

Newsletter

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MARCH MEETING

By: Richard Pierce

The March meeting was held at Wes Hofer's shop in Dinuba. Wes, as always, was a fine host and it was great to see his shop again! We are all envious! Thanks for turning on the heat to warm the early setup crew. And how about the new projection system! Thanks to Ben Douglas who spent considerable time and effort researching and purchasing just the right equipment for the members benefit. Thanks to Chris Grothe for volunteering as the operator/manager of this valuable equipment. The meeting agenda was jam packed with the election of new board members, dovetail joint demonstrations, show-and-tell and other important information. Ben Douglas as outgoing president opened the meeting by thanking all members who have volunteered their time and efforts during his tenure to keep the club moving forward. Ben shared with us that he has been president a total of eight years and for many years he and Al Sindlindger have alternated as president every two years. We owe both of them a debt of gratitude for their long term ongoing efforts and dedication to the ideals of this organization and its members. Ben and Al have well and faithfully served the greater woodworking community, this organization and its members. The impact of their efforts on woodworkers is significant and will be long lasting. You both are true professionals in every sense of the word! Thank you from all of us. President Douglas also shared with us his feelings of the need for "new blood" in key positions within the organization to take it to the next level. With that said nominations were opened for board positions, people were nominated, nominations were closed and the



*"Incoming President Dave Dunlap,
out going President Ben Douglas"*

election of new board members was conducted. Congratulations and thank you to all for being involved. Good luck in your newly elected positions.

The following are your new Board of Directors:

Officers:

PRESIDENT-David Dunlap

PAST PRESIDENT: Ben Douglas

VICE PRESIDENT SOUTH: Dave Summers

VICE PRESIDENT NORTH: Roger McCoy

SECRETARY: Glen Gray

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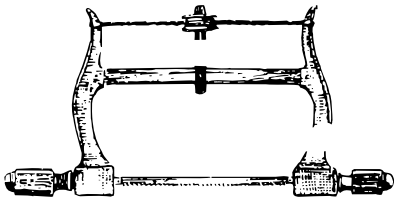
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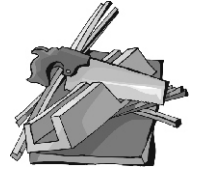
Chris Grothe

Bill Lynam

The newly elected president, David Dunlap, was awarded the gavel from Ben Douglas and began his



**Board of Director's Meeting
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
Kingsburg, California
March 12, 2008**



The 3-12-08 Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Ben Douglas at 6:35 p.m. Directors present were Ben Douglas, Al Sindlinger, Chris Grothe, Chuck Smith, Wes Butler, J.C. Charles, Howard Atamian, Richard Pierce, Ken Kenoyer, Dave Summers, Tony Wortner, and David Dunlap.

Secretary's Report: Ben Douglas moved to accept the minutes of the 1-8-08 board meeting and it was seconded by Al Sindlinger. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Kenoyer reported the following with all bills paid current.

Bank balance	\$4,130.56
Total Commitments: Red Ball Payout	188.00
Woodworking Classes	878.59
Memorial Fund	557.00
Sub Total Commitments	1,623.59
Total discretionary funds available	\$2,506.97
Total Paid Members	105
New Members	2

Ken also discussed Non-Profit Status for the club which carries the advantage of having 501c(3) status which will allow contributions to our club to be tax deductible to the contributor. There is a process to achieve and maintain this status which will require the service of a CPA and the subsequent annual filing of a tax return for the club. Ben, Ken and Richard were all going to visit with their accountants as to the complete process and cost of such an undertaking.

Ken updated the group on the Hand Plane Class scheduled for Saturday, April 12. There were presently 3 students signed up but a minimum of 7 are needed to break even. The class registration includes materials to make a plane. Three extra material sets will be ordered. Two of the extras will be given to the instructors as compensation and the third set will either be used for any late sign-ups or purchased by Ken.

