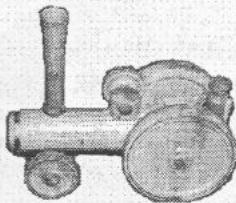


Dublin Chapter, Irish Woodturners Guild



Newsletter Volume 2, Number 4 Sept, Oct 1995

“Another Harry
Kampff excellent
multi centre
turnings & also
the September
Winner”



Competition

Nov Salad Servers
Dec Christmas Ornament

Demonstrations

Nov Christmas Decoration
By Mick Healy
Dec Spoons By J.Wheelan

AUTUMN GOLD

We are well into autumn and after the long hot summer, Woodworkers and turners alike are hibernating into their workshops for the winter. New projects are thought up new tools are bought and the enthusiasm to work into the night is upon us again.

“Time and tide wait for no man” and so we must all go on. The Chapter grows year by year and it is not long before the Committee’s year is up. This year some of the current Committee will be stepping down to make way for some new blood, and this is where you can make your opinion known and bring about some of the growth that the Chapter needs to develop and move with the times. Let us hear your opinion which I will be glad to publish in the newsletter, or verbally at the meetings in North Strand or Terenure College each month. We cannot make

changes or know your opinion unless you tell us.

Tree planting and maintenance will start again in Larch Hill. Details on Chapter Page. Many thanks to Pitney Bowes for their contribution of ten disease resistant Elms. These patented variety of Elm were grown under licence from the ‘Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation’, as part of ‘Elms Across Europe’ project.

We have a new regular contributor this month, Philip Byrne, and over the next year he will be writing a light hearted beginners article, that I hope will encourage debate and highlight the problems that newcomers face, and hopefully the Committee will be able to address some of these as they arise. Wishing Philip the best of luck, we look forward to further contributions from him.

Keep your contributions coming and also your opinion as this helps to develop debate amongst all our members. Ed...

Inside this Month

Autumn Gold Editorial	P1
The Green Corner	P1
Tip - Sizing Tool	P2
Usual Disclaimer?	P2
Letters & Notes	P3
Gallery Page	P4
League Table	P4
Chapter News	P5
For Sale - Wanted	P6
Small Adds	P6
Acknowledgments	P6

‘Find your position on
the league table Page 4’

The Green Corner: by Philip Byrne.

Page 1

When the editor said he was looking for a new columnist for the newsletter, I wondered who the new expert would be. An inside-out man, a box maker, or that holy of holies a router king. Imagine my shock when he said the new



man was to be me. But why? Who had recommended me? Was I really that good so quick? Soon all became clear when he revealed that the essential qualification of the new

‘The Green Corner’

continued on page 2

columnist was to be a complete lack of knowledge. I knew then and there that there could be none better qualified in the guild than yours truly. I was to create a beginners corner, a home for the bewildered and a reminder to the long timers that there was a time when they too once knew little about wood. What I hope to do is to share with you my journey from shavings maker to competitor in the monthly competitions that Seamus tries so hard to get us to enter.

So, lets start at the beginning. I have a good workshop, 12 X 14 feet, well lit with solid work tops on three sides. Plenty of sockets provide power outlets, six flouresent strips provide the light in addition to a large window on one side. Now to the hardware. The workshop is like an advertisement for the Record company, nearly everything seems to be made by them. A Record 'O' 24" lathe, complete with Record 2000 Power Chuck set and six Record HSS spindle tools. To help make the tools smaller I have a Futura bench grinder. It sounds

quite impressive when you see it on paper but the rub is that it has never turned anything. The chuck is in the box, the lathe is still to be secured and my wife is wondering what all the fuss was about when I got all the 'gear' home a few months ago.

At the last meeting of the Guild I had two of the most basic questions answered - where can I get wood (yes I know , from trees!) and where I can get some lessons. Can I now ask some of our more experienced colleagues for advice on workshop layout, ventilation etc. This is quite timely given the topic of the October meeting. It would be great if we could use this column to get the benefit of that expertise for those of us who are still at the sapling stage. If you have any advice (that can be repeated!) give me a call at 2860575 and we can include it next month.

