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Welcome to the newsletter for May 2022

NOTE: FEES DUE - PAYABLE BY THE END OF JUNE.

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting Monday 20th June - 1.00pm in clubroom.
General Meeting (AGM) 3rd August - 1.00pm in clubroom.



HONOUR ROLL UNVEILING AT THE OFFICER COMMUNITY HALL

Club members will be familiar with the sight of the pictured honour board as it has taken shape over the past several weeks with **Bill Bradshaw & Ian Chong** combining their talents in its creation. With the names of those to be recorded on the Honour Roll now added, the unveiling ceremony took place on Saturday May 14th in the Officer Community Hall.

Peter Ball has recorded the event for us in the note below. Thanks **Len Preece** for the photo.

"It was a very moving ceremony with lots of relatives and descendants of the men whose names are on the board in attendance. Jason Wood made a well received speech and unveiled the board. Bill and Ian were suitably recognised and applauded for the work they did.

As an interesting aside, there were four surnames on the WW2 board that also appeared on the WW1 board. I asked the historian who researched the whole thing if they were related and she confirmed that three of the four names were father and son relationships."



CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

GENERAL

SPEAKERS ETC

MARKETS

20th June

3rd August (AGM)

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28th May - Craft Market

11th June - Farmers Market

Committee of Management:

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President	Len Preece	0408 365 970
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Committee

Martin Van Diemen	0418 316 867
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Ken Whitefield	0402 256 134
Ken D. Barnes	0419 114 738
Colin Ellard	8770 0149
Ross Blackwood	- 0490 668 515

Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*
 Functions Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes*
 Newsletter Editor - *Elsie Hoare*
 Public relations - *Len Preece*
 OCF Contact group - *Len Preece*
 Toy Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes.*
 Machinery maintenance supervisor. - *Brian Crowe*
 Health and Safety Coordinator - *All committee members.*
 Member's welfare coordinator - *Ken Whitefield*
 Kits for kids coordinator - *Ken Whitefield*
 Farmers Market Coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen & Don Buchanan*

Special interest group coordinators - *To suit group*
 Librarian - *Keith Towe*
 Exhibition and Show - *John McMahan*
 Gala Day coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes and Len Preece*
 Screws - *Martin Van Diemen*
 Paint - *George Young*
 Timber coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen*
 Equipment authorisation approved members. - *Len Preece, Brian Crowe, Bill Bradshaw, Ross Blackwood & Don Buchanan.*
 Mens' Shed coordinator - *Wayne Lucas.*
 Web/WebMaster - *Jack Croucher.*

All material for the Club's monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail ricels@bigpond.com by hand, or by phone to the editor by the 15th of each month: Letters to the editor must be sent to the committee.

PLEASE NOTE: Those members wishing to use the workshop on Saturdays other than Farmers' Market Saturdays must make private arrangements with a key-holder. For safety reasons, there must always be two members present in the workshop whenever it is being used.

Membership Fees:
 Individual Joining Fee - \$40.00
 Single Membership - \$65.00
 Family Membership - \$100.00
 No Attendance Fee.
 Tea & Coffee complimentary.
 Members can pay either direct at club or by EFT bank transfer to WBC Berwick BSB 033 609, Acct # 41 6074. Please remember to put your surname as a reference.

Workshops & Meetings:

Weekly	Hours	Activity	Leader
Monday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Eric Guthrie
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Ross Blackwood
Wednesday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Wednesday Evening	4.30 pm - 8.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Fine W/work -	Brian Crowe
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Len Preece
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	Farmers' Market supervisors -	Martin Van Diemen and Ken Whitefield or by prior arrangement on other Saturdays.

Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Gary Maas MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and his staff for their support in printing this newsletter for us. **8783 6959.**

Berwick Woodworkers also acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of **Ephraim Finch** who has supported the club for many years with donations of top quality timber. Without Ephraim's gifts, the work we do for local underprivileged children would be considerably curtailed.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT.



Well another month has gone and we have completed almost half of the year already. It is good to see so many members back at the club working on their toys. This year I would like to see us accomplish somewhere between the 900 and 1000 toy mark.

