



# *On The Edge*



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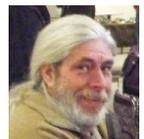


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**ON THE COVER**  
Hunter by Jamie Harrington  
Winner of 2012 Hunter category  
2013 Raffle Knife

## *Presidential Points*

Well the year is rapidly moving on and we are into the busiest part of the year. With summer holding on for a last gasp it will soon be cool enough to get into full production for the May Melbourne Show. So far we have put out some advertising and spread as many fliers as people will take, along with selling raffle tickets. Mike Maison is updating our old sandwich boards with some snazzy modern versions and Wayne Saunders and Keith Fludder have done some promotion for the Guild show at the Wood and Metal show in Sydney. Almost a whole book of raffle tickets was sold in the process, a great result. I hope to do similar when I attend the Melbourne Arms and Militaria Fair.

There has been some interest in bringing back the Best Small Game category for the show. While it was voted to cut back on awards due to costs, the Best Small Game was probably the most well-represented section that we had. So as head of Show Committee I would like to bring it back. I think we can afford the cost of one extra award.

Most of you are probably aware of the Guild's paypal system that is now available. It works well and cuts down on a lot of work for the secretary/treasurer. Please use it to make your payments for membership fees and table bookings. It took at least six steps including multiple ID checks to implement the damn thing, in fact DNA testing would have been the next step, so make the most of it. Don't worry if you can't use a computer, you can still pay the usual way, just remember it is all due now.

Concerning our exemption for double-edged blades, after repeated emails (since before Christmas!) to Di Bunnett at the Department of Justice she has finally gotten back to me. Everything is progressing well and the hold-up is due to the police and Justice Dept. still hammering out the final details, but it looks like we will be successful in our application. Keep the police checks and firearms licence details coming as we will be operating under the new requirements at the coming knife show. After the show closes on Saturday May 4, we will conduct the AGM. One of the things I would like to discuss would be a junior membership. The Department of Justice is okay with this, even allowing juniors the privilege of the exemption providing they meet all the requirements. We could always simplify it by keeping the junior at probationary level until they turn eighteen and are eligible for full membership.

The position for secretary/treasurer is due for renewal this year. This is a critical role within the Guild so we need someone to seriously think about nominating. A lot of things have been streamlined in the last few years and you wouldn't have things dumped on you without help.

This will be the last Melbourne Show Terri and I will be running. Mike Maison may still be able to be involved next year but that is yet up to him. Terri is the newsletter editor, I am the president and public officer, and while we have run the show again this year it is not fair to expect us or Shawn and Peter to run the show all the time. New people need to have a go. Again, all the info needed is on file to help anyone who takes it on and we will always assist when needed.

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## *Secretary/Treasurer's Report*

Hello there again from East Gippsland

How's the heat been???? Damn it's holding on, a bit of rain would be good.

I have been out in the shed practising my double grinds using a technique that I learnt from Adam Parker and Pete Del Raso.

I have been reading with interest the "wips" posted on ABF and Blade forums. If you haven't got on board with the internet yet see if someone can help you out. There is some world class making going on behind internet doors – so to speak.

I am starting to gear up for the show this year and if you haven't started thinking about it , the time is now.

A great mate of mine said if you only go to the show with 5 knives make them the best 5 knives you have. If this theory/ethos encourages you to attend the show then go with it, I am.

I am pleased to see that most people have paid their fees by now. I will not be accepting many more late fees. No fees will be accepted at the show excepting associate memberships.

Table fees please. The show committee is basically "the committee" and we are under enough stress without trying to plan table layout and such one week before the show.

Some members have already requested wall tables and access to power, so if you need these types of facilities get on top of it and get your paper work in.

So far this year is shaping up to be as big if not bigger than last year. Can't wait.

The bank balance is looking really good and the guild is travelling along very nicely.

Look forward to seeing you at the show, if you haven't met me yet I will be easy to find at the show I will be the one with 5 knives on the table hehehe.

Rob Herbert.

## *Editor's Desk*

Hi folks!

It's no coincidence that this newsletter is full of forms. At this time of year the Guild position-bearers are doing the bulk of the the year's paperwork, and as boring a read as it might be, it's pretty darn important that everyone does their bit in getting this info in. Some of these are optional, for example, the Master Guildsman voting. Even if it doesn't greatly interest you, if you don't put your two cents in then you might not be impressed with who is voted in, so have a go. Proxy voting forms for office bearer positions are also only of use if you want someone else to vote on your behalf if you are unable to attend.

