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Vancouver Amateur Winemaker Association

VAWA Web Site
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Upcoming Events – 2011

December 7 – VAWA Christmas Party

Executive List

President	John Read johnmread@shaw.ca
Past Pres.:	John McMaster john@jmcmaster.com
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Treasurer:	Roger Phillippe phillippe@shaw.ca
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Members at Large:	Mike Grindler Captmike@shaw.ca Mike Erhardt Merhardt@shaw.ca vacant

Mini-Tastings

December – No tasting

Evening Toast

December 2011

Wine Jim Fanning
Toaster Ron Rolleston

January 2012

Wine Jacquelin George
Toaster Tom Robinson

December Meeting

Special Time:

WEDNESDAY December 7, 2011 8:00 to 10:00 PM

Venue: Scottish Cultural Centre
8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver

Door: Members \$15.00 Guests \$15.00

Topic: **Three wines for Christmas**

Jim Fanning will supply the toasting wine and Ron Rolleston will give the evening's toast.

Christmas Bottle Exchange

Bring one of your best bottles to trade with other members in the spirit of Christmas. Mike Grindler will be taking care of the Bottle Exchange this year.

THE 2012 VAWA EXECUTIVE

President: Larry McIntyre
Vice President: Eric Urquhart
Secretary: Ron Toffolo
Treasurer: Ron Thorne
Wine Steward: Mike Erhardt
Members at Large: Mike Grindler
Len Sigurdson
Tom Robinson

2012 V.A.W.A. Membership Dues

Remember to bring your cheque or cash to the January Meeting.

VAWA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party program is complete with a 3 part tasting of social, food and dessert wines. Dale Vick our webmaster has activated vawaevent@gmail.com (copy and paste into your e-mail program).

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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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Larry McIntyre

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Tom Handley

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Annual General Meeting

John McMaster controlled the election.

Roger Phillipe provided financial report. John McMaster moved to accept and Larry McMaster seconded the motion with all members accepting.

Quorum of 14 (1/3 of paid up members) was reached with 16 present. Slate was announced for new 2012 executive and voted in by acclimation.

Highlights of November Meeting:

- John Read presided over the November Meeting.
- Al Lewis provided the toast “to the Canadian forces both past & present who represent us on Remembrance Day” and Robbie Davino provided a Merlot for our toast which was greatly enjoyed and complimented by everyone present. Thanks for having the wine available. Clem Joyce won the Minicomp with the only entry and Mike Grindler the door prize..
- Vinovan Club competition provided 3 medals to club members. Paul Arcand won 2 Silver, Pepe Kubon won a Silver and David Wong a Bronze medal. Congratulations.
- Larry McIntyre indicated that the Christmas Party program would be a 3 part tasting with B.C. Gewürztraminer with potluck appetizers from members, California or Washington Cabernet Sauvignon with catered braised beef sirloin and Port with potluck dessert. Larry mentioned chocolate and port go very well together.
- John McMaster attended the November B.C.A.W.A. meeting and indicated that substantial money is available to help host programs. Axel Kroitsch was elected to take over for George Gibson for B.C. rep. for the A.W.C.
V.A.W.A. is scheduled to host the Provincial Comp. in 2015 and the National soon. Likely that the A.W.C. will remove Beer & Cider in 2012 due to problems with excess number of entries.
- Clem Joyce and Al Lewis co-ordinated the program on Sulphite measurement with help from Mike Erhardt and Larry McIntyre. Larry demonstrated the Ripper method which was easy & quick & repeatable but less accurate while Clem used the Aeration-oxidation (A-O) which was time consuming but very accurate. This method is standard but requires expensive equipment and fresh chemical standards. Mike used the Vinimetrics equipment about the same price as A-O but quick but still requires standards.



DRINKING AND DRIVING

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