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Vancouver Amateur Winemaker Association

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Upcoming Events – 2011

June 11 – VAWA Garden Party

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Mini-Tastings

June – New World White

Evening Toast

June Wine Toaster Duncan Ainslie
 David Wong

June Meeting

Time: June 9, 2011 8:00 to 10:00 PM

Venue: Scottish Cultural Centre
8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver

Door: Members \$10.00 Guests \$12.00

Topic: **Making Gewürztraminer**
Approaches for this years club crush

Speaker: **Clem Joyce.**

Duncan Ainslie will supply the toasting wine and **David Wong** will give the evening's toast.

June Mini-Competition: New World White

Bring out your best white blends for this mini-comp.

Judge: Ron Thorne Steward: Al Lewis.

Garden Party time! **Sign up now !!**

Yes, it is time to think of the Garden party again. The link for signup is live again. Click on the link (if your program is set that way or copy and paste into a web browser)

<http://www.vawa.net/gardenparty2011.html>

Dungeness crab is planned as the main course with likely salmon or halibut just in case you're hungry. Thanks to Mike Grindler helping by providing his new boat for our use again.

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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
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See you in September

The above members are reminded that if they are not able to attend, then it is **THEIR RESPONSIBILITY** to provide someone to take their place.

David Wong & Robbie Davino
Wine Stewards

Highlights of May Meeting:

- John Read presided over the May Meeting.
- Eric Urquhart provided the toast to "may your grapes ripen well and the harvest be good ". Ken Dunne provided a Zinfandel which was greatly enjoyed and complimented by everyone present.
- The Minicomp was won by Clem Joyce won the minicomp draw & and the Door prize was won by John Read.
- Larry McIntyre indicated that club crush for 2011 will be Gewürztraminer from A & F Vineyards now Volcanic Hills Winery. This juice was enjoyed greatly 2 years ago. Thanks to all for arranging this juice once again. Discussion among members as whether to open up availability to expand the number of participants in Club Crush competition.
- Ron Toffolo and Larry McIntyre gave a PowerPoint presentation on the many techniques available for production of fine wine. Members were provided with a complete handout of the evening presentation.
- All the sections of winemaking were covered including preparation of grapes including use of enzymes and addition of oak products to fix colour and yeast derived products for body improvement and oxidation protection. Yeast choice for specific outcomes and the use of micronutrients (vitamins and growth factors) and choice of different nitrogen forms were covered.
- Finally, use of specific enzymes and sulfite during maturation were covered.
- Well done and a well enjoyed evening with lots of information.



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