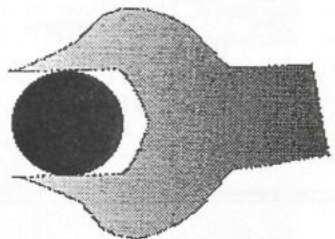
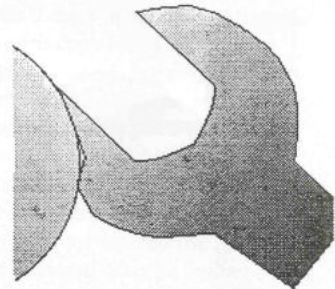
By the way, hopefully I will be able to report how my early attempts and perhaps lessons have gone. Ah!, becoming an expert isn't easy, is it?



Tip

Spanner as sizing tool

Peter Mulvaney suggested the purchase of a set of open spanners either Imperial or Metric depending on your requirements, these can be purchased quite cheaply from many DIY stores. To prepare, grind the upper and lower outer faces away until you have almost a parting tool shape as per the diagram below. To use, put to the work and part until the centre section slides around the two forks, this should be the correct size for the matching Imperial or Metric sized bits and ensure a perfect fit. See diagrams that follow.



Here is a short note that I found recently. It is a sad reflection on our society that we have need for such Disclaimers. Ed...

Usual Disclaimer of Warranty:

In using this software, you understand and agree that this software is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind. The entire risk as to the results and performance of using this software lies entirely with you, the user. The author does not make any warranties, either expressed or implied, including but not limited to implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, with respect to this software. This application has been extensively tested and should do no damage, but if it does then you will be on your own.

« That we need disclaimers proves we live in a sick society »



Northern Federation of Woodturning Groups

Dear Tom,

The above Federation was formed in September 1994 and now has 8 groups in its membership, all of whom are in the North West area of England.

One of our early ideas was to encourage the exchange visit of other woodturners - the basic idea of which is given in the enclosed statement.

I believe the document setting out the basic idea is self-explanatory. However, with Eire being so near, the length of the exchange visits could, no doubt, be easily reduced to 4 or 5 days if this would result in any of your contacts being more interested in a shorter stay.

I hope, therefore, that your Guild membership might be interested.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely,

Leo Jones

The Northern Federation of Woodturning Groups An Exchange Holiday Arrangement The Basic Idea

1. Each woodturning group in the Federation (currently 6) will, through one (possibly two) of its members, provide accommodation and meals for a woodturner from overseas (see para 5).
2. Each woodturning group will be responsible, with the assistance of its members, for the organisation of most (but not all) of a programme of events and activities for their visitor(s). These could include: visiting firms supplying woodturning tools and equipment, visiting timber merchants, attending woodturning demonstrations, attending meetings of neighbouring groups and visiting workshops of members.
3. At a weekend, the Northern Federation would arrange an event to bring together all the visitors from overseas and their hosts.
4. The above proposals imply that:
 - a. overseas visitors would, apart from incidental expenses, only need to meet the cost of their travel to the UK.
 - b. a similar number of members of the Northern Federation would be invited either during the same years or the year following to be accommodated under the same arrangements by any overseas organisation which agrees to take part in this venture.
5. Notes
 - a. Wives could be included if any interested woodturner would otherwise be unable to participate.
 - b. Initially, we are thinking of the involvement of 6 woodturners from overseas for a visit of 7-10 days. However, the above constitutes a basic idea. Obviously amendments may be agreed by mutual consent providing the basic principle remains.
 - c. This venture is intended to involve members of woodturning organisations overseas, not those special experts who are already regularly in demand to give demonstrations at international seminars.

