

# PEWG NEWSLETTER



## In the Round - March 2008

### March Meeting

**Date:** 27 March 2008

**Venue:** Nico's Workshop

**Time:** 18h30 for 19h00

### Overview of March Meeting

Bring and show any item that you have turned.  
How to turn a sugar scoop will be the demo for the evening which is for the April competition.  
There will also be a short basic talk on sharpening.

### Chairman's Chirps

Yet another year has come and gone and PEWG remains strong. I thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve as Chairman and look forward to leading PEWG during 2008 / 2009.

### Editor's Scribbles

Hi there Turners ☺

This is my first Newsletter as Editor of "In the Round". I would like to bring to attention that if there are no contributions from members then this newsletter will merely serve as an information leaflet. The Editor has the overall responsibility for the publications content and not writing articles.

Let's get out there this year and make a difference for PEWG. Yes, every member can by passing along their turning passion to other members.

If you think you could provide a service for the Guild, please speak to Nico.

This is your Guild and your growth as a Woodturner is important to the Guild

Keep the shavings flying!!!

Ashwin Ramhith

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### Meetings

Unless noted all meetings for 2008 will be held at Nico's Workshop, which is located in 22 Dobson Street, North End.

All meetings start at 6.30pm for 7.00pm sharp.

Please observe punctuality.

Most meetings feature a talk or demonstration about a turning or related subject by a club member or an invited guest.

Every month members are invited to bring their work for the show & tell gallery.

### Committee details 2008

Congratulations to all who agreed to stand for office.

**Chairman:** Nico Swart

**Vice Chairman:** Ed Emmett

**Secretary:** Mike Kritzingner

**Treasurer:** Rowan Swinnerton

**Member:** Drew von Bratt

**Member:** Nico Groenewald

**Member:** Ashwin Ramhith

## Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions are due and should be paid to the Treasurer ASAP.

**Subs:** R220.00

**Country member:** R132.00

Banking Details:

**Name:** PEWG

**Bank:** Standard

**Br Code:** 05 001 700

**Account No:** 083 604 553

**Acc Type:** Savings

**Ref:** Members surname and initial

## New Members

PEWG heartily welcomes the new members.

PEWG congratulates you on your decision to become a member. In order to gain maximum benefit from your membership we invite you to attend our Monthly meetings and become involved in club projects.

## Website Info

Website address: [www.pewg.org.za](http://www.pewg.org.za)

Our website is up and running. Please contact Drew von Bratt {Webmaster} for further information as to how members may post their work.

## Trading Post

In order for this section to be effective, I need members to forward me details of items for sale or wanted known.

**For sale:** Maple, Beech & Oak blanks suitable for Spindle turning.

Contact: Friedel Luders [041] 484 3845

**Wanted:** Dry bowl turning blanks. Preferably burls.

Contact: Ashwin Ramhith [082 874 0069]

**Interested Group:** Need to form a group to purchase abrasive paper. This will be a bulk purchase.

Contact: Nico Groenewald [083 265 3277]

## Profile of the Turner

**Name:** Ashwin Ramhith

**Birthday:** 20 February – late presents welcome

**Occupation:** Woodturner / Artist - Businessman

**Website/Blog:** [www.ashwin.co.za](http://www.ashwin.co.za)

**Family:** Easy Tiger! Mogie is enough for now.....

**Education:** BA Degree University of Fort Hare

**Currently residing in:** Alice [260km from PE]

**Membership Years at PEWG:** 6 years

**Other membership:**

- ◆ Association of Woodturners South Africa
- ◆ American Association of Woodturners
- ◆ Grahamstown Woodworkers Group
- ◆ East London Fine Arts Society
- ◆ Eastern Province Society of Arts & Crafts

**No of years turning:** 7 years

**No of hours turning per week:** 12 hours

**Favorite Wood:** Jacaranda [life is too short to turn with unstable wood]

**Favorite item to turn:**

- ◆ Spindle: Wooden pens
- ◆ Faceplate: Resin Inlay Bowls & Textured Platters

**Types of finish preferred:** Danish Oil

**Lathes:** 1 x Toolmate, 1 x Jet mini, 1 x Sprunger

1 x Router Lathe [Pieter Jordan version]

**Turning Tools:**

- ◆ How many: 55
- ◆ Favorite: Bowl Gouge [any] & Rolly Munroe
- ◆ Least favorite: Scrapers [hate that bite]

**Favorite professional turner:** Nico Swart

**Do you sell your work:** Yes, via website

**What would you like to achieve as a turner?**

I wish to be a full time turner. Help preserve the art of woodturning as I am the youngest member of the Guild. Promote woodturning amongst the people through individual or collective Exhibitions.

