



# Turning Chatter

*Self-Isolation Edition - 2*

## Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

*Mission Statement: "Promote woodturning as a creating skill for all ages"*

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### Presidents Report – May 2020



It has been over a month since we have had any activity at the club. I hope it will not be long before we can start our usual Thursday and monthly meetings.

It's hoped that the government will ease the restrictions on group gatherings by the end of May. (we can only hope) I will send out an email when its ok to resume our get togethers.

Mike Boyle has a turning challenge for all to try. Details are in the Turning Chatter.

Give it a go and send in a photo of your results to Mike or Me and we will put them in the chatter next month.. This a way of keeping in touch with each other.

I have been trying to tidy my workshop so I can get to the lathe and so far I do not seem to be making any headway. The truth is I have to many toys for the area available.

I have spoken to several members and all tell me that they are going ok and they look forward to putting the garbage out and bringing it back in the next day because it gives them two outings for the week the only problem is should we dress formal or casual on these outings?

Things are really getting bad I had to take my hands to the local Alcoholics Anonymous meeting last week because of overconsumption of alcohol due to the covid-19 virus.

*(From the Editor - I'm open to being sponsored by any red wine distributors out there, AA is for quitters)*

There is not a lot I can say at this point other than keep well keep safe and keep in touch.

We look forward to better times when we can all get back together doing what we enjoy.

Keep turning and support this great club.

Regards Bill  
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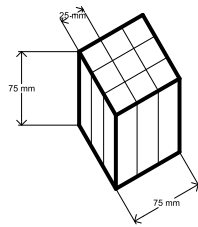


This work was produced in February 2013 and titled "THE SCREAM OF THE WILD", some of you may remember it. There appears to be a similarity between this and the logo for the Churning Tatter above.



Has anyone been doing anything recently?  
Any contributions for the 101 ideas for the 75 x 75 x 75 block of wood?

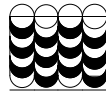
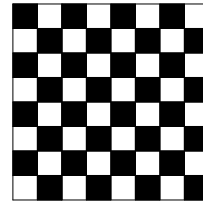
TRAVELLER'S DRAUGHTS SET AND BOARD



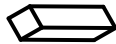
Block of wood cut into 9 strips



Cut 4 strips into 64 3mm slices. Paint or stain half of the slices. Glue alt. slices to a 3mm stiff board.



Turn 4 strips into 24 dia. rods. Slice 24 11mm thick disks. Paint or stain half the disks.

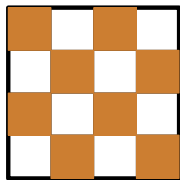


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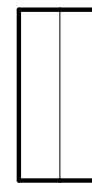
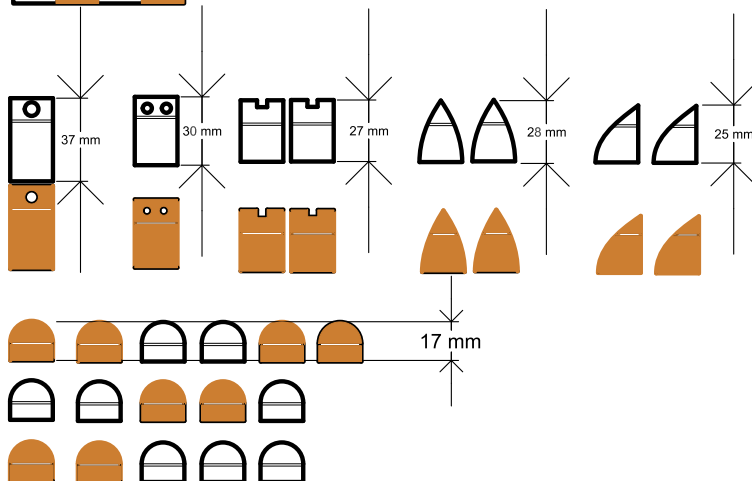
Scale: Half full size

Challenge from Mike Boyle

Traveller's Chess Set



Saw 75 x 75 x 75 block into 16 lengths. Turn 14 lengths into rods 18mm diameter. Mark and turn pieces to the profiles as indicated below. Paint or stain half the pieces.



2 spare lengths

Scale: Half full size

Of course "The Year of the Rat" starts with a global plague

UP COMING EVENTS

Springwood Foundation Day  
 Laura Harvest Festival

5th September  
 October 2020



Ernie supplied this pic of a stuff up showing that it happens to the best of us ... Bugga

## QUIZZICAL WOODTURNER Ernie Newman

- 1/ Are there more species of hardwoods or softwoods in the world?
- 2/ Which Hollywood actor is a woodworker: Clint Eastwood, William H. Macy or Harrison Ford?
- 3/ What is the problem with turning a piece after it has been sanded?
- 4/ Does a screwchuck [faceplate with central projecting screw] hold end grain work, for example a goblet, as effectively as side grain work, for example a platter?
- 5/ Which woodturning club has required its members to attend church?

*There is more than one way to turn and there isn't just one right answer to the questions in this quiz. Your comments and corrections are welcome.*

**1/** There are about 750 species of softwoods and about 30,000 species of hardwoods in the world. As Hippocrates said in 400 BC, "The life so short, the craft so long to learn."

**2/** Clint Eastwood is a woodturner. William H. Macy [Fargo and Happy, Texas] showed his turned bowls on the David Letterman Show. Harrison Ford not only demonstrated his carpentry skills in Witness but also worked as a professional carpenter before his acting career took off.

**3/** When a turning is sanded, tiny abrasive particles from the sandpaper become embedded in the wood and if the piece is then turned, these particles will blunt the tool.

**4/** Screw chucks have great holding power in side grain [platter] but far less in end grain [goblet]. End grain work can be held on a screw chuck, especially if the work is small and the screw is large, however, for most end grain projects, a screw chuck is inadequate. Scroll chucks have far greater holding power. Another way to hold large end grain would be to use a faceplate with several long, deep threaded screws.

**5/** In the 17th century the Worshipful Company of Turners of London instructed turners to, "assemble in decent & comely manner at the Common Hall & from thence go to such Church as shall be assigned & there to hear a sermon & abide until the end thereof". Because the Company controlled commercial woodturning in London, members had little choice but to obey. If they refused to attend church or if they left before the sermon was completed, they were fined.

**ANSWERS**  
Ernie Newman

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## Future Demonstrations

**Posponed until further notice**

## Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
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**Cancelled  
Until Further Notice**

## Woodturning Lessons

are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month and are open to everyone.

These cost \$18 per lesson which goes to the Club. If you'd like to book some lessons please talk to Alan Game on 4739 1028 or Jan Pennell on 0417 400 268.

Ernie Newman also has vacancies in Tuesday lessons.

No experience is needed. The classes run from 9 till 11 on Tuesdays at 87 Springwood Rd Blaxland. The cost is \$15 per day which goes to the Blue Mountains Woodturners.

This course covers all aspects of woodturning.

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