



CHIPS & Chatter

AAW award-winning newsletter!

WWW.SVWOODTURNERS.ORG

THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS

COMING UP!

June 4th 2008
Monthly Meeting

July 2nd
Monthly Meeting

July 19th
Club Picnic



Tops in spinning again

Written by Phil Roybal

Top Night!

It's Top Night again—an SVW May tradition for many years now. As in years past, we'll have competitions for largest top, smallest top, and so on. But the big gun event is the Unlimited Longest Spinning Top contest.

Last year, long-time champ Gary Petretti again took top honors (so to speak) with a 23:35 spin. Dick Pickering, Rich Dege, and Phil Roybal were also-rans. This year? Well, we'll see. The Unlimited event is the last of the evening.

After the business meeting, members cleared the floor and gathered around the edges to watch. Rich Dege donated a bag of finger tops for topless guests or members who wanted to join the fun.

First we got the easy ones out of the way.

Jim Gott was the only entrant in the Smallest Top category, and won with his tiny blackwood top.

Mike Magrill and Michael Wiley both brought fairly large tops, so they were judged against each other for Largest Top honors. Mike Magrill won the candy on that category.

Continued on page 3

May, 2008 INSIDE

Feature Story	1
Pres Sez	2
Top night	3-5
Turning Out	6,7
Oh, really?	8
Club Notes	9
Staff Reports	10
For Sale	11
Calendar	11
Ironman	12

PRES SEZ



Graeme Priddle is now on his way. What an adventure having him here. I thought he was a great presenter and fun. Now we are reminded of other things we can do to our turnings, **BRANDING!!** It is something every one can do, or at least try. I think this might be a great thing to play with at a sawdust session also. If you missed this demo you missed a fun one.

With all the other clubs within a 100 miles it is hard to get everyone on the same page for demos, that is why we chose Tues / Wed evening, and I felt it worked out OK. Everyone (clubs) wants Sat demos and by adding evenings in the mix it gives the presenters less down time. Talking with Graeme he told us he does not solicit for demos he waits until he is invited. I found that to be a little awkward but for him he felt the clubs were more interested. This was also his philosophy for putting his pieces in galleries. If they want him they will ask. As he explained this is all about getting your name out there with your identifiable pieces. If we ever want him back all we need to do is ask and he will try to make it happen. Well what's next?? How about the club picnic?? It is scheduled for July 19th. So let's please plan ahead and plan on bringing your family and spending the day at the Johnson's for a Swim / potluck BBQ / Turning event. You and or your family can even operate the "Brickyard" Rail

Road. This is a fun day for everyone. We will have extra canopies up for shade. This event will have a place for a garage sale auction for old tools or whatever. We have our turning contest in the shop where your year's best turnings are on display for all to see and will be awarded ribbons for Best of show, 1st 2nd & 3rd in all of the categories. We will have our resident Chef's (Craig) present for all the (Michelle) cooking. I will provide the Soft drinks and water. Beer and Wine are welcome but **NO GLASS** inside the fence! **BEER** in cans and Wine in Plastic glasses **ONLY?**

You should see a sign up for food soon. We will need a head count please!!!

The other thing going on is our Presidents mystery challenge for the picnic. There is a box of mystery wood for you to purchase at \$5 each to make a turning. The money collected will go to the best turning using the mystery wood. You are welcome to use more than one piece of this wood but it is \$5 each piece taken out of the box. So put you thinking caps on and sharpen up your tools ... what are you going to make???

Our next demo is in AUG. Sign up on yahoo Keep turning,

Rich

Next month...

Join us Wednesday, June 4th, at 7 P.M., Rich's Center is located behind his home at 14979 Joanne Ave., San Jose. From Hwy. 680, take the McKee Road exit East about 1.5 miles to Toyon Ave. Turn left and go 0.6 mile, turn right onto Joanne Ave.

Bring your chair and items for Show and Tell. We all learn together.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE: STARTS WITH "J"



Next month: Graeme Priddle demo review

Tops, from cover page

Jim Gott and Dave Feind both brought tops colored with bright dyes, and their products were judged against each other for Most Colorful Top. Dave took the honors.

The Most Innovative Top category is rather loosely defined, and Gary Petretti, Phil Roybal, and Becky Frisbee entered their tops in the competition. Phil took the candy with a turned steel and segmented mahogany top.

Finally it was time for some action.

