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It would be fair to say that we were bowled over by the Swan Woodturners Group Weekend Workshop. An innovation was the introduction of the "demo duos", in which an experienced turner was complemented by a newer turner, 4 of whom were demonstrating at weekend workshop level for the first time - not that they were intimidated by the 96 people that turned out to watch.

Ian Moss kicked off "Bowl Magic" with his flying saucer bowl design. *See more information under Ian Moss.*

He was followed by Robert Drinkwater who showed how to make a square edged bowl. *See more information under Robert Drinkwater.*

Bruce Shephard then followed with "Bowl me Over" showing how to make a bowl from a 10 mm thick board. *See more information under Bruce Shephard.*

Tracy Redwood followed with a demo of a small bowl. After selecting the orientation of the timber to present the best features in the bowl Tracy cut recesses for the jaws to be used in expansion mode and turned the outside and foot of the bowl that was sanded and sealed.

The bowl was then reversed on to a threaded spindle chuck with a scrap piece hollowed to the profile of the bowl, the scrap piece having 2 slots to allow for measuring wall thickness.

The base of the bowl was covered with blue masking tape to which hot-melt glue was applied and the inside completed.

The bowl could then be removed from the jam chuck with ease. One thing in using this method is that you need to know the depth to hollow to - the bottom depth must be known or else disaster looms.

