

Northumbrian Woodturners Association

Challenge competition rules January 2014 (updated March 2015)

Introduction The Challenge is a bi monthly competition open to all club members and is based on a particular turning theme set.

The aim is to encourage members to try new techniques and turn items outside their normal range, to improve their versatility and skill as turners.

Items submitted for the challenge will be judged by one the club members and points awarded which go towards an annual league table. The judge will discuss some of the items and hopefully all members learn from the experience.

The following rules will apply to the presidents challenge competition and as this is new activity may be modified at any time at the discretion of the Committee.

Rules

1. The competition is open to all members of NWA.
2. All entries must be the original work of the member.
3. No entry may be submitted twice either later in that year or in a subsequent year.
4. Members should submit only one entry per competition category
5. The membership is organised into three sections, Novice, Intermediate and Open. Members with up to 5 years experience are considered to be Novices. Members with more than 5 years experience are considered to be Intermediate. The Novice with the most points accrued by closure of the yearly competition at the AGM will be promoted to the Intermediate section for subsequent competitions. Similarly the Intermediate group winner will enter the Open section.
6. Any signature or personal identification on entries should be covered if possible prior to judging.
7. The competition year will start in September
8. The number of competitions will be determined by the Competition Secretary and the Committee though the intention is to hold the challenge every two months
9. Entries must be presented to the Competition Secretary at the published start time of the meeting typically 7:00pm.
10. The Competition Secretary and or Judges will ensure that entries meet competition rules and subject criteria.
11. Volunteers will be sought from Club Members to act as Judges. They will adjudicate singly or jointly in the events to which they are appointed. They may not participate in a competition in which they are judging. They will however receive an average of their marks gained in other competitions during that year to compensate them.
12. Entries will be judged and awarded first, second, third, fourth or fifth places
13. Competition points will be allocated 10 for first, 9 for second, down to 6 for fifth place. All other entries will automatically receive 4 points.

14. A running total of the number of points each member has accumulated will be placed on the notice board every month showing their progression.

15. If, in the opinion of the Competition Secretary or Judge(s) the standard of a new member's entry is significantly different from the section in which they are entered, a panel of 3 will decide which section they should be entered into. The panel will consist of the Competition Secretary and two other Committee members.

16. If a member misses a month's challenge they may bring the item to the following meeting and they will be awarded four points if the item meets the challenge criteria in the opinion of the competition secretary or Judge(s)

17. At the end of the year there will be prizes for the novice, intermediate and open categories.