

# Echos From the “BAT” Cave

Baltimore Area Turners

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## SUMMER PICNIC



BAT members and their families had a ball at the summer Picnic. All contributed to an excellent meal and Wayne Kuhn skippered the maiden voyage of the BAT General lathe. (Above left and right) After the humongous raffle, the weather cleared up enough to play Bocce with the balls turned for the President's Challenge. (Photo below by Stephen Jones)

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## PRESI- DENT'S CHAL- LENGE



Wayne Kuhn, Ron Ford, Richard Dietrich, Bob Pegram, Dave Maitd, Jim Oliver, Louie Harris, and Pete Johnson all turned Bocce balls.

A total of 18 balls and 3 pallinos (smaller target balls, also known as pills or jacks) were turned.

Woods used included Walnut, Red Oak, Pine, Cherry, Zebrawood, and, of course, S&S hard rock Maple.



Wayne Kuhn secures the blank to a faceplate. . .



. . . then mounts it for the lathe's maiden voyage.



Getting the tenon just right.

## LATHE SHAKE-DOWN CRUISE



Success!



Oops - some problems with the Reeves Drive.



Tom Szarek to the rescue.



With the lathe back on course, Steve Lane, wearing his protective shades, roughs out another blank.



Wayne fires up the mini lathe to turn a top.



**Keeping up with the Joneses:** Chloe Jones pitches her Bocce ball at the target ball - the Pill . . .



. . . her brother Zachary shows his underhand technique . . .

## THE JOY OF BOCCE



. . . and Dad, Stephen, uses body English to levitate his ball.



Ron Ford shows his winning style.



Wayne Kuhn winds up to pitch.



Each round needs to be scored. The ball closest to the Pill gets a point.



Sometimes the course gets crowded.

# RAFFLE NEWS

BAT members donated a mother lode of goodies to the raffle. Donations included a Cherry burl, Dust Collection ducting and hardware, Brand-ware hats and shirts, a Sorby Midi Hollow Master and a Sorby Multi-tip Hollowing tool, a dowelling jig, a Rockwell shaper head, a 6" Grinding wheel, Sapele, Ambrosia Maple, and Spectra wood spindle blanks, a roll of 220 sandpaper, a faceplate screw and driver kit, an Osage Orange log, Maple, Dogwood, Walnut, Locust and other assorted bowl blanks, and the two pens



turned by Don Schultz in June. All were up for grabs.

The Raffle was held using a bidding system - folks were given 5 tickets and placed tickets in the cups next to the item they were bidding on. Additional tickets were available for purchase. The raffle for a particular item was held among the bidding tickets.

## SPECIAL THANKS



Special thanks to the BAT Picnic committee, especially **Ron Ford** (above), who cooked the meats to perfection and to our Rafflemeister, **Bob Rupp** (below), who makes our raffles happen.



## BALTIMORE AREA TURNERS

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month at the Boumi Temple

5050 King Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21237-3325

Next meeting:  
September 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Agenda:  
Show and Tell

Bring your President's Challenge entries and your recent successes and opportunities for improvement.

## SUSAN SHANE MEMORIAL IRONMAN COMPETITION

Here are the current standings (in alphabetical order):

	Goblets	3wd Box	Platter	Bocce	Points
<i>Richard Dietrich</i>	x	x	x	x	4
<i>John Fisher</i>			x		1
<i>Ron Ford</i>	x	x		x	3
<i>Louis Harris</i>	x	x	x	x	4
<i>Pete Johnson</i>				x	1
<i>Wayne Kuhn</i>	x	x		x	3
<i>Dave Maidt</i>				x	1
<i>Jim Oliver</i>		x		x	2
<i>Bob Pegram</i>				x	1
<i>Bob Rupp</i>		x			1
<i>Roland Shepard</i>	x	x			2
<i>David Smith</i>	x	x			2

## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Here are BAT President Yaakov Bar Am's fifth and sixth President's Challenges:

**September** - Turn a square-edged platter with a natural edge cup in the center.

(Helpful Videos: Go on You-Tube, Search for Rex Guinn, scroll down on his page to "Square Edge Bowl Turning 1-5")

These feature [Jamie Donaldson](#). The videos are not that great but they give you the idea of how it's done. [Google would not allow linking to the videos.]

**December** - Turn a lidded box with a 3" or larger fabulous finial.

([Cindy Drozda](#) will visit BAT in October to show you how to make your finials fabulous.)