As we are now back in normal operation again please remember when finishing work for the day please make sure **all work benches are cleaned off** and the area clean and ready for the next person to come in. **The area in front of the switch board must be kept clear at all times.**

The Craft market will return this Saturday 28th May and will operate on the fourth Saturday of each month until the end of June, we have been given permission to have our own stall at the Craft Markets so any member that wishes to sell items may do so at the craft market. Please try and attend these markets along with the Farmers Markets on the second Saturday of each month as these two markets allows us to keep our fees low, also the Annual Expo will be held on the weekend of 9th and 10th of July to coincide with the Casey Winters Arts Festival, I suggest that we all get working on articles for display and articles we want to sell. We will be looking for articles for all levels of ability they do not have to be professional standard. The last general meeting was reasonably well attended the next general meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 3rd August 2022.

Until then keep safe and enjoy your companionship and working at the club. Until next month bye for now.

Len Preece - President.



EXPO UPDATE:

Club members will have noticed that the board pictured at right has appeared in the club room. This is the Roster Board, which has been set up near the club's library shelves. The roster sheets are awaiting the names of those club members who will volunteer their time over the Expo Weekend. Following are the activities for which we will need volunteers.



- Woodturning
- Bandsaw
- Scrollsaw
- Dremel
- Wood carving
- Torquemaster
- Toymaking
- Rocking horse making
- Pyrography



The leaflets at left have also appeared on club room tables. These are awaiting club members who will distribute them for us, by letter box drop and at local businesses. Many have already been handed around to our varied equipment suppliers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RADLEY FAMILY.

Club member **Colin Radley** has sent me the photo at right . Colin and his wife Tracy are celebrating the achievements of their children, Gemma, Georgie, and Mitchell who have won the following awards, presented to them at the Cranbourne Scout Hall on Friday May 6th.

Here's what Colin says:

"My Daughter Gemma got the Grey Wolf badge (highest award in Cubs).

My Daughter Georgie got the Australian Scout Award (highest award in Scouts).

My Son Mitchell got the Queen Scout Award (highest award in Venturers).

My wife, Tracy, is a Cub Scout Leader. Currently she runs a group based in the Cranbourne Scout Hall.



Bill Bradshaw came along, he's helped the Scout group in the past by making storage boxes and also taught them the basics of semaphore.

Mitchell works at Clip & Climb in Berwick after school & at weekends, his boss was invited and he asked if he could 'speak'. He mentioned how Scouts teaches respect, leadership etc. and went on to say that he looks forward to Scout groups visiting Clip & Climb because they are so well behaved compared to most kids !"

An article printed in the Local Star Newspapers details the impressive amount of work done by the three young Radleys, supported and sometimes accompanied by their Mum Tracy who has 22 years of involvement across Narre Warren South and Devon Meadows Scout Groups. Tracy is justifiably proud of her children who all navigated the additional complications of Covid 19 restrictions to achieve their honours, putting in many hours of badge work while also participating in community events.



SANDING MACHINES SAFETY REMINDER:



Be certain the belt, spindle or disc is correctly mounted. The belt must track in the centre of the drums and platen. Do not operate the disc sander if the abrasive paper is loose. The spindle on the spindle sander must only be hand tightened. Check the guards and table adjustments to see that they are in the correct position and locked securely in place. Use the table, fence, and other guides to control the position of the work, whenever possible. Small or irregular-shaped pieces should be held in a hand clamp, or a special jig or fixture. When sanding the end grain of narrow pieces on the belt sander, always support the work against the table. Sand only on the side of the disc sander that is moving toward the table. Move work along this surface so it will not burn. Always use a pad or push block when sanding thin pieces on the belt sander.

Do not use power sanders to form and shape parts when the operations could be better performed on other machines. Sand only clean new wood. Do not sand work that has excess glue or finish on the surface. These materials will load and foul the abrasive.

A SPECIAL REQUEST. Simon Robbins is in the market to buy an old caravan, in reasonable condition, for his wife to use as a studio. So if any member has one or knows of someone who has one and wants to sell, can you please contact Simon on 0448 395 454. He would be happy to hear from you.

