

# SUN CITY WEST




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## WOOD WORKING CLUB

1st May 2016 Club Tel: (623) 546-4722

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### SOME WORK, SOME PLAY

**Work:** Monthly meeting on 3 May at 1 pm at the Johnson Lecture Hall

**Play:** First Summer Survivors lunch in the woodshop at noon on 0 May.  
Bratwurst will be provided by the club, bring salad or dessert to share

### LIGHTING REVAMP

The new lights are in the shop and they are so much brighter! The old lights had accumulated 30 years' worth of dust, which the contractors didn't clean up, so a few brave souls used leaf blowers to blow the machines down, others vacuumed and wiped down the shop before we reopened. Thanks to the volunteers who helped clean up the mess.

A few lights were left to be changed out the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> which should be completed by the time you read this.

### PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE

#### Point 1

We had had a few complaints about members spraying projects just out front of the doors.

Seems some of our members don't care for the over-spray on their golf carts on windy days.

From now on, please spray out back of the shop.

#### Point 2

The members who have lockers under the area where gluing takes place would like to remind

members that they can glue at other tables. Glue boards are available throughout the shop.

So let's give them a break and not leave all your glue ups over there all week.

### EQUIPMENT UPDATE

1 Our two Powermatics lathes were serviced the week of the 18th. Parts were ordered so they would read revolutions correctly.

2 The equipment committee is looking into a better floor vac solution.

3 We have a new workstation and desk in the library for all you CNC players. Just a reminder, any and all files left on the Library's PCs could be lost or used by others so keep your stuff on a flash drive.

## GENERAL BORING ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF WHICH EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW

1 Our two Powermatics lathes were serviced the week of the 18th. Parts were ordered so they would read revolutions correctly. 1 May we will begin cleaning every other week.  
1 May maintenance will begin every other week.



Summer hours now in effect:

Monday-Saturday: 8.00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday: 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Monitors always needed for all shifts so sign up to get one that suits your schedule

Friday "bench clean" day is back in full swing. Unless a project is in process (as in clamps) everything must be removed. This is how the place should look:

## TERMITE TIDINGS

*George Wilding*

## BILL TAGGART

An import from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada's capital, Bill purchased a home in Sun City West in 1996. He remained a snow-bird until 2008 when he and his wife, Patricia, became US citizens. His interest in the area was

aroused while visiting his wife's sister-in-law who lived in Coyote Lakes.

Bill's interest in woodworking started when he was sixteen and he became a wood-butcher, helping his dad build a house. From that beginning he began making cabinets and furniture for his home and cottage.

In 1996 he became interested in wood turning and started by making pen and pencil sets. From there he caught the bug for segmented bowls from Hal Black who had built a jig for use in making them. Hal had visited Yuma to see the work of one of the original segmented turners, Ray Allen. Bill has carried his initial enthusiasm into an art form and has made bowls whose beauty defies description. Under his tutelage several other wood shop members have become involved, and they too, are producing works of wonder.



Bill has taught classes in wood turning and bowl making for the last ten years, and pen turning for four years prior to that, and is still a bowl making artist making innovative creations. In the shop at his home Bill has a lathe on which he continues to create miniature turnings.

His move to SCW was brought about because of the warm, sunny climate and his eagerness to leave the harsh winters, snow and cold of Ottawa. Following high school he spent a year as a teller in the Scotia Bank and then joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to carry on the family tradition, his father being members who spend three years in the Arctic as a frontiersman.

Bill was then employed as a cost accountant for Atomic Energy of Canada Commercial Products. While so engaged he became interested in computers and began programming the costing system for use on an IBM 1401 system. He moved from that and progressed as the utilization of computers in business and industry developed. This interest took him to new heights as he stepped through jobs as a systems analyst,

project manager, Director and, ultimately, he became Director General of Computer Systems for Indian Affairs in Canada. After a career of 35 years in various departments of the Canadian Federal Government he retired in 1990.

His social life has included an interest in theatre. He and Patricia frequent the offerings of the Dell Webb Theatre in Wick enburg which brings in professional performers from all over the US and Canada. They have also done a great deal of globe-trotting, having cruised through the Panama Canal, and up the Rhine River. His global travels have taken him, among other places, to Alaska, Switzerland, Norway, China and Iceland. His most recent trip was to Australia and New Zealand.

A trip of note was a wood turning cruise in Norway. The trip included demonstrations from about 15 world class wood turners

He is a member of the American Association of Wood turners, the Desert Wood Turners and the Ottawa Valley Wood Turners.

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