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As everyone knows, things have become quieter in the wood shop. People are still making things, fixing things, playing cribbage to an audience of kibitzers, or just sitting around the break table socializing.

**Socializing:** That's supposedly the raison for all clubs. We'll have that potluck lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 20. The shop will be closed to woodworking during that time. Bring some edible contribution if you wish to participate. Guests are welcome. They can bring something, too

There will be no **General Membership** meetings of the wood Workers Club. They will resume in September. There will be no General Meetings until September  
There will be board meetings on the last Monday of the month, with the exception of the month of May which was cancelled because of Memorial Day

**Classes:** Don't forget the CPR instruction at the shop 10 a.m. to noon on May 21. It's good for all of us to know. Some may know it, but a refresher is nice to have.

Classes are forming throughout the summer. Watch the bulletin board for the latest. Currently on tap are classes on how to make a patterned cutting board, one on one Classes on pen making, one on one classes on Kleenex boxes and more to come. If you have a skill that you might teach see Jim Rowe in the shop or, [jkrowe88@gmail.com](mailto:jkrowe88@gmail.com) to schedule a class.

In the meantime, the usual expectations are in effect. Like **cleaning up** after ourselves. Few do. Probably the ones with good upbringing. Mostly women members leave a clean work station, as was acknowledged at the last general meeting when they were given a round of applause. The club has about 65 women members.

But there are men who also recognize that saws, sanders, planers, jointers, routers and drills scatter debris beyond the width of their blades or diameter of their bits. Applause to those who do clean up all around the equipment they used.

And a special thank you to the folks who come in on off hours to clean the club.

It begins with **Gil Zwetsch** and **Roy Peiffer** who give the shop a good blow down on Friday afternoons.



"It sure is a big help," says **Mike Fisher**, supervisor of Saturday cleanup for the past couple of years.

Fisher says he has a core of 11 people who come in every week and go right to the jobs they know. They are helped by others who want to pick up their monthly Credits two hours at a time.

Mike Fisher talks about what his wood shop cleanup crew does on Saturday mornings, while some of the volunteers work in the background.

John Coldebella shows off his carved hobo at the woodworking club.

There's coffee and donuts for the cleanup crew. But, Fisher says, "I wait until the work is done before I put out the donuts. People used to come in here, grab a donut and coffee, duck out the back door and disappear for a couple of hours then come in to get their credit."

Fisher will be gone for the summer, but the schedule shifts to bi-weekly on May 16 and reverts to weekly at the end of September. While he's gone, **Billy Arliskas** and **Stan Mifflin** will split the supervising duties.

That Mifflin guy. Let's hope he doesn't burn out. Not only is he in for cleanup, he has also taken over supervision of the lumber room from Fred Baldwin who did for years.

As if that wasn't enough, Mifflin also helps in special projects and took charge of the club's contribution to the Rec Centers' Happy Camp. He not only cut many of the pieces, he also taught the kids how to put them together. And when he has nothing else to do, Mifflin makes a few personal things.

You may know this guy who talks with "funny" British (we say) accent. His name is **Ernie Mills**. He's our web master.

The guy who makes it possible for you to not only read the newsletter, but also anything else about the club online.

Ernie was born in England. He got his education and married his wife Fran in England. Before taking retirement residence in Sun City West in 2007, the Mills's lived and worked in South Africa, returned to England, followed an opportunity to Canada and, finally, settled in the state of New York, where he worked for and retired from the department of health.

During the Clinton administration, they became American citizens.

Ernie is not only a computer whiz, he has become a woodworking one as well since joining the woodworking club. You can see samples of his wood turning and Marquetry creations by clicking onto his name in the club's home page. But there are men who also recognize that saws, sanders, planers, jointers, routers and drills scatter debris beyond the width of their blades or diameter of their bits. A hand to those who do clean up all around the equipment they used. Dave Boulet is another person you may be familiar with. He does just about everything in and for the club, when he's not making things for himself.

He has been a mainstay with the maintenance crew. If he's not busy making something, he's usually teaching someone how to. If you need help, Boulet is one of the go-to guys.

These days, he's had to tone down activities. Seems he needed a new right shoulder. So he's walking around his arm in a sling. That comes off in about another week, but he'll still have to be very careful about using that arm. Don't expect vigorous handshakes.

Miscellaneous: The new clamping system is up and infrequently used. The Powermatic has been ordered and should be here within two weeks.

It'll take another week or so to assemble.

Finally, our treasurer, Dave Whitehouse, wants you people who haven't done so to pick up your new ID badges.

You're probably going to need them soon. So snap to it and pick them up.



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