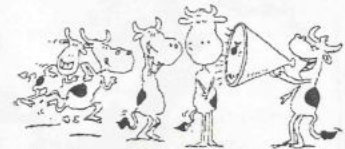
Tree Council Draw

As mentioned at last month's meeting by our chairman, the Committee have purchased a single ticket to the value of £100 on your behalf. Because of the regulations a single name had to be given and the Committee agreed that Seamus O'Reilly as Chairman should hold it on your behalf. The number of the Ticket is No. 0089.

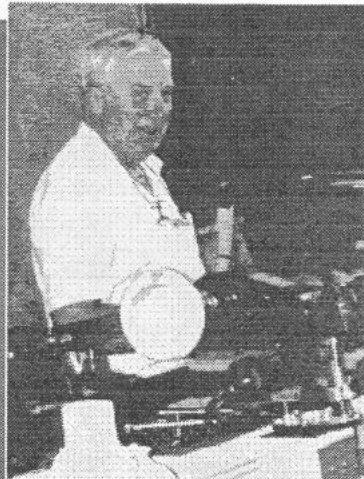
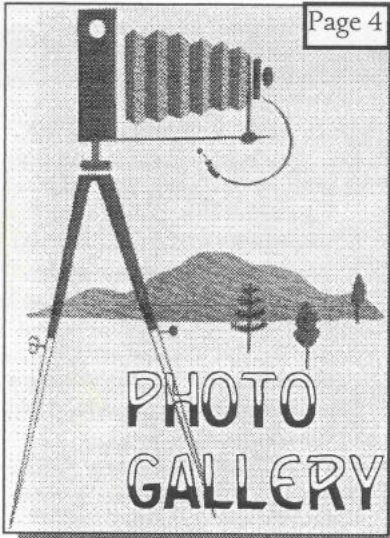
Editors Note

Due to extremely bad sales of the above tickets the Tree Council have cancelled the draw. All monies have been returned but I believe that anyone who purchased a ticket will be in a smaller draw by way of compensation.

Booby B!fts Wanted



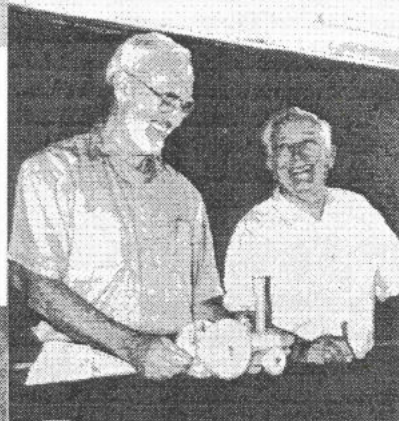
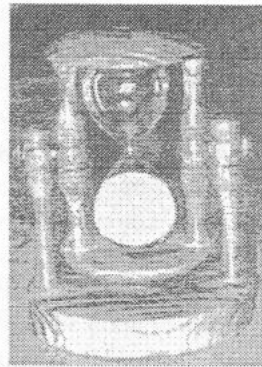
Among woodturners World wide, good and bad, young and old, the inevitable mistake has been made. Sometimes at the start of the project but more likely at the end, where you inadvertently part into the base or chip of a crucial piece or just dig in once to often. They say the mark of a true professional is not their ability to turn but the skill to correct and hide the mistake like Warren Atkins (Bay area Woodturners) who cut the bottom out of a bowl. He saved it by plugging the piece with Ebony and adding an Ebony rim. Sometimes the winning by the best turners have the most awkward flaws that they manage to cover up with ingenuity and skill, or at other times they make it so much of a feature that you would think it is what they intended to do all along. So why don't you bring along your best mistake and tell others what happened and how you fixed it...



'Frank McCann Demonstrating in August With his Axe & Router'



'Above Seamus O'Reilly with Paddy Sheridan with August winning piece. Above right Egg timer by the infamous Mick Healy. Harry Kampff with Seamus O'Reilly Describing the making



of the steam engine to all at Terenure College in September. And finally E O'Reily with his ringing Telephone in the beginners section at the September meeting.'

