

Bell Wood Turners

February 14, 2008

A Jig for the Perfect Sphere

Charles Watson, one of the Club's master jig and tool makers, demonstrated to the Club how to make and use a jig to make a baseball. Charles provided members the design drawings and discussed the critical issues in assembling the jig.



Then he proceeded to turn a sphere the size of a baseball. Once the baseball was removed from the lathe, Charles described the mathematics on how the stitching is laid out on a baseball. However, he opted for a more practical approach, betting that no one will ever throw his ball in a real game. As final touch, Charles burns the stitching into the ball, which produces a striking



look that will be a hit for any lucky owner. We hope Charles will conduct another *Saw-dust* session to assist members in making their own jigs and other woodturning tools. Last summer Charles, Gary

Taylor and Jimmy Sapp conducted a well attended make-your-own-tools *Saw-dust* session.

Club Members at the Florida Woodturning Symposium

The Club was well represented at the annual Florida Woodturning Symposium and several members won prizes in the numerous drawings. Bill Smith and Charles Watson each won a one day personal workshop with area professional turners Dixie Biggs and Emory McLaughlin, respectively. Tony Forneris won a \$300 educational scholarship that must be used within a year. Gary Taylor won a set of six inch grinding wheels. The symposium was both informative and a good time to renew friendships or make new ones.



Treasure Report

Beginning Balance.....	\$2,196.18
Revenue	390.49
Expenses	36.59
Ending Balance.....	2,550.08

Saw-dust Session

Saw-dust Session is this Saturday, the 15th, at Gary's from 9:00 AM to noon. Bring any challenges with you.