

# VAWA

Vancouver Amateur Winemaker Association

## VAWA Web Site

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

## Upcoming Events

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
**January 13, 2005**

**Nanaimo Winemakers**  
**Competition**  
**Saturday March 5, 2005**

**VAWA Annual Competition**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2005**

See the [BCAWA web pages](#) for  
further information on club  
events

**Next Executive Meeting**  
**January 10, @ 19:30**  
**At Ken Beardsell's**

### Executive List

Dave Ewen	Pres.	531-7260
Larry McIntyre	PasPre	275-4157
Paul Arcand	V.Pres.	264-7722
Ken Beardsell	Sect.	224-3196
Jacquelin George	Trea.	733-7970
Morris Rychliwski		
	Wine Steward.	984-3098
Jim Cryder		221-8679
Roger Ford		942-4643
Dale Vick		228-9580

### Future Mini Competitions:

<b>Jan/05</b>	BC Dry White Table
<b>Feb</b>	Club Crush 2003 Gewürzt
<b>Mar</b>	Social
<b>Apr</b>	BC Dry Red Table
<b>May</b>	Dry Zinfandel
<b>June</b>	Non-Grape( Country, Fruit)

### Future Evening Toast Wine Toaster

<b>Dec</b>	Jacquelin George	John Read
<b>Jan/05</b>	Dave Ewen	Dave Pratt
<b>Feb</b>	Mike Grindler	Charles Plant
<b>Mar</b>	Tom Handley	Mike Perkins
<b>Apr</b>	Sam Hauck	Alan Pavich
<b>May</b>	Kim Husband	Ricardo Pellizzari
<b>June</b>	John Jensen	Frank Clark

## Christmas Meeting ,Thursday, December 9, 2004

**Topic:** "*REASONABLY –PRICED BUBBLIES...A Tasting of Sparkling Wines for the Festive Season*"

**Speakers:** Bill & Joan Collings, VAWA Members

### THE NUMBERS GAME – None this meeting

**Time:** 20:00 to 22:00 Hrs  
**Venue:** Scottish Cultural Centre( Main Floor)  
8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver

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

Toasting wine supplied by **Jacquelin George** and the evenings toast will be given by **John Read**.

### Technical Forum

[No Technical Session this meeting.](#)

### MINI COMPETITION

[No Mini-Competition this meeting](#)

To ensure that we have a proper supply of wines for this special Christmas meeting, it is important for us to determine attendance accurately. If you have signed up for the Christmas meeting but later find that you are unable to attend, please notify Dale Vick ([mdvick@telus.net](mailto:mdvick@telus.net)) as soon as possible.

### Food

Don't forget to bring an appetizer, dessert or cheese plate as designated on the sign-up list

### Bottle Swap

As in other years a bottle exchange will be part of the evening so bring a bottle of your **best** wrapped in a gift bag, and possibly take home an even better wine from another winemaker. **Please ensure your bottle has a label** designating the type of wine and the winemaker.

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## New Winemakers! We have mentors!

Club members have volunteered to be mentors for new winemakers. Call or email them with any questions you may have.

Duncan Ainslie	266-1841	Clem Joyce	277-3376
Helmut Berner	942-4003	Larry McIntyre	275-4157
Bob Boehm	738-5088	Priidu Juurand	872-6001
Abe Gaitens	541-8015	Tom Handley	922-5266

## WHO WANTS TO BE A VINIONAIRE ?

None this meeting

## Barrels Anyone?

I am still looking for a barrel over the next few months, 50 to 60 Litres capacity, to buy or exchange for my french oak 230 Litre barrel (made in Beaune, France).

Ken Beardsell  
604-224-3196  
[ken\\_beardsell@telus.net](mailto:ken_beardsell@telus.net)

## Ken's Wine Quotations

"What is better than to sit at the end of a day and drink wine with friends, or substitute for friends"

James Joyce

## Highlights of the November Meeting

- **Toast:** Ron Rolleston toasted "those who served in the World Wars and the Membership"
- **Toasting Wine:** Bill Galloway provided a 2003 Sauvignon Blanc
- **Draws:**

Door:	Ken Beardsell
Mini-comp:	Paul Arcand
- **Executive Meeting Report:** Dave Ewen summarized the meeting held Nov 15/04  
Due to the difficulty getting Judges for the Mini-Competitions each month, a list of qualified judges will be drawn up by the Wine Steward, and a Judge will be selected for mini-comps in rotation as is now done for Toasters and Toasting Wines.
- **Election of New Executive:** The following were elected for the year 2005:

President:	Paul Arcand
Vice President:	Roger Ford
Past President:	Dave Ewen
Secretary:	Ken Beardsell
Treasurer:	Jacquelin George
Wine Steward:	Morris Rychliwski
Members-at Large:	Dale Vick Michael Lam Eric Urquhart
- **Financial Report:** Jacquelin George submitted a report showing the club's financial status for the year ending Oct 29,2004.

Revenues were:	\$15,308
Expenses were:	\$15,613
Bank balance @ Oct 29/04:	\$ 7,321.09

**Program :** Member Chris Campbell described the process and experience of giving up their Vancouver careers and turning a run-down vineyard near Okanagan Falls into the newly-named Blasted Church Vineyard. 3 Blasted Church wines were tasted:  
2003 Pinot Blanc  
2003 Chardonnay  
2002 Cabernet Sauvignon
- **Mini-Competition---Big Reds**  
8 Entries were judged by Helmut Berner & Bob Boehm:

1 <sup>st</sup> place:	Mike Roman.....Lodi Cab Sauv.....15.5 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Priidu Juurand...Wash. Cab/Merlot.....15.25 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Duncan Ainslie...Wash 2001 Cab Sauv/ BC Merlot 14.5 pts



## DRINKING AND DRIVING

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