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Next Committee Meeting:

Bomaderry Bowling Club
7.30pm Wednesday 1st June 2011

TREEN TOPICS

May 2011



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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

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TREEN TOPICS MAY 2011

Presentation to Norm Schulz

The work of Norm Schulz on behalf of the club was recognised by President Greg when he presented Norm with a certificate of appreciation for his years of effort. Norm has been always ready to assist with club fundraising and other activities when called upon. He has also given a number of presentations at meetings which have been well received. The award was just reward for his contribution to the club's success.



April Meeting Highlights

Bob handed out the long awaited Club business cards. The cards give the club's postal, email and web addresses, meeting time and place and the phone numbers of the President and Secretary. There is also some space for you to write on the back of the card if you need to do that. The cards give every member a means of publicising the club to prospective members or other interested people.

Doug Green was the guest speaker for the night and gave us a very good update on outdoor timber finishes as well as the current state of paint manufacturers and retailers in Australia. It seems that the impending introduction of another chain of large hardware stores by Woolworths may create quite a different situation with paint supplies. It remains to be seen how it might affect small users like us but theoretically, more competition is supposed to be good for the consumer. Another interesting point was that the push by the environmental lobby to do away with oil based paint continues and as a result there are more and more water based products as time goes by. A number of questions were ably answered by Doug and his son Luke and they were both presented with one of Stuart's pens as thanks for their presentation.



Nomination for the award will be taken from the membership with the committee making the final decision on the recipient of the award. The nominations are available for past and present members.

It is intended to present the award on Ladies Night.

Last but not least is the Creative Moments Exhibition; the exhibition is in September and October 20-11; and this is a gentle reminder to start to make items for display and sale.

Greg Clark



Graeme Wiseman was first up for Show and Tell with a well constructed toy train engine. The detail made it very recognisable and any child would be happy to own it.

Garry Usher has used a very old bloodwood fence post to make a nice bowl with rough natural edges. He also had one out of blackwood and another from sally wattle both of which were harvested from fallen timber on his farm.

There was a display by the club at Bunnings on Thursday 5th May where the club's flag was flown once more.

Gordon Elford is setting a good example for the rest of us by showing his first piece of work for the exhibition in October. It is intarsia and consists of a circular saw blade sitting on a hand plane which acts as the base with a hammer and a handsaw handle incorporated around the perimeter. He has used pine, blackwood, bull oak and cedar all of which contrast nicely.



Meroogal Day Out

On Saturday 30th July Leon Sudubin , a well known woodworker , will be speaking at Meroogal. His subject will be “The 1885 Hand Made House” which will be about Meroogal itself. He will discuss the materials used and the methods of construction in both the house and it’s antique furniture contents. The day will begin at 10.00AM and finish at 3.00PM. The cost is \$30 or \$20 concession. Morning tea will be provided but bring your own lunch. Telephone 8239 2211 for bookings.

Christmas Barbeque

Don’t panic and think that you have done a Rip van Winkle and slept through a few months when you see this heading. It is just that we need to book the venue early to make sure that we have somewhere to go. Following the success of the day at the Husky Girl Guides hall last year the committee felt that it would be the place to go again in 2011. If you do not agree then speak up at this meeting.

Len Arthur Award

For the benefit of the newer members, Len Arthur was a founding member and President for quite a few years as well as holding various other positions in the Society. He passed away several years ago and his family, in conjunction with the club, established this award which is presented annually. Nominees for the award should be current or past members who are considered to have made a significant contribution to the Society. So get your thinking caps on and nominate someone this meeting. Greg will have more to say on this at the meeting and will have forms for nominations.

Guest Speaker

The speaker this month will be our own John Knowles who will be talking about the making of a traditional bow saw. You may remember that John made one some time ago and showed it at show and tell and also displayed it at the exhibition. He said at the time that it worked exceedingly well and was a handy addition to his range of tools. The workshop following this meeting will be about making one of these for yourself and drawings will be available.

We will circulate a nominations list for the award. To jog your memory the rationale for the award is printed below.

The Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Len Arthur Award has been initiated for two reasons. The first to honour a man who gave generously of his time and wisdom to promote the Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society and secondly to provide a means to recognise and thank those members of the club who also have given their energy and experience to the club.

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Ramblings from the President May 2011

I don't have a lot to say this month for although it has been very busy the activities have been covered in other report dedicated to the specific activity; I think I will just concentrate on some of the upcoming events.