The March meeting was all set to go at Wes Hofer's shop and Al was to contact Wes to see if any final issues may be outstanding.

The April meeting will be held in Kingsburg and will feature the Annual Meeting and project contest. Ben is working on gathering prizes. Setup help will be needed on Friday before the event.

Ben Douglas informed the group that new member Ron Zanini who is a retired instructor was interested in presenting a program on Marquetry for the May meeting in Kingsburg.

The May meeting will be held in Kingsburg during the Swedish Festival. The festival coordinators are Gary Nelson and Ron Bergman. Dave Summers is to contact both of these people to coordinate all information to our club about our meeting and participation in the Swedish Festival. They would like for us to be in the parade and to have some of our

members sell items as well. Bruce Auernheimer agreed to contact someone he knows that owns a Model-T to see if he would be interested in being in the parade. J.C. and Al both said they would be interested in selling some of their crafts and Tony was going to ask Bob Sansom if he might like to be a vendor as well.

Richard Pierce briefed us on the Website. He would be happy to publish items to the site such as your projects, news, pictures or want ads. Just send it to him electronically with the appropriate explanation or caption.

Dave Summers reported that the South toy group may get started in July.

Ben Douglas reported on the clubs video equipment which was recently purchased for a total cost of \$1,520.00. The equipment consists of a projector, screen, two stands, two cameras, a camera switcher and a table. Chris Grothe will be the custodian of this equipment and thus responsible for having it available and operating at the meetings where it may be required.

Ben presented a full slate of officer and board nominees for consideration at the March meeting as follows:

President	David Dunlap
Vice President South	Dave Summers
Vice President North	Roger McCoy
Secretary	Glen Gray
Treasurer	Ken Kenoyer
Newsletter Editor	Richard Pierce
Directors at Large-South	
JC Charles	Tom Tucker
Tony Wortner	Mac Macklin
Directors at Large-North	
Howard Atamian	Chris Grothe
Wes Butler	Bill Lynam

Dave Summers introduced the idea of holding a regular meeting at a ¼ scale railroad car building company near Exeter. It is a narrow gage railroad that gives tours and rides. The board was interested in the concept and Dave was to gather more information as to availability and cost.

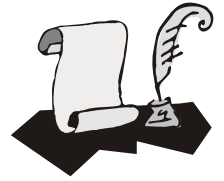
There was some discussion about the fairs with emphasis on what the purpose of the two fairs was or should be. It was decided that more discussion was needed and that a committee appointed by the new leadership team would be the best way to discuss both purpose and fund raising possibilities of the fair booths.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Dunlap for Glen Gray

President's Message



Hello to all of my fellow SJFWA members. I trust you are all ready to begin a new adventure as we get this year started. Note that the first sentence above mentions "all" of my fellow members. This little word is going to be the controlling concept for this next year. What does that mean? Our By-Laws at Article I, Section I, Page 1 states "The San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association shall be a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the education, promotion and execution of the principles of fine woodworking through any lawful activity for which a corporation may be organized under the laws of the state of California". Your new board intends to carry out this mission statement for the benefit of all our members at all skill levels. To do this we will need a little bit of help from all of you. The club will only be as successful as the membership wishes it to be. This is the exciting part, in my opinion, as a membership of 100+ has the potential to do significant things. Just remember that if we all do a little we can do a lot. Your

board is in the process of determining to what extent we may need to change the course of the club. Relax we have no intentions of turning the club on its ear but you can all look forward to changes in educational opportunities, the toy project and how we approach the Tulare and Fresno fairs. Rest assured that any changes will be made with the club's mission statement in mind trying to benefit the maximum number of members possible. All I ask from the membership is to give your board a chance and give us your help. Your individual feedback and involvement is not only welcome but will be respectfully required. Get involved with a positive attitude and we will have a great year.