I am pleased to say that our friends at the Australian Blade Forums will have a greater presence at the show this year and it will be great to catch up with those ABF members who are planning on coming along. Thanks to the ABF's Mike Maison (aka Knifeknut) for his help this year and for being one of many who has made AKG members feel more than welcome on the forums.

Time to go do all those last minute things I've been putting off, looking forward to seeing everyone at the show!

*Terri*

# **NOTICE OF AGM**

The AKG AGM will be held on  
Saturday, May 4, 2013  
at 5pm at the Hotel Ibis.

Agenda items for discussion/decision include  
but are not limited to:

- \* Election of Secretary/Treasurer
- \* Presentation of new assessment format for Probationary Members
- \* Possible introduction of Junior Membership

There will also be an opportunity for members to discuss the new exemption criteria that is currently being implemented.

## 2013 Knife Show Judging Criteria

Following are the judging methods and criteria:

- 1) All knives must be for sale at the Guild Show
- 2) No piece to have been previously submitted for judging at any other knife show.
- 3) The length of the blade is measured from the point to the grind shoulder at the ricasso.

The categories are as follows:

### **Best In Show**

- To epitomise the Guild standards in quality, design and construction.
- The best 'fit and finish'.
- Innovative in design and presentation.
- Degree of difficulty in manufacture.
- Presentation.

### **Folder**

- This knife should display outstanding 'fit and finish'.
- The knife should have a smooth 'walk' and definite 'talk' on both opening and closing.
- The folder should display excellence in design and display the desirable properties of beauty, ease of use, strength, and absence of bulk.

### **Forged/Damascus**

- Originality and/or excellence of design.
- Degree of difficulty in manufacture.
- Selection of materials.
- High degree of fit and finish.
- Must be forged to shape by the maker presenting the knife for judging.

### **Utility**

- This knife can sell for up to \$275 and must include a sheath.
- It must represent value for money.
- The blade length must not be less than 11cm.
- Appropriateness of design for a general purpose knife.
- The fit and finish should at the least be of a standard that would be approved by the Guild as a satisfactory quality.

### **Hunter**

- The knife can sell for up to \$400 and must include a sheath.
- The blade length must not be less than 9cm.
- This is a practical knife and should be able to perform a number of tasks with relative ease in the field dressing medium to large game.
- This knife should display excellent fit and have a very good finish.
- The knife should represent appropriate value for money.

### **Small Game**

- Must have a high standard of fit and finish.
- Suitable for dressing small game/fish.
- Blade must not exceed 7cm.
- The knife can sell for up to \$300.

## **SHOW COMMITTEE**

# MASTER GUILDSMAN NOMINATION FORM

Please indicate six knifemakers who are, in your opinion, worthy of the title of Master Guildsman. Nominees must be Australian makers who are **CURRENT GUILD MEMBERS**.

- 1).....
- 2).....
- 3).....
- 4).....
- 5).....
- 6).....

Email or post your votes to the Secretary/Treasurer by April 26. Results will be announced at the AGM.

Secretary/Treasurer

Rob Herbert  
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Lakes Entrance  
VIC 3909

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## 2013 Guild Show Regulations

In accordance with the AKG constitution, no maker will have for display or have in their possession for sale any of the following items:

Automatic knives

Push daggers

Swordcanes

Butterfly knives

Buckle knives

Factory made knives including factory kits.

In order to protect the Guild's reputation and Victorian Knife laws, anyone found breaching these regulations will be asked to pack up and leave. No exceptions. Non-members and Probationary members are reminded that under Victorian Law they are not permitted to display Daggers or other double edged blades without a permit to do so. In accordance with new exemption requirements, all members must record name/address details of those to whom they sell daggers/double edged blades and be able to produce said record for the inspection of Victoria Police if required.

### Knife Awards and Judging

On the day you will be given an envelope. Enclosed you will find numbered adhesive labels. Place one of these labels over your mark on any piece you wish to enter. When you have done this, place your knives on the tables provided under the appropriate headings. Judging will commence at 8.30 am sharp and conclude at 9.00 am Saturday. Late knives will not be accepted. You will also find a voting slip. In the appropriate box, write the number that appears on the knife you consider to be the best in that category. Place your completed slips into the collection box. Please note that only Full and Probationary Guild members are eligible for awards and voting.

### Awards Requirements

Following are the requirements knives submitted for judging must meet.

- \* All knives must be for sale at the Guild show.
- \* No piece to have been previously submitted for judging at any other knife show.
- \* Where minimum or maximum blade lengths are stipulated, the blade length is measured from the point to the grind shoulder at the ricasso.
- \* Knives submitted for Best Forged Non Damascus and Best Damascus must be the work of the maker submitting the piece. Collaborations will be accepted and the award shared. \*
- \* Utility Knife- maximum price \$275, must include sheath.
- \* Hunter- maximum price \$400.

