



The May 8th BAWA meeting will be our semi annual club competition
Y'all enter you hear!
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The President's Message
By Bill Small

BAWA Budget

Last month's President Message gave an overview of the state-of-the-club. This month, I want to look more closely at our club's finances. Most members would be surprised to learn that the club's annual budget is now over \$11,000. Where does all of this money come from and where does it go - you might well ask.

As a nonprofit organization (IRS designation 501C3), the club can't accumulate money (without great justification and paperwork). So each year, income and expenses are planned to pretty much balance out with a small amount, say \$2,000, left in the bank as working capital.

Some years ago, the club adopted accountability practices which are formalized in our bylaws. At the beginning of each year, the Treasurer (currently Robert Whitworth) prepares a new annual budget based on input from the directors and officers. The directors review and adopt the budget. Each month, the Treasurer submits a written accounting of the finances showing the amount of income and expense in each budget category and the deposits and checks written on the club's checking account. All payments are made by check or debt withdrawal (no cash payments are permitted) - so there is record. The directors and officers review and approve the financial records each month. Any club member is entitled to see the club's financial records - just talk to Robert. The club has been fortunate to have 'tightfisted' treasurers over the years, so our finances have and continue to be well managed - a great benefit for any volunteer organization.

So back to where the money comes from and where it goes. The following chart summarizes the 2004 budget (Robert's actual budget has more categories for finer tracking).

Category	Amount	% of Total
INCOME		
Store	4,800	42
Dues	3,200	28
Demos	1,200	11
Wood Raffle	850	7
Woodcraft Rebate	700	6
Library	480	4
Teaching	200	2
Total Income	11,430	100
EXPENSES		
Store	3,600	32
Facility Rental	1,700	15
Insurance	1,600	14
Demos	1,200	10
Admin/Supplies	1,050	9
Library	480	4
Awards	300	3
Wood Raffle Prizes	200	2
Teaching	100	1
Contingency	1,200	10
Total Expenses	\$11,430	100

The BAWA Store is the largest budget item. The store buys items at wholesale and resells them to club members at a price about halfway between wholesale and retail, so the club's 'profit' and members' savings are about equal.

Member dues are the second largest source of income. For many years, dues were the principal

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The Bay Area Woodturner's Association is a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. 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 turning. The Association meets the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center in San Ramon. The Association periodically sponsors exhibitions and demonstration by local and internationally known turners.

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BAWA Officers Meeting Notice

BAWA Board of directors meetings are held at Denica's Cafe (in the same center as WoodCraft) 8AM to 9:30AM. On the day of the scheduled club meeting. Board meetings are open to all members. Contact Bill Small if you would like to be on the agenda.

The competition this year will take on a different flavor. Have you wondered how your turnings would sell in a gallery? We will be privileged to have Andreas Strieve, the owner of Gallery M in Half Moon Bay, judge your pieces with regard to salability and recommend, if needed, how a piece might be improved. There will be 3 categories.

1. Gift class – under \$100
2. Accessory class \$100- \$500
3. Collectable class over \$500

RULES:

You can have one (1) entry in a given class and can submit to all three categories.

You set the price of your piece –Andreas can reassign the class of your piece if he believes it is necessary

There will be 3 proficiency levels- novice, advanced, and professional

If you have received a first place in novice or advanced levels in previous competitions then you are in the next level for this years judging.

2004 SWAT Symposium

Walter Tate, a visitor at our April meeting, announced the 13th annual South West Association of Turners Symposium to be held in Temple Texas next October 1, 2, 3.

The symposium features several top national turners including Linda Salter.

See <http://www.texasturnortwo.com/>

For more details.

Club Meeting Dates & Topics 2004

Note: We have secured the 2nd Saturday for each month's meeting at the San Ramon Senior Center.