Sincerely,

David Dunlap

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term of office. David provided opening remarks which were well received by the members. We look for David to lead this club to the next level. He will report on his remarks in this newsletter under President's message. Two new members were introduced, Mike McClelland and Ron Zanini. Welcome aboard. Ron is immediately getting involved agreeing to conduct a workshop on marquetry at a future meeting. Several members offered show-and-tell items which were very interesting. J.C's lidded oriental boxes were amazing! We then moved to the dovetail workshops which was very informative and interesting. First presenter on the Keller jig was Jerry Ellis. Jerry created a through dovetail joint for the members in a very effortless manner, despite his statement that this was only the second time he has used the Jig. It just cannot be as easy as he made it look, can it? Jerry offered numerous tips on setting up the Jig and also demonstrated his method of aligning the workpiece to the fingers on the Jig. The jig as demonstrated was very user friendly. Nice job Jerry. Next up was Dave Kibler who presented on the 24" Leigh Jig. Dave did not demonstrate the use of the jig but rather gave a very informative and complete verbal presentation of this product. I found his presentation to be very complete and helpful for those looking to purchase a dove tail Jig. Dave related the

Leigh Jig provides the flexibility of spacing of the fingers for a "hand sawn" look. However the Jig requires more steps to set up correctly than does the Keller Jig. Essentially he related there is a cost to that flexibility in set up time. However, the manual provided is comprehensive and very well written and essential to the user to read and understand before starting to use the Jig. Dave related well to us to not be intimidated by the reputation of this jig as "difficult" or "complicated". Take your time, read the manual, practice and you will be successful with the Leigh Jig. Nice job Dave. Last to present was Ben Douglas on the Rockler Dovetail Jig and he also did a great job. Ben was unflappable as he walked us through the task of creating half blind dovetails on this jig. Ben was clear, concise and straight forward when sharing about each step in the process; what does not work as advertised, what does and the steps necessary to overcome obstacles to achieve the desired result. Critical information was provided by all three presenters to assist members in better understanding these dovetail Jigs. Once again thanks to all.

APRIL MEETING

By: Roger McCoy

What a great day!!! The April meeting had something for everyone and I believe everyone who participated or attended had a wonderful time!

The SJFWA Board decided to move the annual project contest to the month of April to hopefully avoid the many personal conflicts (weddings, graduations, vacations, etc.) we were encountering in May, while still enjoying some beautiful spring weather. If the quality and variety of projects entered this year is any indication, the change to April may be a "keeper". There were over 40 attendees at the meeting who enjoyed a fantastic array of 43 projects entered into the contest by 26 different members. We also had 10 members bring additional projects to share during the "Show and Tell" portion of the meeting. Actually, the entire meeting could be described as "Show and Tell", since the audience was treated to an explanation of each project, including the motivation for building the project, how it was constructed, difficulties encountered during construction, what they would do differently next time, etc. This is really the best part of the meeting. Everyone gets to share their passion with a room full of people with the same passion, and it doesn't matter what level of woodworking skills you possess.

While the competition portion of the project contest is always de-emphasized, we did vote to determine the order of who got to pick first from a terrific bunch of donated prizes. Following are the top ten entrants and projects:

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| 1. Louis Volpp | Coffee Table |
| 2. Craig Miller | Bermuda Chest |
| 3. Richard Pierce | Elliptical Table |
| 4. Ron Zanini | Jewelry Box |
| 5. Howard Atamian | Natural Edge Bowls |

6. Wes Hofer
7. Tom McCurdy
8. Howard Atamian
9. LoVella Jensen
10. Gene Asbill

- Interlocking Donuts
- Rolling Sewing Cabinet
- Core Box Plane Lamp
- Hanging Shelf
- Segmented Bowls

Other members who entered projects were:

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| 1. Ben Douglas | 10. Leroy Ediger |
| 2. Tony Wortner | 11. Pete Sieperda |
| 3. Glen Gray | 12. Newel Herum |
| 4. Ken Kenoyer | 13. Roger McCoy |
| 5. Chuck Smith | 14. Ray Schaad |
| 6. David Dunlap | 15. Cortland Hunt |
| 7. Al Sindlinger | 16. David Summers |
| 8. Dave Kibler | 17. Bruce Auernheimer |
| 9. J.C. Charles | |

A great big thank you must be given to those who donated prizes for the contest, especially our business sponsors, Ideal Saw Works, Linden Publishing and The Woodshed. Remember these businesses when you are making purchase decisions as they sponsor our club year after year.

