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Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association
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Next General Club Meeting on **Wednesday, the 13th May 2009** from 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. AGM. Clive Stacey will be demonstrating the making of shaker boxes, which will include the demonstration of the use of a band saw and the process of heating and bending timber. He has developed some new techniques to show.

Next Turner's monthly meeting is on **Monday, the 4th May 2009** at 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. The topic is a practical one with an interactive demonstration on sharpening bowl gouges by hand N with jigs. Members may bring their gouges if they would like to discuss problems they are having regarding sharpening. The turners will also be holding their AGM for the committee that runs their section.

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April General Club Meeting. Don Jennings from Saint Gobain Abrasives gave a talk on grinding wheels – how they are constructed and how to fit them. He emphasised the importance of the correct material selection for the wheel and how to identify them.

April Turner's Meeting. Dries Blignaut demonstrated the making of pens on the lathe using a mandrel. He showed the various types of kits available and the procedures for mounting blanks onto a mandrel, and how to fit the pen together afterwards. Once you have the correct mandrels and tools, he showed that pen making is simple to learn.

Wood of the Month. Celtis Africana (White Stinkwood) was presented by Chris van Heeswijk **Celtis Africana** is often mistaken for **Celtis Sinensis** also known as the Blinkblaar. **C. Africana** has a leaf that is rough (hairy) with a characteristic 3 vein structure, whereas **C. Sinensis** has a leaf that is shiny on the upper surface. The two apparently interbreed, so hybrids may difficult to tell apart. Dries has made a drawing of the geometry of his whistles to jog your memory should you wish to attempt one. He explained the principles again. The drawing is reproduced below. The individual task to build skills is to turn something with captive rings.

From the committee:

Pretoria Turners Social Meeting. Friday, 01 May 2009 (Worker's day) – From 9h30. Bring and braai, instant gallery, turning competition – bring your turning tools to make a top on a Jet Mini (with a chuck). Turn a "frisky Frisbee" (one or more) in advance and bring it for a Frisbee throw competition. Bring turned items to show on the instant gallery. They will supply the braai facilities, a salad, ice, tables and chairs. Please RSVP to assist for catering and organising purposes to Lou Coetzer on 012-991-1241 or 082-332-5786. The location is Leon Langenhoven's small-holding near the Bon Accord Dam (about 10km from the Zambesi off-ramp on the N1) Directions available on request from the committee.

AGM and New Committee. Notice is hereby given of the annual general meeting for the Wits Woodworking Association that will take place on Wednesday, the 13th May 2009 at the REEA Clubhouse at 18h00. Items on the agenda:

- Report from the outgoing chair.
- Acceptance of the treasurer's report for 2008/9. Approval of the budget for 2009/2010.

- *Election of office bearers and committee members for 2007/8. Volunteers for all the positions are welcome, as some of the committee will step down. Others will remain, subject to being re-elected, in order to ensure continuity. Having fun is definitely part of the job description!*
- *The chairman, Clive expressed the concern that the club constitution is silent on the authority of the committee to sign contracts such as leases on behalf of the club. We will look at an amendment so that this is explicitly dealt with, and propose this at the AGM.*
- *Address from the incoming chair.*

Membership Fees for 2009/2010 year. The proposal to raise the annual subs for the year 2009/2010 to R270 per year was carried by show of hands of members present at the March club meeting.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS: 2009 / 2010 year

Membership subscriptions for 2009 / 2010 are due on 1 May 2009. At the March 2009 meeting, approval was given by the club for the increase in subs to R270- per year (less than R24- a month).

Please pay the Treasurer before the end of April to maintain continuity of your membership. Post cheques to the address in the masthead of this newsletter. Details for direct deposits are on your *personal* invoice below. Thank you.

Kenneth Jackson Secretary

Payment of subs. We have experienced difficulty with the tracking down of all subs paid. Please can members ensure that they pay directly to the treasurer of the main club (Glenn) and that they receive a receipt for future reference. Please send all changes of address direct to the secretary.

INVOICE		15 April 2008
DUE DATE		AMOUNT
1/5/2009	SUBS for the Witwatersrand Woodworkers Association - 2009/2010 year	R270-00
	Direct deposits to: Witwatersrand Woodworkers Association. Nedbank Main St. branch - Code: 197905. Account No: 1979-321833 – Put your name in the comment line, so that the treasurer can identify the source of the payment.	

WWA Committee members and duties:

We are looking for volunteers to stand. Being on the committee is not a huge job; in fact most of the jobs are quite simple. To this end, here is a list of the duties of the committee members, so you can see what you are volunteering for should you stand.

Chair (Official committee member per constitution – presently Clive Stacey)

- Responsible for the strategic direction of the club
- Accountable to the club for the management of the club and governance
- Conducts meetings – main club, committee, ad hoc
- Co-ordinates club events, such as annual braai
- Manages club finances with treasurer and co-sign approval of expenditure
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Secretary (Official committee member per constitution – Presently Kenneth Jackson)

- Take minutes of meetings
- Maintain list of members
- Distribute newsletter
- Write official club correspondence, such as thank you letters, condolence letters
- Co-sign approval of expenditure

Treasurer (Official committee member per constitution – Presently Glenn Lopich)

- Manage club finances – account for payments and report monthly on status.
- Prepare annual financial report for AGM
- Produce an annual budget for forthcoming year, including determining required subscriptions
- Receive payments such as membership subs, sponsorship, course fees
- Make payments such as rent, maintenance expenditure, sundries

Membership (Ordinary committee member – Presently Karen Fairfield)

- Promote club to sustain membership at appropriate level
- Maintain contact with members to ensure that club is offering what the members need

Newsletter (Ordinary committee member – Presently Trevor Pope)

- Compile monthly newsletter
- Record notices and events for newsletter.
- Maintain web site as an information source for members and attract new members
- Source informative articles for newsletter

Turner's Rep (Ordinary committee member – co-opted from turners' committee – Presently Steven Barrett who is the chairman of the turners' section)

- Co-ordinate main club events with turner's subcommittee
- Liaison between main club and turner's section

Events (Ordinary committee member – Presently Dave Fincham)

- Arrange speakers for main club meeting
- Arrange sponsorships for events and club house

Member (Ordinary committee member – nobody at present)

- Ad hoc duties as required, such as machine and club house maintenance co-ordination.

Nominations for all positions are welcome as some committee members need a break, and we could do with some fresh ideas.

Please Note:

Toymakers. The toymakers meet on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 09h00 till 12h00 at the clubhouse.

Contact Eddie Marchio on (011) 678-8062 or renato AT pixie.co.za for more information.

Wednesday Workshop. The Wednesday evening workshops are on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, from 18h00 till 20h00. Contact Winston Klein on (011) 674-1513 for more information.

For Sale:

Stanley #4½ plane which is almost brand new -- barely used and was given to me. I have flattened the base and sharpened the blade so it is ready to use. R 500 ono- (New they are R 737 including VAT) Contact Clive Stacey on 011-788-7546 (h), 011-447-2969, 083 407 8008 or Stacey AT netactive.co.za

Table-top circular saw. Einhell 200mm blade, 700W motor. Very rudimentary, without guards. View at the WWA club house, speak to Trevor Pope at the next meeting. R200-

Whistles. The whistle drawing that Dries Blignaut showed in the turners' meeting is reproduced below. He explained why the geometry is important. The shape of the mouth is important to be able to make any sound at all and also influences the tone. The pitch is determined by the length of the drilling. He determined the shape experimentally before he glued in the stopper in the mouthpiece. The outside shape can be made to suit your taste.