FOR SALE: A lathe for those interested members. Contact Anthony New <antnew78@yahoo.com.au>



And from one of our ex-presidents, this offer of a drill press for sale.



A FEW NOTES FROM DON BUCHANAN:

Hello Fellow Members - re May Farmers Market - Market Report.

All the members who attended had an enjoyable time. Thanks again to the early starters!

We started selling raffle tickets for our Expo.

We even started selling kindling! How about that!

Pat Mahoney has put my name forward for this month's BOG award for putting out our stacks of kindling. But the sale of the day must go to the gentlemen on the lower gate (They know who they are!) for, at one stage, selling all the kindling in their cart. That was 6 bags in 2 minutes. Wow!! Now, that is a market record worth mentioning.

I reckon those guys should get the BOG award. And my decision is final! -

A good day was had by all.

And that concludes this month's market report. - Thanks for listening!



Gate attendants for May: Above, **Bill Munt** (left) and **Errol Perera** taking care of the top gate. While **Pat Mahoney**, **Michael Berry** and **Bill Bradshaw** looked after the bottom gate.

A few updates I would like to share with you. They are:

- The BBQ / sausage sizzle lunch arranged for the 6th July has been cancelled. It is the week of the Club Expo and will interfere with the preparations.
- Firewood is now being collected in the workshop for sale at the Farmers and Craft markets. If members could place any unusable offcuts in the plastic bags provided by the appropriate machines. If the wood is large can you please cut it down to a manageable size. We sell the firewood for \$5.00 a bag which generates an additional means of income to the Club. So please help us with this new initiative.
- I am asking members who are interested in learning wood turning and wish to join a training group, to register your names with me. Depending upon numbers, we will run sessions on a Wednesday after 10.30am to around 12 noon. John Mc Mahon and Simon King initially have kindly offered their time to show members the required techniques to safely operate a wood lathe. The sessions will involve both theory and practical training. So please register your interest.
- The next market will be the Craft market on Saturday 28th May. So, if nothing is planned on that day, we would be happy to see you. There is a chance that the market organisers may offer the Club a free stall site for us to sell items and promote our Club. But this is yet to be confirmed. Would any members be interested in this offer? Please let me know.
- As you may have heard over the recent news broadcasts that the latest medical advice regarding the spread of the covid virus is to wear a facemask where considerable numbers of people may be present. Quote: "It is not mandatory but encouraged". If you feel the need to wear a facemask while at the Club please do so. Again, if you have symptoms or are a close contact, please, for the benefit of our members, stay home. If you let us know, it would be appreciated. That completes the latest updates! Be carefull out there.

Regards - **Don Buchanan** - BDWWC Secretary

FROM KEITH TOWE:

Chris Drysdale and I recently dismantled a 1920's wardrobe and it was interesting to see the construction methods. There were very few nails, and these mainly small pins, the main frame was dovetailed and screwed together. One feature of the screwing was the formed diamond recesses for screwing. These recesses were made with a sharp chisel to accept the screws. In more modern applications we would most likely use a forstner drill to create the recess, but these were not available in those days. See photo of the recesses with the screw hole at the base..



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NEW MEMBERS: Some new members have joined us over the past two months:
Arthur Cherrie, Craig Smith, Brandon Tang, Kay Zimmerman, Jon Marriott, Lisa Brouwer, Katherine Locke.
Welcome to all. We hope you will settle in quickly and enjoy your time with us.



Stair balusters: The club has acquired 20 of these which are offered to club members. The price is a donation to the club.



Not for show & tell, but worth a look anyway. **Dianne Gething** has tried her hand at the craft of macrame and **Alexander Drysdale** is pressing on with the rollers that he is producing for our end-of-year toy gifts.



Below right, from **Paul Ryan** on the club's Facebook page:

"Nothing like a flying tool to get your attention, no damage to tool, lathe, wood, just 3 stitches in finger. Will hold up production for the wood expo for a couple of weeks."
 Commiserations Paul. We hope the thumb mends up quickly.

