

VAWA

Vancouver Amateur Winemaker Association

VAWA Web Site

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April Meeting

Time: April 11, 2013 7:00 to 10:00 PM –
Please note change in start time

Venue: Scottish Cultural Centre
8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver

Door: Members \$10.00 Guests \$15.00

Evening Program:

**Special Presentation by: Dr. Hennie van Vuuren -
Professor and Director Wine Research Centre
UBC**

**Mini Comp – New World Red TBD Judge: TBD
Steward: TBD**

Upcoming VAWA Events:

Annual Banquet and Competition: April 13, 2013 St. Helen's Church Hall

BCAWA Provincial Competition – Langley Fermenters May 3-4, 2013

Special Notices:

Annual dues 2013 are payable : \$35 individual \$50 couple.
Membership Card will be issued upon payment.

Name Badges: All members are reminded to wear their name badge to meetings. Those not wearing name badge will not be eligible for the door prize.

Medal Buy Back: Members are invited to return competition medals to the Treasurer. Members will be paid \$2 per medal returned.

Evening Toast

April

Wine John Read

Toaster Dave Ewen

Upcoming Toast

May

Wine Miroslav Ristich

Toaster Ken Dunn

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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.

Duncan Ainslie dainslie@shaw.ca

Clem Joyce cjoyce@telus.net

Larry McIntyre

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Highlights of March Meeting

- The meeting began with Larry McIntyre (chair) welcoming everyone and calling the meeting to order
- **The Toast** was given by Jim Fanning – in celebration of Spring when winemakers commence the task of finishing their whites and experience the value of friendship and kinship that is so welcome among the winemakers of VAWA
- **Toasting Wine** was supplied by Roger Phillippe – 2008 Syrah from Burgess Vineyards. A very worthy silver medal winner in the 2012 VAWA competition. Burgess Vineyards – www.burgessvineyards.com

• **Executive Update –**

Treasurer Report

-the medals and ribbons have been received and should provide sufficient medals for 3-4 years.

The Treasurer also reminded members of the medal buy back program - \$2 for VAWA medals

- **Club Crush** – considering Muscat Canelli which may be purchased through Pacific Breeze at an estimated cost of \$4.50/l. Also considering Semillion/Sauvignon Blanc, Sangiovese, and Grenach. Suggestions are welcome

- **Dues** – annual membership dues are payable. In order to enter any competition member dues must be paid up.

- **Wear Your VAWA Badge** – members were reminded of the new rule. In order to earn an entry for the door prize the membership badge must be worn. If you have lost your badge please contact Clem Joyce who will arrange for a replacement badge.

As well, those bringing a bottle for tasting will earn an additional ticket for the door prize

- **Banquet and Competition** – Arrangements are underway for the Annual Banquet and Competition which is scheduled for April 13, 2013 at St. Helen's Hall. competition. **Online registration will be open March 15-31, 2013.**

- **Tickets** – please contact Mike Erhardt



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- **Silent Auction** –is being organized by John Read. All members are invited to donate generously to the auction. **This is a significant contributor to the club finances so it is very important that all club members do their part to help. Please contact John Read with donations.**
- **Also John requested that members contribute non perishable products to St Helen's food bank.**
- **Volunteers are required for Steward position during the Saturday April 13 judging.**

- **Garden Party** –Garden Party will be hosted by Ron and Judy Toffolo on **June 22**. This years Garden Party will feature Prawns.
- **Chilliwack Competition** – results are posted on the BCAWA website. A very good showing by VAWA members
- **Evening Programs** – members are invited to see Roger P. with any suggestions or desires
- **Mini Competition** – John McMaster for his Sparkling Riesling
- **Door Prize** – Dave Ewen

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- **Evening Program** – Oak Barrels and the Use of Oak Adjuncts in Winemaking. A presentation by Ron Toffolo which provided information on oak barrels, oak adjuncts and the value and source of such products in wine making.

A copy of Ron's presentation is attached to these minutes.



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