

Echos From the "BAT" Cave

Baltimore Area Turners

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SUMMER PICNIC



BAT members and families came together for an afternoon of meeting, eating, showing, telling, turning, spinning, and Bocce. There was also the ever-popular bucket raffle. In addition, 8 BAT members brought their turned baseball bats for the President's Challenge. There were also other items shown and told about.

(Above - enjoying a delicious lunch;

Below - BAT members wait with baited breath for the raffle to begin)



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Lined up with old and new
Bocce balls.



Dave Maidt's bat was the most detailed.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

BAT came out swinging at this President's Challenge. Eight great BAT bats were entered into the Challenge. Whether they were large or small, turned from Ash, Maple or even heavy Oak, embellished or plain, there were all supremely BATty.

Greg Ham, Charles Stackhouse, Douglas Harris, Bob Pegram, Dave Maidt, Larry Maccherone, Richard Dietrich, and Louis Harris showed their bats.

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Charles Stackhouse



Doug Harris



Bob Pegram

Susan Shane Ironman Challenge Standings (in alphabetical order)

	Ball Cup	Wing Crotch	Skinny Bowl	Bat	Total
Clark Bixler	x				1
Richard Dietrich	x	x	x	x	4
Ron Ford	x	x	x		3
Greg Ham	x			x	2
Douglas Harris				x	1
Louis Harris	x	x	x	x	4
Pete Johnson			x		1
Wayne Kuhn	x				1
Kenny Leister	x				1
Larry Maccherone	x	x	x	x	4
Dave Maidt	x	x	x	x	4
Jim Oliver	x				1
Bob Pegram	x	x	x	x	4
Bob Rupp	x		x		2
Roland Shepard		x			1
Charles Stackhouse	x	x	x	x	4



Dave Maidt

MORE BAT BATS

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There will be two more Presidential Challenges in this year's Susan Shane Memorial Ironman Challenge. Completing all six by the December meeting grants a degree of immortality (your name on the plaque) and free membership for the following year.

There's still plenty of time to catch up. Give a challenge a try. Susan was always excited to learn new skills. Most likely, you'll learn something new as well if you give it a go.



Larry Maccherone



Richard Dietrich



Louis Harris



Dave Mardt and wife cook burgers



BAT members dig in to feast



Picnic organizer,
Laurie Kellum.

PICNIC & TOP TOURNEY



Laurie Kellum organized a fantastic feast. There were grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, condiments, salads, chips, deserts and drinks. No one went away hungry. Thanks, Laurie !

Many tops were turned, 9 were entered into the Spin-Off. **Louis Harris** won best spin. **Chloe Jones** won best decoration.

There was also Bocce.

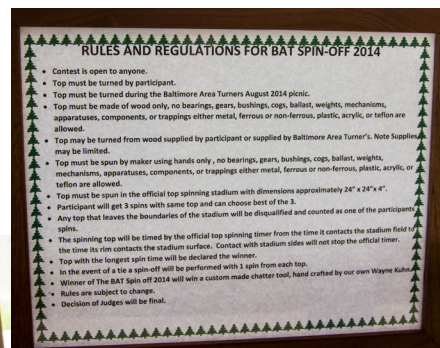
(Clockwise from upper right)

Rules; Arena; Top tops; Pete Johnson turning; Chloe Jones spinning.



Louis Harris helps
Stephen Jones . . .

. . . set up for Zachary
Jones to turn a top.



Matt Grimes coaches
Jenna Heinlein.

SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from left:

*Lighthouse; Charles Stackhouse;
Bead Box; Lou Rudinski; Tim Stuhmer;
Grenade bottle stopper; Bocce balls; Larry Maccherone.*

Four folks brought stuff to show and tell. **Charles Stackhouse** brought a lighthouse turned of Ash, Wood #7, and Ebony. The light lit in multiple colors. **Lou Rudinski** showed a lidded Paulonia box to be donated to [Beads of Courage](#). It had been decorated by his daughter, **Jeannie Ureno**. **Tim Stuhmer** showed a realistic looking pineapple hand grenade bottle stopper turned and carved from Balsa. Finally, **Larry Maccherone** showed two turned White Oak Bocce balls. Later, in our brief Bocce game, his balls seemed magnetic - he won almost every round he played in.





Above left and right - the raffle layout.

Left - Chloe Jones draws a winner as brother Zachary watches.

RAFFLE NEWS

A slew of items were donated to the bucket raffle at the annual picnic. Various chunks of wood (Cherry, S&S Maple, Silver Maple, Osage Orange, and Brazil Durra), a Jacobs chuck with #2 MT, a Slimline Pen book signed by author Don Ward, an articulating Dust Collecting unit, 3 heavy Sorby scrapers, a BAT polo shirt, a mystery box containing a chatter tool, a Thompson 3/8" Spindle gouge with handle kit, and a Dewalt 18V NiCad battery and drill set were all donated by generous BAT members. Thanks to all!

BALTIMORE AREA TURNERS

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month. (Except for the August picnic which is on a Sunday.) The next meeting will be held at the Boumi Temple at

5050 King Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21237-3325

Next meeting:
September 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Agenda: [Phil Brown](#) demo



ELECTIONS COMING

Board elections will be in November.

Vice President Bob Pegram has announced that he will not be running for office this year. He will be devoting his time to the upcoming Mid-Atlantic turning symposium. The office of Program Director will also be open.

Officers serve for a two year term.

Think hard about serving.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

BAT President Yaakov Bar Am has announced the fifth President's Challenge for 2014:

October – Turn a gift quality piece of jewelry. Rings, baubles, bangles, bright shiny beads and more are acceptable. Make it good enough to proudly give to your mother.