Waiting the long wait in NV
Posted by DonLlewellyn - 05 Nov 2011 16:11

Hi all! I'm a former knifemaker - that ended after a little table saw accident but now I'm looking to get into sharpening with the WEPS. I ordered the Pro Pack plus some extra stones and strops and got the email saying it'll be 6-8 weeks. Argh. How do you stand the wait?

Anyway, glad to be here and I'll be reading all the posts.

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Re: Waiting the long wait in NV
Posted by DonLlewellyn - 17 Nov 2011 16:05

As I posted in "Backlog Update" I went ahead and cancelled my order with WE and bought from Oldawan.com -My stuff is "out for delivery" on the UPS truck! Pics later after I get it!

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Re: Waiting the long wait in NV
Posted by DonLlewellyn - 17 Nov 2011 22:57

I did get my package today - the Pro pack 1, some balsa strops and the 1200/1600 stones. The only problem is the base seems to have been drilled upside down as the sharpener doesn't align right and is "askew" when mounted. Oldawan is having a new base sent out tomorrow.

I have tried sharpening one knife - a crappy Old Hickory butcher knife that I could never get an edge on. I used all the stones but didn't get the edge I'd hoped for. I think I need to work harder getting the 100/200 scratches out.

EDIT: I did the same knife over again, this time following the directions on how to mount it in the sharpener. LOL It went much better this time and the knife came out much sharper. Not as sharp as I'd like but I'm still getting the "stroke" down.

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Re: Waiting the long wait in NV
Posted by wickededge - 21 Nov 2011 15:15

That base definitely looks drilled upside down!
A new one is en route. You'll need time for your stones to break in, so more time with the finest stones is important, especially while the system is new. Did you get a burr raised from each side?

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Re: Waiting the long wait in NV
Posted by DonLlewellyn - 21 Nov 2011 19:43

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I've done about 10 knives now and can actually see the burr develop - it's neat! Have had great success on knives that weren't that dull and turned them super-sharp.

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Re: Waiting the long wait in NV
Posted by DonLlewellyn - 22 Nov 2011 21:14

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I got my new base today! I like being "aligned" after sharpening all those knives on the "crooked" base.

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My wait is over...
Posted by dgriff - 02 Dec 2011 09:57

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After a wait that wasn't really all that bad...well, if you don't count having to keep using a Lansky while being forced to watch others receive their WEPS and show off their shiney, sharp blades here...I can finally report that my system is on the truck for delivery today. I was worried because of all the high wind damage and temporary I-15 freeeway closure that the delivery would be delayed, but not so.

The note said the delivery was shipped complete, so I'll assume I am going to get *both* halves of the clamp jaws.
Did I mention I was forced to use my Lansky for two extra months?

Going to hold off on extra stones untill I can prove I need them. Better stones won't make a better sharpener if the basic skill-set isn't in place. (A better gun doesn't make a better shooter if you don't know what the sights are for.)

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Re: My wait is over...
Posted by wickededge - 02 Dec 2011 10:16

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dgriff wrote:

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So true! Please be sure to give the stones some time to break in. They keep getting better and better with use.

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