

Wealden Woodturners

CUTTING EDGE

October 2011



"I guarantee you will never have another dig-in"



An extremely bold claim was made by our demonstrator, Chris Eagles, last month. Modify your skew chisel to the suggested shape and that will be the end of all dig-ins!!!

Chris covered all the basics during the day but there was a lot to learn for even the longest of tooth. Starting with boxes, Chris explained that he prefers to create and finish the top first before shaping the outside of the box. It is only at this stage that he parts off the lid leaving a witness to size the inner aperture. Next the inner is hollowed, the last stage being the inside of the lid. For this Chris uses a novel approach—if you weren't there then you will never know.

Various items followed including eccentric turning using only two jaws of a four jaw chuck. One particular item of interest (and something I believe none of us had seen before) was lengthy spindle turning with the timber under tension, not compression. This was achieved with a chuck at both ends, gripping and pulling. By this method Chris tells us that no steadies are required. His whimsies seemed to bear this out (if you cannot afford an additional chuck, speak to Mike Knight about his 'string steadies').



End of Dig-ins?

"Grind your skew in this fashion for trouble-free spindle turning" says Chris.

No doubt there is also an element of correct usage as well.



I have had a go at it (albeit with a tool far from ideal) and will bring it in for the next Hands-on Session for you to try.



Members' Work



Treasurer to retire!!!

At a recent Committee Meeting, Morris made it known that he wishes to retire from the position of Club Treasurer (at the next AGM). The reason given, I quote "I am being chased by the tax-man". To my mind I cannot see why he could not continue his duties from The Cayman Islands or Wormwood Scrubs, which ever the case may be but alack and alas, he says no. Difficult shoes to fill but we must find a volunteer, now is the time to take up the reins in tandem with Morris. Well done Sir, sorry to see you go.

Wealden Woodturners' Competitions

For new members, a summary of competitions held:-

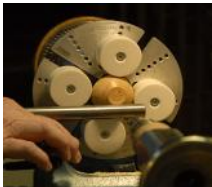
- Summer Competition:- 1) 3 classes (Adv./Int./Nov.) with a subject set by The Comp. Sec. Judged by all members.
 2) The Beecham Cup. Open Comp. 'Shape and Innovation'. Judged by two club members plus last year's winner.
 3) The Bill Thurlow Cup. Judged only by partners and guests to be their favourite piece.

October:- Inter-Club Competition with Garden of England Club. Details specific to year. Venue alternates.

- December Competition:- 1) 3 classes (Adv./Int./Nov.) with subject set by The Comp. Sec. Judged by all members.
 2) Charlie Newson Cup. Judged only by partners and guests to be their favourite piece.

It is anticipated that any piece proffered for competitions will have been made relatively recently and mainly consist of hand-turning by the member themselves.

Each member will be designated to a class (Adv./Int./Nov.) by The Comp. Sec. Any moves, up or down, will normally take place in January. Members may wish to raise issues relating to their position but the Comp. Sec.'s decision is final.



Two addition items that Chris Eagles brought to show us:

← Modified Cole Jaws to hold a box and

A metalworkers scribe adapted to measure the internal depth of a box. →



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Date of next Meeting:
 Sunday 20th November
 Hands-on
 Texturing
 Bring tools