Competition League Table To Sept 95

Advanced Winners

1	M. Healy	1373	5
2	T. McGill	1118	4
3	H. Flynn	840	3
4	P. Mulvaney	523	2
5	T. Newman	481	2

Experienced Winners

1	H. Kampff	1844	7
2	J. Wetherall	1447	6
3	O. Furness	1015	4
4	S. O'Reilly	1005	4
5	H. East	843	4
6	P. Sheridan	783	3
7	W. Reynolds	667	3
8	T. Hayes	457	2
9	P. Murray	406	2
10	G. Cronin	396	3
11	F. McCann	354	2
12	J. Whelan	320	1
13	W. Caffrey	294	1
14	C. Caffrey	203	1
15	M. Bourke	188	1
16	D. Percy	174	1
17	A. Graham	130	1

Beginners Winners

1	A. Sloane	1512	6
2	E. O'Reilly	1124	4
3	N. Castle	638	3
4	B. Dunne	468	2
5	M. Hunter	385	2
6	J. Binnie	342	2
7	N. Redmond	289	1
8	J. Kelleher	268	1
9	J. Grant	256	1
10	J. Byrne	228	1
11	M. Forde	222	1
12	P. McArdle	212	1
13	A. Lawlor	210	1
14	P. Kelly	203	1
15	B. Bourke	192	1
16	D. Begg	180	1
17	R. O'Connell	149	1

Once again this is the position of the league table. A couple of new names in the Beginners and a few people moving around, it just goes to show what a couple of entries makes to the overall placing's. With just a few more months to the end of the Chapters year it is still any ones guess as to who is going to be the winners in each category this year. So please enter as regularly as you can. Ed...

Chapter News

96 New Committee

As you know the Committee has to be re-elected each year at our chapter AGM, which is normally the first Saturday in February each year. Although some of the Committee are willing to stand for a further Year the positions of Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer are up for election. There is also the opportunity for anyone to be a Committee member to help with the day to day running of the chapter. I sincerely believe that if everyone in any organisation was to give a single year of their time to Committee work there would be more than enough people to run all the Chapter functions with ease. However as you all know this is not the way and it is up to the few reliable's to do all the work. So this Year let us see a few changes and prove me wrong. The pay is bad and the hours are short but the company is great. Let us see those new nominations and their fresh ideas and look forward to another great year...

The Irish Woodturners Guild Dublin Chapter request exhibition items for a series of exhibitions which are being organised by the Committee. It is our intention to hold a number of exhibitions of our best work around the Dublin area over the next Year. We are looking for a diverse range of your best exhibition items that can fully show what the Dublin Chapter can do.

If you have any currently made items which you believe are of exhibition quality, please contact any of the Committee with your details so that we have an idea of the number of pieces that are available to us.

Further details will follow in the next issue of the Newsletter.



Notice to Woodturning Teachers.

The Committee wish to draw up a list of Turners who give classes (at home or in schools) to use at exhibitions and sales. This will be available to all newcomers and interested parties at IWG Dublin Events. Those that have their own Promotion can forward it to the committee and then it can be distributed to those who wish to avail of these services, this is fairer to all who teach and may suit those in other areas. Would those who wish to have their names included on this list please forward their details in writing, including prices and times, to myself or any of the committee, Do not presume that we know your details.

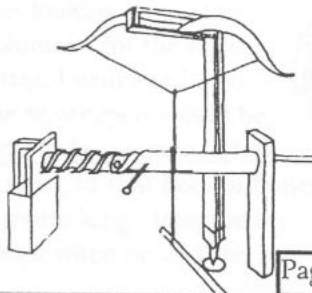
To Date-

Joe O'Neill 27 Ballinkeer Drive,

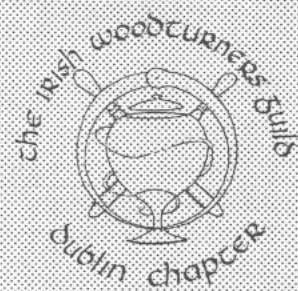
Tom Newman St Tiernans Community School,

Willie Caffrey North strand,
Charlie Caffrey Walkinstown,

So please send me your details for the above list, even if you are only interested in teaching on a one to one basis. Ed...



