

# The InterKnot

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If you missed the 2001 IGKT – NAB meeting, you weren't alone. I missed it too. But thanks to John Burke and Ed Morai, we have an account of the meeting and pictures to go along with it.

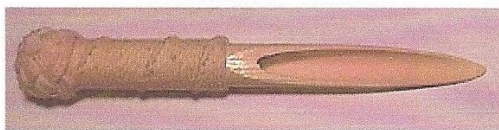
Our list of rope suppliers is larger now, thanks to a couple of helpful contributors named later in this issue.

Thanks to Jon Waltz, for sending in a fun little article from a scouting magazine. For a list of answers to the puzzle, see a knot book. You do own a knot book don't you?

## In Future Issues

You decide, what ever you send in, I will try and print it. Louis Richardi sent some nice pictures of the Duxbury event, but because I reproduce them here from an ink jet printer, they were too dark. Sorry Louis, I hope to get them scanned for possible posting on the web page.

I hope to do another interview before long, and William Smothers sent me some nice info on making a knotted fid. Look for it in the next issue.

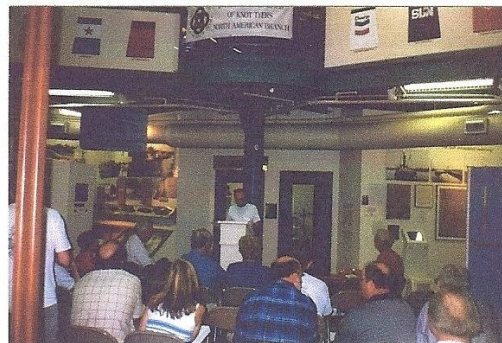


## IGKT-NAB 2001 Annual Meeting

The IGKT-NAB held its General Membership Meeting on August 24 – 26, 2001 at the Texas Maritime Museum, Rockport, Texas.



Thirty-five members attended the meeting. We held the business meeting on Friday morning, followed by an afternoon visit to the USS Lexington Museum in Corpus Christi, Texas.

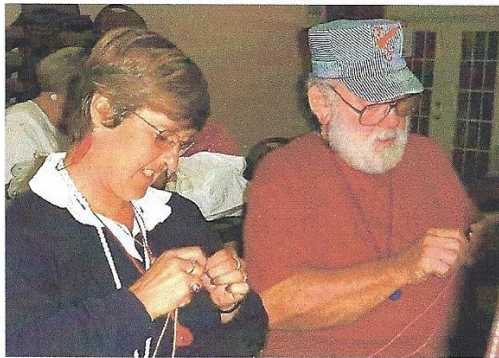


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On Saturday morning nine of our members went on a two-hour sail aboard a 40-foot sailboat. On both Saturday and Sunday, displays and exhibits were set up in the Texas Maritime Museum.

Saturday evening everyone had a nice catered dinner followed by a presentation on the LaBelle project by Allison Lakin from the Texas Maritime Museum. The members really enjoyed the presentation and had a better understanding of the exhibit at the museum and the continued work on that project. For additional information on the La Belle exhibit at the Texas Maritime Museum:  
<http://www.texasmaritimemuseum.org/exhibits.html>

The highlight of the weekend was the Hospitality Room at the Best Western Inn by the Bay. Many hours were spent at the hospitality room. As usual, members used the room during times that we were not at the museum and into the wee hours of the evenings. It once again offered members a time to learn from each other, meet new friends and share stories.

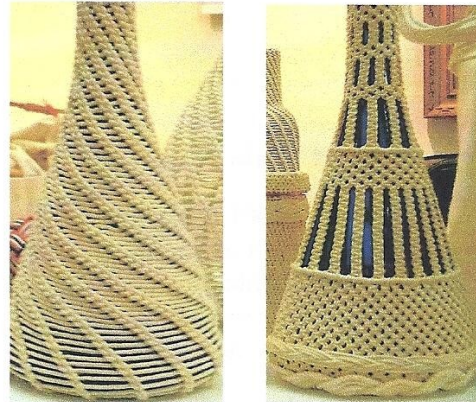


Sarah Ford and ???

A big thanks is extended to the Texas Branch for providing snack trays for the hospitality room on Friday afternoon.

