



www.ptawoodworkers.com

November 2019

November 2019

From the Chairman



Chairman Neville Comins

As we come to the end of 2019, it is good to reflect on what has been an active and special year for WAP being its 30th Anniversary Year since its launch in 1989. It was a good opportunity to review the original "Aims and Objectives" of the Association set up at the launch and it was extremely gratifying to see that they are all as valid now as at the start. What vision our founding members had!

Looking at the event of the year, one can highlight the Anniversary dinner where we heard from some founding members about how it all began, and then in October, our EXPO attracted a record number of visitors and a number of new signings for membership. In fact, our membership numbers have reached the highest ever, with many people now looking at starting activities in woodworking. However, with such interest, the needs of members have also become clearer with the requirement for Training being voiced increasingly often. Gone are the days which many of us mention

where the beginnings of woodworking came from schooldays, but sadly this has stopped and needs to be replaced. The introduction of the WhatsApp groups has led to greatly enhanced interaction amongst members, giving support, helpful advice, etc. and the "traffic" shows the importance of these connections. All our meetings, whether the Group meetings or the WAP monthly meeting have been consistently attended and have provided valuable information to the attendees. An exciting element has been the interest in new types of activity, such as marquetry, parquetry and inlay work, all techniques which offer much to enhance our projects, and adding to the opportunity created through woodcarving as well. We are now seeing members venturing into CNC work and augmenting projects with 3-D printing. Thus, the new era will see many such enhancements through these new tools. However, the good ability with hand skills will always be a fundamental aspect of woodwork and will not be overlooked. All this confirms our need as members to undertake continuous learning as is a facet of modern life and WAP must respond appropriately.

One could say that in turning 30, WAP has come of age but now is the time to take new steps to meet the requirements of the future. As I write this, in progress is a study on an exciting opportunity to establish a fully equipped WAP Workshop for both meetings and demonstrations and for formal training programmes. This would be a big step but the added value to members cannot be underestimated. I hope that the incoming Management Committee gives full attention to this opportunity and over the next decade we all see the benefits.

My term as Chairman has been a really worthwhile one to work with such vibrant and enthusiastic

colleagues who all share our passion to enhance our abilities to build exciting projects. One characteristic which WAP must protect is the willingness of members to share knowledge with each other. I look forward to continuing to contribute to WAP in its new ventures.

**Association's Monthly Meeting:
Year-end Function
27 November 2019
By Paul Roberts**

The monthly "meeting" was in the form of the year-end function which was held at the Portuguese Club. Member Vito Gouveia was again instrumental in accessing this excellent venue. The event was attended by a total of 97 people (47 members and their spouses/partners (35) as well as 15 guests such as sponsors). Chairman Neville Comins welcomed all and after the starter course, the various awards in the form of certificates and trophies were handed out. Refer to the October *Tambotie* for pictures of most of the various items which won the trophies.

The photographs below give a good indication of the activities during the evening.



Dishing up the delicious starter!



***Winners of certificates in the Turning category.
L to R: Braam Burger, Alan Crawford, Charlie Letsoalo, Andy Sutton, Lou Coetzer.***



The assembled attendees



Johan Scholtz (L) receiving the trophy for woodcarving from Audrey Miles and Neville Comins for his carving on a 5-drawer cabinet depicted below.



Table with lucky-draw prizes.



Carved Five-drawer cabinet by Johan Scholtz.



**Utility certificates (Advanced) winners.
L to R: Alida Myburgh and Leon Wolmarans**



Hennie Ackermann (Right) won the trophy for Restoration.



**Certificates for Cabinet Makers and Restorers.
L to R: Michiel van den Berg, Gustav Vlok, Marius du Toit, Willie Marneweck, Hennie Ackermann, Paul Roberts.**



**Recipients of certificates & trophy for Utility items.
L to R: Charlie Letsoalo, Hennie Ackermann, Neville Stocker and Trophy winner Neville Comins.**



Gustav Vlok received the "Aanhouer Wen" trophy and shares it with Turner Gerrie Grobler.



Willie Marneweck receiving the Executool Trophy for the Best Cabinet item as well as the Dan Badenhorst Trophy for the “Best on Show”.



Wayne Mull of Funkt Woodworking demonstrating.

Cabinet Makers and Restorers: 9 November 2019

By Paul Roberts

The meeting was held at the Silverton Business Park and was attended by 18 members. Member Stefan Hefer had arranged for the use of an unoccupied venue as his works were flat out completing projects before year-end. Stefan Hefer was the main speaker on the topic of *Fasteners and modern hardware for furniture*. Stefan dealt with a range of hardware such as T-nuts, threaded rods, barrel bolts, biscuits (most popular sizes are 20 and 10). The Domino system with its floating tenons is a very good system. Lamello has several patented joint systems which can easily be dismantled. These play a major role in commercial “knock-down” systems.