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MAY SHOW & TELL: The work below is by John McMahon. John says the hollow form bowl in walnut was held together with gaffa tape while he worked it.

The two shallow bowls were made from the same piece of blackwood. The bowl at bottom on the right is sheoak, with a Dremel carved trim.

(More Show & Tell on the next page.)



Show & Tell continued: The model vintage car is by Len Preece, while the powered toy at right is by Ross Blackwood. When operating there are several glass marbles which run around the tracks.



CONDOLENCES: It was with sadness that we learned, recently, of the passing of the daughter of **Bruce Brentnall**, due to Covid 19. Our deepest sympathy and best wishes go to Bruce and his family.

Berwick District Woodworkers Club General Meeting
Minutes 4th May 2022

Meeting Commenced

Meeting commenced at 1.05pm.

Welcome to Members —

Apologies —

Paul Parer, Brian Crowe, Pat Mahoney, Ken Barnes, Ian Chong.

Minutes of last monthly meeting. — Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Motion to accept minutes.

Proposed — Alexander Drysdale

Seconded — Wayne Lucas

Accepted — Unanimously

Business arising from previous meeting.

Nil

Correspondence.

- Email from Anthony New who has tools, a lathe, and seasoned wood for sale (Deceased Estate).
- Email from Josie Gallienne wants a member to turn a bowl for her father's birthday
- From City of Casey re: asking for feedback on Strategic Plans Docs, chance to win \$100 vouchers.

- Stroke Foundation re: Australia's Biggest Blood Pressure Test.
- Phone call from a Carer (Leanne) who has a client (Raymond aged 65) who wants to come to the club and work on projects. It was decided by the membership that Raymond and Leanne can join the club on a family membership. Raymond can help George in the paintshop. I will ring Leanne and inform her of our decision.
- Ken Coleman (a past member) dropped in two notices of items he wishes to sell.
- Notice to Len that paint prices will be increasing.
- Timber Tools 8% increases in prices. Alexander Drysdale suggested trying Mc Diven Saws at 328 Kororoit Creek Road in Williamstown Ph 93971458 for a price comparison.

Proposed — Martin Van Dieman

Seconded — Ross Blackwood

Accepted — Unanimously

Presidents Report.

- Have been busy with personal issues at home, so as a result, have had less time at the club.
- From all accounts the club is running smoothly.
- Both markets are getting good attendances and therefore generating good revenue for the club.
- Just a reminder to all members to please keep our work areas clean and not to stack anything

in front of the main power board located in the workshop.

- A thankyou to Bill Bradshaw for completing the Honour Roll Board for the Officer RSL. Members are invited to the unveiling of the Honour Roll at the Officer Public Hall, 16 Twendale Road Officer, on Saturday 14th May at 2pm. We received a \$300 donation for Bill's work. A thankyou letter to be sent Carol Porter (The President).
- A photographer friend of Len has been asked to help promote the markets and the club, including the Expo, through the local press.

Motion to accept the President's report.

proposed – Martin Van Dieman

Seconded — Ross blackwood

Accepted — unanimously

Treasurer's report.

- Membership fees due at the end of the month
- Peter will be away for 3 months – Peter Ball will be doing the job in Peter's absence.
- Over 100 members on the books.
- Spent approx. \$1000 on paint at PaintRight.
- Markets for this year to date - 15 Farmers markets and 4.2 Craft markets. Average income was \$1109/market.
- Winter markets will take less.
- Waiting on insurance quote from VSMA. Should be below \$4000.
- Consideration may be given to donate money to the flood relief in Lismore. We have donated monies in the past directly to the victims.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Proposed — Bill Bradshaw

Seconded — Ross Blackwood

Accepted — unanimously

Expo Report – John Mc Mahon

- Raffle tickets now available for sale. Can now be sold at the markets. Photos of prizes have been taken.
- Members can take books of tickets for sale. Books taken must be recorded on register with name and inclusive ticket numbers.
- Brochures have been distributed to some organisations. Distributed at our markets from now on.
- Members can take brochures for distribution to businesses in their area from the end of May.
- Registration will be slightly different to last year.

