

## **FACETING in the CLUB**

The Committee is keen to revive and increase the interest and participation in faceting within the Club. The Committee greatly appreciates the work that Norm Savage has done in checking and repairing the Club's eight faceting machines, and his comments and recommendations in the Report that he has prepared (Dec08).

The following is a summary of Committee's decisions at the March Meeting regarding the review of Norm's Faceting Report.

### **Machine Status**

1. Outstanding repairs and modifications to angle indicator lights on two Halls machines will be undertaken asap to give us three machines with indicator lights. The other five machines are in good mechanical condition but do not have any provision for indicator lights. Some minor repairs (eg missing or damaged feet) are required. – CRS to undertake this work in conjunction with Norm Savage.
2. The accessories for each machine (index gears, dops, holders, etc) are to be checked out and replaced if required. Other faceting consumables such as wax, epoxy cement, powders and grits, etc are to be organized into a suitable toolbox container. These consumables are for use with class machines only and not for casual faceting.
3. The storage cupboards for two faceting machines are to be adjusted or relocated to lower shelves for better Occupational Health and Safety considerations in lifting the machines in and out.

### **Machine Usage and Requirements**

4. Due to the high degree of supervision required for beginners, it was agreed that the optimum number of new students per class should be 3 (max-4).
5. The Club should provide and maintain 6 faceting machines – three for normal Classes, two for Juniors, and one for Casual Cutting (see below for details). This leaves two excess machines for potential disposal/sale.
6. All machines should be numbered so that students can use the same machine each week. Each Machine usage is to be recorded in a log book where the user signs in/out and can record any mechanical problems for attention. It is the user's responsibility to see that their machine is properly maintained at all times – If there is a problem then it must be reported for appropriate repair.
7. The key for access to the Casual Faceting machine will be kept in the normal key cabinet.

## **Casual Faceting**

### 8. Eligibility –

- Only members who have reached a satisfactory level of competence are eligible to use the Casual Faceting machine unsupervised. All others must be supervised by a faceting teacher or experienced faceter approved by the Faceting Review Panel.
- The Committee will establish a Faceting Review Panel to determine or advise on competency and technical matters relating to faceting within the Club as requested by Committee.
- A record of members who are eligible to undertake Casual Cutting unsupervised will be maintained by the Club.
- Faceting Teachers, Faceting Judges and existing facetors who have competed at Intermediate or Open Faceting levels at a Gemboree are automatically deemed to be competent and are eligible to be a member of the Faceting Review Panel.
- Faceting competence may be determined by:-
  - a) existing facetors may have their eligibility determined by producing several completed stones for assessment by the Faceting Review Panel; or
  - b) a faceting teacher after a member has completed a faceting course.

### 9. Operation of Casual Faceting –

- The Club will maintain and make available one machine for casual faceting.
- To minimise contamination of laps etc, members are requested to acquire and maintain their own set of dops, cutting/polishing laps, and all other consumables;
- The Club Shop will carry some basic faceting consumables.
- Only three machines have angle indicator lights. Over time we will sell three or four of the machines without lights, and buy three newer ones with lights, etc. and end up with six 'good machines'. This is relevant if we wish to standardise our teaching methods using indicator lights etc.

## **Future Direction**

10. The Club will seek to 'upgrade' our faceting machines, over time, by increasing the number of machines which have angle indicator lights. This will be achieved by acquiring a suitable secondhand faceting machine when one becomes available and recovering some of that cost by selling one (or two) of our surplus machines. The aim is to end up with six machines, all with angle indicator lights.
11. In order to help with future planning and directions we will start by obtaining a list of all those members who have completed a Faceting Course in the past, as well as those who already have their own faceting machine. This will be coordinated through the Education Officer.
12. Reference Books – the library has a good collection of faceting reference books.
13. Any thoughts or suggestions will be most welcome – please contact any Committee member.

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