

# VAWA

Vancouver Amateur Winemaker Association

## VAWA Web Site

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

## Upcoming Events – 2010

- Mar 20 – KWA Annual Competition
- Apr 17 – VAWA Annual Competition
- May 7-8 – Provincial Competition hosted by Nanaimo
- Jun 19 – Langley Fermenters Competition and Garden Party

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## Future Mini-Tastings

- Feb – Zinfandel
- Mar – New World White
- Apr – New World Red
- Jun – Aromatic Whites

## Future Evening Toast

- March  
Wine Toaster Ron Rolleston  
Barry Ward
- April  
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- May  
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Barry Ward

**Time:** March 11, 2010 8:00 to 10:00 PM

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

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

**Topic:** *Modern additives to adjust a single vintage wine*

**Speakers:** Dave Ewen

Ron Rolleston will supply toasting wine and Barry Ward will give the evening's toast.

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## BCGWJ Practice Session Aromatic grapes

Join a member of the Guild of Wine Judges in the lower level room at **7:15 pm** for a practice session in preparation for the BCGWJ Mainland chapter meeting on Feb. 13.

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## March Mini-Competition: New World White

Class C4 This class contains all other white wines, either varietals or blends that do not fit the definitions of:

Classes C1 (must contain at least 85% Chardonnay) or C2 (Aromatic White- a dry or off-dry white wine that demonstrates a striking perfumed quality typically containing made from grapes such as muscats, Bacchus, Ehrenfelser, Gewürztraminer, Malvasia, Optima, Ortega, Pearl of Csaba, Scheurebe, Schönburger, Siegerrebe, Viognier, Riesling and others. Preferred examples will usually have been cold-fermented.)

**Judges:** Dave Ewen    **Steward:** Mike Erhardt

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## B.C.A.W.A Winemaking Symposium 2010

This very popular all day event is again being planned by BC.A.W.A. for May 16/ 2010 at Cheers Restaurant North Vancouver. Topics will include troubleshooting fermentation problems, specifics of methode champenoise production, wine judging and hands on blending demonstrations.

**Specifics to follow soon**

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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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## Highlights of February Meeting

Clem Joyce Meeting Chair opened the meeting and introduced new member Miroslav Ristick.

Dale Vick toasted "To good wine which as good aroma, taste and body & good for you too"

Tom Robinson Jr. provided a blended 5- 8 yr old sparkling cider to toast.

Program provided many wines for sampling:

1) Merlot/Cab franc/ Cab Sauv. blend from Meek Vineyard Wash. compared with Shannon Hills Calif. Merlot . Not directly comparable but Meek vineyards wine had brighter (fresh fruit) aroma & flavour while the Shannon Hills was very ripe plummy character with good body.

2) Montelago (Lake County). Zinfandel showed spicy red fruit with good body (30% Petite Sirah) with Spenker (Lodi) Zinfandel (5% Petite Sirah) had complex blackberry ripe fruit aroma & flavour and full body.

3) Kiona Vineyards vs. Dineen Vineyard Cab. Sauvignon with Kiona providing full ripe fruit but the Dineen had more tannin & strong varietal character.

## MINI-TASTING OFFICIALS

DATE	JUDGE	STEWARD
Mar. 11	Barry Ward	Robert Davino
Apr. 8	Paul Arcand	Ken Dunn
May 13	Ken Beardsell	Dave Ewen
June 10	Eric Urquhart	David Wong

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 & Mike Grindler—Wine Stewards

## WINE QUIZ

What are the most recent approved DOCG wines in Italy?

- A. Valpolicella Classico and Soave
- B. Amarone della Valpolicella and Recioto della Vapolicella
- C. Valpolicella Classico and Valpolicella Ripasso
- D. Amarone della Valpolicella and Bardolino

Wine Quiz Answer: B..

## MEDAL RECYCLING

In the spirit of reducing global warming, we now offer a **recycling option for medals and ribbons** from past VAWA competitions. The members who do not wish to keep (some of) their medals and ribbons can bring them to any regular VAWA meeting and pass them on to a member of the executive, for use in future competitions.

## CLASSIFIEDS

Winemaking season is never far off. If you have any winemaking equipment or supplies that you are looking to purchase or sell, let me know and I'll add it to the [Classifieds Page](#) of the VAWA website.

## OUR MEMBERS RECOMMEND

The 4th edition of **Jon Iverson's Home Winemaking Step-By-Step** has just been released. Highly recommended.



## DRINKING AND DRIVING

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