Dave Feind, Al Gore, Dick Pickering, Colin Mackenzie, Michael Wiley, Mike Magrill, Kent Mosley, and Ron Geren squared off around the floor to compete for Longest Spinning Finger-Spun Top. Rich Johnson counted down; “3...2...1...GO!” and they launched their tops. We all watched as, one after another, the entrants dropped to the floor. One minute and four seconds later, Dave Feind’s top was the last one standing and he took the candy.

Next, the same people entered the fray again to determine the Longest Spinning Upside Down Finger-Spun Top. Spinning these tops upside down is more awkward, and takes some practice. This time, Kent Mosley took top honors with a 27-second spin.

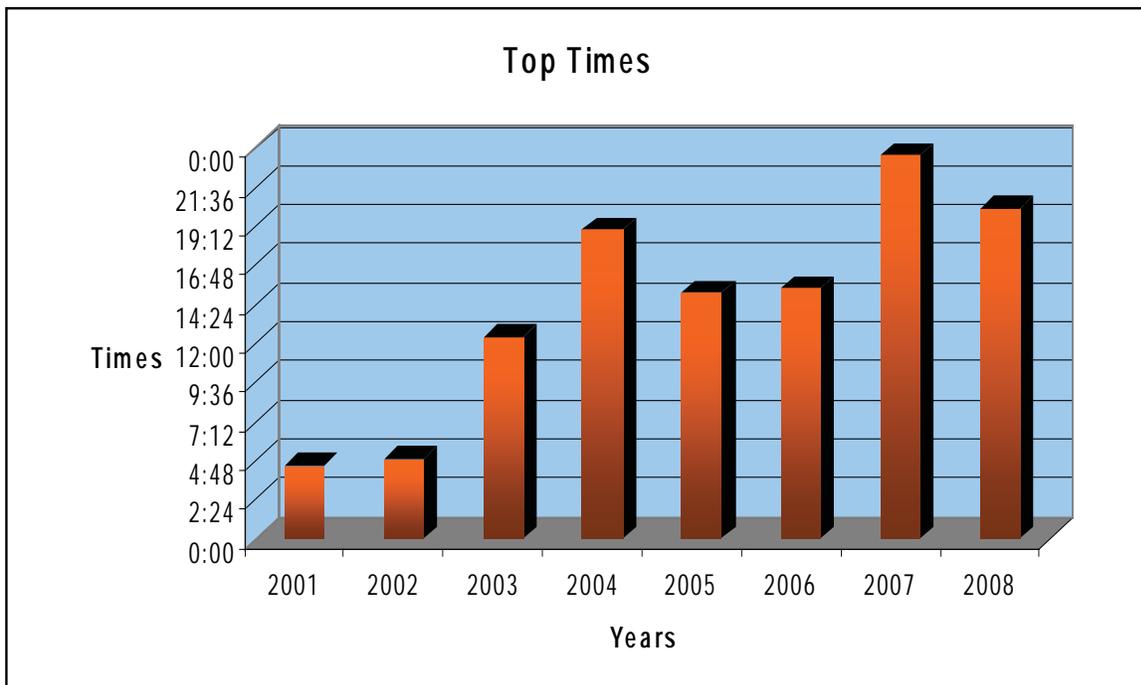
Finally it was time for the big event, but only two contestants, Gary Petretti and Phil Roybal, stepped up to the plate. As the crowd looked on, they used string launchers to spin their tops on plates lubricated with light oil or Pam.

The tops spun on, and on, and on. Finally, Phil’s top dropped to the plate after about 15 minutes of spinning, leaving past champ Gary Petretti the undisputed king of the long spin with a time of 20 minutes and 17 seconds.

Congratulations to all the participants.

Unlimited Category spin times have gone up and down over the years, but the trend is inexorably upward as members build their skills and experience. Here’s how it’s looked in this decade.

YEAR	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Min:Sec	4:30	4:55	12:25	19:00	15:07	15:25	23:35	20:17



Continued on page 4



More Tops continued from page 4



TURNING OUT

President's Challenge

STARTS WITH "M"

Clockwise from top left:

Rich Johnson showed a few maple tops he turned at the Home & Garden Show.

Phil Roybal presented a top of segmented mahogany, dyed veneers, and metal, finished with shellac, in a mahogany and blackwood base.

Harry Levin turned a Mother's Day mirror for his wife. It is cocobolo, with chatterwork on the face grain. He finished it with Mylands's Sanding Sealer and Friction Polish.

Michael Wiley turned a top of maple and mystery wood, finished with HUT Crystal Coat.

Jim Gott turned a natural edged open form of mimosa, which he finished with 50% Deft.

