

WAYNE'S WORLD
FIRST ANNUAL 5160 CLUB
GREAT MAKESHIFT KNIFEMAKING CONTEST

First prize, \$20 in cash and an assortment of materials.

I handed out a quickie notice and stated a few rules on the hand-out I circulated at the last meeting. Read this carefully and let me know if you get confused.

You'll find some changes here as I think and rethink what should be — or not be the rules.

There will be an entry form to fill out, with as many details of how the knife was made as you can think of.

Everyone will start with 100 points, you will have points taken away as elements of the knife become less makeshift. There will be some elementary tests of cutting ability with a value of 25 points. Remember that a knife is defined as a sharp cutting instrument. The handle can earn you 25 points. Ingenuity of construction another 25 points. The last 25 points will be based on the overall strength and utility of the knife.

- #1. Time limit is six months. Knives will be judged by Wayne at the November meeting. .
- #2. This is a survival exercise, a test of the imagination.
- #3. Handle material can be anything from a cord wrap to antler, horn, tree branches or some type of metal. (Think tube.)
- #4. Wood slab handles will be allowed but won't score as high as a section of tree branch or broom handle. Plastic screwdriver handles are one sources of handle material.
- #5. You are expected to use a minimum of tools. Blades must be made from a "found" source. Examples are; lawnmower blades, grass trimmer blades, old scythe blades, putty knives, broken knife blades and etc.
- #6. Heat treating allowed if you can accomplish it in a campfire.
- #7. All makeshift knives shall have a cardboard sheath which will be judged for 25% of the total points.
- #8. Not really a rule but keep in mind that drilled holes come from a drill press. I'll allow hand cranked equipment if it can be explained as to how you found it in the wilderness.
- #9. I hope to see some non ferrous blades, bronze, copper or stone.
- #10. Remember that you start with 100 points. You will be docked if and when I see something that isn't "makeshift". Makeshift means: a crude and temporary expedient. I'll have some makeshift blade materials at the meeting to give away.

Questions, call Wayne 541-689-8098 or e-mail wgoddard44@comcast.net

Don't miss the meeting June 2. Dennis Ellingsen will be educating us about the Japanese sword.