**Are you willing to assist members and if so, which aspects?** Yes, I will assist in which ever area a member is experiencing problems. I am only a phone call away.

**Other Hobbies & Interests:**

- ♠ Golf – served as Captain for 3 years and vice for 2 years at Fort Beaufort Golf Club
- ♠ FB Round Table No 62 - I am the Vice Chairman.
- ♠ Angling – Rock & Surf angling [when possible]
- ♠ Editor – In the Round Newsletter
- ♠ Keen interest in Mosaics, African Beading & Decoupage
- ♠ AWSA Representative for Port Elizabeth

**Visit my website to find out more .....**

## How to apply Rustins Danish Oil

### Day I – First Coat

- Apply a nice wet coat by hand in the direction of the grain with fine steel wool [00000]
- Danish oil will turn milky white, spread this over the entire surface.
- Wipe off excess & leave project to dry over night.

### Day 2 – Second Coat

- Very lightly rub off Danish oil with steel wool & blow off any dust.
- Apply second coat with lint free cloth.
- Ensure that the coats are even with no pools.
- Leave to dry over night.

### Day 3 – Second Coat

- Very lightly rub off with 00000 steel wool & blow off dust.
- Apply third coat on very low speed on lathe.
- Use a lint free cloth and burnish till it goes tacky & sticky. Do not use Panty hose.
- Leave overnight once tacky & sticky.

### Day 4 – Buffing Process

- Buff the bowl at high speed with a buffing wheel or cloth.
- Once smooth and glassy finish is attained, use Woodoc Polishing wax to finish off your project.

I would strongly recommend the use of Rustins Danish Oil because it allows the natural grain to show through. The cloths used to apply Danish oil must be laid out flat to dry. If not, they will catch fire due to spontaneous combustion.

Regards,  
Ashwin Ramhith



## AWSA Congress 2008

**Venue:** University of KZN, Pietermaritzberg

**Date:** 4 – 6 July 2008

**Guest Turner:** Nick Arnall

**Nick's Website:** [www.nickarnallwoodturner.co.uk](http://www.nickarnallwoodturner.co.uk)

**Organizer:** Clyde Neumann

**Port Elizabeth Rep:** Ashwin Ramhith

## Happy Birthday



Birthday wishes go out to the following members:

2 March – Andre Schonken

22 March – Colin Merry

27 March – Brian Wells

30 March – Rob Macpherson

## Letters to the Editor

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## April Meeting

**17 April 2008**

**Venue:** Nico's Workshop

Competition Evening – hand in sugar scoop. More than one if possible.

Demonstration will be on how to turn a Mallet.

There will be a short talk on basic coloring.

Weather permitting, “worsrolletjies” will be on sale.

# 2007 PEWG Awards

## Novice Section

Best Spindle Work  
Best Face Plate Work  
Open

Record Power Tool Trophy awarded to **Nico Groenewald**  
Coastland Sales Trophy awarded to **Nico Groenewald**  
Marias Timber Trophy awarded to **Nico Groenewald**

## Intermediate Section

Best Spindle Work  
Best Face Plate Work  
Open

DunDonald Trophy awarded to **Rowan Swinnerton**  
Keith Taylor Trophy awarded to **Allan Botha & Rowan Swinnerton**  
James Nash Trophy awarded to **Mike Kritzinger**

## Advanced Section

Best Spindle Work  
Best Face Plate Work  
Open

Strand Hardware Trophy awarded to **Nico Swart**  
Woodoc Trophy awarded to **Nico Swart**  
Rarewoods Trophy awarded to **Nico Swart**

## Special Awards

Participation League  
Chairman's Trophy

Laser Tech Trophy awarded to **Nico Swart**  
Coastland Sales Trophy awarded to **Mike Kritzinger**



Wors rolletjies will be on sale on all competition nights. For all those Thirsty chaps the Bar Fridge will be run by Allan Botha. Thanks Allan for taking on this responsibility.