John Whittier made a spalted mulberry open form, using wood from San Jose Water Co. trees. He finished it with 50% Deft.

Becky Frisbee turned a hand mirror, which she inlaid with an ornamentally turned medallion from Dave Fiend, then decorated with pearls. She also brought a maple and copper ant, a make-up for April.

Dick Pickering turned a small open bowl from a piece of muhau he bought at the Utah Symposium. He finished it with 50% Deft.

Kent Mosley turned a diorama of maple, mahogany and metal showing a man meandering through a forest of mushrooms turned from a variety of "M" woods. Page 8.

Colin Mackenzie turned a maple top and finished it with Sanding Sealer.

Herb Green made some vases out of Mimosa.



Presidents Challenge continued from page 6.



Roy Litherland turned a segmented bowl, his first bowl, of maple and walnut, and finished it with Wipe-On Poly.

Brian Butler turned a chrome bottle stopper out of big leaf maple with a penny (“money medallion”) inset into it.

Dave Feind brought many multi-colored maple tops, finished with Magic Marker.

Scott Landon brought a carved myrtlewood and maple bowl with “M” feet, hand cut with a saw and finished with 50% Deft.



Show and Tell



Jim Gott brought a trio of tops: one of maple with two different types of chatterwork that make patterns when the top spins under fluorescents, and a tiny pair made out of blackwood, also with chatterwork. One took our prize for Smallest Top.

Oscar Witlock showed his first real bowl, turned of cherry, and complete with a lid.

Kent Mosley brought two small bowls, one of bubinga and the other of walnut, both finished with 50% Deft.

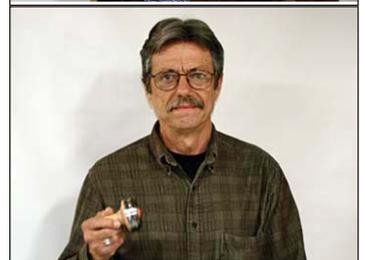
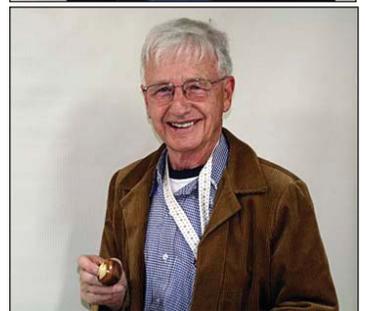
Colin Mackenzie turned a walnut top, his first, which he designed to be string spun.

Gary Petretti brought a ball bearing race and redwood top, which took the prize for Unlimited Longest Spinning Top.

Scott Landon showed a mini-mug turned from silver maple with a handle of big-leaf maple in the shape of an “M”.

Charlie Belden made a small open bowl from pittosporum, a material normally seen as a shrub rather than a tree. He has no finish on it as yet, just a fine sanding.

Former member Mike Magrill, visiting from Solvang, brought along a top of goncalvo alves, finished with 50% Deft.



Oh, really?

Kent Mosley's president's challenge as told by Kent Mosley

My May muse messed with my mind and made me a manuscript...

Max and Maria - A love Story

Max is a man masquerading as a mannequin made of maple, mahogany, and metal. Max meanders thru a marvelous marshy meadow of multi-colored, multi-material, mystical, magic mushrooms. The mushrooms were meticulously made from maple, myrtle, madrone, mara, mesquite, maccassar, magnolia, metal and more. Max mechanically manipulates a maple and metal mallet, mashing a mushroom to mush. The mashed mushroom emits a medicinal mist mesmerizing Max... and he remembers... memories of Maria. Maria was a modern maple and mahogany maiden mannequin who models for maidenform and Miss Magazine. Max and Maria met in Missoula Montana, made out, married and mated. As Max mounted Maria... he was turned on..... a mini lathe. Anyway, for Maria, matrimony and monogamy turn to monotony until she met Mike... a more macho and muscular mannequin from Macy's... and they messed around. Max found out, and in a moment of madness he murdered Mike and Maria on a mcculloh milling machine. He molded, mitered, machined, mangled, milled and mutilated Mike and Maria until.... they were mostly mulch.



And now a moment of mourning from the mortuary...
And the Remains of Maria and Mike

CLUB NOTES



I am a Woodturner

SVW needs YOU

It takes more than the officers and program chairs to make our club function at its best. If your name's not in the column at right, we still need your help in smaller ways to manage some of the club's activities.

