



Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association
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◀ Steven makes a honey dipper with a skew chisel at the summer challenge.

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Next General Club Meeting on Wednesday, the 12th November 2014 from 18h00 at WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Router demo – Triton

Next Turner's monthly meeting is on Monday, the 3rd November 2014 at 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Pool cues – Etienne Viviers. Wood of the month – Ash

News

October 2014 Turner's Meeting –

John Speedy described his woodturning cruise in the Norwegian Fjords. The ship was a floating exhibition and marketplace. At each port, the locals would attend demonstrations and exhibitions by well-known turners such as Richard Raffan,

Terry Martin, Rolly Monroe, Michael Hosaluk, Nick Agar, Stuart Mortimer and Mark Baker. John was able to collaborate and learn new techniques, which he demonstrated in the meeting. John purchased a Swedish made ring tool that he demonstrated in the making of a scoop with a handle. He followed a technique shown by Michael Hosaluk on the boat. He used wet wood initially turned between centres to make the handle and the outside of the scoop. Then he remounted the scoop into a jam chuck, with the handle swinging wide and hollowed out the scoop using the ring tool.

(The next wood turning cruise is in 2017 so you can start saving now – see www.woodturningcruise.com for more details.)



Wood of the month –

Olea Capensis
Macrocarpa– Cape Ironwood. A close relative of the wild olive that we are familiar with, it is similar to work, but with darker wood. Found in the Southern Cap forests, with age, the trees can reach 30m. The wood can be extremely hard and dense.

October 2014 Meeting –

Wally Pretorius demonstrated some scroll saw techniques and explained some of the basics for cutting out a pattern. He showed how to attach a pattern, pierce and cut out the design. He gave some tips on how to use a scroll saw more effectively.

Spring Challenge. This took place on Saturday 11th October 2014 at the WWA clubhouse. Both turned and cabinet made (flat work) boxes were on show. Bottles of wine were given as prizes were awarded to Peter Middleton for the best turned box and Herman Potgieter for the best cabinet made box. The fun event was to turn a Honey Dipper. A time limit of 10 minutes proved to be a bit tight as even the experts struggled to finish a good example in that time. Turners were expected to bring their own tools and blanks but tools were available to be borrowed and spare blanks were provided for all that wanted to have a go. In the end Trevor's honey dipper carried off the prize bottle of wine. John Speedy also showed how to balance the wheels on a bench grinder reducing the vibration on the club's green machine. The morning ended with a bring-and-braai.

In the picture above, Steven is showing off with a skew chisel. On the right, chairman Alistair shows Mary how he marks out a honey dipper blank using a template.



Club Notices

Annual Braai – Toys for Charity Fundraiser. The venue for the **Toys for Charity Fundraiser** is the SA Guide Dogs Association at 126 Wroxham Road, off Witkoppen Road (turn into Wroxham Road at the Porsche Centre) The only date we could get is the **29th November 2014** and whilst this coincides with The Hardware Centre Show, it does bring us back to the traditional last Saturday in November date. You can still go to Hardware Centre in the morning and follow on to the braai! Don't forget to book for the braai – this can be done by email or at the two November meetings.

Members are reminded that the **Toys for Charity Fundraiser** is our Social Responsibility commitment for the year and members are requested to make a minimum of 10 toys for donation to the Westview Clinic. Last year we made over 1400 toys for donation to crèches. More details to follow.

Turner's jackets – Please note that the deadline for ordering turner's jackets is after the turner's meeting on Monday the 3rd November. This can be done by responding to the email sent out earlier in the month or at the meeting.

Regular Events:

Toymakers. The toymakers meet on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 09h00 till 12h00 at the new clubhouse. Contact Eddie Marchio on 011-678-8062 or [rm22 AT mweb.co.za](mailto:rm22@mweb.co.za) for more information.

Wednesday Workshop. The Wednesday evening workshops are on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the new clubhouse, from 18h00 till 20h00. Contact Grant Mackay on 082-391-9769 or [mackay.grant AT gmail.com](mailto:mackay.grant@gmail.com) or [gmackay AT worldonline.co.za](mailto:gmackay@worldonline.co.za) for more information. Grant is concerned about declining attendance, so if you were thinking of going, please make a point of supporting him.

