

# VAWA

Vancouver Amateur Winemaker Association

## VAWA Web Site

[www.vawa.net](http://www.vawa.net)

## VAWA Upcoming Events

- **Provincial Competition – 5-7**  
May hosted by Saanich
- **Italian Canadian Wine Club Competition- Sep. 20, 2006**
- See the [BCAWA web pages](#) for further information on club events

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### Future Mini Tastings

**Apr.** BC Dry Red Table

**May** Zinfandel

**June** Non Grape

### Future Evening Toast

**Wine**

**Toaster**

**Apr.** Pat Ponti Al Lewis

**May** Mike Roman Peter Leitner

**June** Ric. Pellizzari Michael Lam

**Thursday, April 13, 2006**

**Time:** 20:00 to 22:00 Hrs

**Venue:** Scottish Cultural Center  
8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver

**Door:** Members \$10.00  
Guests \$12.00

**Topic: Panel Discussion on Big Reds**

**Speaker: Steve Blaschek, Mike Johnson, Pat Ponti and Ron Rolleston**

**THE NUMBERS GAME – by Dave Ewen**

**Pat Ponti** will supply toasting wine and **Priidu Juurand** will give the evening's toast.

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### Technical Forum

Join **Eric Urquhart** in the lower level room at 7:15 pm

The Technical Forum is available for the discussion of any and all winemaking problems

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### MINI-TASTING

#### BC Dry Red Table

Exerpt from VAWA competition class description: "A wine from either grape or fruit that strikes a happy medium: neither too sweet nor too dry; not too high in alcohol"

### WINE COMPETITION

Congratulations to all who participated we had a great turnout. The executive would like to extend their thanks to all those who participated. It is especially heartening to see the increase in entries from new winemakers. The increase was broadly based. We also saw an increase in the less popular classes.

The results of the wine competition are at  
(<http://www.vawa.net/winemaking-competitions.html> )

Photos taken at the competition and banquet are here  
<http://www.vawa.net/Gallery.html>

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## New Winemakers! We have mentors!

Club members have volunteered to be mentors for new winemakers.

E-mail them with any questions you may have.

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## WHO WANTS TO BE A VINIONAIRE ?

*By Dave Ewen*

Watch next month

## MINI -TASTING OFFICIALS

DATE	JUDGE	STEWARD
Apr 13	Norm Brodie	Ron Coutts
May 11	Fred Dennert	Roger Dahlquist
June 8	Tom Handley	Bonita Douglas

The above members are reminded that if they find they will not be able to attend, then it is THEIR responsibility to provide someone to take their place.

Pepe Kubon—Wine Steward

## Ken's Wine Quotations

" God in His goodness sent the grapes, to cheer both great and small; little fools will drink too much, and great fools not at all."

Anonymous.

## Highlights of the February Meeting

- **Toast: Sam Hauck**
- **Toasting Wine: Barb Milne, 1999 Nebbiolo**
  - **Program:** "'Impact of Rice Wine on our Community" (Ridding the Downtown-eastside of Rice Wine)".  
Speaker – Ken Frail, Vancouver Police (ret).
- Mr. frail made a presentation on the problems he encountered as a police officer on the downtown east side. Rice wine or rice alcohol were available at that time from corner stores. These products had an alcohol content of up to 38%. This liquor was sold as cooking alcohol because it contained the statutory 2% salt.
- Physiologically, a 2% salt solution will cause regurgitation if ingested undiluted. What the residents of this area found was that this alcohol could be diluted with water or soda and become drinkable.
- The impact of cheaply available liquor for emergency services personnel was an increased proportion of time spent on what they call " man down calls ". This involved all sectors of emergency response including police, fire and ambulance.
- What Ken and members of his team were able to do was to convince the province liquor licensing that this product should be distributed through approved channels. Their campaign involved speaking engagements, videos, and demonstrations. Ken demonstrated the salt content of the product at our meeting by evaporating the alcohol and water content using a small camp stove.
- Through their activism Ken and his team were able to demonstrate a reduction in man down calls directly but also a reduction in related activities.

## WEBSITE NEWS

3 Feb 06 - A new [gallery](#) of VAWA wine trophy photos.

Website: [www.vawa.net](http://www.vawa.net)



## DRINKING AND DRIVING

**VAWA applauds those who consume responsibly**  
**Complimentary taxi available at events sponsored by VAWA.**