John Knowles will be providing a talk on Bow Saws at the May general meeting and he will also take the lead on the Saturday workshop where we will construct a couple of Bow Saws. It is good to see members participate in club activities in this way; may thanks John.

We are scheduled to run another Bunning's BBQ on Monday 13 June 2011, yes this is the Monday of the June long weekend and although it will not be as busy as the BBQ on Easter Saturday will still need assistance. I will circulate a list at the May General meeting.

The Sydney Working with Wood Show will be on 17-18-19 June 2011 so we have cancelled the Saturday Workshop scheduled for 18 June 2011 as most people will wish to visit the show.

The AGM is scheduled for 20 July 2011 and it would be nice to get new blood and new ideas onto the committee; if you feel you would like to contribute please let me know.

Ladies Night is scheduled for Wednesday 17 August 2011, it sounds like a long way off but we have started preparations for the night. The venue has to be booked and the person to be awarded the Len Arthur Award has to be decided.

Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 18 th May	General Meeting – John Knowles on making a Bow Saw
Saturday 21 st may	Workshop – Making a Bow Saw
Every Tuesday	Workshop - Coffee Tables (and other projects eventually!)
Wednesday 1 st June	Committee Meeting
Monday 13 th June	Bunnings Barbeque (Long Weekend)
Wednesday 15 th June	General Meeting
Friday 17 th to Sunday 19 th June	Working with Wood Show – Sydney. (No workshop)

Scottish Wedding

Two Glasgow boys ,Archie and Jock , are sitting in the pub discussing Jock's forthcoming wedding. "Ach, it's all going like magic", says Jock. "I've got everything organised already . The flowers, the church, the cars, the reception the rings, the minister, even ma stag night."

Archie nods approvingly.

"Hell , I've even bought a kilt to be married in" continues Jock .

"A kilt ?"exclaims Archie . "That's grand , you'll look pure smart in that ! And what's the tartan? " "Ach" says Jock , "I'd imagine she'll be in white."

BUNNINGS BBQ 23 APRIL 2011

What a day it has taken me the best part of a week to recover. We set new records for the Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society and Bunning's. The BBQ produced over \$1,200 for the society and when I rang Bunning's on the following Wednesday to give them the figures we apparently sent a new high for Bunning's not a bad effort. The Bunning's BBQ's are getting more popular with the public and this BBQ was held on Easter Saturday again boosting sales. We cooked and served 600 sausage sandwiches and several hundred drinks; we ran out of sausages at 1545 hrs. so we packed up and went home, we were all weary.

I would like to thank all those who helped out starting with Margaret who has been purchasing supplies cutting up onions and serving all day; Liesel who came around on Friday and helped peel and slice 15 Kgs of onions; Norm who ran the plate most of the day and helped us set up and also came back to help clean up; Warwick who was scheduled to help out in the morning but spent the whole day there when he found out Bob (if he was a horse we would shoot him) had injured his back and we would be short for the afternoon. John who helped with the morning shift and realised we were shorthanded in the afternoon came back and helped us clean up. Gordon who helped out serving the customers and also stayed to help with the midday rush; David who worked at buttering the bread and Stuart who helped serving and assisted with the plate. All were busy throughout the day and all stayed to help out once their shift was over so that we could cope with the large numbers of customers.

I think this was a terrific effort by all concerned and on behalf of all the members of the society I would like to thank them for their efforts.

Greg Clark

BUNNINGS PRESENTATION 5 MAY 2011

The Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society was asked to participate in the Mother's Day promotion run by Bunning's on Thursday 5 May 2011. The request was for the society to provide a display and demonstration in the store from 1800 Hrs. till 2000 Hrs. The request was made with little notice but the display team swung into action and a credible display and demonstration was organised.

The night proved to be a bit of a failure as there weren't that many people shopping in Bunning's on the night. You take the good with the bad and overall you are ahead. It is presentation like these that have been responsible for at least 50% of the recruiting to the society that took place in 2010 but the night was not a total loss as I managed to get some shopping done.

I would to thank the regular demonstration crew of Stewart, Gordon and Peter; these guys have done this so often now and they are such a polished team that I feel that my presence is for moral support only. Stewart turns miniature goblets which he gives to the public, Gordon progresses the intarsia which fascinates the crowd and Peter has a knack with the public discretely advertising the society whilst he is providing information.

Greg Clark