## 2008/2009 PEWG Programme

2008 promises to be an exciting year for PEWG as we will be making some big improvements. We hope that you are excited as we are about these projects and we invite any comments or suggestions during the year through our chairman Nico Swart.

### 27 March 2008

Talk: Various methods of sharpening.  
Demo: Turning a sugar scoop for competition evening on the 17 April 2008.  
Show & Tell: Bring any turned item.

### 17 April 2008

Talk: Techniques in coloring and decorating wood.  
Demo: How to turn a mallet for bring and show on 15 May 2008.  
Show & Tell: Competition Evening – hand in turned sugar scoops. More than one if possible.  
Worsrolletjies will be on sale.

### 15 May 2008

Talk: Short talk on abrasives  
Demo: How to turn wooden bangles for competition on 19 June 2008.  
Show & Tell: Bring and show mallets big or small

### 19 June 2008

Talk: Selection of wood.  
Demo: Turn any item laminated for bring and show on 21 August 2008.  
Show & Tell: Competition evening – bring along your turned bangles in all shapes and sizes.  
Worsrolletjies will be on sale.

### 15 July 2008

Demo: Nick Arnall from the UK will give a demonstration on his work.  
Visit [www.nickarnallwoodturner.co.uk](http://www.nickarnallwoodturner.co.uk) to find out more.

### 24 July 2008

Talk: None  
Demo: Collaboration evening. We will form groups and work on projects.  
Show & Tell: None

### 21 August 2008

Talk: None  
Demo: Off centre turning and demo turning a candle snuffer for competition on 18 September 2008.  
Show & Tell: Bring and show some turned items.

### 18 September 2008

Talk: None  
Demo: Collaboration meeting. Turn a toy for charity.  
Show & Tell: Competition evening - bring your turned candle snuffers.  
Worsrolletjies will be on sale.

## 16 October 2008

Talk: Open evening for general discussion. Please submit topics in advance.  
Demo: Something for the kitchen which will be for 20 November 2008 competition  
Show & Tell: Turn any item of your choice and stain or scorch it black.

## 20 November 2008

Talk: The techniques of carving.  
Demo: Candle lamp for 15 January competition.  
Show & Tell: Competition evening – hand in something for the kitchen.  
Worsrolletjies will be on sale.

## December 2008

No meeting will be held due to vacations.

## 15 January 2009

Talk: None  
Demo: The Novices will demo – details nearer to the date  
Show & Tell: Bring and show candle lamps.  
Please hand in Year End Competition entries. This is the highlight of the year where we are able to show case our work on the various categories of woodturning that is spindle, faceplate & open categories.

## 19 February 2009

Annual General Meeting

### 2008 Competitions

- **Sugar Scoop** – required by 17 April 2008
- **Wooden Bangles** – required by 19 June 2008
- **Candle snuffers** – required by 18 September 2008
- **Something for the Kitchen** – required by 20 November 2008
- **Year End** – required by 15 January 2008

### Competition Guidelines

#### League Participation:

- Open to all members
  - Points are allocated as follows: \* 1 item = 1 point \* 2 items = 2 points \* 3 items = 4 points [1 bonus]
- Only applicable for monthly competitions i.e. April, June, September & November  
Maximum points for 4 competitions = 16 points

#### Year End Competition:

- 3 Trophies awarded in each category for Novice, Intermediate & Advanced.
- 3 Sections are: a] Spindle b] Faceplate c] Open
- There is no limit as to the number of entries and specifications for each section.

#### Monthly Competitions:

- Gold, Silver & Bronze certificates will be awarded for items entered.
- These items maybe entered for the year end competition.
- There will be no 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Therefore you compete against yourself.