Page 5



The Dublin Chapter is a local area Chapter of the Irish Woodturners Guild. Our purpose is to provide a meeting place for local turners to share ideas and techniques and to educate the general public regarding the art of woodturning.

The Chapter meets on the first Saturday of the month in Terenure College at 10,00 a.m.

Those that are interested are asked to come along and meet like minds.

The following are the current Committee and new members are asked to phone their nearest committee member with regard to queries or any advice.

1995 Committee

Chairman	Seamus O'Reilly
20 Ballyroan Road, Templeogue, 4947095	
Vice Chairman	Hugh Flynn 20
Lakelands Close, Stillorgan, 2887830	
Hon Sec	Tom Hayes
124 Clonkeen Road, Blackrock, 2895552	
Hon Treasurer	Tom Mc Donagh
3 Cherbury Gardens, Booterstown, 2886351	
Editor	Phillip Murray 17
Idrone Close, Knocklyon, 4941269	
Committee	Willie Caffrey 9
Maryfield Crescent, Artane, 8481725	
Committee	Mick Healy 8
Belchure Park, Poppintree, 8427924	
Committee	Harold Kampff
2 Drumartin Close, Goatstown, 2982425	

In order to help the newer members of the Guild, the Committee are making their details available to all. Please phone the nearest Committee member to you and they will help answer your query or put you in contact with others in your area.

For Sale

No. 1 Coronett

4' between centres, Drive centre, Gap kit to turn 22" Diameter. Spare 'original' barrs 30" centres.

phone Willie Caffrey at 848 1725...

**Bowl Blanks
Turning Stock
from Dried Irish
Hardwoods
Brian Walsh
Ashford Co
Wicklow
Ph 0404 40504**

Philip J. Dix & Co. Ltd.

Tel: 6717144/6710579,
6 Aston Quay,
Dublin2.

**Supplier of Quartz clock
movements and
accessories**

Wanted

Faceplates and any accessories for a **Union Graduate** (1-1/4" 6tpi) Please phone Gerard Byrne at 286 6874...

Abbey Woods Gremlins

Last month Abbey Woods really got caught by the gremlins. Firstly I accidental gave their Unit No. as 92, where as it should have been No. 22. And if that was not bad enough Garth May in the National Journal gave both their numbers without the new 7th digit prefix 8. The phone should be 839 3435 and Fax 832 5968. Once again apologies from Garth and myself.

CITY SAW SERVICES LTD.
New Blades & Sharpening service
*Tungsten Tipped Saw Blades
Circular Plate Saws
Band Saw Blades- Wood Cutting
Planer Blades, etc*
**POWER TOOLS SALES &
SERVICE - ALL MAKES
ESTIMATES FREE**
Aughrim Lane, Aughrim Street,
Dublin 7.
Telephone & Fax 838 3935
Mobile: 088 - 551903

Acknowledgments

Philip Byrne The Green Corner
Hugh Flynn Photographs
Peter Mulvaney Tip
Committee Committee News
Harry Kampff League Table
Ed- IWG Dublin

Newsletter publication details

For those who wish to contribute, Notes, Hints & Tips, Articles, Reviews, are to be with the editor 14 days before the publication date, Personal adds and quick notes 7 days in advance, Advertisers with copy ready artwork 14 days, if artwork is not included 4 weeks before publication.

Due to the frequency of publication, any item received after the above date will be transferred to the following month. Chapter members are offered the facility of free Personal adds ;ie Selling lathe, Looking for special tools, ect. Professionals selling items on a regular basis ;ie tools, Videos, Woodturning Courses, or other commercial ventures will be charged a small fee.

Page 6



Phillip Murray, Editor
17 Idrone Close,
Templeogue,
Dublin, 16.
Phone, 494 1269
Fax, 494 12 6
e-mail PhillipM@Mac Irl

Address Label Here