Saturday Workshop. Ken Bullivant holds a Saturday workshop at his house in Boksburg. The location is 13 Franklin Avenue, Comet, Boksburg on the first Saturday of the month from 09:00 to 12:00. They decide on an annual project and work throughout the year making it. Individual projects are discussed and problems solved. Ken also offers private lessons too. Contact Ken on 082 809 0020 if you wish to take part.

Saturday Turning workshop. Schalk van Niekerk conducts Saturday morning turning workshops at his premises in Germiston. (At the old East-African Timbers site) Membership is R400- per year, R30- per meeting. He can accommodate up to 12 people in a session with the lathes he has available for teaching. They meet on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8h00 to 12h00. Contact Schalk on 082 443 4972 or schalk@onegoodturn.co.za or Johan Kramer on 083 251 0183.

Saw-horses and trestles.

If you are dissatisfied with expensive, poor quality trestles offered in the shops, make your own. There are an abundance of designs available that can be made up cheaply and quickly. Here are some simple, rigid designs.

Here is a good reference for designs, some of which are shown here. <http://www.toolcrib.com/blog/2008/07/24-free-sawhorse-plans-in-the-hunt-for-the-ultimate-sawhorse> - not all the links work, but I have updated some below.

Chris Schwarz's Sawbench

Chris Schwarz is a former editor of Woodworking Magazine. He's a big handtool user so his sawbench is well suited for hand tool users. Features include a smaller bench that nestles inside the larger one to save space for storage. The larger has a notch on the end for rip sawing planks. The bench is knee height (500mm) so that one's knee can be used to hold down the work piece while sawing.

Plans for this bench can be found here <http://lostartpress.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/2008-sawbench.pdf>

Chris's blog is highly recommended for those that like traditional and hand woodworking.

Chris's saw bench is similar to this design: (See <http://sawdustmaking.com/sawtrestle/sawtrestle.html> from the 1900s.

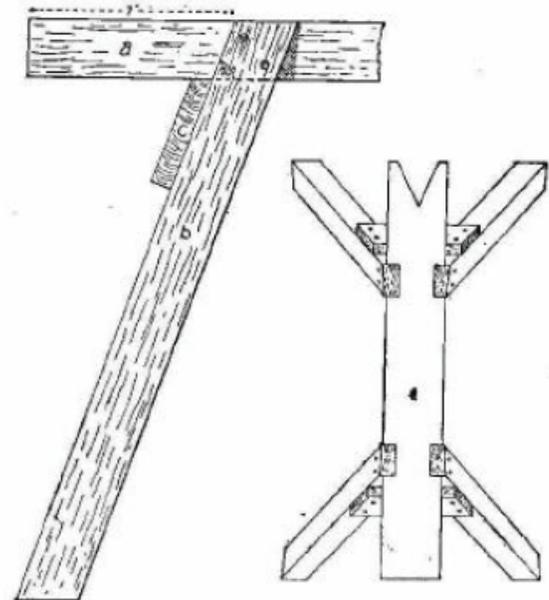
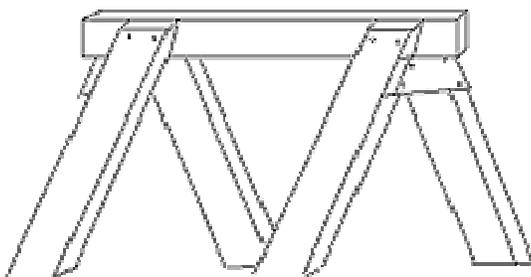


FIG. 1.—Leg of sawing trestle (left). Trestle seen from above (right).

Plans for this simple sawhorse can be found here:



http://sawdustmaking.com/Sawhorse/simple_sawhorse.htm

In a bygone era, when a carpenter took his tool caddy from job to job, he couldn't carry saw-horses around with him, so he made them up on site with whatever material was available. They didn't need to be pretty – just functional.



14 minute saw-bench. ►

Plans and instructions for the horse shown on the right can be found by following the link below. I'm not sure you could make one in 14 minutes as claimed unless you were perhaps a skilled carpenter that can sink nails in three blows.



See

<http://shoppingmatchmaker.com/sawhorse.html> for more details.