Hope you all have a great show and good luck.  
Guild Show Committee.

AUSTRALIAN KNIFEMAKER'S GUILD INCORPORATED  
FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I ..... of  
.....  
(Name) (Address)

being a member of the AUSTRALIAN KNIFEMAKERS GUILD Inc, hereby appoint

..... of  
.....  
(Name) (Address)

being a member of the Australian Knifemaker's Guild Inc., as my proxy, to vote for me, on my behalf, at the Annual General Meeting or special general meeting, (as the case may be) to be held on the 4th day of May 2013, and at any adjournment of the meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote as noted below.

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Signed .....

The ..... day of ..... 2013

This form must be mailed to reach the Secretary/Treasurer by no later than April 26, 2013.

Email to:

secretary@akg.org.au

Or Mail to:

Robert Herbert  
PO Box 901  
Lakes Entrance VIC 3909

**Australian Knifemakers Guild Inc.**  
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Lakes Entrance 3909  
Ph. 0429410650

**Membership Renewal Form 2013**

*Please Print Clearly*

**Surname**..... **Given Names**.....

Postal Address

.....

.....

State..... Post Code.....

**Contact Details**

***For Publication***  
*(cross out non-applicable)*

Phone Number (.....)..... Yes / No

Fax(.....)..... Yes / No

Email..... Yes / No

Website..... Yes / No

Postal Address Yes/ No

**Membership Renewal Fees**

*Please tick the applicable box*

Voting Member \$50.00 pa

Probationary Member \$50.00 pa

Associate Member \$35.00 pa

Please check that all details are filled out correctly on this form and send your relevant fees **in Australian dollars** by cheque or money order to the Treasurer at the address at the top of this form.

***NOTE : All fees must be received by March 1, 2013 or a rejoining fee may be required.***



UPCOMING SHOWS

COMING TO MELBOURNE

**WOOD AND METAL SHOW**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

**The Stitches and Craft Show**

October 24-27 2013

at

**CAULFIELD RACECOURSE**



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AUSTRALIAN KNIFEMAKERS GUILD

# KNIFE SHOW

May 4 & 5 2013

*"Celebrating 26 Years"*

View and purchase some of the best hand  
made knives in Australia by Australian makers.

**VENUE** The International Hotel Ibis  
15-21 Therry Street, Melbourne  
(opposite Queen Victoria Markets)

**TIMES** Saturday & Sunday 9.30 am to 4.30 pm Daily

**ADMISSION** \$8.00 (under 12 with an adult free)



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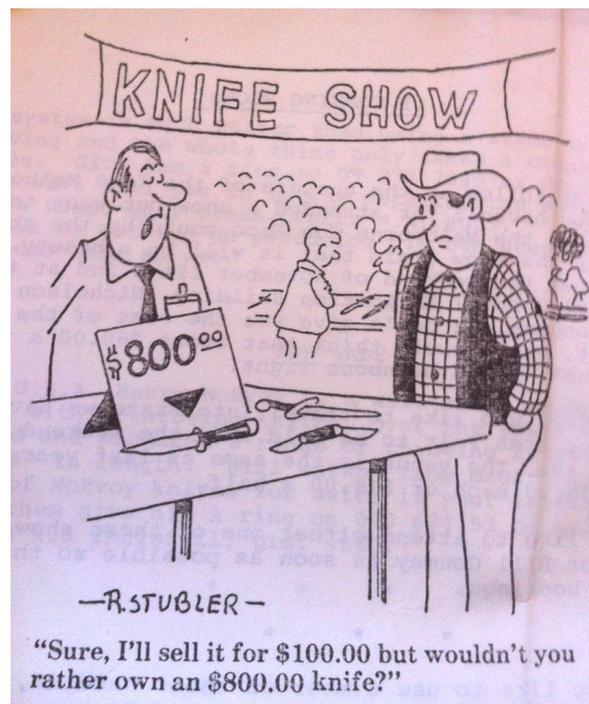
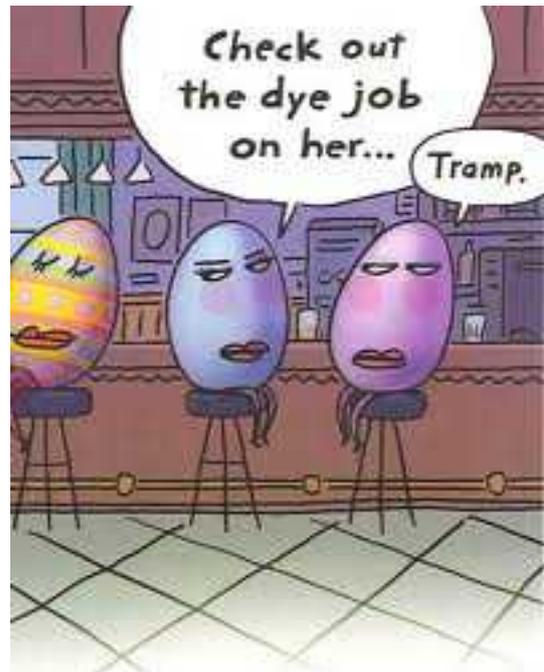
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THE EASTER BUNNY GETS A RUDE AWAKENING.



