



Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association

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Next General Club meeting is on Wednesday, the 18th January at 18h00 at Pirates Bowling Club. Turning for furniture making by Peter Middleton.

Directions: On the East side of Braeside road, entrance off Cruden Bay. (About ½ km north of Greenside High School.) If you travel north on Green Way, where it veers off to the left, Braeside carries on straight. Braeside crosses Gleneagles and Cruden Bay is the next road after Gleneagles – turn right (East) and the club is on your left. See the map below – **purple arrow and box**.

Next Turner's monthly meeting is on Monday, the 6th February at 18h00 – This will take place at Hardware Centre. Roy Gibbs will talk on textured finishes

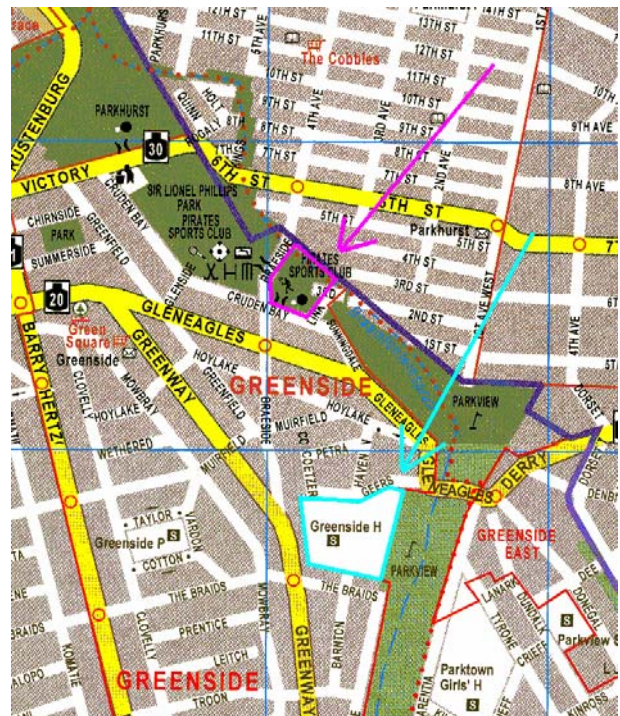
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December General Club Meeting. This was a braai at Pirates Bowling club.

December Turner's Meeting. This was a braai at Pirates Bowling club, with the auction of a few blanks for club funds. The cup for the most improved turner of 2005 was awarded to Steven Barrett.

From the committee:

Annual Braai. This was the usual success at Greenside High School. The weather was kind to us again. A most impressive list of toys was displayed in the hall. There were 179 toys in all. The work that Den White put into his toys was most impressive. Den must be a child at heart to have the imagination to make so many different designs, to the level of detail that he does.



Eddie Marchio sent the following report on the delivery of the toys:
After the braai, Buck, Winston, Bruce, Collie, Roger and myself delivered 92 toys to SANCA in Florida. These were gratefully received with much appreciation. During the tea, coffee and cake break they presented the Association with a certificate of recognition for the toy donation we made last year. They donate the toys to the various community centres and were very

expressive of thanks from the recipients. The delight on the children's faces is incredible. I hope I speak on behalf of all who donated toys and say that knowing the satisfaction and difference it has made to a child's life. It is heart warming to us that our efforts do go a long way. We also delivered 87 toys to Reach-for-a-Dream. Let us keep toy toying for next year.

New Clubhouse. We are still looking for a clubhouse venue. Negotiations with the council for the use of a scout hall in Craighall Park have reached a dead-end. We are looking into the possibility that we can use the facilities at the Pirates Bowling club. Any assistance and suggestions are welcome – the decisions we will take may affect the nature of the club, and your inputs are important.

All the meeting venues and details will appear in Crosscut (this newsletter), so check the details. Crosscut is also available on the website – see above for the address.

AWSA Congress 2006. This is scheduled for the long weekend of the 28th April to 01st May 2006 in Stellenbosch. The venue is the Natural Science building, University of Stellenbosch. The guest turner will be Stuart Mortimer. More details are in the AWSA newsletter "Turnaround".

For Sale/ Wanted:

Wanted. 14" bandsaw or similar medium sized bandsaw. Please contact Trevor Griffiths on (011) 422-1799

For Sale:

Bench Grinder 150mm Heavy Duty Bench Grinder as good as new

Bosch "all purpose" reciprocating saw with extra blades and file. Hardly used going at half price. Contact Harold Theunissen on (011) 447-3334 (h)

Replacement Rechargeable Batteries. Cordless power tools are so convenient. However when the battery pack fails, and the agent quotes a sum for repair that could almost cover the cost of a new one, remember there is another alternative. The cells in the pack can often be replaced, usually at a fair price. Peter Middleton resurrected his Racal Air helmet with a rebuilt battery pack and can recommend the people who did it. Their details are:

Carter Agencies,

Unit 4, Hitech Park, Cambridge Commercial park,

22 Witkoppen Rd, Paulshof.

(011) 807-5282 – Mark Meltzer.

Previously, Frans had success with a supplier of the same in Edenvale.

They are: Contact Battery Centre, 27 Eighth Av. Edenvale. 011 453 2293