

Bayside Woodturners & Woodcrafters Newsletter

MAY 2010

In Memoriam - Paul Nielsen

Those of us who were fortunate enough to know Paul remember him as a highly skilled but quietly humble member of our club, ever ready to offer assistance and advice, but never pushy or assertive. His smile was as engaging as his dry humour during his wood turning demonstrations was sure to draw a laugh. His contribution to the club was considerable over the years, from internal carpentry within the clubhouse itself to the lining, with Jim Butler's assistance, of the shed. Those who joined the club after the shed was finished have probably not noticed that, but for this work the shed would be almost uninhabitable on some hot summer days. My most personal memory of Paul was the day we spent in my workshop assembling a Model Steam Engine from the parts that had been produced but a large number of individuals working to a plan. When it came time to assemble it, Paul and John Pye came over to my workshop to do the job. John and I quickly realised that the most constructive thing we could do was to simply pass Paul what he needed.

Paul's funeral was a moving ceremony and he was dressed in his Bayside shirt. Those club members who attended had been asked to wear their Bayside shirts and acted as pall bearers. Kay, on behalf of the family, has expressed her appreciation for our support during a difficult time.

Rest in Peace Paul, you will be sadly missed.

From the Editor

I will try to avoid editorials because most people tend not to read them. But I would like to make a couple

of comments. The first is to reiterate the fact that this club belongs to you, the members. There is little point in one or two people trying to determine what everybody is interested in doing at the club. In fact it is the extent to which the things we try are supported by the sufficient numbers of members that measure the success or failure of an idea new or old. If there is not a critical mass of support for the idea it fails and when this happens we will try something else, simple as that. After all, we attend our club because it is delivering what we want and require of it. So if you have any ideas, however outlandish you may think they are, let's talk about them and test the support.

The second point is that the clubhouse and its facilities are there for your use. These facilities need to be treated with respect so that they continue to be available for general use. Please do not use the equipment for work that it was not designed to do and if something breaks let us know so that we can get it fixed. There will be no recriminations.

Newsletter Printing

Special thanks as usual to Michael Choy and to Lisa and Pam in his office who produce our printed version of the newsletter promptly and efficiently.

Weekly/Monthly Club Program

Unless notified to the contrary because of other events, the club program for the year will continue as follows:

Monday 7pm	Pyrography Group
Tuesday 7pm	Carving Group
Wednesday 9am	Show & Tell
Last Wednesday	Competition
Wednesday 1pm	Turning classes
Thursday 9am	Machinery group
First Saturday	Woodturning
Second Saturday	Machinery Group
Third Saturday	Woodcrafters day
Fourth Saturday	Committee Meeting

Newsletter Editor Required!

Until such time as we are able to acquire a more skilled newsletter editor than me, I will be producing a “no frills” newsletter which will simply be aimed at keeping members informed of club activities month to month. Bob

Bayside Web Pages

Thanks to the efforts of Mark Jones, our Web Pages have now been updated and will become more central to the life of the club. The objective is that information about the various activities we participate in will be added on a regular basis. The site has been changed from Geocities and the new address is

<http://baysidewoodies.com/>

Those members who are on the net are encouraged to visit our site on a regular basis. Recently some new photos have been added and you are encouraged to add photos of your own work. When you send your photo or photos to Mark, please include a short précis of what it is and which of the sections in the Web Pages that you would like it to be displayed.

Mark has recently changed the Home Page of our Web Pages to display a picture of a forest. It is simply outstanding.

Competition items for 2010

Date	Item	Demonstrator
26 May -	Small bowl (Approx 200mm diameter)	Bruce Patch
30 June -	Platter (Approx 300mm diameter)	Rob McGregor
28 July -	Bud vase	Bob Lynch
25 August-	Goblet	Jim Butler
29 September-	Cake Stand	Bill Sedgewick
27 October -	Clock	Jim Thallon
24 November -	Bird feeder	Ed Newbury

Missing Pin Jaws

The set of Pin Jaws which is normally located in the shed has disappeared. If you have borrowed the jaws for a project it would be appreciated if you could return them as soon as possible.

Wood turning Demonstrations - 2010

2 May	-	Bruce Patch
5 June	-	Rob McGregor
3 July	-	Bob Lynch
7 August	-	Jim Butler
28 August	-	Bill Sedgewick
2 October	-	Jim Thallon
6 November	-	Ed Newbury

Electronic Newsletter on our WebPages

Instead of receiving the full newsletter in your email as we have done in the past, we will send you an email which will contain the link to our Web Pages together with the advice that the newsletter is now available on our WebPages. Simply clicking on the link will take you to the Newsletter. This will achieve a number of objectives. It will reduce the amount of data in your inbox, focus attention on the Web Pages and expedite the process.

Want to see photo's of your wood work on our website send them to

photo.box@baysidewoodies.com

Also let us know which title you would like to see them under

Woodturning, Woodcarving, Scroll Saw, Furniture /Machinery Group, Pyrography

We are indebted to Mark Jones who is now our Web Pages editor.

Club house lighting

The lighting in the club house is not adequate for some of the more detailed work carried out by members, particularly in the evenings. Bill Sedgwick tells us that after something of a marathon session at the clubhouse which lasted until late in the evening our friendly electrician has come up with a plan which is, according to Bill, is going to mean that the clubhouse lighting will be so bright we will need to wear sunglasses. Without Bill and his endless list of contacts and friends, the club would be a much poorer place.