Stefan Hefer presenting his talk.



Wayne Mull busy with a further operation.



Pieter de Weerd making a strong point!

During the Show and Tell session, Leon Wolmarans demonstrated the adaptations he had made to his Dremel router for cutting grooves for inlays in his boxes (inlay stringing).



Leon Wolmarans demonstrating his shop-made router base for inlay stringing.

Paul Roberts had been investigating the feasibility of a WAP Workshop and Training Centre and made a

PowerPoint presentation on the topic. This was followed up by an inspection of a potential workshop at the Silverton Business Park.



Paul Roberts presenting an overview of the proposed WAP Workshop and Training Centre.



Inspection of Unit 55, Silverton Business Park.

Draaiersbyeenkoms op 23 November 2019

Teks deur Jan Richter

Fotos geneem deur Johan Kramer

Die laaste draaiersbyeenkoms van 2019 het op uitnodiging van die eienaar van Mr Woodturner, Ed Robinson by hierdie draaitoerusting winkel in Blairgowrie Johannesburg plaasgevind. Danksy die goeie verhouding wat die draaiersgroep van die houtwerkvereniging hoofsaaklik deur die bemiddeling van Braam Burger met die Nuwe Hoopskool opgebou het, kon ons twee van hulle bussies gebruik om ons lede na Mr Woodturner te vervoer.

Die byeenkoms wat deur 29 lede bygewoon is, is begin met die algemene jaar vergadering van die draaiersgroep. Die sameroeper, Jan Richter, het 'n kort oorsig oor die werksaamhede van 2019 gegee en almal bedank wat op een of ander manier betrokke was. Daar is pryse oorhandig aan die lede wat deur die stuurgroep lede maandeliks aangewys is as die wenner van die draaiuitdaging. Die wenner van elke maand was:

Willie de Wet – Januarie
 At Smit – Februarie
 Gerrie Grobler – Maart
 Stephan Kruger – April
 Leon Wolmarans – Mei
 Francois van Wyk – Julie
 Carel van der Merwe – September

Die lede teenwoordig het met hartseer terug gedink aan Willie de Wet, wie gedurende die jaar oorlede is.

Michiel Britz het na 'n paar jaar op die stuurgroep besluit om uit te tree en Lourens Badenhorst is in sy plek verkies. Baie dankie aan Michiel en welkom aan Lourens. Die stuurgroep vir 2020 is:

Jan Richter – Sameroeper
 Braam Burger – Sekretaris en finansies
 Carel Van der Merwe
 Alan Crawford
 Carel van der Merwe

Die algemene jaarvergadering is gevolg deur demonstrasies en rondkuier in die winkel. Drie van ons lede, Braam Burger, Shane Bester en Johan Kramer het demonstrasies gedoen op draai en afwerking van ringe, draai van kalligrafie-penne, gravering van hout, akrielhars en metaal en draaibankstaander vir gebruik met 'n rolstoel. Daar was ook demonstrasie deur John Bond oor Black Line draaibeitels en Eugene van Rooyen oor die maak van gesegmenteerde bakke. Ons lede sowel as die ander besoekers het die demonstrasie baie interessant gevind en tussendeur heerlijk geëet aan die verversings wat deur Barbara Robinson voorsien is,



**Braam Burger besig met die draai van 'n ring. /
 Braam Burger busy with turning a ring.**



**Shane Bester by sy graveertoerusting/
 Shane Bester at his engraving equipment.**



**Staander en draaibank vir gebruik met 'n rolstoel/
 Stand and lathe for use with a wheelchair.**



**Johan Kramer verduidelik die werking van die rolstoel vriendelike opstelling./
Johan Kramer explains the workings of the wheelchair-friendly set-up.**



**Die worsbroodjie het groot byval gevind./
The boerewors rolls were most popular.**



**John Bond en Willie Marneweck in 'n baie ernstige gesprek oor die Black Line gereedskap./
John Bond and Willie Marneweck in a very serious discussion about the Black Line tools.**

Die oggend is afgesluit met worsbroodjies en drinkgoed wat met die draaiersfondse gefinansier is. Baie dankie aan Braam wat al die reëlings getref het en die gasbraaier voorsien het en aan almal wat gehelp braai het.

Editorial

Editor: Paul Roberts

E-Mail: paul.roberts@ptawoodworkers.com

Tel: 084 515 2773