January 10: Turning Spheres - Harvey Klein, Hal Bain and Jim Rodgers

February 14: Sharpening, Theory and Practice — Bill Small & Jim Rodgers

March 13: Spiraled hollow vessels — Mike Rude

April 10: Harvesting Turning Blanks from Logs—Wayne Shipman

May 8: Spring Club Competition — Andreas Streive (Judge)

June 12: Club Question & Answer Session followed by a Club Picnic

July 10: Chucking Techniques — Rich Johnson

August 14: Finial Boxes — Don Bonnett

September 11: Router Inlays — Phil Roybal

October 9: Ornamental Turning—Tom Howard

November 13: Christmas Ornaments — Jim Gott

December 11: Holiday Party

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source of income and determined how much the club could do. Thanks to innovations such the BAWA Store and Woodcraft Rebate, the club has been able to keep the dues fixed and add member benefits. The budget line item in the chart was based on our expectation of having about 80 members in 2004. We are now have 92!

The Facility Rental category covers the fees for our use of the Senior Center. The club typically pays a \$50 honorarium to demonstrators at club meetings. This rarely compensates them for their materials and hours of preparation, but is a way of saying thanks. Non-meeting day workshops, such as the recent John Jordan event, are structured to be self-sufficient: attendees pay a fee which covers the costs. These workshop monies flow through the club's books, but don't cost the club.

The Library is also run on a break even basis with rental fees covering the cost of buying new items. Additionally, the budget contains a contingency to cover unexpected matters. Over the years, the club has discovered that it's impossible to accurately predict the future and contingencies have proven to be 'lifesavers'.

Insurance has been the one serious challenge in our affairs this year. Our club and members who belong to AAW are covered under an AAW group liability policy. For the last several years, the club also purchased locally a second liability policy to cover aspects of club business not thought to be covered under the AAW policy, including our public teaching program. In January, we learned that this second policy also doesn't cover public teaching. The club suspended the teaching program pending resolution of the insurance issue (hence the low amounts under this category in the budget). In February, BAWA formally requested AAW to investigate the possibility of local chapters acquiring teaching insurance via the national policy. To date, I feel that AAW has been unresponsive to our request. I will report to you on our insurance situation again later in the year.

In summary, the club's finances are strong and well managed - thanks to our present and past treasurers and directors. This solid financial foundation allows BAWA to grow and add value for its members.

Bill Small

BAWA Meeting Programs

By Harry Levin, VP

May Meeting Competition

It's just a week away from the May meeting competition so put the final touches on you pieces and bring them to enter in any of the three categories- gallery pricing of less than \$100, \$100 -\$500, and over \$500. Our judge will be Andreas Streive, owner of Gallery M Fine woodworking items in Half Moon Bay.

June Meeting

The June meeting will be a full fun morning and early afternoon for you and your family. A display of our work for family and members to see, our first swap meet for members to buy /sell wood turning items and a general question and answer session to help solve those problem we all have had. To end up the day we will have our annual picnic.

First the display of our work- please bring one or two pieces of your work so your family guests can see the extent of the work the members produce. These will be on display with no discussion of the pieces.

We will have a swap meet during a portion of the meeting. Bring any of your wood turning items you would like to sell. Your unwanted item may be someone's treasured find.

If you have a wood turning problem other members probably have had it too and may have come up with a creative solution. We will have a question and answer period to share each other's knowledge.

To end up the day we will have our annual picnic with a BBQ and soft drinks supplied by the club and a potluck supplied by the members. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting so we can coordinate the food planning

Leo's Corner

By Leo Lichtman

This item was sold recently on e-bay--for those of you who missed it, either there or in the Rec.woodturning, I will repeat it here.

RYOBI ROUTER TABLE - WORTHLESS JUNK NR! Item number: Description (revised)

For any prospective bidders - I have 100% positive feedback so you know my descriptions are good. I'm trying to describe this item the best I can.

This Ryobi router table is the worst thing I've ever spent money on. Period. I've wasted money on a lot of things in my life: women, cars, other things I didn't need, you name it, but I've never felt like I totally 100% wasted my money on something until I bought this router table. I've wasted money, but I normally got some sort of satisfaction out of it, no matter how small, I got something out of it. This is the most worthless piece of crap item I have ever had the displeasure of working with in my life. I have much more colorful ways of describing this but I realize that there may be some kids that will read this so I will try to keep it PG.

