

When Last We Met

by Gord Bednard

If you ever want to be the centre of attention in a room, try taking on an occasional task for a volunteer-run organization. It's absolutely guaranteed that when that task is again at hand, and the call goes out for a person to step into the breach, two things will happen: 1) most of the assembled group will smile, nod and their eyes will focus on you as the most likely to "give it another go", and 2) a remote speck of dust or trick of light will distract the balance of the group and hold their interest until the task is spoken for. At this point you, being both naïve and likely the slowest to see an ambush coming, and being flattered by the attention of your peers, once again stick up your hand and history, as they say, repeats itself. This is by way of explanation as to why you find my name at the top of this missive, again. And again. I really must try

to sit closer to the door next time. It may be the only escape, being that there are no windows in Bill's shop, and no dangerous machinery to hurl myself into (with the possible exception of the coffee maker which in the wrong hands can be deadly).

But enough of this whining and other idle banter.

The June meeting began as it usually does, with a pre-meeting demonstration by one of the members. In this case it was Wally who had a variety of hand planes on display (all of them cordless models) and discussed the history and identification keys which would help identify not only the type of plane, but the date of its manufacture. Your scribe, while arriving a bit late for the *(Continued on page 3)*

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, Sept. 21st



Phil Laliberte congratulates Marco Berera, the winner of this year's Nail Pounding Competition, which took place during the annual summer picnic.



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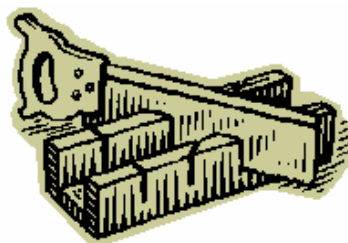
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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 21st starting at 7:15pm. Pre-meeting demo at 6:30.

Guest Speaker—To Be Announced.



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start of the demo, gleaned enough from the presentation to finally understand that the use of hand planes for driving nails was just plain wrong. There was a lot of questions and answers following the demo and this indicated the keen interest on the part of those assembled (and of those still missing some bits). There's a lot of history to the development of the plane and it is still one of the most widely used shop tools. I am willing to bet every one of the guild members has at least one and uses it more often than any power tool collector (like me) would care to admit. Thanks Wally.

By the way, if you would like to do a pre-meeting demo, contact **Paul Blatter** at 604-274-0721 to arrange a date. Marco will be the demonstrator for September.

The business section of the meeting commenced with **Rob Prinse** announcing that he had brought some free wood for the guild members, the catch being that if you took it, you had to turn it into toys for the Christmas toy workshop. While most of the toys are slated to be given away, "high end" toys would be auctioned off at the Cloverdale show to offset the purchase of supplies for the making of the toys. Rob also announced the formation of the BC Wooden Toy Makers Society which, oddly enough, is dedicated to the construction and distribution of wooden toys for kids at Christmas. He urged all members to get involved with this charitable organization.

Marco Berera spoke on the upcoming wood turning symposium. This will be taking place at the Sheraton in Surrey (didn't anyone tell them about the dust and shavings) from September 10 - 12. The cost is \$250.00 and includes a banquet, reception and an international cast of world class turners. Your scribe will not stoop to lame jokes about the fact that Tina Turner will not be appearing. More information can be had by going online to "GVWG.ca" or call **Steve Hansen** - 604 585 0638.

Some of the members brought toys to display and inspire, notably **Dave Pye** who showed off a castle as a work in progress and **Phil Laliberte** who made a wooden wagon. **Rob Prinse** remarked that he had a ready source for dolls and blankets if members wanted to make cradles and that plans

and diagrams were available.

And now the good bits: Guest Speaker

Looking rather like Thoreau might if he had just wandered down from Walden Pond for some companionship in Richmond, with hat-ted head and walking stick in hand, **Clyde Nakashima**, wood carver, appeared as our speaker for the evening. Clyde (no relation to George Nakashima - someone asked) is from Hawaii, but apparently got tired of warm weather, surfing and pineapple and made his way to Vancouver. He has a Canadian wife, and a real job in computers during the day, but it becomes quickly apparent that Clyde has a real passion and talent for carving. Clyde began carving co-incidentally with his arrival in BC almost 12 years ago, although his roots in art go back to his grandfather who was a woodworker in Japan who worked exclusively with hand tools. He attended art school where he realized "if you can draw it, you can carve it". Of course this does not help us whose drawing style reached its zenith in first grade, but help is at hand, because Clyde teaches carving as well as doing it himself. Clyde feels that art and carvings are already inside the wood waiting for release. Just take away the rest and there it is: the mask, bear, or whatever you pictured. Imaging in the mind's eye is the vital aspect of Clyde's philosophy. Draw your prospective project, refine the design and hone your skills on real life objects. Practice, and you will see your carving improve. Clyde teaches at the Wilson Centre in Port Coquitlam, Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-10 pm. He also has a drop in on Thursdays for \$1. (not a miss-print). Now here's the really good part: Clyde seemed more than willing to arrange an all-day sawdust (or in this case chip) seminar with the interested members of the Guild. A Saturday in the fall will be arranged. Contact your scribe if you are interested and we will arrange a time, place and date.