On Sunday evening the hospitality room was filled once again as we continued to learn and say our good byes.

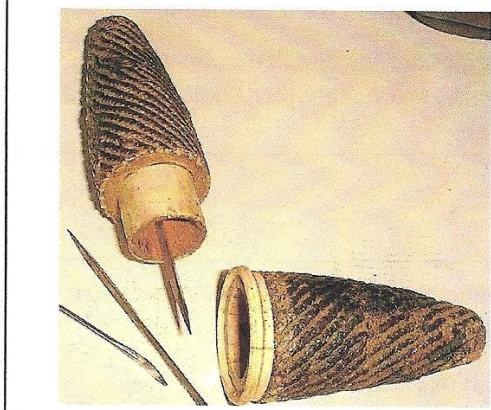
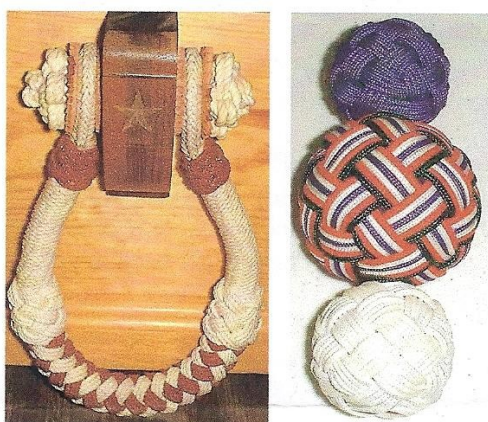
Here are various pictures that were sent to me of knot work at the meeting. The bottle coverings are done by Sam Lanham, who gave lessons on these at the meeting. I apologize that the rest of the pictures are uncredited, but hopefully will be identified at a future date on the web site.



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John Burke



### Knotty talk online

Sunday Nite Chat Sessions – Open to any and all! Come join us 6 – 9pm EST each Sunday under the category of ‘Hobbies & Crafts’, in the user room ‘KnotTyers’.

To see help in how to do this with Yahoo Instant Messenger, see the links at the IGKT-NAB Web site.

### A Knottingham Tale

Jon Waltz sent this in from a scouting magazine. He demonstrates knotting at Boy Scout Camporees, and helps them make lanyards for their pocket knives.

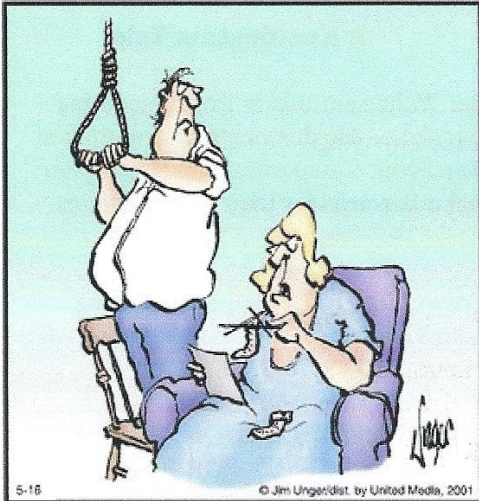
Try to Identify 15 knot names in the following story:

MY GRANNY IS A TRUE LOVER OF DIAMONDS. SHE EVEN HAS A BRACELET FOR HER CAT'S PAW. SHE AND HER CAT LIVE IN A SMALL SQUARE HOUSE WITH A GARAGE, HIGH ABOVE A REEF OVERLOOKING LARK'S HEAD BAY. EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAYS, SHE WALKS TO TOWN DOWN TURK'S HEAD ROAD, AROUND FISHERMANS'S BEND, AND INTO THE SMALL VILLAGE OF KNOTTINGHAM. ON ONE OF THESE TREKS TO TOWN, SHE SLIPPED AND CUT HER LEG ON A PIPE. BLOOD RAN DOWN HER LEG AS SHE TRIED TO STAND UP, BUT HER LARGE GIRTH PREVENTED HER FROM RIGHTING HERSELF.