This is a HELP WANTED ad, and we need you to respond. There are always things that need doing here. In particular, we need:

- Volunteers for shop tours
 - Volunteers to present at meetings
 - Members to write up their profiles for the newsletter
 - Short articles for *Chips & Chatter*
- Please volunteer to Rich Johnson and help make our activities happen.

Sharing Knowledge

MEMBERS: Please contribute your expertise to our newsletter. The editor will help you get your article ready if need be. Deadline is the 12th of the month.

OTHER WOODTURNING

CLUBS: you may use materials in this newsletter for the benefit of other turners. Please credit Silicon Valley Woodturners and the newsletter month and year for any material you use, and mention our web site: www.svwoodturners.org. Note that if we've flagged an article as having been reprinted from another source with

permission, you must secure that same permission in order to use that material.

Volunteer Instructors

The turners below have graciously offered to open their shops to help members who want to learn to sharpen, try something new, or master a technique that just doesn't seem to be working. We all love to share. You just have to ask.

Willing to help? Contact Lloyd Frisbee to join this list.

- Rich Dege (408) 272-8122
- Jim Gott (408) 265-9501
- Rich Johnson (408) 254-8485
- Phil Roybal (408) 255-4789

Join Silicon Valley Woodturners

Want to join a great group of turning enthusiasts in an atmosphere of sharing and camaraderie? Become a member of Silicon Valley Woodturners.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month. See page 2 for details. Drop in at any meeting and check things out. To join, contact Rich Johnson (see listing at the right).

Learn more about our club on the web at www.svwoodturners.org.

SVW Contacts

President

Rich Johnson (408) 254-8485
latheart@pacbell.net

V.P./Program Chairs

John Whittier (408) 379-3722
jwhit10506@aol.com
John Overmire (650) 299-9754
Johnover@yahoo.com

Treasurer

Craig Thorson (650) 678-1970
kw@wwdb.org

Secretary

Howard Cohen (408) 378-9456
howard687@yahoo.com

Editor

Lloyd Frisbee (408) 978-6219
bigguy95124@yahoo.com

Sunshine Chair

Becky Frisbee (408) 978-6219

Photographer

Jim Gott (408) 265-9501
jgtimp@aol.com

Apparel

Dick Pickering (408) 227-9821
calwoodart@sbcglobal.net

Ways & Means

Jack Todd (408) 984-3848
jacknethel@sbcglobal.net

Webmaster

Charlie Beldon (408) 559-1582
charlieb@accesscom.com

Librarian

Rich Dege (408) 272-8122
rjdege@worldnet.att.net

STAFF REPORTS

RICH JOHNSON (PRESIDENT)

We have set the following demos:
Judy Dittmar in August,

Others being considered are: Bill Hunter, Will Smith, Betty Scarpino, Haley Smith, Todd Hoyer, Michael Lee, and Kay Foster.

Our demonstrators are scheduled for a full day. Bay Area Woodturners combines the demo with their monthly meeting. Meeting first, then the demo. We can attend their demos.

JOHN WHITTIER (VP/PROGRAMS)

The annual SVW Club Picnic is scheduled for July 19th at Rich Johnson's house. In addition to food and swimming, there will be a judged Instant Gallery that works like this. Bring your best work made since last year's picnic. As you drop it off, it will be assigned a number and a category, such as: Bowl, Natural Edge, Hollow Form, Craft Item, etc. You can bring multiple items for each category.

Picnic attendees will circulate through the Gallery and vote for their favorite pieces in each category as well as the Best of Show piece. Prizes will be ribbons and bragging rights.

There's also a box full of identical wood pieces (of an unknown species which looks similar to luan), available for \$5 each. Grab a piece and turn it into something for the picnic. The best turning from that wood gets the whole bottle of \$5 fees. You can add wood to the stock you pick out if you wish.

Finally, the picnic will feature a garage sale for those who want to buy and sell tools or shop paraphernalia.

CRAIG THORSON (TREASURER)

Treasury reports are available to members. See Craig.

AL GORE (LIBRARIAN)

The club library has the "The Woodturning Workshop" (PBS) DVD's available. Also Some from Jimmy Clewes. Also 2 new Cindy Drozda DVD's

DICK PICKERING (APPAREL)

Hats are now available at \$10 each. Be sure to wear your SVW insignia when you work shows such

Demo notes: *Judy Dittmar is coming to do a demo on Aug. 24th. This overlaps the next Home and Garden Show at Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, so we have a staffing problem and need some people who aren't going to the demo to man the booth. Please sign up with Rich for booth duty.*

FOR SALE

There is a Beaver wood lathe for sale.