Sales Day – Wynnum Plaza Shopping Centre

Following representations by Adrian Shield to the management of the Wynnum Plaza Shopping Centre, a sales day was held there on Saturday 24 April to take advantage of Mother's Day on May 9. While it is true to say that nobody was able to discharge their mortgage from the proceeds of the day, it was regarded by those who took part as worthwhile.

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Saturday 10 April

This month's wood turning demonstration held on Saturday 10 April was lidded boxes. Two sorts of boxes were demonstrated, one a simple box with straight sides and the other an undercut base with a small aperture for the lid. The timber was camphor laurel. During the demonstration a variety of tools were used to illustrate their specific advantages for specific applications including a roughing gouge, bowl gouge, spindle or detail gouge, skew chisel, beading tool and my old favourite the home made hollowing tool. I also talked briefly about what I consider to be the safe use some tools; for example the roughing gouges to avoid detaching long splinters during roughing down. I also talked about honing, specifically of the skew and detail gouge to obtain a micro bevel which reduces the numbers of trips to grinder.

I have been experimenting with home-made finishing products which can be used on the lathe and the product I used on Saturday consisted of:

1. Shellac already mixed – (place the flakes in a small jar and cover with methylated spirits then allow to dissolve)
2. Approximately one table spoon of cabinet makers wax which is then covered in mineral turps and allowed to dissolve. If the wax is really old as mine was it will be necessary to stir from time to time before screwing the lid on and then shake like mad.
3. Pour this mixture into a small jar and then add about the same amount of shellac.
4. Add one generous teaspoon of liquid dishwashing soap (lemon fresh is nice) to allow the meth and the turps to mix.
5. Place some cling wrap over the top of the jar.
6. Allow about 24 hours before use and shake well each time before you use it. Do not make too large a batch as I give no guarantees about longevity or shelf life. Use while the wood is on the lathe. It is a nice mixture to use and seems to give a reasonable finish.

Bob Webb

A Wish List

The committee has decided to compile a list of items of capital equipment that the club does not have, or have enough of, and that members believe will improve and enhance the activities of the club.

Members of the various groups within the club are encouraged to give some thought to those items which should appear on this list. We have decided to call it a Wish List and it will be consulted at those times that applications for grants are normally lodged. Obviously we will not be able to have everything we think we might like to have, hence the name Wish List, but if an item of equipment makes it on to the list there a chance that it will get to the top at some time. The main advantage of this list is that it will represent the considered views of all members, and those who are interested will be able to see the equipment for which the club is considering making funding applications. The list will be published in the next newsletter.

April is Competition Commencement Month

Today, Wednesday 28 April, the club held its first monthly wood turning competition. There were 16 entries and this far exceeded our hopes and aspirations. The competition item was a lidded box and the work entered was of a high standard. Judging was undertaken by all members present and I am sure we all learned something from this. While three people were adjudged the winners, the real winner was the club, because we have added an important activity to the club's skills development program.

1 st Place	Jim Butler
2 nd Place	Stephen Schuhmacher
3 rd Place	Ed Newbury.

Congratulations to all who had a go, it is never easy to expose your work to public examination.

Doing it tough list

Unable to make it to the club right now, but certainly not forgotten are:

Ron Sivyer
Joe Diamond
Terry O'Keeffe

Working with Wood Show

This will be held from 21 May to 23 May with set up on Thursday 20 May. Dave Adams is doing his usual outstanding job as organiser in chief and tells us that there are some complications this year in terms of the numbers of available tickets and also a need to obtain and wear safety vests during the set up. A list has been placed on the notice board where members can record their intention to attend, the times when they will be there and whether or not they will be interested in demonstrating. Please contact Dave if you require more information.

Use and Abuse of Club Equipment

During committee discussions about further equipment purchases, the issue of abuse of some equipment by a very small number of members was raised again because it is a recurring problem. It is, from time to time, necessary to remind this small number of

The Third Saturday – Woodcrafters Day

Today, we had our first Woodcrafters Saturday. It was a great success with a number of people involved in Pyrography and one carver in attendance. In addition to the practical value of observing people doing at the club what they normally do at home, the morning provided an opportunity for pleasant conversations and detailed discussions to solve the problems of the club and the world at large. While the burners were well represented, we need some more carvers and also some scrollers. So please think about spending a couple of hours at the club on the third Saturday next month and bring your current projects with you so that we can all learn a bit more. I can assure you that you will enjoy it as we did.

A Summary of Events for 2010

May	Working With Wood Show
June	Birkdale Scouts Fete
July	CrackerJack Carnival Mt Gravatt Show
August	Historical Truck Show
September	Spring Festival
October	Vet Bush Fair

Gabbett Machinery Show

Please find attached an invitation to our Show Day to be held in the Brisbane showroom on the 13th of May.

On display will be machines ranging from general woodworking through to large scale CNC solutions and Aluminium machinery.

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 5 May at 9am

Our regular Saturday committee meeting has been and will be interrupted a bit, last week because of the Wynnum shopping extravaganza and next month because of the WWWS. We will hold an abbreviated committee meeting before our normal show and tell on Wednesday at which matters outstanding will be dealt with. Additionally we will do a bit of “management by walking around” and have a look at the organisation of the shed in terms of “do we need this” and “is there a better spot for that” etc. We will also have a look at the trailer shed with a view to additional uses (a spot for a metal lathe perhaps) and some lighting in there. We will also have a look at the outside arrangements to see if we can tidy things up a bit and consider such things as Charlie’s spoon drain.

Bob