THE IGKT-NAB WEB SITE

The IGKT-NAB web site is up and running as of the middle of January 2006. The Web Site Address is www.igkt-nab.org. It has been updated and has several links. Our new Web Master is Don Burrhus. You can reach Don Burrhus at donb@donb.com. We extend to him a job well done for all the hours that he put in making it happen.

If you are interested in having your KNOT related web site listed in the available link section please send the information to Don Burrhus at the above e-mail address.

The Web Master would like write-ups and pictures from NAB 2005 for the Web Site. We are also interested in local group meetings and activities and events to publicize. Please provide us with the details and we will get it on the Web Site.

YAHOO GROUPS RELATED TO KNOTS

Yahoo Groups has two knot related sites with quite a bit of activity. The site provides a forum for knot-related questions, answers, and a good place to seek information. Of course a lot depends on the persons that are participating in that group.

The Yahoo Groups site provides instructions for joining the group. Of course one must have Internet access. Joining the group allows a person to post messages. If a person does not want to join the group one can just read the postings of persons that have joined the group.

There are three sites two (Yahoo Groups). If you have a computer please visit these three sites and consider joining and sharing your knowledge. These sites can be accessed at http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/knottymen/ and http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/ Marlinspikeknotworks/.

NAB ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2006-2007

The results of the election of officers is as follows:
President - Steve Coates
Vice President - Skip Dickens
Secretary/Treasurer - John Burke
Members-at-Large: Kay Burke Bill Hubbard
Glenn Dickey Bill Smothers
Introduction and background information on our newly elected President Steve Coates.

First of all, I want to thank all of you who have put your confidence in me to effectively lead the group for the next few years. I have enjoyed meeting so many members at the annual meetings and the friendships that I have made will last a lifetime. I sure know that I have some rather large shoes to fill as President John Burke has done a wonderful job keeping things active and exciting. I will do more of the same. I want to encourage any and all members to let me know what you want the Guild to do for you. My contact info is scoates54@comcast.net.

For those of you that don't know me, here is a bit about my knot tying background:
I started tying knots as a Cub Scout then as a Boy Scout/Sea Scout/Explorer. During this time, I also crewed on one-design sailboats racing with my parents. I had to learn fast to tie the correct knots, because there would be hell to pay from Dad if the jib sheet flew out of the cleat fairlead because my figure-eight knot was not set properly. !!
I guess that I had a natural affinity with rope and line and knots as soon all my friends would "let Steve tie the knot or rig the line" that would take us 100' feet over a cliff.

When I was 15 my Dad presented me with my first copy of Ashley's and from that point on, I was hooked. I am self-taught out of Ashley's and you know how frustrating that can be, so my patience grew as did my skills with decorative work.

Many of my first jobs were in construction as a laborer and then as an ironworker. We had to rig things daily. Again, another outlet for my growing skills with knots and cordage. My parents then bought a marina on the Illinois River and I became the designated splicer. This was during the big rage about wire to rope splice halyards. And I made a bazillion sets of dock lines. I guess Dad thought that I was cheaper than the "pre-packaged, pre-spliced" variety...

I never thought that other than a few sailors, no one else knew or cared much about marlinespike skills. I didn't know or learn of the Guild until the advent of the Internet. I attended my first annual in New Bedford some time ago and as I was walking down the cobblestone street towards the Whaling Museum and I heard someone about my name. Lo and behold it was Bill Smothers who was a Guild member and an old friend from my days at my parent's marina. What a small world. I have been meeting Guild members since. I attended 2K2 in Fareham, UK and marveled at the beautiful work done by many of our International members. What a great and diverse group we have.
I have been fortunate to have an active group here in New England and we meet monthly. We are beginning to work with the public through the Plymouth Cordage Museum in Plymouth, MA and have had a great response. Educating the public is the best part of this craft.
Well, that's about it for me. I hope to get a chance to meet many of you at one of our annual meetings or in England at the 25th celebration.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GORDON PERRY – IGKT (UK)

Dear Branch Representative,

The IGKT web-site at igkt.net is now equipped with a 'Chat Room' - IGKT Knot Chat - which has taken over from the room that Dan Callahan (Alaska - USA) has provided for members up until now.