Oh, and by the way, we had a B-B-Q after the meeting that was enjoyed by just about all of the attendees. Many thanks to Al Sindlinger for setting up, monitoring and cleaning up the B-B-Qs.

Great weather, great food, great friends, and a whole lot of woodworking it doesn't get any better than this!!!

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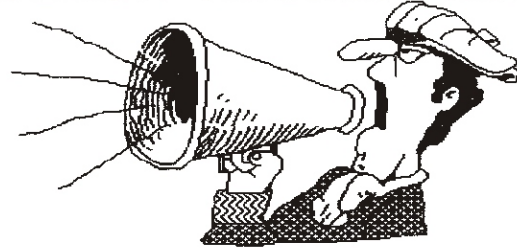
LATE BREAKING NEWS

By: David Dunlap

Great news! We are going to try our auction again in a new location and a new month. Our regular **July** meeting will be our auction this year so save up some stuff to sell and plan to attend the auction at Tulare Western High School on July 19th. You will learn more about this event in the near future:

SAVE THAT DATE!!

AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION



BEAN COUNTER'S CORNER

By: Ken Kenoyer

Congratulations, if you are reading this it means that you have paid your dues and are a member in good standing. If any of your woodworking buddies complain about not receiving the newsletter the first thing you should ask them is "Did you pay your dues?" They shouldn't worry because I keep their name on file for one year and they can reinstate anytime.

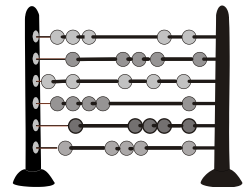
In this issue you will also find an insert with all the telephone numbers of paid members. If your buddies name is not listed that is the first clue of delinquent dues. This list is published once a year in the May/June issue. As members reinstate and new members join their names and phone numbers are listed in the newsletter. It is up to you to keep that list current.

The **Hand Plane Class** took place at Tulare Western High School on April 12th with Dave Summers as lead instructor ably assisted by Howard Atamian and Louis Volpp. The student body was small (8 students) but enthusiastic. They all left with a plane they can be proud

of. Hopefully you will have seen some of them at the Annual meeting in Kingsburg along with a lot of top-notch woodworking projects. With the skills obtained in this class they will be able to make any style or size of plane they need. The value of this class taught by these highly qualified instructors means that you learn a lot of the tricks of the trade and neat hints to enable you to make one of these planes easily in less than a days time.

We are looking at offering another Beginners Turning Class sometime in October or November. More on that as things develop. There is also an Intermediate Turning Class in the developmental stages. If you have any ideas for hands on type classes please let me know. My phone number and email address **is on the back page of this newsletter.**

Happy Woodworking



MAY MEETING

By: Ben Douglas

Date: May 17, 2008
Time: 9:00 AM to Noon
Place: Kingsburg Historial Firehouse Museum
2321 Sierra
Kingsburg, CA 93631

PROGRAM:

The program will be presented by new member Ron Zaninni who is an accomplished woodworker in French marquetry. Ron will demonstrate various inlay techniques and display some of his work. If you have ever wanted to do some inlaying, you will want to go to this meeting.

We are meeting again in Kingsburg because we have agreed to be part of their Swedish Festival Centennial celebration. We are expecting to have an entry in their parade and some of our members have agreed to stay after our meeting to demonstrate various woodworking tools and techniques and perhaps sell some

of their items. If anyone else is interested in participating in this activity, please contact Dave Summers.

Wooden folding chairs will be provided.

DIRECTIONS:

From the north: Take Highway 99 South to Kingsburg. Take the CA-201 exit. Turn left on CA-201/Sierra St and go East approximately 1.1 miles.