It comes complete with most of the crappy accessories it came with. An example is the plastic pusher miter thingie that's so sloppy that I don't understand why they even bothered making it adjustable. It's really nice when you're trying to rout something at an angle and it slips in the middle of the cut and jerks the workpiece right out of your hands and flings it across the room. Or the super anti-precision fence that's almost impossible to adjust and keep in place. Or the slippery painted surface that wears off, exposing the rough surface that mars the workpiece as you slide it over. It does come with a power switch that always worked. I'll give it that. It has a really nice power switch. Some of the other small items got destroyed in a fit of rage one day after fighting it for a couple of hours.

The best part about this table is that it's a one of a kind. yep that's right it's a three legged router table. It became three legged after I was trying to rout something one day and I noticed that the table was moving. That was from the plastic inserts working loose on the leg mounts. It was like routing wood on a waterbed. It was moving back and forth oh I'd say an inch and a half or so. Well after a few more pieces I'm in the middle of a cut and the leg just fell off. So I had to stop to keep from losing any fingers, and I tried to beat the inserts back in. Looked ok so I start making my cut again and would you believe it fell out again?!?! It's supported by a beer bottle to keep it from falling over while taking the picture.

I am an engineer by trade and I feel sorry for the engineer that was responsible for this marvel of science. Someone told him to design this thing and not spend any more than \$0.65 on it. So he did it, but I bet he probably lost all self respect for himself after he realized that he just released this miserable failure onto society. Or maybe he got a big kick out of it and is still laughing I don't know. I know they suckered me out of my money that's for sure.

There is a router shown in the picture, the router is not included since it will kind of work most of the time. This auction is for

the table only. Hell I'll even throw in the beer bottle (not full per eBay standards) if the buyer wants it. I wouldn't use it as a leg though.

This table comes with no warranty from me. I never bothered to try to take it back, even though it was under warranty because I was so ticked off that I knew I would create a scene when I threw it through the front window of Home Depot. So it sat in my basement for a few months, and now you have the opportunity to own this piece of scrap. If someone had some time they could probably work on it a bit and make it into something that's functional. Like a doorstop or maybe a paperweight. But it will need some more work before it's that good.

(clip)ADDED 3/22/04 - I've received some emails, and yes I am willing to set it on fire, shoot it full of holes, etc. and mail pics/video to you. If the bid gets high enough to cover my ammo costs, I'd be willing to shoot it full of holes with your choice of the following: 12 gage slugs, 00 buck, or a 40 round mag from an AK. Then I can make a pile of the remains, douse it in gasoline, make the Wile-E-Coyote trail of gas dribbles for my safety, and light it on fire. The winning bidder would get pics if they so choose. Or I can ship it to you. I could even ship you the charred remains if you like. Hey man I just hate it. Let me know. Whatever trips your trigger.

ADDED 3/23/04 - Yes I can drive over it with something. I can drive over it with a Massey Ferguson 620 CI diesel powered tractor.

On Mar-24-04 at 09:06:41 PST, seller added the following information:

For those who are interested, the bottle does carry a \$0.10 Michigan deposit, and it's pre printed for the other standard deposits for other states (\$0.05). So yeah it's like a huge bonus, worth hundreds of times what the table is worth. Remember - I'm throwing that in for free!

On Mar-24-04 at 20:59:57 PST, seller added the following information:

Yes the beer bottle is a "double deuce" or a 22 oz ish beer bottle. Actually it's a Miller Lite 24 oz beer bottle, so that makes it extra rare. From what I hear there was only somewhere around 42 million of them made this year, so get yours fast! I suppose it has some additional extra value from a scrap weight aspect, but I think the deposit is the same. Collector's value had got to be in the hundreds if not thousands of Turkish Liras.