Asking \$900

Came from Craft Supplies less than 200 hours of use.

Check it out at:

<http://www.craftusa.com/catalog/beaver.html>

Three Stubby's for sale

The first one is a Stubby Nugget. This is a smaller version of the Stubby 600. The bed does not slide and this is considered a gap bed with a 12" capacity. This lathe comes with it's own table / work bench and is equipped with a 2 hp motor just like the 750. Ver speed and rev. Spindle is 1 1/4th x 8. There is nothing wrong with this lathe, it works fine. Price firm \$2500

The next lathe is a 750 and is 4 - 5 years old. Price firm \$4k

The last one is a 750 that I purchased in 1999 at Tacoma AAW. I sold it to a student a few years later when I purchased my current one. Price firm \$3500

For any other info please call or email

Rich Johnson

408 254-8485

Rich @latheart.com



Even Roy wants to know...
How did you do that?

Rich Johnson's

Woodturners' Boot Camp

Learn the basics, from chainsaw to polish. An all day class. Book available. Sign up now. (408) 254-8485.

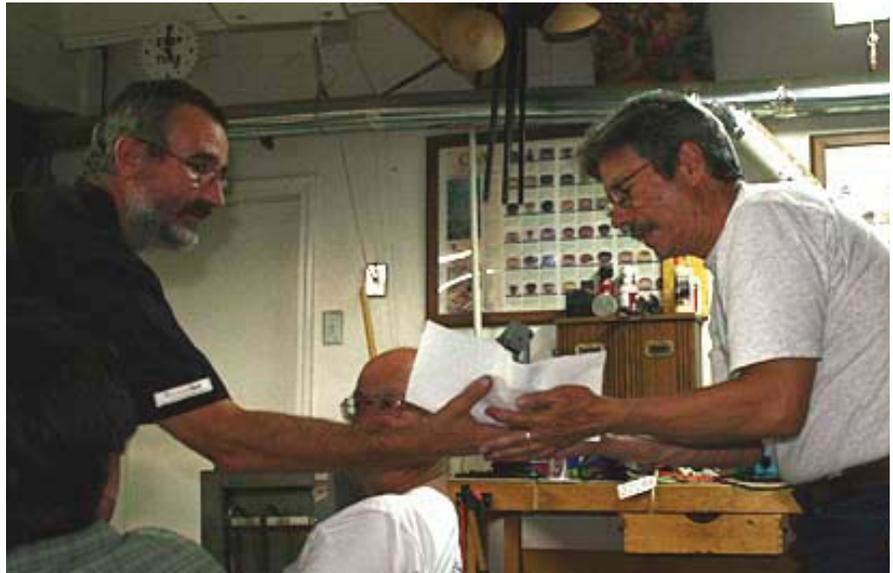
CALENDAR

June 4th 2008
Monthly Meeting

July 2nd
Monthly Meeting

July 19th
Club Picnic

August 24
Judy Ditmar Demo



GP 2 GP
Graeme Priddle's gift to Gary Petretti

IRONMAN

Ironmen are those who complete all 12 President's Challenge projects for 2008. Those who meet the challenge are awarded distinctive IRONMAN name badges. A blue bar in the chart below means that person

has completed the project for the month indicated.

You needn't be a great turner, you just need to participate. Make something in our Challenge theme and bring it to the next meeting.

Editor's Note

If I've overlooked your President's Challenge entry somehow, e-mail Lloyd at bigguy95124@yahoo.com.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Batek, Michael												
Belden, Charlie												
Bryhan, Tony												
Butler, Brian												
Cohen, Howard												
Davis, Joe												
Fiend, David												
Frisbee, Becky												
Frisbee, Lloyd												
Geren, Ron												
Gott, Jim												
Green, Herb												
Hall, George												
Horton, Rich												
Johnson, Rich												
Jones, Barb												
Landon, Scott												
Levin, Harry												
McLintock, Wally												
Mosley, Kent												
Mulligan, Paulette												
Overmire, John												
Pickering, Dick												
Roybal, Phil												
Rude, Mike												
Sayed, Ayman												
Sealy, Ard												
Thorson, Jeff												
Todd, Jack												
Vaughan, Glenn												
Wiley, Michael												
Wittier, John												

IRONMAN RULES

- Entries must not have been shown before.
- If you miss a month's Challenge, you may bring it to a Sawdust Session, or to the following meeting.
- If you bring a make-up Challenge to a meeting, you must also show the current month's Challenge piece.

2008 CHALLENGES

June With a "J"