There are two regular sessions in existence - one on Wednesday Evenings GMT/UTC (Knoopenpraat) for the Dutch members and one all day Sundays which is worldwide - where IGKT members get together and talk knots (among other things) and keep abreast of what is going on. It also gives members (especially those outside the UK) the chance to talk to a Council Member.

This new site is open 24/7 - so I would like to encourage Branches to use this facility, perhaps to hold Branch e-Meetings say once a week or month on a regular basis, so that those members who want to keep in touch with others and have a chat can do so. I will post a 'meeting schedule' on the web page and 'reserve' for any branch that would like to use this facility a 'date/day/time' slot which will be theirs - please discuss this with your members and let me know your preferred schedule as soon as possible.

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The whole of Sunday GMT/UTC is reserved for ‘Worldwide open chat’ for all members and Wednesday 1700 to 2359 GMT is reserved for the Dutch Branch.

Otherwise, first come first served.

If you would like to discuss this further, send me an email <Librarian@igkt.net> giving me a date and time between 0700 and 2300 GMT please and I will meet you in the Chat Room.
Just go to the IGKT web page <www.igkt.net> and click on the link <IGKT Knot Chat >
Gordon
Local Acting WebAdmin

Membership Communications

Please remember that changes to any of the following are important to the operation of the IGKT-NAB. Please report any of the following changes Address, Zip Code, Area Code, Telephone Numbers & E-mail addresses.

Please send changes to IGKT-NAB, 4417 Academy Street, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 or e-mail knottyrope@prodigy.net

NAB AT THE WOODEN BOAT SHOW 2006 AT NEWPORT RI

The IGKT-NAB will be attending the Wooden Boat Show again this year. The event will be held August 25 – 27 2006 at the Newport Yachting Center, Newport, RI. If you are interested in assisting the North American Branch & in staffing a table at this years show please contact Steve Coates at scoates54@comcast.net

Membership Expiration Dates

The mailing label on your “InterKnot” newsletter contains your expiration date for membership in the IGKT-NAB. Any discrepancies should be communicated to the IGKT-NAB at 4417 Academy Street, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 or e-mail knottyrope@prodigy.net.

Remember that your membership in the IGKT (UK) may use a different expiration date. If you have a question please contact the IGKT-NAB first. Please allow me a chance to review what I have on my database. I will then contact the IGKT (UK) and attempt to resolve the issue.

I have been known at times to make mistakes. If you have any questions please contact me at knottyrope@prodigy.net or 313-562-4393 or 4417 Academy Street, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125

ARTICLES FOR THE INTERKNOT

We encourage you to submit articles for the InterKnot. If you have questions or have found a book that would be of interest to others please share the information.

Any members that attended the NAB 2005 in Charleston, SC that would like to write a short article about your experiences at NAB 2005 please do so and send them to Editor, InterKnot, 4417 Academy Street, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 or e-mail knottyrope@prodigy.net.
**DVD on KNOTS**

Scott’s knots -“Learn The Right Knots For The Job”-A Clear Concise Guide to Great Knots for Everyday Use. Produced by Scott Baker. Scott was a member of the International Guild of Knot Tyers and a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. His Web Site is [www.bosunsmate.org](http://www.bosunsmate.org). The DVD is available at on the Web Site.

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**Membership Opinion**

What is the membership’s feelings regarding a NAB 2006 in August. A tentative site is being considered in the State of Maryland.

Many of those attending NAB 2005 indicated that they would like to see the North American Branch hold yearly meetings.

We need some input from the membership. If organized would you be interested in attending?

Please contact Steve Coates with your interest. schoates54@comcast.net

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