

TURNED MUSINGS

Recently the brother of a friend of mine passed away and he was well known in the water polo community for his words of wisdom for would be polo players. As I read his 10 words of wisdom, encouragement and motivation it got me to thinking what my 10 words of wisdom might be for all of you turners. Well here they are:

1. **Everyday is a beautiful day for creating and turning.**
2. **Believe in yourself and your capacity to create.**
3. **You have many who are willing to coach you in our club and online – now just do it.**
4. **Real turners just keep showing up, just keep learning and just keep turning.**
5. **Catches and mistakes are just opportunities for learning and creative design.**
6. **True wood turners are passionate artisans who love to talk about their craft and pass it on to the next generation.**
7. **Practice every cut as if it is your final cut.**
8. **Practice, practice, practice it is the key to tool control.**
9. **Sometimes you need to jump in and make things happen. As my Grandpa use to say “you can never plough a field if you only turn it over in your mind.”**
10. **The only easy day was yesterday.**

So there you have my 10 little jewels of wisdom, what’s on your list of principles to live by.

Check out our calendar here on the web. Things to look for: Terry and Deb Heart demonstrating at our May 24th meeting on embellishments including pyrography (if you don’t know what that is come and find out).

Secondly, mark your calendar for our Club picnic at Condon Park in Grass Valley at 4:30 p.m. on June 28th. We always have a great time and this is open to family and friends. The star of this picnic will be your hand turned Bocce Ball. Check out these events on our event page.

Keep those shavings flying,
Karl Miller Co-President