NAME	STATE
FULL MEMBERS	
BALD Peter	SA
BARN Col	QLD
BARNETT Bruce	WA
BARRET Denis	NSW
BASTIAN Alistair	SA
BRODZIAK David	WA
BURDETT Stuart	NSW
COX Terrance	NSW
DEERING Jim	VIC
DEL RASO Peter	VIC
FAULKNER Rob	VIC
FECHNER Michael	SA
FLUDDER Keith	NSW
FOXWELL John	NSW
GERNER Thomas	WA
GILJEVIC Branko	VIC
GORDON Peter	SA
GUNSTON Barry	VIC
HADDAD Karim	ACT
HANNAN Mal	NSW
HARRIS ROD	VIC
HENKE Glenn	VIC
HERBERT Robert	VIC
JAMES Matt	NZ
JOHNSON Dean	VIC
KANDAVNIEKS Peter	
KENNEY Peter	VIC
KISS Joe	VIC
KLITSCHER Robert	SA
McCARTHY Maurie	QLD
McINTYRE Shawn	VIC
McLARTY John	SA
MENDE Ray	VIC
MOASE Richard	NSW
PARKER Adam	VIC
PECK Jeff	NSW
PHILLIPS Alistair	ACT
SAUNDERS Wayne	NSW
SHANAUGHAN Murray	VIC
STEELE Jim	WA
STINES Rod	QLD
TIMBS Doug	QLD
TOWNSEND Stewart	QLD
WANGERMANN Hardy	VIC
WARE Brendan	TAS
YEATS Ross	WA

#### PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

BLACK Matt	VIC
BROAD Scott	SA
BROOK Matt	WA
BRYANT Craig	VIC
CHEONG Zac	VIC
HARRINGTON Jamie	VIC
GEORGE Greg	VIC
MACAULAY Andrew	VIC
MERCHANT Bruce	VIC
ODGERS Garry	SA
PARKER Terri	VIC
RAE Robert	QLD

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ALINEJAD Ash	
BONNER Charlie	VIC
BORGHOUTS Peter	VIC
BOUNDS James	VIC
CALCAGINO Alex	VIC
COOPER Richard	VIC
COOPER Stephen	VIC
COWAN Marc	VIC
DAY Jim	VIC
DUNN David	VIC
FLECKHAMMER Dietmar	VIC
GLADSTONE James	VIC
MAISON Mike (honorary)	VIC
MONCRIEFF Peter	VIC
OLIVER Ray	
O'NEILL Gerard	VIC
PEDINI Marcello	VIC
SHARP Neville	VIC

#### LIFE/HONORARY

BIDGOOD Wal	VIC
HUSIAK Myron	VIC
ROWLEY Fred	VIC
SIMMONDS Kurt	VIC
ZEMITIS Joe	NSW

As far as the Master Guildsman discussion goes, there has been a lot of input on whether it should be about skill or if contributing to the Guild should count. Personally I think it should be solely about skill, but as we will never all agree on that score, I have added a form to the newsletter for everyone to fill out. Members can select the top six makers that are, in their opinion, worthy of the title of Master Guildsman. From the votes, the top four or five will be given the new title, and from then on it will be up to them to come up with a criteria for others to join them in future years. So scratch your heads and vote on who you think are the best knifemakers you know of.

That just about wraps things up for me. Terri and I will be at Ironfest in Lithgow on April 20. We hope to catch up with Keith and Corin who will be helping promote the Guild there. We intend to book a group dinner after the Guild show in May at the same restaurant we attended last year, the Sichuan House. Let us know if you wish to attend. Also, we are in need of people to help on the door at the show this year. We don't expect the same people to always do it so please put your hands up for an hour or so if you are able.

Cheers,

Adam.