club Meetings

1st & 3rd Thursday ea. Month at
7.15 pm.

Hands on sessions

Mondays (not holidays) 1-3 pm.
Tuesdays (Juniors) 9.30-1130am
Saturdays from 1.30 pm.

Is it May already?

Time really does seem to fly.

Looming up is the payment of subscrip-
tions, Model X at Queen's Birthday
weekend and the Club's A.G.M.

Yes, it does seem like only yesterday we
were doing these things. It can get a bit
same-ish, can't it.

How about making it different this year?

Decide to show some of your work at
Model X, volunteer for the Committee
and show what new blood can do, and, of
course, pay your subs before the deadline
and surprise the Treasurer.



Dates for your Diary 2015

Hands on Sessions are held on Mondays 1—3pm and Saturdays from 1.30pm

Guild Meetings are the First and Third Thursdays each month at 7.15pm.

They are, with Competition dates :-

May 21st **Competition—Bead Box**

May 30 –31, June 1. Model X.

Volunteers needed to man stand and demonstrate.

June 4th **Annual General Meeting**

June 18th

July 2nd

July 16th **Competition - 2 Pens**

August 6th and 20th

September 3rd

September 17th **Competition A Plate**

October 1st and 15th

November 5th

November 19th **Competition—Christmas Ornaments**

December 3rd Top Night and Break Up

WAWG Meeting 7th May 2015

16 members were present.

President.

The Lease has been drawn up and now has to go to the Council for approval.

Model X

Model X will be, as usual, on Queens Birthday weekend - May 30th, 31st and June 1st.

This year we have 3 spots, not the usual 2 (Nos. 83, 84, 85), we should have enough space for a gallery.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will held on the 4th June before the usual meeting.

Annual Subscription

is now due. There is no change from last year, it is \$50 membership plus \$6 NAW fee (this also covers public liability insurance for demonstrations).

Paul Sokolich, Fred Day and Phill Lunnon have formed a sub-committee to oversee the applying for funds in order that the proposed extension to the club premises can be carried out.

Votes of Thanks

At the last Committee meeting it was recorded that **Paul Altena** had done a great amount of work for the club, both in getting timber but also cutting it into useable sizes and putting in into store in order.

A vote of thanks was passed unanimously, letting Paul know of our appreciation.

A second vote of thanks was passed to **Phil Weight** who has been always ready to help when help was needed.

Show and Tell

There were 14 items on the table. Fred Day did the critique.

WAWG meeting 2nd April 2015

There were 13 members present, with 16 items on the Show and Tell table. Phill Weight did the critique.

Demonstration

We were happy to see an old friend again. **Bruce Wood (SAWG)** was to show us how to use the Escoulin chuck to do off centre turning but first showed two beautiful models he had made, of a Scania Truck and a steam engine.

The Escoulin chuck is obviously very versatile but someone new to it could find it very testing to set up and use. Bruce knew what he was doing and showed its capabilities then turned a lidded bowl on an eccentric stem.

We enjoyed his demonstration and thanked him in the usual way.

WAWG meeting 7th May 2015

There were 16 members present

Show and Tell. 20 Items on the table, Mark Teeboon did the critique.

As usual the items covered a wide range from miniature (dolls house) furniture to large platters, pendants and earrings, vases and bowls and the first hip ball joint we had seen - Trevor Pollard's of course!

These Show and Tell sessions are always enjoyable as well as instructive and it is remarkable that such a small gathering of members can consistently muster such a high number of items for the table.

John Horsfall gave us a brief autobiography. He had been a chef for the largest part of his working life travelling in New Zealand and abroad and winning many awards as a top class chef. Woodturners come from many walks of life!

Men,s Health

The President had noted an article in that day's newspaper on **Prostate Cancer** and the reluctance of men to have the simple checks that can save their lives.

He appealed to everyone to visit their doctor if there was the slightest sign of any problem.

Demonstration.

Mark Teeboon was our demonstrator.

He specialises in pens and jewellery items such as earrings and pendants. From the USA he has bought an variable, eccentric chuck system and he showed us how it was easily set up and how variable it was in holding the wood for the off centre turning.

Mark showed us his methods and many items he had made

I think we all have an urge to do some off-centre turning but are reluctant to purchase the equipment needed and find that improvised methods can be uncertain, time consuming and possibly dangerous. Perhaps we may now think again.

Thanks to Mark for a very interesting demonstration.

Annual Subscriptions

Subs are now due. They have been the same for some years and this year is no different.

\$50 plus \$6 for the NAW levy which gives us membership of NAW and also pays the Public Liability Insurance we need when demonstrating outside the club.

New members pay a \$40 joining fee.

Late payment, i.e. After 30th June, incurses a penalty of \$5.

Fundraising and other jobs.

At the last Committee Meeting applying for grants was again discussed. Among other things we want to extend the building and buy new lathes and other equipment, including dust extraction.

We are known to the Council and have a good reputation for working with the community but we have to keep this up, making sure that we get publicity for each and every thing we do in the community from demonstrating to schools or at shows, to teaching new members and in particular juniors and making wig-stands etc. to help those who are ill.

One member who has been in contact with various Council departments stated that we had missed many opportunities to apply for grants and there is a lot of money available for applicants who apply in the right way, with the forms filled in properly and the necessary supporting information supplied.

The Committee is small and such work is seen to be specialised and hard and nobody feels qualified to do it. Meanwhile we just languish and talk about the same desires over again.

We need someone with experience of filling in forms and talking to Committees to do this work and kick-start the process of renewal and growth.

Are you that person or do you know someone who would help us?

In common with all clubs and organisations there are only a few people who are willing to do tasks that arise. We see the same handful, and it is a handful!, giving of their time and energy to keep the club alive.

Paying a subscription and using the equipment is fine but being a club member is more than that. Come to the meetings, enjoy the demonstrators, if you don't enjoy it let us know. Socialise with other members. Join the Committee, it needs new blood.

I hope you will consider this!

Active Member

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that "just belong"?
Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled
That I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate it if you, too
Will come and help us out.
So come to meetings often
And help us with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.

Think this over, member,
You know right from wrong;
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

(It seems timely to repeat this again)

Editor.

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