- No items to be displayed that were displayed last year.
- Separate display and sales areas.
- Separate forms for registration.
 - Display forms – landscape format on white paper more detail required.
 - Sales forms – Portrait format on purple paper.
- Dates to remember.
 - Entry forms (Both Display and Sales items) to be lodged by Monday 4th July
 - Items (Both Display and Sales) to be delivered to club between Friday 1st and Monday 4th July.
 - Collection of Display and unsold items to be picked up on the Sunday night after the close of Expo or the following Monday.
 - The workshop will be closed from Monday 4th to 11th July to allow time for setting up display and demo areas.
 - **Looking for volunteers to help erect the marquee at least 2 weeks before the Expo.**
- Rosters will be posted looking for members to do demonstration during the Expo.
- **Seeking volunteers to work during Expo** - manning front desk, sales and other spots as required.
- John Mc Mahon and Chris Drysdale have been interviewed for a video that will be used to promote the Casey Winter Festival and, more particularly, our Expo. They are being paid \$150 for the interview which they are donating to the club. Thankyou gentleman.
- The Old Cheese Factory is adding attractions to the festival. A chainsaw artist, ceramics demonstration, leatherwork display and possibly other artists, but yet to be confirmed.
- Elsie will be contacting Jason Wood, hopefully helping with the promotion of the Expo.
- Len has a list of candidates to invite but is waiting until after the elections.
- Last year we displayed around 300 pieces at the Expo.
- We are encouraging all members to “Get cracking” in producing items for display and sales.
- Len thanks John for all his work so far and in advance.
- Bill Bradshaw has volunteered to keep an eye on the “Kids Corner” equipment during the Expo. But he may need a spell from time to time though. Parents are still required to supervise their own children.

Farmers' Market.

- Next Farmers market is on Saturday 14th May
- Next Craft market is on Saturday 28th May
- We always welcome members to the markets to help on the gates or in the carpark. Early setup and pack up teams are also welcome.
- The dates for the craft markets beyond June are yet to be confirmed.
- Craft market organisers are trying to arrange extra signage in the area to promote the markets further.

Functions.

- Thanks to Ken Barnes for organising the luncheon at the Hallam Hotel last week.
- Another event will be held later in the year.

Newsletter.

- Elsie is wanting members to send her photos of projects they are doing both at home and at the club.

General Business.

- Proposition that waste wood to be collected and packed for sale as firewood. Sourcing of bags – can anyone help? Martin may have a contact who may be able to supply bags. Further investigation is required before a final decision is made.
- We have a large quantity of timber in the breezeway that has been donated. We are encouraging all members to take any wood for their projects. All we ask is to make a reasonable donation to the club. It is not just there for the taking.
- Thank you to Ken Whitefield for his donation of the large marquee which is going to be used at the Expo.
- Thank you to the members who attended the Hare and Forbes demo days. They may donate a small lathe plus accessories for our services. A condition of this donation is that we review the lathe and provide feedback on its performance. There next demo days will be held on the 17, 18 and 19th November and they would like it to be more structured.
- From Wayne Lucas – he is finding it difficult to find flat pine for his doll's houses. It is possible to sort through the stacks to separate the straight and cracked/bent pine.
- Footy tipping prizes to be confirmed.
- The brochure about the club to be updated. It is understood that Chris Drysdale has a pdf file that can be used for the update.

- A comment from Rick Hoare about the selling of toys to the public. The toys we produce are for charities that are distributed towards the end of the year. A lot of work goes into these toys by the members. The money we get from the sale doesn't really reflect the amount of effort that has gone into producing the toy in the first place. After discussion it was decided that in the future our toys will not be sold to the public.
- Our First Aid kit needs to be checked it ensure it is adequately stocked. And our 2 defibrillators require checking also. The pads in the defibrillators are out of date but, speaking to St Johns Ambulance Victoria, no replacement pads are available at the moment. The pads will still be serviceable in the case of an emergency. An organisation will be sort to check both kits.