No unfortunately I don't know of any women that are willing to fire the guns naked and send you the pics. If I did I wouldn't be wasting my time writing this auction, that's for sure.

The tractor is basically a huge articulating tractor with dual wheels on each corner. It weighs somewhere around a gajillion pounds. It's about six times the size of the largest general motors product you can think of. It's big. It might take me a couple of weeks to get video etc but yeah I'll send it to you. Pics/video will be complete with firearms, Ryobi arson and all the profanity you desire, whatever you want. Again - for christ's sake the next bid is \$0.02, and I'm willing to do all this crap for a penny - the video's got to be worth \$5!!!!!! Bid and tell me what you want!!!!

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 On Mar-25-04 at 18:31:48 PST, seller added the following information:
 I will bid if you place it in a barrel and fill barrel with concrete. I will pay the insurance if you pay the shipping.

um....ok. I can do that as long as the bid is \$1400.

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 On Mar-25-04 at 19:08:08 PST, seller added the following information:

Why are you restricting shipping to USA only? I would think you should be excited about the possibility of sending it to Iran, or hell or france or something.
Just wondering.

Yet another good idea. I will ship free to France as long as they surrender. It doesn't matter who they surrender to, it could be Australia, Bruce Willis, or even McDonalds. But if they surrender before this auction ends free shipping to France!

Also- Free shipping to any US military base (Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, Venezuela, Selfridge Air force Base, etc) upon the following conditions: The person receiving the router table send clear pictures/video back of the table being destroyed by superior force, i.e. tank shelling, hellfire missile attack, shooting sheet with an anti-aircraft gun, or some sort of awesome display of military power, or even a pic of their whole company dancing around a bonfire which contains the router table. Three Cheers to the US Military / Coast / National Guard! I'll drink to that.

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 On Mar-26-04 at 05:18:33 PST, seller added the following information:

Could I see a picture of it actually ripping something out of someones hand and tossing it to the other side of the room? Or better yet an arm off or something?

Sure. Buy it, and have someone videotape you using it. Eventually someone's going to lose an appendage.

On Wed, 21 Apr 2004 20:10:35 GMT, "Leo Lichtman"
<l.lichtman@worldnet.att.net> hurled these words of wisdom into the ether:

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To buy something like that you have to either be very cocky, or very humble. The cocky person thinks, "He didn't like it because he was not smart enough to use it properly --I can overcome problems that would stump the average person." The humble buyer says, "It's cheap because it's not very good. I don't deserve the good stuff everyone else is using, so I'll buy this." I fall in BOTH categories simultaneously. :-)

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"Chuck" responded"
So, like...."He's not smart enough to know that I don't deserve the

good stuff that nobody wants to or CAN use except me?"

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To which Leo responded:
I think if I figure out what you said, I will agree with it.

Leo

BAWA Members in the News

Small Appointed to AAW Panels

Bill Small has been appointed to the AAW's Chapter and Membership Committee. He is the only non-director on the committee which is chartered to improving AAW's value to members and their chapters. Bill is also serving as chair of the newly formed Chapter Management Best Practices Subcommittee. Chapters that have held special activities or have ongoing functions that they feel work well will be invited to document them for posting on the AAW's web site. These write-ups will help new chapters get up to speed faster and encourage existing chapters to try new ideas. The feature will begin this summer.

Knize and Deadrick win awards at the Livermore Art Association's Spring Art Show

Both Mark and Fred were winners at the recent art show in Livermore. Mark won with his "It's a Guy Thing" metal sculpture, while Fred won an award for his Segmented Bowl # 0203.

AAW Tips

Posted By: John Lucas johnlucas@charter.net

Date: Tuesday, 13 April 2004, at 8:08 p.m.

I just got news from the editor of American woodturner that they will be paying \$35 for all tips published starting with the fall issue. The winner of the best tip will also get an ornament from Bob Rosand and a pen from Angelo Iafrate. Pretty cool huh. If you want to get in on this send your tips to me. We are having a problem with photos that are too low in resolution. Please send them in high resolution if possible. Thanks guys you've been a big help in this job.

