

REPORT ON THE SYDNEY SEMINAR

Congratulations are in order at this time to all the members of the Executive Committee (Dorrie Lambert [Secretary], Sue Hunt [Treasurer], Noelle Hanley, Joy Greig, Jean Ford, Joyce Besnard, Barbara McGrath and Bob Carter) for the recent Seminar held in Sydney.

Those members who were fortunate enough to be able to attend will agree how well run this function was. The feedback that I have had to date has all been very positive; those attending made comments in regard to (a) the quality of the meals, (b) the variety of lecture material, (c) quality of knitwear displayed and worn by visitors in the parades, (d) co-operation of staff members of the B'nai B'rith, (e) choice of lecturers and their presentation of material, (f) the services provided by Joy Greig's Mini Trade Fair, and (g) the overall friendly atmosphere among those who were there to obviously enjoy all that was offered.

Overall the function was so successful that several members were making enquiries to register there and then to attend the next Sydney Seminar. Many thanks to a wonderful committee for a wonderful weekend.

- Diane Chambers.

FASHION PARADE

Congratulations to Dianne Pearce for her preparation in organising the Fashion Parade. Her able helpers were Anne Bayes and Beryl Botham. These ladies did an excellent job in providing two lovely parades for all to see. The standard of knitting and high fashion was excellent and we do thank everyone who participated. The judges had a very difficult task and finally chose the winners who are listed on the next page.

- Jean Ford.

KNITTING COMPETITION PRIZE WINNERS

DAYWEAR

1st Val Mackey - Matraville
2nd Gwen Nyholm - Illawarra
3rd Marion Buckley - Illawarra

DOUBLE BED

1st Phyllis Kay - Queensland
2nd Beryl Wilson - Illawarra
3rd Doris Paice - Auckland, N.Z.

PUNCHCARD

1st Trudy Sehmish - Gold Coast
2nd Sue Bennett - Illawarra
3rd Shirley Chapman - Adamstown

EVENING WEAR

1st Gal Marks - Illawarra
Equal 2nd Gwen Nicol - St. Marys, S.A.
Equal 2nd Jenny Joyce - Northside K/C Sydney

INTARSIA

Equal 1st Judy Kelly - Burdekin, Queensland
Equal 1st Aileen Lee - Adamstown
3rd Fran Ellis - Canberra

BABYWEAR/NOVELTY

1st Leonie Kawalek - Illawarra
2nd Judy Kelly - Burdekin, Nth Qld.
3rd Olive MacElroy - Burdekin, Nth Qld.

MINI TRADE FAIR REPORT

It was decided to run a Mini Trade Fair in conjunction with the Sydney Seminar. This was organised to provide a service to all country and interstate visitors who were attending the Seminar. To make this service available to all the Sydney metropolitan knitters, advertising was placed in local papers and announced over a local radio station - the response to this advertising was tremendous. The traders who were willing to participate were - Foster Yarns, M.R.D., Schaffhauser, Praslon, Regent Knitwear, Champion Textiles, Australian Thread, Singer Australia, Elna Passap and N.S.W. Machine Knitters Association.

Contact was made at the Mini Trade Fair with many knitters from country and Sydney areas and they were delighted to know that a machine knitters association existed. All of these knitters and prospective knitters were shown a list of knitting clubs to enable them to make contact in the near future. Interstate and country knitters attending the Seminar were delighted to be able to take advantage of the services offered at the Mini Trade Fair.

Congratulations to Joy Greig for organising and seeing to the smooth running of this highly successful function.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

The Seminar we all worked so hard for is now over - old friendships have been renewed and new ones formed and once again I would like to say "thank you" to all our members and friends who have helped to make my job so much easier and very enjoyable.

Nancy Kimble from New Lambton won our Picture Raffle and I am sure it now holds pride of place in her lounge room (it would have in mine!) and Val Burgess went home with our Lamp and really beautiful knitted Lampshade (see - I missed out again!).

Winners from our Mini Trade Fair boxes :-

Flavia Abelia - Matraville, N.S.W.
Bev James - Everton Heights, Queensland
Toni Cadarin - Farnborough Heights, N.S.W.
Ann Archer - Hornsby, N.S.W.
Maisie Harper - Berowra Heights, N.S.W.
Mary Dunlop - Bolwarra Heights, N.S.W.
Tracey Nettle - Strathfield, N.S.W.
Jocelyn Kershaw - Yass, N.S.W.
Noela Vause - New Zealand

Magazine Stand
Cone Winder and Yarn
Garter Bar
Intarsia Yarn Brake
Yarn Mixer
A.M.K.M. Subscription
De-Knit and Yarn
Mary Weaver's new Passap Book
Cone Holders and Triangular Weights

and happy reading to the two ladies who won the subscription to the "Knitters Hive" so kindly donated by the editor, Jean Crandell of Medowie, N.S.W.

So you see, we all did have a happy time as well as a learning time.

