



# Splinters

The Newsletter of  
**Christchurch Woodturners  
Association Inc**



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## Upcoming Events

### Woodturning at Auburn Reserve Workshop.

Every Thursday 1pm to 4pm and 7pm to 9pm

\$5 for either or both sessions

There is some wood at the workshop but bring your own if you can

There are tool sets available

- 28<sup>th</sup> Mar Club Meeting** The HARVARD Community Lounge Corsair Drive Wigram  
Wednesday at 7:00pm  
Demonstration will be Peter Clemett having a look at split turning.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Apr Pyrography Group** at Auburn Reserve Workshop  
Thursday 7:00pm  
We will be having a look at hills and valleys. This will be new to some members and revision (and more chance to practice) for others.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Apr Hands On** at Auburn Park Workshop  
Thursday 7:00pm  
We will be having a closer look at Rick's Sphere jig ~ both at how to use and how to make your own
- 25<sup>th</sup> Apr Club Meeting** The HARVARD Community Lounge Corsair Drive Wigram  
Wednesday at 7:00pm  
Demonstration will be Noel working with Hollow Forms
- 27<sup>th</sup> Apr to 29<sup>th</sup> Waiora Turn Inn** Otago Woodturners Guild  
Held at Waiora Scout Camp, Silverstream Valley Road, Whare Flat, Taieri Plains, Dunedin. contact Leah Jelgersma ~ ph 03 453 1174 ~ [otagowood@gmail.com](mailto:otagowood@gmail.com)
- 10<sup>th</sup> May Pyrography Group** at Auburn Reserve Workshop  
Thursday 7:00pm  
We will have some cross-sections of walnut branches to burn on. They will be sanded down to 800 grit. It takes a while to get use to working on end-grain as opposed to side grain. At this meeting we will decide if we are going to suspend the group over winter and restart in October or if we are going to run the group through winter.
- 12<sup>th</sup> May South Island Fun Day**  
Waitaki Wood turners Clubrooms , Oamaru Race course  
at the Northern end of Oamaru see Page 6
- 17<sup>th</sup> May Hands On** at Auburn Park Workshop  
Thursday 7:00pm  
This will be a follow-up from Noel's Hollow Form Demonstration at the April meeting. It will be a good chance to have a play with a wide variety of hollowing tools.
- 23<sup>th</sup> May Club Meeting** The HARVARD Community Lounge Corsair Drive Wigram  
Wednesday at 7:00pm  
Demonstration to be confirmed ~ It might be Adriaan Slooten from Timaru turning wooden hats

## February demonstration "Balls to you" by Rick

What started me off with balls ( or spheres if you prefer ) was me making a croquet set for home for the grand-kids to play with . I started off with tennis balls , but thought that I should be capable of making some wooden croquet balls . I showed a sample of wooden croquet mallets and the fencing wire hoops , all very basic and simple . I demonstrated how to make a simple plastic template for the ball , using an ice cream tub lid . Then roughly turned a prepared blank down to 70 mm dia. and then marked the centre line and the ends with a pencil , before using a parting tool to put a groove in at each end so that you do not lose the overall length . Using my plastic template , I rounded the blank to a slightly oversize ball. I then showed a special spherical turning attachment that I had made for the Woodfast machine and set it up , being careful to have the pivot point directly beneath the centre of the proposed ball . I then turned the ball down to size using the attachment and checking with the plastic gauge , and then cut off from the blank . I then showed several ways of holding the ball so that the cut off end of the ball can be finished . I showed a holding jig that I had made for that size ball , mounted it in the chuck and finished off the ball by hand using the plastic template , which finished off the demo. Rick Bolch ( scribe )





**1st Robin Blowers**

**2nd= John Scott**



**2nd= Robin Blowers**

**3rd Robin Blowers**

February Competition Table



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## **PRESSIES PIECE**

Hi Team , no more news on our work shop application , the legal team at the Council are too busy .....We are currently using the work shop on Thursdays and Saturdays . Once we get possession for real ? , we can be better set up with duties and rosters . Please give some thought to doing a demonstration of some sort at our monthly meeting . As long as it vaguely relates to wood turning !! It should not be just a committee thing , you are all club members.....A special thanks to Noel for getting the work shop set up so well .

Good on yer mate                      Rick Bolch

## **The Auburn Reserve Workshop**

Numbers for our Thursday sessions are starting to build nicely. Noel and Joe have been establishing the patterns for the supervision and operation of the workshop during these sessions. In April and May other members will also be rostered to open up and supervise the workshop.

Pyrography group numbers have be variable with as many as five and as low as two. We might have a look at stopping the Pyrography group over winter and restarting in October, this worked well last year. Our aim is to have a pyrography corner set up permanently so that anyone who does not have their own equipment can come in on any Thursday and use the gear. We have already started making a set of writing, chisel and shading tips for the club.

“Hands On” nights (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) have been very successful with 14 to 16 people attending. It’s great to have access to all the extra lathes for the actual hands on.

Noel has got the big dust collector up and going and has built a big vacuum cleaned nozzle for it which has made floor cleaning after the sessions much faster.

The Thursday afternoon sessions have been good for people who are attending the NAW classes but don’t have a lathe at home. It is giving them an opportunity to do some homework and work on their turning skills between classes.

## **SOUTH ISLAND FUNDAY**

**SPONSORED BY NAW**

**OAMARU. 2018**

**DATE : SATURDAY 12 MAY 8:30 AM - 3.00 PM**

**VENUE : OAMARU RACE COURSE IN**

**WAITAKI WOODTURNERS' CLUB ROOMS**

**MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED**

**BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH : TEA OR COFFEE AVAILABLE .**

**SOUP FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION.**

**ACCESSORIES FROM W.R.OWEN WOODTURNING SUPPLIES**

**GATHER YOUR TEAM AND COME ALONG**

**FOR A FUN DAY IN THE WAITAKI AREA.**

**THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS HOSTED BY THE WAITAKI WOODTURNERS' GUILD.**

## Our internet Banking Account Number is 031705 0048498 00

In the last newsletter we incorrectly stated that the “Funday” collaboration teams in the afternoon session would develop a piece based on the theme of “Wedding Anniversary”. The theme of the competition tables is “Wedding Anniversary”. The topic of the collaboration teams piece in the afternoon will be a surprise. If you are planning to attend this “Funday” can you let Noel or Ray Morgan (our secretary) know. We can organise car pooling for those with transport issues.

Annual Membership fees are now due. They are \$35, reducing to \$30 if paid by 31/May/2018. There was a membership Enrollment/Re-enrollment Form in last months Splinters. There is also an “On Line” membership form at: <http://www.woodturning.nz/membership/>

Mike Foster’s bowl lathe is still for sale. It use to be Bill Bucklands. There are a number of attachments, various tool rests, and a couple of faceplates. \$500 or near offer. You can contact Mike at: [mfosters@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mfosters@xtra.co.nz) or 021 252 0961

40mm x 40mm rimu available to members, various lengths up to about 1.2 m. Samples will be at the club meeting night for dispersal. Ideal for toys, skittles or any spindle turning. Contact Ray Morgan 366 9795



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