JUST THEN, A STEVEDORE CAME AROUND THE BEND. HE RAN OVER TO GRANNY AND PUT AN ENGLISHMAN'S TIE AROUND HER LEG AS A BLOOD STOPPER. THEN HE ADDED A STICK, CLINCHED IT WITH A NAIL, AND SUGGESTED SHE SEE A SURGEON. THE STEVEDORE HELPED HER INTO TOWN TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE. GRANNY THANKED THE STEVEDORE AND GAVE HIM A FIGURE-EIGHT MEDALLION ON A LANYARD THAT HAD BELONGED TO AN OLD SAILOR NAMED SHEEPHANK.

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"Get down. I'm knitting this stuff for the girl next door."

### Got Rope?

Thanks to Mike Storch and Wayne Kinard for sending in new entries for the rope list. These new sources are number 9 and 10, respectively. If you have any sources for these types of items please email or snail mail me and I will publish the information in the *InterKnot*.

### Contacting your IGKT - NAB

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**Very Important:** Please state purpose of email communication in subject heading. Only the subject line is visible in email lists so this helps people get back to you.

### IGKT-NAB Web Site

<http://www.igktnab.org/>

Check here for updated information on events, and many other knotting related items.

**Membership Renewals:** The date on your mailing label is the month and year that your membership expires. Please report any errors. Please submit your renewals by that date.

**DUAL MEMBERSHIP:** Covers membership in both the IGKT and IGKT-NAB.

Membership Fee as of January 1, 1998

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Family	\$44	Individual	\$35	Youth	\$12
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Please make check payable to in U.S. funds to the IGKT-NAB and mail to **IGKT-NAB, c/o 4417 Academy Street, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125-2205**

**Address Changes:** Please use above mailing address to update your address, phone number and email address. Updates are forwarded to England on a monthly basis.

## Got Rope?

Try some of these suppliers.

1. THE KNOT SHOPPE, PO Box 202607 Anchorage, AK 99520 Tele:  
(907)274-2321 E-MAIL: [the\\_knot\\_shoppe@prodigy.net](mailto:the_knot_shoppe@prodigy.net) or visit  
<http://members.wbs.net/homepages/k/n/o/knottyer/store01.html>

Great selection of cordage and accessories for decorative knot tying.

2. FOOTROPE KNOTS, Des & Liz Pawson, 501 Whersted Road, Ipswich,  
Suffolk, IP2 8LL, United Kingdom

An amazing rope and knot specialty shop. Probably the only shop of its kind.  
Write and ask for a catalog. (The catalog itself makes for a very fun browse.)

3. S-T LEATHER COMPANY, P.O. Box 78188 St. Louis, MO 63178-8188  
Tele: (314) 241-6009

4. MARTIN COMBS, 915 Arago Ave Coos Bay, OR  
97420 E-MAIL: [roundturn@hotmail.com](mailto:roundturn@hotmail.com)  
<http://members.tripod.com/~knots/index-2.html>

A nice source for knot books and cordage. I even used his web page as a  
source for the info on this page. It also has links to sites with even more info.

5. TANDY LEATHER, PO Box 791, Fort Worth, TX 76101 USA  
<http://www.tandy-leather.com/>

6. R&W ENTERPRISES, 404 Nash Road, PO Box 50420, New Bedford, MA  
02745-0014 Tel. 508/997-3933 Fax 508/997-9990  
Astounding variety of ropes and twine, including mini blind and drawstring cord.

7. WRISCO INDUSTRIES INC., 6075 W 115th St Alsip, IL 60803 (708)385-7000  
This source was suggested by Mr. Jackson as a source for venetian blind cord (says  
they have every color under the sun) \$51.36 / 1000 yard spool 1.4mm nylon cord  
Part # 160080

8. LEE VALLEY TOOLS, 12 East River St. Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 USA  
Tele:1-800-871-8158 in Canada also LEE VALLEY TOOLS, PO Box 6295,  
Stn J Ottawa, Ontario K2A 1T4 Canada

Write for a catalogue, you can never have enough tying accessories.

9. CHARLES HARDTKE, 11040 Argal Ct. El Paso, TX 79935  
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**DID YOU MISS?**

The IGKT-NAB 2001 Annual Meeting  
Well read about it inside.  
There might even be a couple of pictures.

Upcoming events?

**IGKT 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Birthday Celebrations**

Fareham, Hampshire, England  
20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2002  
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