New Members

- 4 new members – Lisa Brouwer, Jon Marriott, Katherine Looke, and Kay Zimmerman. Welcome!

Door Prize

- The \$20 door prize winner is Dianne Gerthing. Congratulations Dianne!

Show and Tell

- A vintage car built by Len Preece. Took about 8 to 9 months to make.
- Turned bowls by John Mc Mahon
 - 2 Blackwood bowls
 - A Sheoak bowl that was detailed using a Dremel
 - A crouchwood bowl (I hope I spelt it right!). A large open bowl
- A "Marble Wonder" a continuous marble obstacle course - parts cut out by a CNC machine and assembled and tweaked by Ross Blackwood.

Thank you for your contributions to our Show and Tell.

Meeting closed —3.10pm

Next Meeting

- 3rd August at 1.00pm

Best Wishes To those of our members who are out of action at the moment due to illness or accident. We miss you and hope you will be back with us soon. A special shout out to **Dianne Gething** following surgery on her hand.

Drilling Centered Holes in Dowels From the internet.

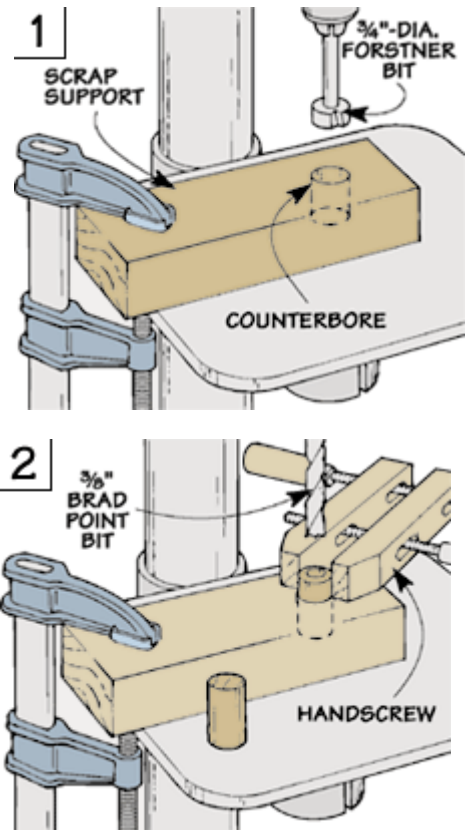


Drilling a hole is usually a simple task. But when it comes to drilling a centered hole in the end of a round workpiece, it's easy to be just a hair off.

So I came up with this easy technique to center the holes perfectly, as in the photo. Start by clamping a scrap to the table of the drill press, as shown in Fig. 1. Then drill a counterbored hole to match the diameter of the dowel (mine were 3/4"-dia.).

This way, when you slip the dowel into the counterbore, it's perfectly centered under the tip of the drill bit. After installing a smaller drill bit, it's a simple matter to drill a hole through the dowel, as you can see in Fig. 2.

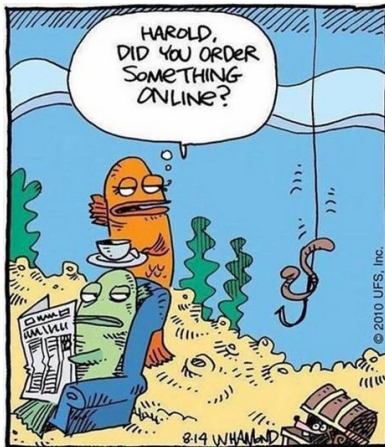
Note: To keep the dowel from spinning, clamp a handscrew around it to hold it in place.



Phillip Huber
Online Editor, *ShopNotes*

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Time for a smile:



Alcohol does not solve problems - but then, neither does milk.

I lost my job at the bank on the very first day! A lady asked me to check her balance so I pushed her over.

I told my wife I saw a deer on the way to work. She said, "How do you know he was headed to work?"

You know how they throw the ball into the crowd after they win the game? That's not allowed in bowling, I know that now.

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That's all for now until next time. Thanks Amelia Rogers ad Michael Berry for help with the jokes.



Whose next woodworking project?