

Colin Simpson RPT - Bowls followed by Q&A - 20th November 2002

Reviewed by Richard Hoodless (photos Gregory Moreton)

On 20th November an entertaining and instructive demonstration was given by Colin Simpson. At the request of our Chairman, Colin turned a small ash bowl explaining at each stage how he presented the ground back bowl gouge, which he uses. In answer to a request from the audience Colin demonstrated the use of a scraper on the outside of the bowl both in normal and shear mode and also the use of the ground back bowl gouge for shear scraping. For small bowls Colin prefers to use a spigot for holding the bowl in a chuck. Having reversed the bowl he explained and demonstrated how to scoop out the centre of the bowl and finally how to remove the spigot from the base of the bowl.

The second half of Colin's presentation was devoted to questions and answers highlighting the audiences' problems in both spindle and bowl turning. He covered roughing down squares in spindle turning mode with a bowl gouge, how to use the bowl gouge to give a fine shear / planing cut similar to a skew chisel, the causes of ribbing and chatter, how to deal with soft spalted timbers and rough turning then kilning bowls together with the use of moisture meters.

All in all a very helpful and instructive evening for all members.

