

VAWA

Vancouver Amateur Winemaker Association

VAWA Web Site

www.vawa.net

Upcoming Events – 2008/2009

- Jan 8 – VAWA monthly meeting
- Jan 17 – Saanich Sommeliers Annual Competition
- Feb 21 – Chilliwack Zymurgy Annual Competition
- Mar 7 – Nanaimo Winemakers Annual Competition
- Apr 18 – VAWA Annual Competition
- May 22-23 – Provincial Competition hosted by BCGWJ

Executive List

<u>Pres</u>	John McMaster; john@jmcmaster.com
<u>PastPres</u>	Paul Arcand; arcand4@shaw.ca
<u>Vice.Pres</u>	Ron Thorne; thorner@shaw.ca
<u>Secretary:</u>	Pepe Kubon; chateau.pp@gmail.com
<u>Treasurer</u>	Eric Urquhart; ericu@shaw.ca
<u>Wine Steward s</u>	John Read jread@telus.net David Wong davidl_wong@telus.net
<u>Members at Large</u>	Al Lewis; alewis@eos.ubc.ca Mike Grindler Captmike@shaw.ca Ken Dunn kedunn@shaw.ca

Future Mini-Tastings

Dec – N/A

Future Evening Toast

	Wine	Toaster
Dec	Jacquelin George	Ron Toffolo

Monday Dec 8, 2008

Time: 20:00 to 22:00 Hrs
Venue: Scottish Cultural Center
8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver

Door: Members \$15.00
Guests \$15.00

Topic: *Christmas Party – Food & Wine Pairings*

Speaker: *Renee Muller, ISG Sommelier and Manager, Plan B Restaurant*

Jacquelin George will supply toasting wine and **Ron Toffolo** will give the evening's toast.

Technical Forum

No technical forum this meeting

Mini-Tasting

No mini-tasting this meeting

2008 VAWA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The VAWA Christmas party is on Monday, December 8, 8 PM at the Scottish Cultural Centre.

Tickets: \$15 members and guests, at the door

Members should bring in appetizers and desserts as per the sign-up sheet at <http://www.vawa.net/xmasmeeting.html>.

Don't forget to bring your favourite bottle for the annual bottle exchange!

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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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MINI-TASTING OFFICIALS

DATE	JUDGE	STEWARD
Dec 8	N/A	N/A

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.

David Wong & John Read—Wine Stewards

WINE QUIZ

No wine quiz this month

OUR MEMBERS RECOMMEND

Alice Feiring's new book **The Battle for Wine and Love or How I Saved the World from Parkerization** is a great read, particularly in the context of this month's program. Highly recommended and guaranteed to make you thirsty...

Highlights of the November Meeting

- **Toast: Ron Thorne** toasted "Happiness is making wine".
- **Toasting Wine: Mike Grindler** provided a 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon from Kiona Vineyards.
- Attendance: 23 members, quorum present for AGM.
- **Minicomp:** Chardonnay, winner – David Wong.
- **AGM:**
 - **Eric Urquhart** presented a Treasurer's report. The bank balance went down by \$3,366, mainly because of decrease in membership and high cost of the Garden Party. The budget for next year shows no major changes from 2008. A motion to accept the report was carried.
 - **Duncan Ainslie** presented over the election of the new executive. The candidates were:
 - President: John McMaster
 - Vice President: Ron Thorne
 - Secretary: Pepe Kubon
 - Treasurer: Ken Dunn
 - Wine Stewards: David Wong, John Read
 - Members at Large: Mike Grindler, Mike Erhardt, and Larry McIntyre.
 A motion to accept the election of the candidates by acclamation was carried.
 - **Proposed VAWA competition class list for 2009:**
 - **Sam Hauck** introduced the proposal of the Competition Classes working group, distributed previously by email to all members, and moved the proposal be adopted. **Dave Ewen** seconded the motion.
 - Extensive discussion ensued, with following major points:
 - The proposal has been amended to keep the beer and cider classes in the competition.
 - The proposed definition of the E1 Bordeaux class has been changed to Meritage class, to consist of 100% of Bordeaux varieties.
 - After further broad discussion of the proposed E class (Dry Red Table), Sam Hauck moved to postpone the discussion of the proposal until the January meeting. Seconded by Al Lewis. Motion carried.
 - The discussion of the proposed changes for **Winemaker of the Year** award is also scheduled for January.
 - **Program: "Current Vendage and Its Future"**, by **Clem Joyce**. Clem presented 4 versions of his 2006 Napa Cab Sauv, one of which had major H2S problems during fermentation. A considerable discussion ensued, with these observations:
 - It is important to know the YAN of the must.
 - Vitamin B5 should be added before ferment.
 - Better methods are needed to calculate how much tartaric acid to add to reduce pH to a desired value.



DRINKING AND DRIVING

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