AAW Photo Forum

Check out the new AAW photo forum at <http://www.woodturner.org/photopost/index.php> -e-Lundburg has a beautiful selection of her work in the new photo gallery.

April Meeting—From Log to Bowl by Wayne Shipman

In case you missed it, Wayne Shipman’s presentation on the steps required to optimally go from green logs to beautiful bowl blanks was simply outstanding! Wayne discussed the issues such as wood shrinkage and the orientation of the growth rings for various visual effects. Great job Wayne, we will all approach woodturning with a new sense of knowledge.



Here Wayne shows how to take advantage of a crotch “flame”.



Don’t mess with Wayne and his froe! Here he shows how to split a log along the grain for spindle stock.



Thanks Peter Harris for your video coverage. The TV added a lot to Wayne’s Presentation.

John Jordan’s BAWA Seminar

On Sunday April 4th, John Jordan filled Bill Small’s shop to hold a woodturning seminar for BAWA members. John showed us how he turns his famous hollow forms, and the techniques he uses to carve and texture the surfaces. The presentation was filled with sage advice and technical how-to. For those desiring further information, John has a new 2 volume DVD which should be available about now. He also has started to manufacture a new set of very nice hollowing tools with replaceable tips. See his web site for details: <http://www.johnjordanwoodturning.com/> Thank you Bill Small for hosting the seminar and John, and Harry Levin and Jim Abreu for the arrangements and wood.



John turning a sample hollow form



These are examples of carving and texturing. The texture on the left is done with a wire brush, while carving is used for the effect on the right.



Here is an example of one of John’s finished bowls. He said that it takes him about 2 days to carve a bowl like this.

Wood Raffle **Ros Harper, Woodmeisterin**

Thanks to Walter Tate (Tyler Texas) for the Osage Orange, Bill Small for the Bay Laurel, Robert Whitworth for the exotics, Wayne Shipman for the Maple, Sycamore, Juniper and the demo wood examples, and Jim Mahew for the Ash contributions to the wood raffle this month.

April Show & Tell



Dave Morris's "tamed" pepperwood bowl



Ros Harper's natural edge bowl from spalted maple



Jan Blumer's marbled platter



Art Galicia showed an atomizer bottle he made from a cypress crotch.



Ron Reeves showed several examples of his beautiful work. This one is made from a Baltic birch laminate.



Jim Lehman's camphor bowl

Other Show and Tellers were: Rich Bonnington with a birch bowl, Harvey Klein with bowls made from various woods, David Burton pepper wood bowl, Hal Bain showed a stippling tool from Harbor Freight, Brad Adams with turned toothpick holders and light houses, Bob Brumage with a apricot bowl, Leo Lichtman with a trick pliers, Jim Abreu showed a natural edge bowl from bay laurel, and Andrew Baxter with an inexpensive re-saw blade.

Northern California Woodturner's Picnic

OK woodturners, save September 18th for the new Silicon Valley sponsored "Turn-off".

The Turn-off will be a Picnic get together, held on September 18,(location to be determined). Clubs participating will be Silicon Valley, West Bay, Nor Cal woodturners, and BAWA.

The picnic will be a fun get together with a potluck supplied by all the attending members. The competition will be a bit different from previous years. It will be a game of croquet. The only twist is that each club must make their own regulation set, 6 mallets, 6 croquet balls, stick and hoops. The traveling trophy will go to the best judged set. The only other requirement is that the official playing team must wear the same team attire. It sounds like a great day to meet members from the other clubs and have fun within our club planning and making the croquet set.

Sign up with Robert Whitworth if you want to participate in building the croquet set.

Save Your Woodcraft Receipts

By special arrangement, Jim Rodgers has secured a way for BAWA to receive a 3% rebate from Woodcraft for each dollar spent in the Dublin store. It is an important source of income to BAWA. Remember to bring your receipts (or copies) and deposit them in Jim's collection box at the next meeting.



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