From the South: Take Highway 99 North to Kingsburg. Take Exit 111 and go right on Rd 12 to CA-201/Sierra St. Turn right on Sierra St.

The museum (Clay school) and the Park are on the left (North).

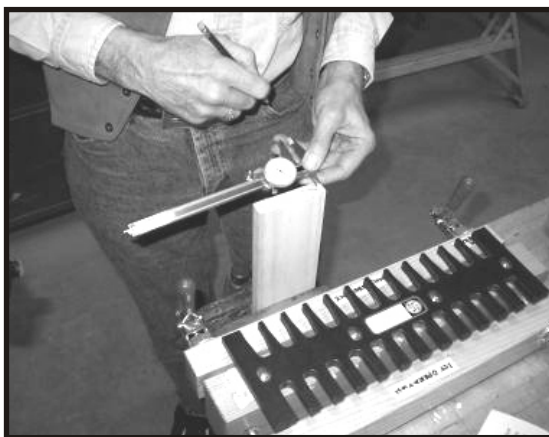
You may park in the front parking area or if you have difficulty walking you may drive down the driveway just east of the park and enter through the gate and park on the lawn.



"Dave talks about the Leigh Jig"



"Ben demonstrates the Rockler Jig"



"Jerry demonstrates the Keller Jig"



"Jerry Ellis"

JUNE MEETING

By: Roger McCoy

Date: June 21, 2008
Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Place: Gordon Bone's Shop
41045 Woodridge Lane
Shaver Lake, CA

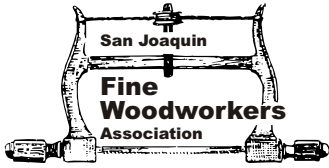
It doesn't seem that long ago, but it's been 3 years since we last visited the shop of Gordon Bone in beautiful Shaver Lake. Gordon has hosted the club several times and he always does a great job of sharing his vast experience and knowledge with our members. The trip to Shaver is worth it just to get out of the Valley's June heat. When I talked to Gordon during the last week of March, he told me there was 4 feet of snow on his backyard, but not to worry, he assured me it will be gone by the June meeting. Gordon also wanted everyone to know he is buying a new Saw Stop table saw and will be selling his Powermatic Model 66. If you are interested, give him a call or ask him about it at the June meeting.

Bring a chair and be ready for an entertaining and enlightening presentation from one of the most

experienced and talented members of our woodworking family.

Lunch: For those of you who are interested, Gordon has offered to furnish the B-B-Q and drinks for a potluck style lunch in his backyard. Just bring your own meat to B-B-Q and a side dish or dessert to share. The Club will provide plates, napkins and plastic utensils. Sounds like a great way to enjoy the beautiful mountain atmosphere.

Directions: Take Highway 168 north. A mile or so before you reach the town of Shaver Lake, turn right on Ockenden Ranch Road. Turn left on Windwood Lane and another left onto Woodridge Lane. If you get lost, call us at Gordon's house at **(559) 841-6243**.



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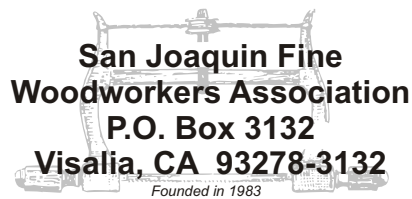
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Sequoia Woodturners Meetings
Call Chuck Smith at 226-3433

May 14, 2008

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

SJFWA Board Meeting

Sun Hong Kong Restaurant

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All Members Welcome (Good Food!)

May 17, 2008

9 A.M. to Noon

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Firehouse Museum

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June 21, 2008

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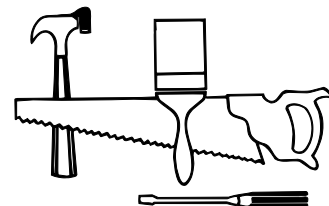
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