

CONEGO VALLEY WOODWORKERS BLADERUNNER-NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



Thank you for your vote of confidence. I look forward to being your President for the next year.

My last term as President was in 1997, so I am sure I might be a little rusty, but I will do my best to make sure we have fun and learn some woodworking!

At our next meeting on March 2, I hope to have a roundtable discussion with everyone at the meeting on what we might want to learn, what we might want to see and of course what we might want to do.

So please give some thoughts to what will most benefit you this year at our woodworking club meetings, workshops and shop

tours. I am sure we have a lot of different interests and I know we have many talented woodworkers with a ton of knowledge, so let's see what we can accomplish.

Our Club has a lot of history over the past 30 years, we have had about 330 programs (11 programs per year over 30 years), Several Shop Tours, several business tours, some weekend workshops and in the old days, we hired a bus and went to woodworking shows! So, let's think outside the box and put a fun and educational year on the books. If you have an idea, questions or want to be on a committee, please let one of the Board Members know, we want to hear from you.

Brad Ormsby

The Month of March- Fun Fact

It's the best month for basketball (but worst for productivity)

For civilians, on the other hand, March is known for one thing above all others: brackets. March Madness, as the NCAA calls it, runs from March 14 to April 5 this year. College hoops fans will be overjoyed that the tournament, which was canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic, is back this year (albeit with conditions). The women's tournament will take place in a Texas bubble, while the men's tournament bubble will be located in Indiana. Masked and distanced fans will be allowed at 25 percent of venue capacity. Players, coaches, and trainers will all be tested daily, and required to wear tracking devices and have no contact with family, fans, friends, or the media. The NCAA is betting that the safety protocols will be enough, and millions of fans worldwide will be betting on their carefully curated brackets. One of the safest bets to be made, however, is that lots and lots of people will be distracted.

According to USA Today, unproductive workers cost their employers \$4 billion in 2019, paid to employees spending

company time on betting pool priorities. Suffice it to say, March is not a productive month—this is the single most productive hour and month of the year. How to recoup these costs? Go into gambling. The American Gaming Association estimates that more than 100 million fans worldwide will place a bet on March Madness brackets for the 2021 tournament. Each of those brackets has a one in 2.4 trillion (that's 24 followed by 11 zeroes) chance of predicting the correct winners of every game. Good luck!

[\(https://www.rd.com/article/month-of-march-facts/\)](https://www.rd.com/article/month-of-march-facts/)

Welcome Newly Elected Board Members

Election Night at CVWA Club Meeting February 2, 2023

A vote was held from a motion made by Current Co-President Stephen Case-Pall and seconded by Stacy Gerlich for accepting the following members as Board Members. The vote was unanimously approved.

President: Brad Ormsby

Past President: Deena Case-Pall

Treasurer: Don Halvorson

Membership: Jeff Bock

Communications: Randy Spengler

Programs/Bladerunner: Stacy Gerlich

Raffle: Frank Jones

Wellness: Al Fournier

No Volunteer for Refreshment Chairman

(Welcome Newley Board Members for 2023-2024!)

Outgoing President's Message

It has been our pleasure to serve you as co-presidents of CVWA. However, time rolls on, and a new president will be elected at the upcoming meeting. At the same time, our outgoing president, Stephen Case-Pall, will be leaving the club.

Stephen started with the club shortly before July, 1996. This means he has been an active member for approximately 26 and a half years. And “active” is correct: here’s a statement from this new member in the July 1996 Bladerunner: “I’m Stephen Case-Pall, a new member of CVWA. Being new, I wasn’t quick enough to avoid being volunteered for this job. (Actually I ‘volunteered.’)”

Stephen has been volunteering for the club in many capacities – from president (two and a half times), leader of demos on many topics including turning and tool sharpening, and his famous Saturday tool sharpening workshops. He is also the holder of the club’s current record for the number of injuries experienced while woodworking. We hope this record is not broken any time soon!

He has enjoyed the friends he’s made and the good times with CVWA. However, he believes it is time for him to move on.

On Saturday, January 28th, we have a special treat planned – a tour of Heartwood Milling, Brady Andreasen’s shop in the Santa Rosa Valley. Brady is renowned for the pool cues he makes, Braden Cues. His shop also has made baseball bats, and a variety of other wood projects. Plan to meet at 9715 Santa Rosa Rd, Santa Rosa Valley, at 10 am to take this shop tour.

The February meeting will begin with the election of officers for the upcoming year. The program will be using resin/epoxy in woodworking, presented by Stacy Gerlich and Stephen Case-Pall.

On another note, one of the purposes of CVWA is to help woodworkers learn more about the tools they use. I’ve been contacted by a possible potential member, who needs some help with her Grizzly bandsaw. You’ll find her request in another are of this Bladerunner issue. I’m

hoping that someone who is familiar with the Grizzly will step up and offer their assistance to this fellow woodworker. The more we help each other, the more skilled we become. And, it's moments like this, helping each other, that keep the world turning!

