



# TURNINGS

April 2000

WCWA, Pinelands Hobbies Club, Nursery Way, Pinelands  
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## NEXT MEETING

Greeting fellow turners!

The next formal meeting will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

## EDITORIAL

This will be my last newsletter. Work commitments are increasing substantially. You may have heard that on April 1 this year Cape Nature Conservation became a Statutory Board, analogous to the Natal Parks Board in Natal. The board will deal with the 'green issues' My unit, dealing with environmental regulation and impact assessment will remain as the core of an expanded provincial environmental department, dealing with regulation of the 'brown issues'. The number of staff in the unit will shortly double. We will also be creating sub-directorates which will deal with pollution control, waste management and biodiversity issues. I'm sure that you'll all agree that the environmental management of this province of ours, superbly endowed as it is with a wonderful environment, is well worth a great deal of effort. The editing of Turnings will unfortunately take a back seat for now.

The good news is that although I will be standing down from the committee Gigi has offered to continue editing Turnings. I'll continue to contribute some articles as and when I can, as well as taking photographs. I'd like to ask you all to PLEASE support your new newsletter editor. Gigi's e-mail address is 'laidler@nbict.nbi.ac.za'.

Those of you who do not receive their copy by e-mail will have got it at the meeting of 19 April.

## FROM THE CHAIR

After being given the go ahead the committee purchased a chain saw and Triton Super Jaws. On the first Wednesday of the month both the stand and saw were in action and everyone agreed that both items are very successful.

The chain saw is a Makita, 1 800 Watts, with a blade length of 400mm. Thanks to Bert Parker for negotiating an excellent purchase price of R1 425. The Triton Jaws cost the Club R1 081, so for a total of R2 506 we certainly have got a good bargain. Thanks to Eric for all the running around and organising these purchases. So, now you can bring your logs along on a Wednesday night and cut your blanks to size. The stand and saw will only be used at the Club, it is not to be loaned out. A small donation will be asked for when using the chain saw, this is to cover running costs, chain oil, sharpening and replacing blades etc.

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On Wednesday 22 March Bert Parker gave an interesting talk on the methods of judging and the awarding of points at international woodworking competitions that he has been involved in over the past years. This talk led to a very active discussion on the methods, past and present, used by the W.C.W.A. for awarding points at the showcase/competition. The outcome of this discussion is as follows. Present method of marking is to remain the same i.e. each item to be judged and awarded 0 - 10 points for design, finish and skill. The intention is to have the same five judges for the June and November competitions. Five tables will be available for the entry items which will be placed on the tables in a random manner. Each judge will mark all the entries of one table then hand his results to a control person.

The judge will then move to another table and go through the same procedure. In theory one judge will have one table at a time, hopefully this will mean no time is wasted. The control person, on receiving each of the completed marking papers, will quickly total the points awarded. At this stage no consideration is given to the bias awarded to beginners and intermediate sections, this will be done at a later stage. When all five judges have submitted a completed results sheet for each of the tables and the results have been totalled on each sheet a quick check will be made to see if there is any wide difference in the points awarded for a particular item. If there is a wide difference in the awarding of points for an item the judges will be asked for an explanation.


The intention is not to ask the judge to change the number of points awarded but to find out the reason. Perhaps the judge has noticed (or missed) something the other judges we unaware of.

Points awarded can be changed at this point if all are in agreement. If no change is made it will not make a great deal of difference as the total points awarded is an average. Hope that the above is agreeable to all, if not, let's hear from you.

Once again, we are at that time of year when we vote for a new committee. Dennis and myself will not be standing for election this year, so we need some nominations. Gigi has volunteered to do the newsletter, for which we are all very thankful. Alan Jackson would like to stand down this year if a replacement can be found. So, how about it, let's have some nominations and some new blood on the committee.

Cheers

*Tom Allan*

		
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## FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

### **19 April 2000:**

AGM and Jan Saunders video on colouring turnings.

### **17 May 2000:**

Box turning demo by Izak Cronje and Peter Nicolle.

### **21 June 2000:**

Mid-year showcase.

### **July 2000:**

Sharpening and forming tools by Alan Jackson.

### **August 2000:**

Segmented turning by Thys Carstens.

### **September 2000:**


Jigs and things by Bert Parker.

### **October 2000:**

Pens by Dennis Laidler.

### **November 2000:**

End of year Exhibition and braai.

	
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## FROM THE WEB

I must ask sincere apologies. I have not even had the opportunity to scan the web this month. The week before last I was sent off to Pretoria unexpectedly for a 4 day workshop. This week the family suffered the loss of Gigi's mother. I spent the weekend turning a beautiful Norfolk Pine urn, a functional piece unfortunately. Mutti, as she was known to all of us really used to enjoy my turnings.

## REMINDERS

The committee members for 1999 / 2000 are:  
(these details will change as of the AGM on April 19.  
The new details will be in the next newsletter)

Tom Allan	Chairman	712 7160 (h)
Mike Bester	Treasurer	96 3606 (h)
Eric Thornton	Secretary	531 1559(h)
Alan Jackson	Library	58 1296 (h)
Dennis Laidler	News Letter	797 7755 (h)

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1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday is an informal affair where members are welcome to use the association's equipment, receive guidance from experienced members and generally discuss

matters turning. (Also the committee meeting)

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday is specifically targeted at assisting beginners.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday is the more formal evening comprising discussion of association matters, demonstrations, videos and in June and November the biannual showcases.

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday same as 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday.

## **THE MARKET PLACE**

### **TIMBER**

I've just returned from visiting a friends' timber farm and saw mill in the mountains above Suurbraak, between Swellendam and Heidelberg. Apart from any amount of Blackwood, he has access to a certain amount of indigenous wood, and after discussion agreed to make it available through me to members of our club at a well-reduced price. Do you think this could be of benefit to our members, and is it worth making known through the newsletter? I said that I'd test the response before we get any timber brought down from the farm. At this stage, the following varieties are available: Cape Beech (Boekenhout), Bladder nut, Bastard Saffron, White Pear, Red Pear, Wild Olive, Ironwood, Camphor, and Blackwood. It has not been cut up - still in trunk and branch form. Price is R3750/M3 for all except the Wild Olive which is R4000/M3. How does that sound? Any suggestions?

*Ron Steel*

Ron's phone number is (021) 789 2804. Contact him for further details.

### **WOODEN HOBBY SUPPLIES**

Mr GF Liebenberg (Jnr) wrote to the club in response to the article in "The Home Handyman". He writes as follows:

"I would like to make use of this opportunity in asking for help with regards to the following materials I am in desperate need of:

1. Wooden/bamboo embroidery frames/rings for the manufacture of wheels for miniature ox-waggons. Several sizes are needed for the manufacture of the front and back wheels (75mm, 83mm, 100mm and 125mm diameters).
2. Wooden dowls with a diameter of 3mm x 1000mm in length, for the spokes of the wheels.

Should you know of a supplier or hobbyist for the above, I would very much appreciate it if you could supply me with contact details in order to obtain these materials from them."

I have a photostat of the embroidery rings in question which I will bring to the meeting on Wednesday.

Mr Liebenberg (Gawie) also asks if you could supply him with contact details of craft markets at which members participate.

His contact details are:

Tel: (054) 651 0309

Fax: (054) 651 0056

Mobile: 083 769 5170

GF Liebenberg (Jnr)

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### **CORKS**

Corks with hole to take an 8mm dowel. R10 for 10 corks. Contact Tom Allan at 712 7160.

### **TAILPIECE**

Cheers until Wednesday evening,

*Dennis*