

The Tuner's Beat

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NEXT MEETING:

Monday, September 16th
Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

General Meeting at
7:30PM

Prosser Piano And Organ

N. 185th and Aurora

North Seattle

Technical Program:

Tuning Stability and New
Piano Preparation

Presented by
Curtis Spiel

September Program: New Pianos: Tuning Stability and Prep Presented by Curtis Spiel

The September chapter meeting at the Prosser's

store in north Seattle will feature the talents of the ever-present and ever-capable Curtis Spiel, as he demonstrates and discusses his approach to building tuning stability in new and newly strung pianos. As if this isn't challenging enough, given the slippery nature of

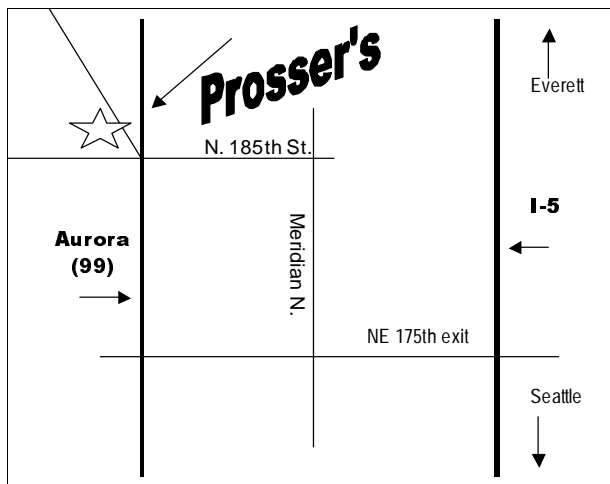
pianos with new strings, Curtis will also present some new piano prep procedures that you can take

back to your dealer work and whup on those pesky

technical exams on both a local level and nationally

for quite a while now, so he knows whereof he speaks when it comes to matters techno-like. Come get some good ideas and join in the discussion of what makes your tuning last and last and last. If that's not enticement enough, Curtis will be giving away three new Baldwin grands as door

prizes, so you want to get there early and get your name in the hat.



floor pianos.

Curtis has been in charge of

Dates To Remember:

September 16, 2002
Chapter meeting
Prosser Piano and Organ
6:30 Board, 7:30 General

October 21, 2002
Chapter Meeting
Bellevue Sherman Clay
Presentation by store staff

January 31, 2003
PTG Dues considered
delinquent if unpaid

Bylaw Change To Be Considered

A proposal to change the fiscal year to a September 1 - August 31 calendar will be offered for a vote at the September meeting. Currently the fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The change has been proposed to simplify the budget process by allowing the treasurer to more easily incorporate

the expenses of our representative to Council within the concurrent time period. Please plan to attend the September meeting so that we will have a quorum to vote on this bylaw change. (And if you don't, Roger will come by your house and break both of your legs, and maybe your arms, too.)

Seattle Chapter Minutes from June 17, 2002

President Roger Gable opened the meeting at University Plaza Hotel at 7:31 PM. A quorum was reached with eleven RPTs, three Associates and one guest. Treasurer Bill Barber re-

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Minutes

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ports no changes since the May report. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the Tuners' Beat. **Announcements:** Roger Gable presented the 2002-03 Chapter Board and Officers. He also stated that Steve Brady, RPT would be attending the WSMTA Conference and presenting a class on piano care. Audrey Karabinus showed us her new tuning exam Test Blow Device and explained its use in the tuning exam. Roger Gable explained that our Delegate to PTG Council, Bob Dillinger, RPT had already left for Chicago, but that Roger

could contact him with any issues our Chapter wishes brought up before Council.

New Business: Roger Gable asked for a volunteer to be Program Chair. Responsibilities include finding and coordinating presenters for Seattle Chapter technical programs. Roger Gable explained that if the Seattle Chapter were to meet and have dinner at the University Plaza Hotel, the meeting room would be cheap or free, depending on how many dinners were purchased by our members and guests. Several Members assented to the idea of future meetings at the hotel, and perhaps the Holiday Party could be held here. Audrey Karabinus asked to send Ward Guthrie money for the tuning test blow device.

Jeannie Grassi moved to appropriate \$20, Paul Williams seconded, motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Spiel, RPT

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