Best wishes to our new president and Board members for a great year guiding CVWA!

Deena and Stephen Case-Pall

Co-presidents

Highlights of February

A TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN CASE-PALL

Stephen Case-Pall has been a member of CVWA for over a quarter century -- 26 years. His first official role was as librarian. He built the rolling library bookcase to house the club's book collection. During his time with CVWA, Stephen has been president three times, the last time as co-president with his wife, Deena. He has also run the raffle, and been vice president. Over the years, Stephen became more interested in turning, and has concentrated on this area. He has given presentations and demonstrations on turning, and served as a mentor to those who want to learn how to turn. He is also well-known for his tool sharpening workshops. He has also made a number of boxes, both boxes with joints and turned boxes with lids. Combining his interest in firearms and woodworking, he has made felt-lined partitioned cases for sets of antique dueling pistols, in both the French and English styles. Recently, as his health has required the use of a cane, he has turned lemons into lemonade by creating fancy-headed canes.

When asked about the most important thing he has gained from the club, he replied that he found his best friend in the club. He said that it was almost like having the brother he'd wished he'd had. Unfortunately,

that friend has passed away. He has other good friends he has met through the club over the years.

It's been a good relationship -- with Stephen both benefiting from the club's activities and members, and also giving back to the club over the years.

Before he became involved with the club, Stephen's profession was law enforcement -- first as a police officer for the city of San Diego, then as a parole agent for the state of California. In that role, he developed the Sexual Assault Specialists team, as well as being a founding member of the California Sexual Assault Investigators Association. His hobbies other than woodworking include collecting headgear, medals, and other militaria of Imperial Germany before and during World War I; collecting Imperial German military beer steins; and firearms. He has been a competitive pistol shooter, as well as a collector of modern and antique firearms.

Stephen,

The members of CVWA would like to THANK YOU for your many years of friendship, mentorship, enthusiasm, and passion for woodworking. You will be missed but not forgotten. Enjoy this next chapter and please be safe and careful in your woodshop endeavors. You may want to visit our shop safety presentation from time to time!!! LOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2, 2023- Regular club meeting from 6-830 at the Goebel Center. Stacy Gerlich will be presenting a slide show from her recent trip to Arizona for the Woodcarvers Convention.

New Projects from our members



Stacy Gerlich- Baseball Bat Flag

Items for Sale:

I have 2 items to sell:

1. 20 clamps, various sizes \$50
2. Jointer/planer 6" x 48" Grizzly G1182HW \$100

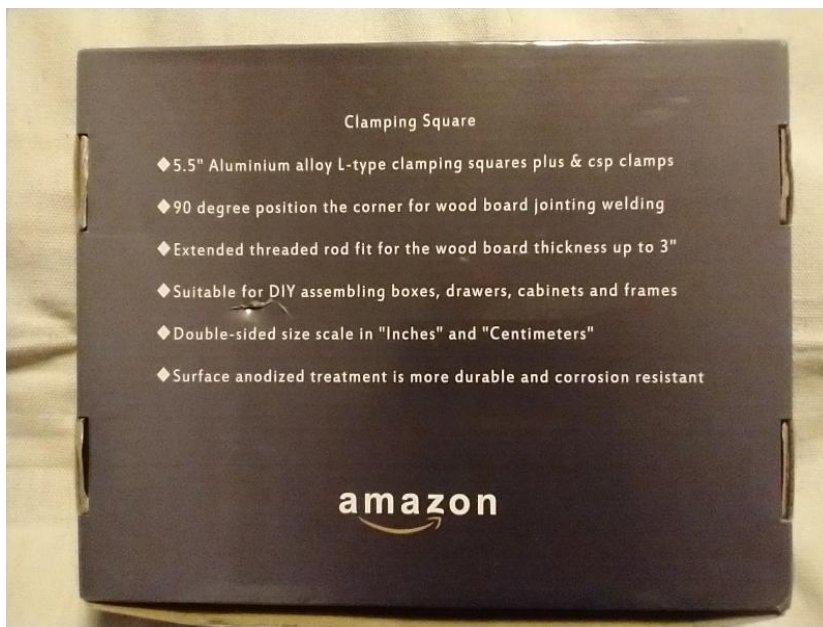
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Raffle Prizes:







Rotary Tool Accessory Kit



Bar Clamp



Titebond
III

ULTIMATE
Wood Glue

Rated #1 By Pros

Waterproof

Exterior/Interior

Superior strength
Longer assembly time
Water cleanup

NET 16 FL. OZ. (473 mL)



See you all at the next meeting. Please, send me
pictures of your latest masterpieces.
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