Following the break, when we got to chat at length with Clyde and admire his carved bear, eagle walking stick, and salt crystal carving, the meeting resumed.

Wood Show - **Tony Carter** will organize the live demonstrations at the Guild booth in terms of allocating time slots etc. We are looking for about 8 demos (4 Saturday and 4 *(Continued on page 4)*)

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Sunday) in the line of dovetails, carving, band sawn boxes, woodturning etc. And speaking of the show there will be a planning meeting featuring Klaus, Bob, Wally and Phil in July. Contact Bob if you have any ideas for the booth and if you are interested in attending a planning meeting. It will likely be at the BuckandEar Pub (no, I didn't make that up) in Steveston. Apparently the belt sander track will be in place at the show and everyone is encouraged to enter. As always, volunteers for the booth and the competition will be needed.

Picnic – Was at Steve Fairbairn's place in east Richmond on August 8 - Editors note: A big thank you to Steve and Deb for hosting another fun afternoon.

Presidents Challenge – Toys. Peter showed off a box with 14 climbing bears, 8 race cars, 6 sedans, and 6 coupes. Bill had brought a truck and a sand buggy. Dave demonstrated a kangaroo which hops down a ramp. But as good as the above project were, it was **Bill Fox** who won bragging rights with his pull-type wagon. Phil showed us a car part (upper windshield frame), copied from the damaged original by way of his sophisticated computer controlled equipment.

Dave Pye reminded all that he has toy plans and to call if you need them (604-244-9797)

The raffle was held and the meeting ended at about 9:30.

See you all in September if not at the picnic in August.



Summer Picnic Nail Pounding Contest

by Ivan Antoniw

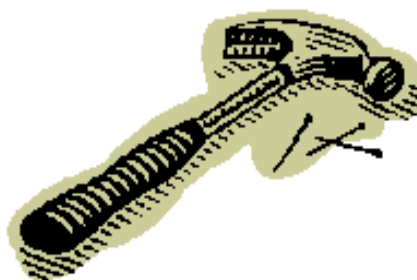


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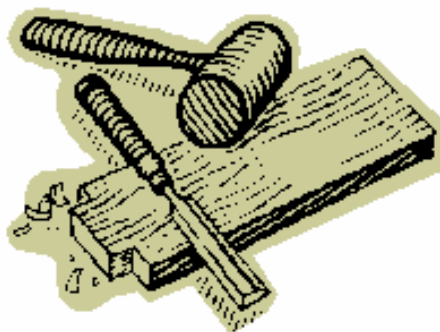
*The men (above)
The competition is fierce (left)*



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*Fans admiring technique (above)
What are the rules again? (right)*



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Steve Harris	-24	-4	250	6	5
Don Bugman	-28	-11	20	9	8
DANZ	-20	-4	90	4	7
Kenio	-21	-4	5	3	9
Steve	-20	-9	150	1	3
Klaus	-10	-6	100	5	6
Phil	-21	-7	600	7	4
Bob	-39	-8	1500	0	②

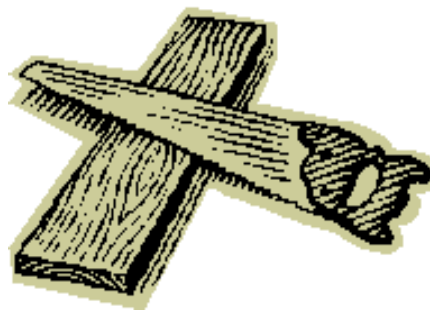
Judgement call (above)
The results (left)



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Calendar Of Events

- **September 21, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild September meeting.
- **October 15 to 17, 2004**—BC Woodworking Show—Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Grounds
- **October 19, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild September meeting.
- **November 16, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild September meeting.
- **December 21, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild January meeting.
- **January 18, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild February meeting.
- **February 15, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild February meeting.
- **March 15, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild February meeting.
- **April 19, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild February meeting.
- **May 17, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild February meeting.